

VAIR STREET JOURNAL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

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Who's New in 2008

If you were at the Grant Bar & Lounge for the WPCC Holiday Party, perhaps you'll remember that we elected new officers for 2008. The results went something like this: Pat Greenwald, our stalwart Secretary for so many years, continues in that position. Dwayne Cekus begins a third term as our Treasurer. Our outgoing President, Don Cekus, accepted the position of Vice President.



New Officers – Jim Steigerwaldt, President; Pat Greenwald, Secretary; Don Cekus, Vice President and Dwayne Cekus, Treasurer

In the driver's seat of our Corvair Club is one who probably thought, "Sure I'll give it a try. It can't be that tough. A relatively new face running an organization can be a good thing. I'll do it." And that's what our new President and first time officer, Jim Steigerwaldt is doing. So we thank him, along with the other officers and board members for their efforts over the years.

Results of the Board Meeting

The officers and members of the WPCC board met on Saturday, February 16, at the North Park Lounge Field Club, to set up an agenda for the coming year. Present were, Jim Steigerwaldt, Don Cekus, Pat Greenwald and the following board members: Tim Desmond, John Gundlach, Jim Heatherington, Bob Heiber, Jim Madden, Stephen Puskas and yours truly, Charles (Luke) Lucas. Also in attendance as observers were Don Baker and Les Walter.

Before lunch was served the group thought it a good idea to proceed with the business at hand. A calendar of tentatively scheduled events resulted from the discussions that followed. Turn to page 3 to see the Calendar of Events for 2008.

Al Friend Hospitalized



PHOTO BY CHARLES LUCAS

Al Friend at the Holiday Party in January

Earlier this month, Al Friend underwent open heart surgery and is now recovering at home. He should take it easy for a while, so you'd better talk to Carole first before you decide to involve Al in any wild and crazy Corvair matters. Our best to Al!

Paid your WPCC dues yet?

It's that time of year when I write about paying your annual Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club dues. This is just a quiet reminder. We're hoping that you will continue your membership this year. Thanks.

Please send your check to our treasurer, **Dwayne Cekus**, not to me. Can't remember if you've paid your dues for this year? Please see page 7 for paid-up members and send your check to:

Dwayne Cekus
108 Prosser Drive
Monongahela, PA 15063

While we're on the subject of membership, if you know someone who is interested in Corvairs, please tell them about WPCC and invite them to join.

January 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The club met at The Grant Bar & Lounge for the annual Holiday Party/meeting. Forty-three people attended.

Officers present:

- President, Don Cekus
- Vice President, Jim Steigerwaldt
- Secretary, Pat Greenwald
- Treasurer; Dwayne Cekus.

Board members present:

- Tim Desmond
- John Gundlach
- Jim Heatherington
- Bob Hieber
- Jim Madden
- Steve Puskas
- Charles Lucas, newsletter editor

Pat Greenwald, and Dolly Izzo conducted the Chinese auction. The proceeds were \$166.00.

The meeting was called to order by President, Don Cekus. Don presented the 'Member of the Year' trophy to John Gundlach and thanked him for the very nice day at the Saxonburg Arts Festival and picnic at his home.

Nominating committee chair, Don Baker, announced the following candidates for each of the club offices for 2008:

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

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

2008 board members: John Gundlach, Jim Heatherington, Bob Hieber, Jim Madden, and Steve Puskas.

Don turned the meeting over to Jim Steigerwaldt. Don thanked the officers and board members for their service this past year.

Al Friend passed around cards for some members that could not be present.

Al and Carol Friend conducted the gift exchange. The Road Rage Racer was all the 'rage' bouncing from member to member for the second year. Other popular gifts that were traded more than once ranged from dark chocolate to super snow scrapers.

