

1. THE JANUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 8, SINCE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FALLS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. SEE YOU AT DEVEREAUX CHEVROLET IN PINEHURST AT 8PM. Nominations are still open for 1976 officers, and we vote at this meeting. This is your chance to help determine who next years "big shots" will be!

2. SUMMATION OF OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Thirty-six people attended the Dec. 4 meeting at Devies' downstairs location. The minutes were accepted & the treasurer's report revealed \$300.31 in the bank.

Under old business we finalized Saturday, Feb 7 for our combination covered bridge tour, dinner, and Feb. meeting. Our trophy project was discussed and it was mentioned that this is a very busy time for Ken Kowalski. We voted on the two proposed amendments to the by-laws. The bonding of our treasurer was carried 29-0. The amendment to make new member dues \$6 until mid-year, then reduced to \$3 for the remainder of the year was defeated 16-5. Therefore new member dues remains 50¢ per month.

Under new business honorary memberships were discussed and the general reaction was negative based on past experiences of other clubs. Tom Jackson, a member of The Vintage Chevrolet Club was present and we talked to him about the possibility of co-sponsoring a Chevrolet show with his club. You will bring it up at their next meeting. In our search for a more central meeting location several possibilities came up in the Mooresville area. Please keep looking & asking.

Nominations for 1976 officers were opened and here is how we stand so far:

PRESIDENT

Al Friend (Declined all offices, but volunteered to be the editor & public relations man)
Dave Fabyonic (Declined, cited unwritten rule that presidents not succeed themselves)
Bates Murphy
Mike Sullivan

VICE PRESIDENT

George Douglas
Dave Fabyonic
Walt Moore
Bates Murphy

SECRETARY

Walt Hatanowky (Declined, "Up to my neck in car club obligations now")
Ken Boice (Declined, "Just too busy at the present time")
Bates Murphy
Carolyn Sullivan
Chris Smith

TREASURER

Mike Sullivan
Walt Moore

We then passed the hat for Children's Hospital and collected \$21.26, the club added \$25, for a total of \$46.26. The check will be presented to Jack Bogot of NKMA Radio around 7:30 AM either Dec. 23, 24, or 25.

3. WFOC AFFILIATION FORMS

This and every newsletter is wrapped in an application form. Remove it carefully, sign it, and place it in your glovebox. Most Corvaire owners are totally unaware that a marque club even exists. Think of all the potentially good members out there waiting for you to place an application form under their windshield wiper!!

4. NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As mentioned earlier, I will be the newsletter editor and public relations director for the club, unless I can talk someone else into doing it! Please send anything that could be used in the newsletter to me, along with classifieds, and address changes. I will co-ordinate the mailings with Ben Boice who does our printing. John Greenwald has agreed to be the newsletter tech. rep. Send your technical questions directly to John; he will write up answers to be published in the newsletter, or answer you directly.

I am also keeping a prospect list and exchanging newsletters with other clubs. Please send me names, addresses, & phone numbers of potential members. They will then receive at least three newsletters and perhaps a personal invitation on the phone.

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5. NEW MEMBERS

John H. Lloyd
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I feel that a few words about Mr. Lloyd are most appropriate since he is such an interesting individual and a great guy. John owns a 1969 J-speed, first Green Corvair Monza. (Please read on:) THE CAR HAS NOT TURNED 1,000 MILES YET, HAS NEVER BEEN RAINED ON, AND WAS THE LAST CORVAIR SOLD IN PITTSBURGH! An active member of The Classic Car Club, John is busy restoring his Pierce-Arrow. Interested in guns? Take a tour of the Fort Pitt Museum in Point State Park and view John's collection on display there. I had the privilege of dining at Three Rivers Stadium from John's office window through his horizon bomb sight. He is collecting material to eventually write a book on this very interesting WW II weapon. In his spare time John is the Manager of Editorial Services for FFG Industries. Mr. Lloyd can arrange for the FFG facilities in Gateway Center should we ever want to have a meeting there. John is obviously quite busy, but will try to get to a few meetings when we move closer to 1976.

6. ADDRESS CHANGES

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7. 1976 DUES

Please remit your 1976 dues as soon as possible. It is quite critical to our cash flow, and affects our planning for the coming year. Inflation has had no effect on our dues - still \$6 annually & \$3 for immediate family. **MAIL TO: MIKE SULLIVAN**

**RD 2 BOX 268
SALTSBURG, PA.
15681**

8. MEMBERS IN ACTION

On Nov. 16 George & Jo Anne Douglas competing in the Allegheny River Car Club Tulp Rally completely dumped all competition by taking first place hands down! According only 133 points compared to 508 for second place, & 1949 for third. Incredibly they were only 99 one-hundredths of a minute late at the first checkpoint and 18 one-hundredths early at the second. Fantastic navigating Jo Anne, with a good driver you probably could have had a perfect score!

