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**CORVAIR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**\*\*NEW PROCEDURES\*\***

CCSA renewals will no longer be handled through the WPC Treasurer. When your CCSA renewal arrives in the mail, fill it out and send it to CCSA, along with a \$12 check, payable to CCSA. The \$2 chapter discount has been discontinued. New members will receive a CORVAIR application form from the WPC treasurer.

**OFFICERS:** President, Wayne Jones, 882-2104 Secretary, Basil Moore, 327-4437  
Vice President, Bob Holderbaum, 863-6998 Treasurer, Bob Smith, 846-5520

**BOARD:** Dick Kreier, 563-4591 Sandy Burrows, 761-8563 Mike Sullivan, 539-3857  
Joe Buffer, 523-4801 Jim Stokes, 885-0798 Al Friend - Carryover as past president

**1. OUR NEXT MEETING TUESDAY FEB. 28 8 PM SECOND FEDERAL IN MONROEVILLE**

Our next meeting will be held at The Second Federal Savings & Loan in Monroeville, adjacent to the Miracle Mile Shopping Center, downstairs. Parking in Second Federal lot is limited to about 28 spaces but there is unlimited parking available across the street at the shopping center. This will be our meeting place throughout the year.

Your officers and board met at the president's home on Feb. 12 to get things together for this exciting new year. We have some general ideas for 1978, but sure could use ideas from you, the membership. We have a great new team to lead us through 1978, let's have another good turnout to formulate plans for '78. **LET'S HAVE OUR MEMBERSHIP BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE MEETING.** Many new members have been asking about our events, and since: **A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS, WE WILL SHOW ABOUT 30 MINUTES WORTH OF COLOR MOVIES OF PAST EVENTS, INCLUDING A RIDE THROUGH AN AUTOGRAPH COURSE IN THE PASSENGER SEAT OF DAVE PARYONICE'S VLR. DON'T MISS THESE FILMS.**

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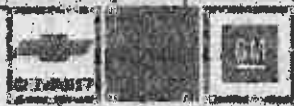
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BUSINESS ROUTE 22

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2. OUR LAST MEETING

The night was rainy, on top of the snow piled everywhere, but it was warm and dry inside the Second Federal's community room. A tremendous turnout on a terrible night is what really made it warm inside, and is just the first hint of the great year we are about to get into.

Elections were held and the new officers and board are printed on the front page. Congratulations to all, and it sure is great to see so much new blood at the helm. A new amendment was added to the by-laws by unanimous vote: **THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB WILL ACCEPT NON-VOTING SOCIAL MEMBERS WHO WILL PAY THE SAME DUES AS VOTING MEMBERS, BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BELONG TO WPCA.**

June 18 was finalized for Steel City Concours III. The raffle car was discussed at length, a good tech session was held, Carolyn Sullivan was officially appointed raffle chairlady, and will keep the old WPCO account open for raffle money. Bates Murphy distributed very informative 4 page printouts of tips on using torque wrenches. When you miss a meeting, you always stand the chance of missing goodies like this. **THE CLUB VOTED TO EXTEND FREE 1978 MEMBERSHIPS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: Ken Boice,** for providing monthly mailing labels, free; **Clara Smith, Curt Buchanan, Dick Brief, Jim Artzberger, Bill Barner, & Sandy Burrows** for guarding the show cars overnight at Steel City Concours II. Thank you all for service above and beyond the call of duty.

3. A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Little did I realize, three short years ago, when joining WPCO, that I would end up as president. The only thing that I can say is, I will try!

WPCO made a lot of progress last year, with Al Friend leading the way, and this will be a tough act to follow. But with one word - **INVOLVEMENT!!** this club can make great strides forward.

Unfortunately, in one respect, this year will probably not be any different than those of the past. The same small group will continue to do ALL of the work and participating. Every club has this situation, so we are no different. Just be thankful that we have this select few - but, let's keep them - and make them feel appreciated. If YOU don't at least participate, they may tire of working so hard for the club.

Even if you can't, or just won't work on some of these activities, at least attend the events. After all, these people are working hard and giving up their time. (Some of these folks are giving up time that is more valuable than you honestly feel yours is.) Believe us, our events are fun, educational, and worthwhile. Do you have an idea for the club? Don't sit on it, get involved, exploit it! Not only will the club appreciate it, but you will not believe the personal satisfaction that YOU will derive. So don't be a "Yes, I belong to the Corvaire Club - pay my dues & read my newsletter type member! **IN 78 PARTICIPATE!!!**

4. THE APRIL 28 - 30 West Lechary Indoor Corvaire & Antique Car Show.

Registrations are pouring in, Joe has reservations in hand for 18 Vairs and 7 antique/special interest. At the Jan. meeting we voted to guarantee indoor slots to the first 30 Vairs to register. The remaining indoor slots will be filled by the selection committee from the late comers. WPCO members who own antiques, classics, & spec. interest cars are also encouraged to register these cars with Joe. He is keeping two lists.