Respectively submitted,



Pat Greenwald

Financial Report

INCOME

Dues	\$572.00
50/50	25.50
Holiday Party Checks	494.50
Chinese Auction	137.00
Refund/Legislative Council	205.23
Total Income	\$1,434.23

EXPENSES

Check No.	Date	Purpose	Amount
1024	01-23-2007	Holiday Party	\$819.12
1025	01-23-2007	USPS Stamps	7.80
1026	02-22-2007	Vair Street Journal Expenses	64.44
1027	03-01-2007	Legislative Council	35.00
1028	04-01-2007	CORSA Dues	20.00
1029	07-12-2007	Vair Street Journal Expenses	119.88
1030	08-27-2007	Vair Street Journal Expenses	44.14
1031	10-01-2007	Office Supplies	44.76
1032	11-01-2007	Vair Street Journal Expenses	62.66
1033	12-11-2007	Vair Street Journal Expenses	61.32
Total Expenses			(\$1,279.12)
Net Income			\$155.11

Reconciliation 2007

12-31-2007	Ending Bank Balance	\$2,365.46
01-01-2007	Less Beginning Bank Balance	(\$2,210.35)
		\$155.11

The financial report was prepared by our treasurer, Dwayne Cekus

WPCC Events Calendar for 2008

<p>JANUARY</p> <p>6 Holiday Party at The Grant Bar & Lounge*</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>16 WPCC Board Meeting*</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>25 Member Meeting—Brew House</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>Nothing scheduled at this time</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>27 Member Meeting—King's ? Eric Wine Tasting—J. Madden</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>23 thru 27 Convention</p>
<p>JULY</p> <p>20 Vintage Grand Prix 22 Member Meeting—Brew House 20 or 27 Jennerstown— J. Heatherington</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>2 Blueberry Picking, Eric—T. Desmond 24 Grand Canyon of PA—Don Cekus 2 Victory Hill—Dwayne Cekus</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>7 Saxonburg Arts Festival/Picnic at John Gundlachs 25 Member Meeting—King's</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>? Econo-run—Bob Hieber</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>25 Member Meeting Brew House</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Holiday Party next month at Grant Bar & Lounge on January 4, 2009</p>

A letter from Bill Artzberger

Hello Al & Carole,

Thanks to you and the good old Corvairsters for the "Best Wishes" card. I can recall signing our (Irene's and my) name on several cards for others in our club over the years. I can recall thinking to myself that there may come a day that we would be the "receiver" of a like card...and here it is! So, thanks again, we appreciate it very much.

We still have the '68 turbo/4-speed convertible and the '67 (look-alike) Sprint coupe. Neither has been driven in more than four years. We sold most of our spare parts, but still have Z8 carburetors. We also have our two Model A Fords (and lots of extra parts) that have not been driven either. And I still have Gene Rising's '86 Chrysler LeBaron convertible. It's a really clean trophy winner wherever it goes! I'd like to sell it (for what I have in it) to get some extra space in our garage. It gets an honest 30+ MPG and will outrun a Corvairster! (I hate to admit that!)

Irene is doing okay...at least under the circumstances. I'm a 24/7 caregiver and we have help from an "aid" each day. A nurse visits once each week. I've learned to plan meals, shop, cook, wash dishes, iron clothes, clean house, etc, etc. Surprisingly, I don't mind it at all! The days are very short but I miss working in the garage/workshop. I also miss going on old car tours. Irene always enjoyed them so much.

Again, thanks to all the Corvairsters for the card and their thoughts.
"May your tour thru life be a clear sky and an open road on a sunny day!"

Bill Artzberger

Seen at the Holiday Party

It was another grand and glorious Holiday Party, celebrated this year on January 6th, at the Grant Bar & Lounge in Millvale. The food and atmosphere were perfect for the 43 people who attended. So pleased were we, that we have reserved Grant's once again for our Holiday Party on Sunday, January 4th of 2009. Put that date on your calendar and in the back of your mind.

The festivities got under way at 2:30 with folks meeting, greeting, talking and enjoying beverages from the cash bar. Folks scurried about buying tickets and depositing them in the containers for the Chinese Auction. Pat Greenwald and Dolly Izzo, with some help from Don Cekus, called out the winning numbers to the lucky ticket holders. Dinner followed the Chinese Auction. I think you would be hard pressed to find anyone among the attendees who found fault with their dinner choices.

The famous (and infamous too) Gift Exchange, hosted by Al and Carol Friend, followed dinner, but I'm sorry to say that Sarah and I had to depart early because of her evening nap needed before her 11:00 to 7:30 shift at Mercy Hospital, so we missed much of the Gift Exchange fun. It seems that a number of other folks left earlier than expected as well. So our new president, Jim Steigerwaldt has a simple remedy for the matter in the future. Henceforth, the Gift Exchange will proceed the dinner, with the Chinese Auction to follow dinner. We would urge everyone in the future to stay and enjoy the full evening's worth of fun.

