

VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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Dos and Dues

The officers and board of WPCB will be meeting in February to talk about the year ahead and plan events that will be inviting to our membership. I think everyone who went on the trip to West Virginia would agree that it was a fabulous weekend. We look forward to more such happenings during this coming season of Corvairing.

Speaking of Corvair events, if there's a place that you think would make an interesting one or two day trip, **do** contact Don Cekus, our president and let him know what you have in mind. We're always looking for fresh ideas. Don is at 412-364-8224.

If you didn't attend the Holiday Party on January 14, you missed among other things, the Chinese auction, the dinner, the gift exchange and the company of some fantastic people. **Do** join us next January for a fun-filled afternoon.

You also missed an opportunity to pay your annual **dues** and save yourself 39 cents.

Have no fear, you can still pay your **dues**, the "sooner the better" of course, and it will only cost you \$12.39. Go ahead, write a check for \$12.00, make it payable to the Western Pa. Corvair Club. Don't forget to update any personal information like a change of

address, phone number, e-mail, etc. if necessary, then place that along with your check in an envelope. Put the 39 cent stamp on the envelope and send it off to:

Dwayne Cekus
108 Prosser Drive
Monongahela, PA 15063

Please don't send it to me because I'll just have to forward it to Dwayne anyway.

Looking for a way to save 39 cents? **Do** bring your check or cash to the next meeting; enjoy dinner and a meeting with Corvair friends.

The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club would like to extend congratulations to Clare and John Costantino on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. The commemorative at the right appeared in the Valley News Dispatch on Dec. 3, 2006.

Commemorative
Submitted by
Al Friend.

Congratulations to John and Clare Costantino

John and Clare Fairman Costantino, of Freeport, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner party Sept. 30, 2006, at the J-Barn Restaurant in Sarver, Buffalo Township.

Hosts for the event were their daughters and sons-in-law. Sue and Rich Bowser and Beth and Mark Thompson, all of Freeport, and Rebecca Broderick, of Panama City Beach, Fla. They also renewed their marriage vows at a Special Mass Sept. 30, at St. Mary Mother of God Church, Freeport, where they are members.

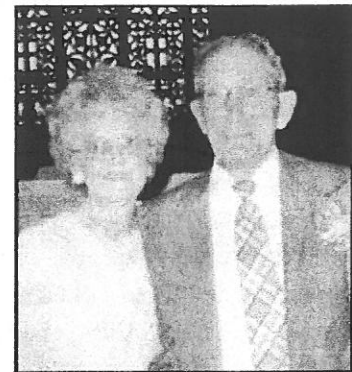
They were married Oct. 1, 1946, at St. Mary Mother of God Church.



Clare and John Costantino in 1946

Active in the Freeport Meals on Wheels, Mrs. Costantino enjoys cooking, baking apple pies, reading and working puzzles.

After 40 years as a parts manager, Mr. Costantino retired in 1985 from Devereaux Motor Sales, Freeport. An usher at his church, he is a member of the Freeport Baseball Invitational committee.



Clare and John Costantino in 2006

During World War II, he served for five years with the Army in Europe. He enjoys riding his bicycle, watching sports on television and walking his daughter Beth's dog.

The couple have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Read more about the Costantinos on page 3

Minutes of the January 14, 2007 WPCC Member Meeting

The club met at The Nu Babcock Banquet Facility for the annual Holiday Party/Meeting. Thirty people attended.

Officers Present:

President, Jim Heatherington
Vice President, Tim Desmond
Secretary, Pat Greenwald

Board Members Present:

Emerick Buccigrossi
Don Cekus
Al Friend
John Gundlach
Journal editor, Charles Lucas.

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Heatherington.

Two amendments were made to the November minutes. John Sweet attended the Fall Affair in Charlotte along with Don Cekus and Jim Madden. Jim Heatherington clarified the absence of the Bill Brill obituary in the Communique. It is the policy of the Communique to print obituaries only for current members. Bill had not been a member for a number of years. With these amendments the minutes were approved.