9. FEBRUARY CARAVAN, DINNER, & MEETING

As agreed to earlier, our Christmas get together will be on Saturday, Feb. 7 and will also be our Feb. meeting, so plan to make it. It will consist of a 10 AM departure from Pauline's lot in Knoxville; through to Somerset; through the mountains to New Baltimore and Backbone covered bridges; then to the Oakhurst Tea Room for dinner and our meeting. Dinner will be at 2 o'clock and will be family style downstairs, since the morgastord does not open until 3 PM on Saturdays. The price is \$5.50 per adult and \$2.50 for children 8 and under. You will have a choice of southern fried chicken, country cured ham, shrimp, or fillet, along with all the trimmings including desert & beverage. There will be no parking or waiting problems since we will be the only group there at 2 o'clock. After dinner we will move upstairs for our meeting and should be home before dark. Each car will get printed directions this time to avoid losing anyone. No matter what our weather is like here there will be a lot of snow in the mountains, so drive only a Fair unless you have a four wheel drive water - proof. This should be a lot of fun with plenty of time for picture taking. The drive from Bald Knob summit down to New Baltimore will be spectacular, and Backbone Bridge with it's waterfall frozen and snowcovered may well be the best picture you will have ever taken. Don't miss it!

P.S. We would love to have some of you folks from other chapters along, consider staying over in Pittsburgh Saturday night & returning on Sunday. Drop us a line if interested.

10. THIS MONTHS TECH. TIP TO CLICK IS PRESENTED BY HATES MURPHY

To meet the need for just a little more power and just a little better mileage, there is one solution which is cheap and easy.

Getting the exhaust gas out of the engine improves things considerably, but the "open" mufflers all seem to be too noisy. People who have tried them agree that claspbacks are really great for about half a mile and then they heat your ears. So what is needed is a quiet, low restriction muffler. A stock Corvair muffler is the answer; but use a stock Turbo muffler not a regular one. It is just slightly louder than normal and you can feel the extra power and performance.

Installation is slightly harder than normal, since the inlet is a gigantic 2 1/2 inches. However either roller wheel rollers which will reduce the hole to 2 1/4", will except the largest one which is simply a 2 inch piece of 2 1/2 inch pipe. For a rear support, a Z shaped piece of strap can be hooked under the rear clamp and bolted to the body using a thick rubber pad as a shock absorber. Because of the offset, a straight piece of 2 1/2 inch pipe will poke out the rear, just outboard of the grill, therefore you will lose no ground clearance.

Norrville Auto Parts kindly hunted through the catalog and supplied this parts list:

Muffler 21746 Clamps 21747
Call Sales at 337-3472 if you have any questions.

11. NATIONAL CONVENTION PREVIEW

July 15 to 18 is only 6 1/2 months away. What a convention it promises to be, in the birthplace of the nation on our 200th Birthday. The TV and newspaper coverage should be tremendous, and the best Corvairs in the world will be there to provide a little competition. Plan it as part of your vacation, you're going to Philadelphia next summer anyway, aren't you? Schedule those days off now. It's so close to home - take your show car and the old heater! What's your fancy? Seminars, flea markets, rallies, concours, model car show, autocross, tour of historic Philadelphia, tour of Valley Forge, Newport & dancing, drawings, or just relaxing at the pool. Not to mention the fantastic people you will meet, and the beautiful Vairs you will see and compete against. Sure could use someone to work up a club display with lots of pictures. Curt and Chris!!

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12. THIS & THAT

Dave Falgout just received a letter from Ralph Weber, our past treasurer. They are in their home now & included their 1976 dues. It's great to hear that you will stay a member Ralph, and I hope that any other members who were from W. Pa. do the same. Change Ralph's address in Your roster to: 157 Lois Drive
Bottle Creek, Mich. 48013

Our founder, Ivan Clever will be 64 years young on Jan. 26, and his better half, Dorothy will be 62 on Jan. 15. Happy birthday from all of us & very happy returns.

A friend of John Coezy's gave him a full page article on the Local Corvette Club that appeared in the Buffalo, N.Y. Evening News. You will be able to see it at the Jan. 3 meeting. Handle it with care, I want to show it to some people at the Pittsburgh Press. Ivan's shop is as interesting as the guy in the article!

We have a supply of Corva concours judging forms, if you ever plan to show your car you had better know what the judges are looking for. Get one at the meeting.

There is over \$10 plus what we collect at the Jan. meeting in the kitty, but it will do you no good if your name is pulled out & you are not present. The money will simply carry over to the next meeting. Do you realize that since the Feb. meeting will be on the road, this could well be our last meeting at Devy's! Now about a nice turnout to express our gratitude to a great sponsor.

Regarding our trophy project. I talked with Mark Ellis in Phila. He was elated and said that the national committee can hold off until April 1 on a trophy decision.

At the last meeting Tom Jackson invited any of our members to attend meetings of the Vintage Chevrolet Club. They meet the second Saturday of each month at 9 AM at the Good Shepherd Church in Monroeville. Turn toward the Parkway at Edward Johnsons, under the overpass, & it will be on your right at the next red light. Thank you Tom.

The mileage was being discussed at the last tech. session when Edit Moore mentioned that he used to get only 8 MPG, but he discovered that fixing the leak in his gas tank improved the situation greatly. Thank you Edit!

Jan. 18 looks like the only scheduled autocross this month. Dial Jim-Gallo for details. I understand that President Dave has been attending autocrosses & not telling anyone. If he ever gets those radial tires we've all in trouble!

Received a Christmas card from Jerry & Donna Graf of Ukiah, California who's 36 Convertible outpointed our 64 Coupe in Chicago 34.2 to 31.5. They will hopefully be spending at least one night with us & will be in the WPOC caravan to the convention. Since defeating us they have taken first place in special interest division in the Harrah's Auto Show (Biggest in the world). We have added nine wheels and about 100 hours of work to our car. Don't miss the rematch.

FOR SALE: Late model coupe body & engine parts. Bob Wolf 323-0265

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