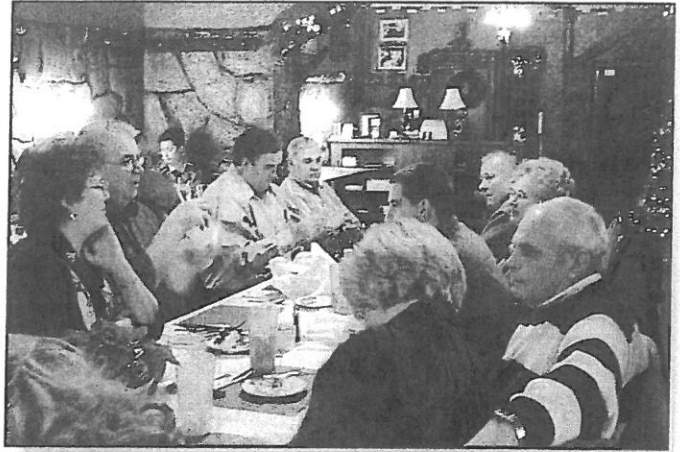


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Clockwise from left: Donna and Bob Hieber, Dwayne Cekus, Ken Cekus, Joseph and Nora Puskas, Stephen Puskas, Dick and Carol Brier. Off in the background between Bob Hieber and Dwayne Cekus is Mary Ellen Cekus



PHOTO BY CHARLES LUCAS

On the far side of the table: Carol Brier, Donna Mae Mims, Les Walter. On the near side of the table with his back to us is the new WPCC president, Jim Steigerwaldt. In the background, between Carol and Donna Mae are Tim and Michelle Desmond. Jan Fabyonic is between Donna Mae and Les Walter



PHOTO BY CHARLES LUCAS

Here's a lovely young lady whom we have watched grow up over the past 15 or 16 years. Let's hope that Laura is a future Corvairster

•this past January 6, 2008



PHOTO BY DON BAYER

John Gundlach, left, receives a handshake and the Member of the Year Award trophy from Don Cekus. The Gundlachs hosted a backyard picnic at their home in conjunction with the Saxonburg Arts Festival in September. It was a family effort involving John, his wife, Gayle and daughter Laura.



PHOTO BY DON BAKER

Hey, look who's in the picture, the editor of the Vair Street Journal with his gift exchange tire clock.



PHOTO BY CHARLES LUCAS

Heidi Madden prepares to sign one of several cards to WPCC members who had health issues and were unable to attend the Holiday Party. Incidentally, it was Heidi who wrote the copy for, and provided photos for the "WPCC goes to the Drags" in the last issue of the Vair Street Journal. To Heidi's right is Don Baker, photographer and one man nominating committee extraordinaire.



PHOTO BY DON BAKER

Just the thing for Jim Heatherington—a new bumper for his Corvaire. That's Jim's wife, Suzanne, chucking behind him.

The Electronic *Vair Street Journal*

The Journal is late, I know, but this is a very special issue. It marks the beginning of the electronic *Vair Street Journal*. It is being produced with new software (at least it's new for me) that is still driving me a little crazy because of the new learning curve. As I write this, I'm not 100% certain of the results.

But here's what's suppose to happen if everything goes right: If I have your e-mail address I will send your copy of the *Journal* via the internet. You'll see color photographs as color images on your computer monitor. You can read the *Journal* as you would any e-mail, right on the monitor, or if that doesn't appeal to you, then you can print it out in color (if you have a color printer) and sit in your easy chair and read it just as you did when it was a black and white publication.

If I don't have your e-mail address I'll be sending you the usual black and white version that you are used to receiving via the United States Postal Service (USPS). If you think you would like to save 42¢ for WPCC on your next copy of the *Journal*, you can still send me your e-mail address at any time and I'll add your name to the group that gets the *Journal* electronically. I'm aware that not everyone owns a computer and we certainly wouldn't expect you to run out and buy one.