The annual treasurer's report, prepared by Dwayne Cekus, was presented by the secretary. See report at right. →

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. A discussion reviewing the income and expenses followed. Al Friend encouraged the club to continue the 50/50 raffle at the meetings and to try not to let the balance fall below \$1,200. Without the income from parades, we can expect the balance to decrease in future years.

Nominating committee chair, Don Baker, announced the following candidates for each of the club offices for 2007:

President **Don Cekus**
Vice President . . . **Jim Steigerwaldt**
Treasurer **Dwayne Cekus**
Secretary **Pat Greenwald**

WPCC YEAR TO DATE 2006 FINANCE REPORT

INCOME

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Dues | \$ 524.00 |
| 50/50 | 75.00 |
| GPCC | 718.63 |
| Holiday Party Checks | 510.00 |
| Chinese Auction | 108.00 |
| Return Deposit - La Villa | 300.00 |
| Return Deposit - Snowshoe | 200.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$2,435.63 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------|
| 01-09-2006 | La Villa - 2006 Holiday Party | 932.32 |
| 01-09-2006 | La Villa - Deposit for 2007 Party | 300.00 |
| 01-26-2006 | Vair Street Journal | 48.06 |
| 02-11-2006 | Legislative Council | 35.00 |
| 02-11-2006 | Deposit - Snowshoe | 200.00 |
| 02-11-2006 | American Signfab - Banner | 127.20 |
| 03-03-2006 | Vair Street Journal | 49.26 |
| 07-14-2006 | Vair Street Journal | 101.92 |
| 09-06-2006 | Vair Street Journal | 58.18 |
| 10-14-2006 | CORSA - Bill Brill Memorial | 100.00 |
| 11-09-2006 | Vair Street Journal | 51.19 |
| 12-01-2006 | Deposit - Nu Babcock 2007 Holiday Party | 200.00 |
| 12-13-2006 | Vair Street Journal | 35.52 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | (\$2,238.65) | |
| NET INCOME | \$ 196.98 | |

RECONCILIATION 2006

| | | |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 12-31-2006 | ENDING BANK BALANCE | \$ 2,210.35 |
| 01-01-2006 | LESS BEGINNING BANK BALANCE | \$(2,013.37) |
| | | \$ 196.98 |

There were no additional nominations offered. The secretary cast the vote for the above slate of candidates.

2007 board members: **Tim Desmond, Bob Hieber, John Gundlach, Jim Madden and Steve Puskas.**

Jim Heatherington thanked all the members and stated how much he enjoyed his third stint as president. Jim then presented the 'Member of the Year' trophy to our newsletter editor, Charles Lucas.

Pat Greenwald, Dolly Izzo, and Suzanne

Heatherington conducted the Chinese auction; proceeds amounted to \$137.00.

Al and Carol Friend conducted the gift exchange. The Road Rage Racer was all the 'rage' bouncing from member to member until finally taken home by the Gundlachs.

Respectively submitted,



Pat Greenwald

The Prez Sez

This is my fourth time around at this job. Still trying to get it right, as they say. Seriously though, I'm looking forward to being president and to a great



Don Cekus

year ahead for the Western Pa. Corvair Club. The board and I will be sitting down together on Saturday February 24 at the North Park Lounge to hammer out an

agenda for programs and events in the coming year. We don't expect to have everything cut in stone, but you'll see the results of our meeting in the next issue of the *Vair Street Journal*.

We are always open to suggestions and willing to listen, so give me a call if you have any ideas for the club. Home phone—412-364-8224 Cell phone—412-952-3190.

More about the Costantinos

by Al Friend

John and Clare are our longest standing members and the only remaining founding members. John was the long-time manager of Devereaux Chevrolet in Freeport, where for many years we had our monthly meetings. Standard procedure was to give John a call a few days prior to the meeting. If John didn't have a part in stock, he would have it for you by meeting night. Those were the days!

John drove a yellow/black '64 Monza Coupe that had a little rust on it. John would always explain, "GM got bad steel in 1964!"