REGISTRATION FORM      APRIL 28 - 30      \$2 PER CORVAIR      \$5 PER OPEN PLEA MKT SPACE  
MAIL TO: Joe Buffer, RD#5, Greensburg, Pa. 15601, 523-4801      PAYABLE TO WPCO

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AM'T \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS	YEAR	BODY STYLE	MODEL	CONDITION CODE	ZIP
CORVAIR #1					
CORVAIR #2					

**USE THE FOLLOWING CONDITION CODES:**  
 (1). Concours Quality  
 (2). Better than Street  
 (3). Street Quality  
 (4). Rough

OPEN PLEA NET. SPACE (\$5 per space) YES  NO

WPCO MEMBER YES  NO

**PAYABLE TO: WPCO.**

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!**

THE FOLLOWING WPOC MEMBERS ARE GUARANTEED INDOOR SPACES AS OF FEB. 14, 78.

Joe Buffer, Michael Moran, Bob Hoiderbaum, E. Patterson (2 Vairs, 1 Sp. Int.), Bill Brill, Al Friend, Ed Fozel, Bud Tinstman, Mike Smith, Ellsworth Martin, Walt Moore, Dave Fabynic (2), Jim Artzberger (2), Ivan Clever, & Max Jereal.

If any discrepancies exist, call Joe at home, 523-4801. Only 12 guaranteed indoor Corvair spaces remain. DON'T DILLY DALLY!!!

Initial set up will be Friday evening April 28, plan accordingly. This show is really shaping up into a beauty that should be just plain fun and no pressure.

5. OUR FIRST EVENT OF THE YEAR DO YOU HAVE CADRE FESTIV? WHO DOESN'T? WELL, HOW ABOUT A CORVAIR CONVOY WITH OUR ENTHUSIASTIC CHAPTERS YES YESS!!

Since Easter falls in March, our march event will be held on April 2!!!

This super event is still in the formation stage, with Jim and Mimi Stokes in charge. At this early stage of development, it looks like an A.M. departure for Kent, Ohio where we will meet the Erie, Friends of Corvair, & perhaps Vacationland chapters for coffee and "whatever else you may have to do!!" Then we will have a gigantic four club caravan to Canton and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Dinner, drinks, and lots of Corvair talk should top off a very pleasant day. Final details in the next newsletter, but in the meantime, mark Sunday April 2 on your calendar, and keep it open.

6. A TESTIMONIAL REGARDING THE WORK OF JOE BUFFER & PARTNER ED HOIDERBAUM.

Our members Bill and Mary Jane Lowe had their 64 Monas convertible completely redone, including major body work by Joe and his partner Ed. Mary Jane wrote the following letter of appreciation to Joe & Ed:

"We think that you and Ed did an absolutely great job. Some of our neighbors, who are most interested in automobiles, lift up the hood and just gaze at that clean engine. Even tho' I hesitate to drive it in this weather, I feel it is a real car now and we are so proud of it.

You both are artists, truly, and we thank you for being so excellent in your work, and for taking special interest in us and our lovely Corvair."

Bill and Mary Jane will not be able to show their little jewel in the W. Leeburg show, but hopefully we'll all get a chance to see it in Steel City Concours III, or on the April 2 convoy.

7. THE RAFFLE CAR

Progress is being made, after a few setbacks. Additional body work had to be done on the inner wheelwells and floor. Now member John Crissman is finishing up this body work now. John has done a lot of work for a very reasonable fee, and the club appreciates it. After Mike Sullivan replaces the brake shoes and a few other refinements she'll be ready for inspection, then off to John Greenwald's for a final tune up. Bob Hoiderbaum has contributed a new battery, and Clark's Corvair Parts gave us a nice discount on the new carpeting, since it is a club project. John Gossy has been helping to get the car ready for inspection, and reports that it handles well. Ticket sales have been going well, but all members have not as yet participated. Our top ten salespeople so far are: Archie Miller, \$120 (PASSISTIC); James Saffran, \$100 (DISRUABLE); Ivan Clever, \$80; The Sullivans, \$80; The Buffers, \$80; The Friends, \$80; Ben Sawyer, \$80; Curtis Waters, \$80; (TIE) John Constantine, \$10; Elmer Paopler, \$10; and Bill Unger, \$10. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

Carolyn Sullivan is the raffle chairlady, all ticket requests and stubs & proceeds should be directed to Carolyn at: RD#2, Box 411-A, Saltburg, Pa. 15681 (412) 639-3857. Do not mail cash, send checks or money orders made payable to W.P.C.C. or turn in cash at the meetings and events. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!! THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP.