Here's something to think about though—the number of Corvair people is dwindling each and every year; there are fewer and fewer of us to support the Corvair hobby, which means we have to do it with less money. It also means we need some fresh young blood in the hobby. The fact remains, last year alone,

the cost to mail the *Journal* was \$120. If you turn back to the financial report on page 3 and add up the entries for *Vair Street Journal Expenses*, you would find that it cost roughly \$400 to print and mail the *Journal* in 2007.

We think it's important for you to know what's going on in your club. We do some darned nice events and we hope that you'll join us once in a while. In the mean time, if you have a computer and would be willing to receive your copy of the *Vair Street Journal* electronically, send me your e-mail address, and I'll be pleased to send you the **Electronic Journal**. My e-mail address is chaslucas@gmail.com. Be sure to type "Corvair" or "WPCC" in the subject box.

Thanks.
Luke

In Memory

We were sorry to learn of the passing on Monday, March 3, 2008, of Stella Mancinelli, mother of Letty Buccigrossi. To Letty and her family, we offer our sympathy.

We have just learned of the March 14, 2008 passing of Archie Miller, age 83, former WPCC member and president. Of Indian Head, PA, Archie and his wife Alice were married for 64 years.

For Sale

Pat Greenwald received an e-mail message about a couple of Corvairs that are for sale. The message goes something like this:

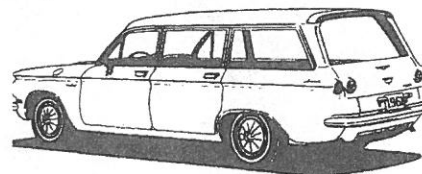
I own and operate an automotive repair shop in Western Pennsylvania previously owned by my father-in-law. He had purchased three Corvair Monzas.

- White 1962 4-door, 48,000 miles
- Silver 1968 2-door, 4,983 miles
- 1965 station wagon

The reason for my e-mail to you is that I would like to sell two of these vehicles, and I would like them to go to a home of someone who would appreciate them. If you or anyone in your organization has an interest, please contact me.

Happy motoring
Bruce Matheny
724-843-3220

Mr. Matheny might not be well acquainted with Corvairs and Corvair production figures because I think most of us know that there were no station wagons produced in 1965*. Nevertheless, it's probably worth a call and/or a visit to Rte. 60, Beaver Falls where his shop is located.



***FYI**—Corvair Station Wagon Production figures—The first year for Corvair Lakewood Station Wagons (model 735) was 1961 when a total of 20,451 were produced. The next and last year, 1962, saw only 2,362 Monza Station Wagons (model 935) produced.