Forwarded E-mails receive by Don Baker, re: Jan Fabyonic

-----Forwarded message-----
 From: "dave fabyonic" <davidfab@ysa.net>
 To: "Don Baker" <dcbakerscca@yahoo.com>
 Date: Sat, 3 Feb 2007 09:57:57 -0500
 Subject: Re AND MORE

Don,
 I don't think this was passed on to the Corvair people. Janice (Fabyonic) had a bad car wreck on December 14. Some fractured ribs and back. She is waiting for heel and ankle surgery within about a week. Will keep you posted. Also do not think we received dues info.
 Thanks,

Dave
 Her address is:
 Janice Fabyonic
 38 Sierra Drive
 Pittsburgh, PA 15239
 Phone: 724-3278-7361

-----Forwarded message-----
 From: Judy Jones <>wandjones@yahoo.com>
 To: davidfab@usa.net, dcbakerscca@yahoo.com
 Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 16:34:50 -0800 (PST)
 Subject: Jan

Hi Don & Dave, just had an e-mail forwarded by Charlotte Hamlin...I keep forgetting to correct my e-mail address with the Corvair Club. It's now wandjones@yahoo.com (not aol)
 So sorry to hear about Jan - she's been on my mind lately and I check each newsletter to see if you've renewed your membership. You don't want to be given a life time membership by the club!
 Don, please thank the club members for the card and their special thoughts.
 Judy (Jones)

A note from Jean Brill

I wish to thank you all for your good wishes. It has been a difficult move. After fifty years in our house and to leave without your partner of 56 years, it does have a down side. My children and grandchildren have been filling in the gaps, etc.

I have enclosed a check for my dues. If I still owe, please let me know. (Al tore up the check)

I am delighted to read that you are all well and enjoying your Corvairs.

*Fondly,
 Jean*

Ms. Jean P. Brill
 Apartment 122
 4500 Oakhurst Boulevard
 Harrisburg, PA 17110 -3957

A Sorry Sight to Behold!



This blue 1963 Corvair Monza convertible with a white interior belongs to Rich Adamson. If you look at the roster of members on page 7, Rich's name is at the top of the list along with his phone number, etc. He's looking for a replacement Corvair. If you know of anyone who has a Corvair for sale, contact Rich.

Holiday Party

The Nu Babcock Restaurant in the North Hills saw most of our Holiday Party regulars in attendance. Conspicuously missing were Dick and Carol Brier, Letty Buccigrossi, Dick and Marie Dandois, Laura Gundlach, Bob and Donna Hieber and John and Charlotte Sweet. New to the party revelers this year, but most welcome to be sure, were three "Jims"—Jim Heatherington, Jr., Jim and Heidi Madden and Jim and Diane Steigerwaldt. We were pleased once again to have the "Pink Lady", Donna Mae Mims in attendance.

To those who attended, we say "thank you for making our Holiday Party a success". To those who didn't make it, we hope you'll be with us next January and share the fun.

Pat Greenwald and her good friend Dolly Izzo did their usual best with the Chinese Auction with some added help from Suzanne Heatherington. I didn't win the Vairy 8 models I was hoping for, but I did get a wonderful gardening book entitled *Perennials*.

After dinner it was necessary to take care of a few last minute Chinese Auction items before the rousing Gift Exchange.

Not since the *Snow Shovel* that captured nearly everyone's snow fantasies a couple of years ago, has a single item been so coveted as the arrival this year of, *Road Rage Racer!*

His first appearance was as a "show and tell", brought by Don Baker to the September meeting. As a gift exchange bauble, again brought by Don Baker, the



Note the intense look of satisfaction on Jack Bachman's face (upper photo) as he eyes the Road Rage Racer. He thrills to the sight and sound of the Racer as he put him through his paces, only to lose him a few minutes later to Gayle Gundlach (bottom photo). Note the change of expression on Jack's face. The exchange gift was a set of wind chimes.

little demon of the road was the hit of the gift exchange.

He idles, he revs, he squeals out, he burns rubber, he red-lines and he screeches to a halt. As *the gift of gifts* at the gift exchange, he changed hands more times than a baby at its baptism with three-hundred guests.

See more photos on pages 5 and 6.



Right: Don Mae Mims looks on as Don Baker shows off his new digital camera. Les Walter is at Don's left.