SELLING POINT - Most car raffles are major promotions, and hundreds of thousands of tickets are sold. We will only sell a few thousand. As far as car raffles are concerned, the odds here are about as good as you will ever find! WOULD ANY MEMBERS BE ABLE TO DONATE PRIZES TO THE TOP TICKET SELLERS? HOW ABOUT A FREE DINNER FOR TWO BILLY LEARY & MAX JEREAL?????

**B. EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. READ CAREFULLY.**

We must have your Corsa Account Number and your Corsa Expiration Date immediately! (See example below). This information could affect our liability insurance coverage. This information can be sent to our treasurer, along with your 1978 dues, if you haven't paid yet. Please, don't delay - send this information and your 78 dues to Bob, today: Bob Smith, W.F.C.O. Treasurer, 3255 37th, Street, Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010. Or call this info to Bob at (412)816-5620. **BUT DO IT TODAY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE ENTIRE CLUB.**

DON'T LET US DOWN - WE NEED THIS INFO, **FRONTS!**

**YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER**      **YOUR EXPIRATION DATE**

00437 - 02      - 6/79

Albert E. Friend  
3677 Forbes Trail  
Murrysville      PA  
15665

**YOUR CORSA MAILING LABEL**



**9. CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS**

- Mar. 11 Krause Auction, Merchandise Mart, Monroeville
- Apr. 2 WPCO Convey to Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Apr. 28 - 30 N. Lehighburg Corvair & Antique Car Show
- Apr. 29 - 30 Tri State swap meet & concours, Brian, O.
- May 19 - 21 Maryland mini convention, Columbia, Md.
- May 20 - 21 Vacationland mini, Sandusky, O.
- Jun. 3 Cincinnati Corvair Festival & Parts Swap
- Jun. 17 - 18 Steel City Concours III, Monroeville, Pa.
- Jul. 20 - 23 Corsa National Convention, San Diego, Calif.
- Aug. 13 Friends of Corvair, fun type event, New Phila, O.
- Sep. 16 - 17 Hossier Auto Show & Swap, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Late Fall Mad Anthony Corsa, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Concours

Make your vacation plans now to attend as many of these fine events as possible. Our sister chapters have always supported our events, **DO YOUR PART!** Our WPCO calendar of events will be formulated on Tuesday, at the meeting. The club needs **YOUR** opinions and ideas. **LIKE OUR NEW PRESIDENT SAID: IN 78 PARTICIPATE!!!**

**1978 CORSA CONVENTION REPORT by Marlene Holloway**

**FUN THINGS TO DO IN SAN DIEGO**

Are you interested in golf, tennis, bicycling, swimming and surfing, or deep-sea fishing? Too much activity, you say? Well then, why we suggest art galleries and museums, the world's largest zoo, or a walk through old Spanish Missions? How about a scenic drive in your Corvair to North San Diego County to visit the wineries with their wine tasting rooms, vineyards and avocado and orange groves. Or how about a leisurely drive out on Point Loma with its historic lighthouse, offering a spectacular view from Mexico to the Los Angeles coastline.

Still not interested?? Well, how about a walking tour of San Diego's Old Town with its many antique shops and attractions or a visit down south to Mexico with its many shops and bazaars and colorful old-world charm.

As you can see, San Diego offers a wide variety of sights and activities for all. Plan now to arrange your vacation around San Diego's CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION, July 20-23, 1978.

Send now for your pre-registration information package by sending your return address and \$1.00 to cover postage and handling to:

The San Diego Corvair Club  
 P.O. Box 23172  
 San Diego, CA 92123  
 Attention: Registration Committee

**DO IT!  
TODAY!**

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10. THE CONDITION OF CORSA

Adjustments continue to be made, some hopefully for the better. The secretary and executive secretary have now resigned. This is an unbelievably sad set of circumstances that could have been avoided entirely. If our president would have only had the foresight and intestinal fortitude to make an obvious decision, way back in November, this Pandora's Box would never have been opened up to the entire membership.

At this point in time: Bill Kletz has not been re-instated as treasurer; several board members have swung over to our side; several more skeletons have been discovered in various closets; there is still talk of an expensive fly-in board meeting; (I'll bet the San Diego chapter could put that money to better use!!!) Allen Martin is taking credit for all of Bill Kletz' good ideas; and talk of starting over with a "clean" new Corvair national organization is everywhere.

The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club officers and board decided to take the following positions at our recent meeting on Feb. 12, 78:

To generally resist the movement to organize a rival national Corvair Club, at least until after the National Convention. We feel that the existing board will solve some of the problems by July, and at least deserve the shakes to try. We continue to feel that several board members must be replaced in order to regain the confidence of the membership. In our opinion, the only feasible way to accomplish this is to hold new general elections, for all board positions, PRIME TO THE CONVENTION. A published voting record of all board members in recent key issues should be made available to the membership.