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	Artzberger, Bill & Irene	305 Golf Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15229	412-364-6842	BILLA305@comcast.net
3	Bachman, Jack & Joyce	402 Elfinwild Lane, Glenshaw, PA 15116	412-486-2478	
4	Baker, Don & Joanne	12461 Larimer Avenue, North Huntingdon, PA 15642	724-863-3770	dcbakerscca@yahoo.com
5	Biddington, William & Carol	1722 Lexington Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401	724-455-1826	wbiddington@atlanticbb.net
6	Brier, Dick & Carol	493 Sleepy Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228	412-563-4591	
7	Brill, Jean	4500 Oakhurst Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17110	717-526-4523	
8	Buccigrossi, Emerick & Letty	1502 Fernledge Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101	412-486-7691	ebuccigrossi@comcast.net
9	Bucklew, David & Linda	414 W. Newcastle Street, Zelienople, PA 16063	724-452-5735	dbucklew1@verizon.net
10	Cekus, Don & Mary Ellen	286 Hillcrest Circle, Pittsburgh, PA 15237	412-364-8224 C:412-952-3190	corsa1@att.net
11	Cekus, Dwayne & Joy	108 Prosser Drive, Monongahela, PA 15063	724-258-7778 C:412-296-0294	cekus@verizon.net
12	Cekus, Ken & Toots	28 Center Avenue, Monongahela, PA 15063	724-258-8514	onecorvair@yahoo.com
13	Clapper, Ed & Wendy	158 Ridge Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001	724-375-1461	
14	Costantino, John & Clare	305 3rd Street, Freeport, PA 16229-1141	724-295-2675	
15	Dandois, Dick & Marie	11844 Roue 286 Hwy W., Homer City, PA 15748-7803	724-726-5606	dindy2@earthlink.net
16	Desmond, Tim & Michelle	107 Hivue Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237	412-761-3926	TDES123@netzero.com
17	Duva, Vincent & Louise	195 Browns Hill Road, Valencia, PA 16059	724-898-1604	
18	Fabyonic, Dave & Janice	387 Sierra Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15239	724-327-7361	davidfab@usa.net
19	Fabyonic, David, Jr. & Melisa	313 Oak Wood Circle, McDonald, PA 15057	412-2574554	
20	Friend, Al & Carole	6000 Great Oaks Drive, Export, PA 15632	724-325-2588 W 88-311-4183	albert_friend@ml.com
21	Gatts, Gary & Joan	38 Emery Road, Fredericktown PA 15333	724-263-5356	
22	Goehring, Earl & Diane	140 Whitestown Road, Harmony, PA 16037	724-452-8823	
23	Greenwald, Pat	415 Crestview Drive, Plum, PA 15239	412-795-5719	pggreen233@netzero.com
24	Gundlach, John, Gayle & Laura	228 McKay Road, Saxonburg, PA 16056	724-352-4205	
25	Hackl, George & Marlene	420, Hulton Road, New Kensington, PA 15068	724-224-0482	
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27	Heatheringington, Jim & Suzanne	128 Sharp Road, White Oak, PA 15131	412-672-0914	suzanne@heatheringington.com
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29	Jones, Judy	3205 Bell Air Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15227	412-882-2109	wandjjones@yahoo.com
30	Kreisel, Curt & Elana	1141 Sunrise Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15243	412-561-1845	curt.kreisel@wolterskluwer.com
31	Lane, Bob & Ellie	122 Woodhawk Lane, Butler, PA 16001	724-234-3263	traderlane@zoominternet.net
32	Lucas, Charles & Sarah	236 W. Marigold Street, Munhall, PA 15120-2233	412-462-6735	chaslucas@gmail.com
33	Madden, Jim & Heidi	3045 Mt. Troy Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15212	412-321-1654	
34	Matenkosky, Walter & Susan	702 Spring Street, Latrobe, PA 15650	724-537-8922	wmatenkosky@hotmail.com
35	McDonald, Paul & Joyce	258 Evans City Road, Butler, PA 16001-2711	724-287-5671	
36	Mims, Donna Mae	2467 Brookledge Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017	412-221-3257	
37	Morgan, Robert & Margaret	344 Ridge Road, New Brighton, PA 15066	724-846-6040	
38	Puskas, Stephen	130 Alana Drive, Saxonburg, PA 16056 (Temporary)	724-482-1165	Pusk8@aol.com
39	Rising, Connie	155 Ben Franklin Road N., Indiana, PA 15701	724-465-4146	
40	Rudolph, Carl	14 Frances Drive, Coraopolis, PA 15108	412-859-3767	
41	Schifano, Charlie & Connie	223 Blackridge Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601	724-832-7498	
42	Shearer Ralph & Joanne	30 Clover Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650	724-539-8645	
43	Steigerwaldt James & Diane	506 Quail Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066-4074	724-776-0935	
44	Sweet, John & Charlotte	1264 Walnut Street, Stoneboro, PA 16153	724-376-4335	jasvair@certainty.net
45	Tedesco, Bob & Polly	4741 Curry Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236	412-881-8577 C: 614-496-4000	bptedesco@aol.com
46	Tyger, John, & Barb	8399 Rte 954 Hwy. N., Creekside, PA 15732	724-397-2043	jtyger@yourinter.net
47	Walter, Lester	100 Thompson Lane South, North Huntingdon, PA 15642	724-863-8437	timerles@aol.com
48	Wardoclip, Paul & Lois	891 State Route 356, Leechburg, PA 15656	724-845-2699	pwardoclip@windstream.net
	Watkins, Kerry & Linda	209-1/2 S. Third Street, Youngwood, PA 15697	724-925-1962	
50	Yobst, Robert & Rosalie	518 Brookdale Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215	412-963-9943	
51	Young, Bill & Dana	126 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017	412-220-3896 C: 412-260-8359	william.h.young@verizon.net

If you would like to correct or update your listing, please forward the correct information to:

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Never Forget
09-11-01

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

*John Harvard's Brew House • 3466 William Penn Highway
(Business Route 22) • 400 Penn Center Boulevard No. 3466*

Pittsburgh (Monroeville), PA 15235

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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