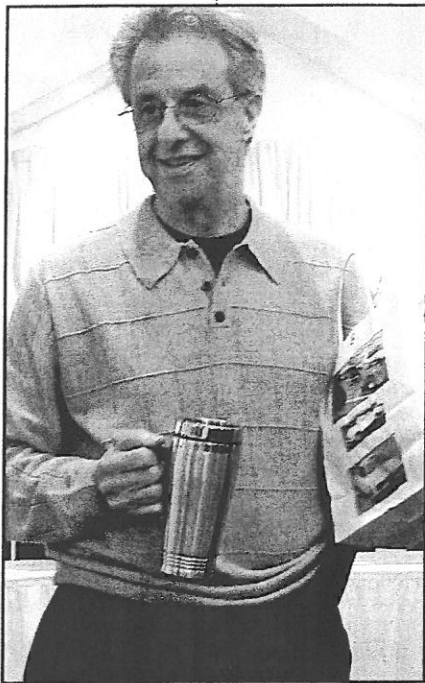
Right: Joyce Bachman poses with everyone's favorite guy—Road Rage Racer.



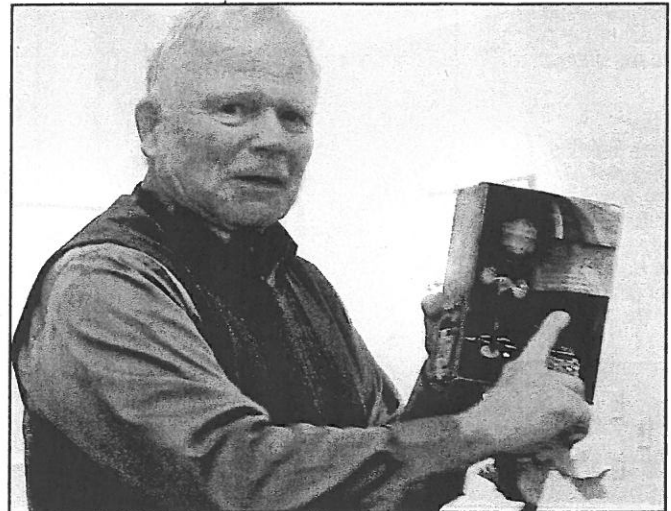
Below: Like so many at the Holiday Party, John Gundlach holds a fleeting Road Rage Racer, soon to have another (temporary) owner. In the end however, John and Gayle Gundlach took the coveted noise maker home to their daughter Laura, thanks to Carole Friend.



Above: This handsome young man is Jim Heatherington, son of Jim and Suzanne .



Right: Emerick Buccigrossi finds a shimmering stainless coffee mug in his package. Without Letty, who was homebound with the flu, Em was not quite himself that day.



Left: Suzanne Heatherington gazes doubtfully at the candle she has opened as Al Friend in a stoic pose stares off in the distance.

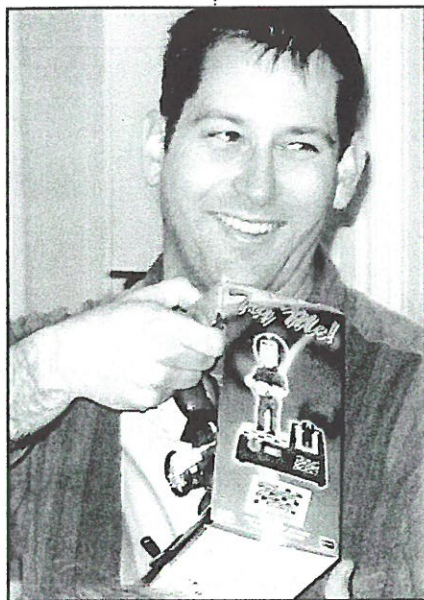
Right: Earl Goehring unwraps a work light that he'll probably use when working on his Corvair or one of his Yamahaw motorcycles.





Above: Dolly Izzo, Pat Greenwald's aid-de-camp with the Chinese Auction, digs through many layers of tissue in search of the gift she has chosen.

Below: A new member in 2006, Jim Madden, who was picked for the WPC board, experiences the Holiday Party and gift exchange for the first time.