There has been many complaints in the past about the passive attitude of the membership during board elections. We would like to assure the Corsa leadership that after the recent actions taken by this board, there is a groundswell of grassroots interest. In our opinion - new general elections are Corsa's last chance to fully regain the confidence of its dwindling membership.

NEW MEMBERS

Gary Wilker, Dwin, 863-7897. Gary is a 26 year old Midas Mechanic who was convinced by Joe Biffar, that "You're always ahead with your engine behind." Gary doesn't own a Corvair yet, but I have a feeling that it won't be long!

THIS & THAT

Your board and officers had a very delightful meeting on Feb. 12 at the home of our new president, Wayne Jones. Wayne will have many proposals for the club at the meeting.

Bill Schmiedlin's fantastic body work articles will continue in the near future. Many thanks to Bill for these tremendous educational articles.

Groundwork for Steel City Concours III is being laid. Letters have gone out to all Corvair Vendors and an announcement has been sent to Scotty Seathart for the March Communique.

Wayne Jones would like to hear from any member who lives or works near Zelienople. The newsletter is printed there and it is far out of Wayne's territory. Any help would be most appreciated.

Member Fred Kestle is planning on having their early season re painted. Here's hoping that it is finished by the April show.

IDEA CENTER - John Sebans suggests that we consider buying Viton seals in bulk and then selling them to our members at a slight mark-up. Let's discuss it at the meeting.

I SURE COULD USE SOME TECH. TIPS AND ARTICLES FROM YA'LL OUT THERE. HELP!!!

11. TECH TIPS

Walt Moore spent a lot of time in Sears Catalog and came up with the following list of interchangeable early model shocks. The early's use the same shock in the front and rear. If they don't list early model shocks, ask for any of the following:

- 63 - 75 Corvette - Front
- 55 - 57 Chevy - Front
- 59 - 70 Olds (Except Toronado)
- 57 - 64 Ford - Front
- 58 - 60 Edsel - Front (How about that)
- 57 - 59 Mascherro - Front
- 59 - 60 Thunderbird - Front

FROM THE FINE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH TEXAS CORVAIR ASSOC.

OIL PRESSURE SENDING UNIT TOOL

A leaking oil pressure sending unit is a triple problem:

1. Your clean engine compartment can be sprayed with oil.
2. In case of sudden total rupture, oil can be lost so rapidly that the engine is damaged.
3. It is a nuisance to have to remove the generator/alternator or its pulley as well as a fuel line in order to get to the faulty part. This frequently results in the loss of six joint spacers which, in stress the case, crack the insulator, and result in early repeat failure.

The proper tool for removal/replacement of the oil pressure sending unit is a deep, six point, 1 1/16 inch socket. Considerable advantage is obtained by modifying such a socket which has a 3/8 inch drive. The socket should be chucked in a lathe and total cut away from the top shoulder until a cone shaped tool results. With sufficient material removed the socket can be worked past the interfering pulley. It may be necessary to remove some metal from the bottom of the socket. Look at the '65 Shop Manual, page 12-12, figure 75. Only a thin shell need remain for the 55 inch pounds torque required for seating the sending unit.



Glen Herring

OLD CARS

V-6s and Corvairs

Although not usually a letter writer, I was stirred to action by a couple of "Car" shots contained in a letter from a Jim MacLaren in the December 12 issue. While others may wish to comment on his theories concerning the demise of the Studebaker mark, I take personal umbrage with his statement that one reason was the replacement of the "high quality" Studebaker engine with the "mediocre Chevrolet 200 V6." Certainly anyone with even a smattering of automotive knowledge knows that the small block Chevrolet V-6 first introduced in 1965 and still being manufactured today, is one of the most successful and reliable engines ever designed. As for performance, just ask any racer what is the winningest engine on any type of circuit. Whole books have been written concerning the legend of the small block V-8, so I'll not belabor the point further.

Secondly, Mr. MacLaren pokes a finger at the "dubious" Corvaire. Again, I believe there is ample evidence of the excellence in engineering and design of the Corvaire to counter the false claims of MacLaren and those naive enough to believe what they say. As a past and present Corvaire owner and driver with 20 years of professional automotive engineering experience, I can truthfully say that my Corvaire can outperform any other car on the road today. I would be happy to race Mr. MacLaren, driving my Studebaker of his choice, in my 1976 turbocharged Corvaire, on any sports car track.

Sam Howe

Huntington, N.Y.

"OLD CARS" IS NOW A WEEKLY PUBLICATION.