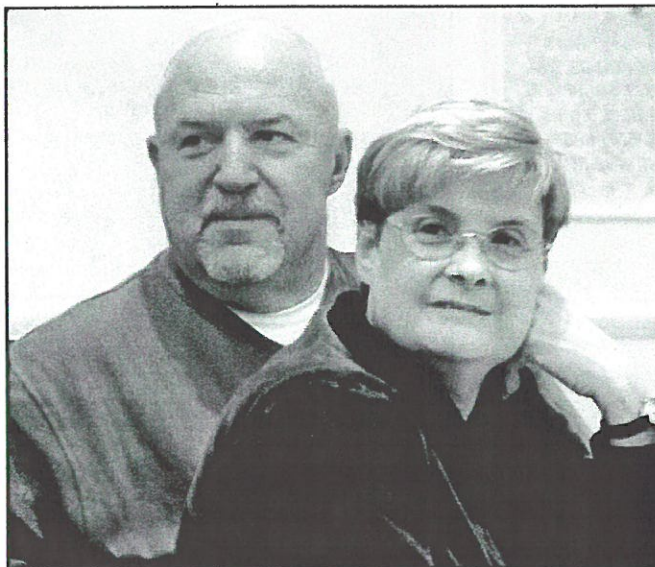


Above: Steve Puskas, another guy who thought that the elusive Road Rage Racer was his to keep, smiles confidently in this picture. His smile was short lived as the Racer was soon plucked from his finger tips.

Photos appearing on pages 4,5 and 6 were taken by Don Baker and Charles Lucas

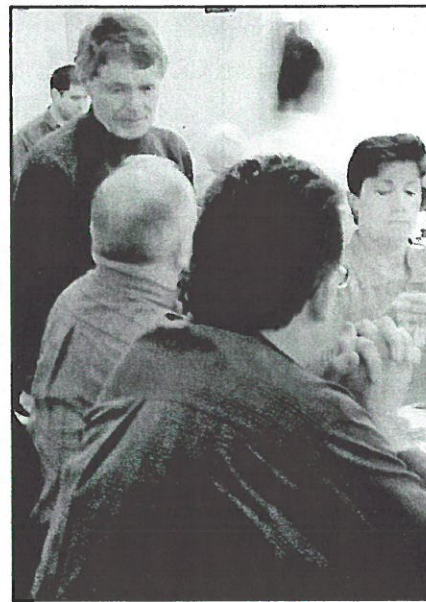


Right: Jim Steigerwaldt, our new Vice President for 2007 and his lovely wife Diane, take in the Chinese auction and gift exchange. This was their first experience with a WPC Holiday Party.



Right: Looks like a very serious meeting between Al Friend and the our newly elected president, Don Cekus. The conversation probably centered around the Road Rage Racer—perhaps taking steps now so that he isn't a candidate for an office next year. Just kidding, of course.

Also in the picture are: right center, Don's lovely wife, Mary Ellen, and in the foreground, Jim Madden.



Left: The dubious look is from Rich Adamson, as he looks at the pink tool kit that he has in his hands. Later on, the tools would be exchanged (as the rules of the game allow) and Dolly Izzo would be the next owner. Next to Rich are co-chairs, Carole and Al Friend, who always do a fantastic job with the Gift Exchange.

WPCC Current Roster of Members

| | NAME | ADDRESS | PHONE | e-mail |
|----|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Adamson, Richard & Doris | 251 Lilac Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146 | 412-372-3452 | |
| 2 | Baker, Don & Joanne | 12461 Larimer Avenue, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 | 724-863-3770 | dcbakerscca@yahoo.com |
| 3 | Bachman, John & Joyce | 402 Elfinwild Lane, Glenshaw, PA 15116 | 412-486-2478 | |
| 4 | Brill, Jean P. | Apt 122, 4500 Oakhurst Blvd. Harrisburg, PA 17110-3953 | 717-526-4523 | |
| 5 | Buccigrossi, Emerick & Letty | 1502 Fernledge Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 | 412-486-7691 | ebuccigrossi@comcast.net |
| 6 | Cekus, Don & Mary Ellen | 286 Hillcrest Circle, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 | 412-364-8224 C: 412-952-3190 | corsa1@att.net |
| 7 | Cekus, Dwayne & Joy | 108 Prosser Drive, Monongahela PA 15063 | 724-258-7778 C: 412-296-0294 | peanut1@access995.com |
| 8 | Cekus, Ken & Toots | 28 Center Avenue, Monongahela PA 15063 | 724-258-8514 | |
| 9 | Costantino, John & Clare | 305 3rd Street, Freeport, PA 16229-1141 | 724-295-2575 | |
| 10 | Dandois, Dick & Marie | 11844 Route 286 Hwy W., Homer City, PA 15748-7803 | 724-726-5606 | dindy2@earthlink.net |
| 11 | Friend, Al & Carole | 6000 Great Oaks Drive, Export, PA 15632 | 724-325-2588 W 888-311-4183 | albert_friend@ml.com |
| 12 | Greenwald, Pat | 415 Crestview Drive, Plum, PA 15239 | 412-795-5719 | pggreen233@netzero.com |
| 13 | Goehring, Earl & Diane | 140 Whitestown Road, Harmony, PA 16037 | 724-452-8823 | |
| 14 | Gundlach, John, Gayle, & Laura | 228, McKay Road, Saxonburg, PA 16056 | 724-352-4205 | |
| 15 | Hamlin, Charlotte | 2207 Arbor Glen Court, Sun City Center, FL 33573 | 813-633-6684 | hamlinchar@aol.com |
| 16 | Heatherington, Jim & Suzanne | 128 Sharp Road, White Oak, PA 15131 | 412-672-0914 | suzanne@heatherington.com |
| 17 | Jones, Judy | 3205 Bel Air Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15227 | 412-882-2109 | wandjjones@yahoo.com |
| 18 | Lucas, Charles & Sarah | 236 W. Marigold Street, Munhall, PA 15120 | 412-462-6735 | chaslucas@gmail.com |
| 19 | Madden, James & Heidi | 3045 Mt. Troy Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 | 412-321-1654 | |
| 20 | Matenkosky, Walter | 702 Spring Street, Latrobe, PA 15650 | 724-537-8922 | wmatenkosky@hotmail.com |
| 21 | McDonald, Paul & Joyce | 258 Evans City Road, Butler, PA 16001-2711 | 724- 287-5671 | |
| 22 | Morgan, Robert & Margaret | 344 Ridge Road, New Brighton, PA 15066 | 724-846-6040 | |
| 23 | Puskas, Stephen | 458 Whitestown Road, Butler, PA 16001 | 724-482-1165 | |
| 24 | Rudolph, Carl | 14 Frances Drive, Coraopolis, PA 15108 | 412-859-3767 | |
| 25 | Steigerwaldt, James & Diane | 506 Quail Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066-4074 | 724-776-0935 | |
| 26 | Sweet, John & Charlotte | 1264 Walnut Street, Stoneboro, PA 16153 | 724-376-4335 | jasvair@certainty.net |
| 27 | Tyger, John & Barb | 8399 Rte 954 Hwy. N., Creekside, PA 15732 | 724-397-2043 | jtyger@yourinter.net |
| 28 | Walter, Lester | 100 Thompson Lane South, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 | 724-863-8437 | timerles@aol.com |

Dear Corvair Friends,

If your name does not appear on the current roster above, it simply means you have not paid your annual dues for 2007. Please see *Dos and Dues* on page 1 for details. We want to see your name again—as a paid up member on the roster.

Thank you,

Luke

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

**King's Restaurant—Wexford • Route 910 • off I-79 at Exit 73
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**



Never Forget 09-11-01

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Western Pennsylvania
Corvaair Club
236 W. Margold Street
Munhall, PA 15120

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**Please don't let this be
your last issue of the
Vair Street Journal**

We want you to continue your membership this year. Please support the club that is all about the cars that you love. It's only \$12 to be a member. We have meetings, events and the Vair Street Journal for you. Don't let yourself or the club down. Please see Dos and Dues on page 1.