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Never Forget 09-11-01

Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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



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What's on Tap for 2010

Date	Event	Contact
March 23	Meeting at North Park Lounge	
March 28	Myersdale Maple Festival	Don Baker
April 23-25	Springfest – Helen, GA	Don Cekus
May 1	Tom O'Brien's Car Collection*	Don baker
May 16-22	Chevy tour to Tennessee **	J. Heatherington/D. Cekus
May 25	Meeting at King's in Wexford	
June 4.	Wexford Starlite Car Cruise, Wexford.	David Bucklew
June 12.	Picnic at Stephen's w/ Butler AACA . .	Stephen Puskas
June 21-25	CORSA Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA .	Don Cekus
July 9-11.	South Bend, IN Trip w/Butler AACA . .	Stephen Puskas
July 16-25. . . .	Vintage Grand Prix	Don Baker
July 17	Quecreek Mine/Flight 93 Memorial . .	Ralph Shearer/Al Friend
July 18	Beaver Run	Don Baker
July 21-24. . . .	Buffalo, NY- Tour with AACA	Jim Heatherington
July 27	Meeting at North Park Lounge	
July or Aug.?	Erie Wine Country	Jim Madden
August 3.	Blueberry Trip, Edinboro	Tim Desmond
August ?.	Victory Hill Car Show	Don Cekus
August 14. . . .	National Pike & Steam Gas & Horse . .	Pat Greenwald
August 15-18	Oil City area Tour with AACA	Jim Heatherington
Sept ?	Saxonburg Festival & Picnic.	John Gundlach
Sept 28.	Meeting at King's in Wexford	
October ?	Covered Bridge Tour.	Bob Hieber
Nov 23	Meeting at North Park Lounge	
Jan 9, 2011. . . .	Holiday Party – Grant Bar	Jim Stiegerwaldt

*Tom O'Brien Car Collection–Meet at 12 noon May 1 at Eat'n Park–201 Ohio River Blvd., Edgeworth

**Jim Heatherington will check to find out if there is space available and if those going need to join the Vintage Chevrolet Car Club.

February 13, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

- Jim Steigerwaldt, *President*
- Don Cekus, *Vice President*
- Jim Heatherington, *Treasurer*
- Pat Greenwald, *Secretary*

Board members present:

Al Friend
 Jim Madden
 Steve Puskas
 Charles Lucas, Newsletter editor

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Steigerwaldt.

Bill Young's final treasurer's report showed a balance on February 2nd of \$2,712.25.

The donation to CORSA in the name of Donna May Mims has not been sent yet. The collection at the holiday party amounted to \$141.00. It was voted on and agreed to increase the amount to \$200.00.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the tentative schedule of events for 2010.

Tentative schedule of events for 2010:

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June?	Mountain Playhouse, Jennerstown	Jim Heatherington
June 21-25	CORSA National Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA	Don Cekus
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July 27	Meeting at North Park Lounge	
July or Aug. ?	Erie Wine Country	Jim Madden
July 17	Quecreek Mine – Flight 93 Memorial**	Al Friend

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Also, Don Baker will look into a trip to Sewickley to check out Yenko Stingers, and Al Friend suggested a trip to Franklin and Drakes Well as a fill-in event.

Respectively submitted,


 Pat Greenwald

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**An update on the Saturday July 17 Somerset County event from Al Friend follows:

Chairpersons Ralph & Joanna Shearer.

Assistants Jim & Suzanne Heatherington, Al & Carole Friend.

Attractions Quecreek Mine Rescue Site; Flight 93 Memorial; A private antique gas pump collection; and the historic town of Ligonier.

Starting point Probably the Latrobe area.

Please note: The dates and events shown in the above minutes of the February Board Meeting are a record of that meeting and do not necessarily agree with the more up-to-date schedule that appears on page 2.

CORSA—Opinion from Behind the Wheel

When you pick up the latest copy of the *CORSA Communique*, do you read *From the President* or the *Director's Turn at the Wheel*? If the answer is "NO", then perhaps it's time you did. You're spending \$45 a year on an organization that doesn't have a mission statement. In these economic and high-tech times, CORSA, out of necessity, will have to change. You should be aware of those changes as they begin to unfold. On pages 6 of this issue of the *Vair Street Journal* is Jackson Dell Weaver's column entitled CORSA is Broken. Also on page 6 and continuing to page 8, is Jamie Reinhart's, CORSA's Future? If you didn't read these two opinion columns in the *CORSA Communique*, here's your chance to be informed. Please see page 6.

An Invitation from the Butler Old Stone House Region AACA

Dr. & Mrs. Daryl Kemerer
2137 Prospect Rd.
Prospect, PA 16052

To the Corvair Club:

On behalf of the Butler Old Stone House Region AACA, we are pleased to extend an invitation to your club to a weekend trip to South Bend, Indiana, July 9 - 11, 2010. We have joined with other clubs for events in the past few years and we would enjoy the fellowship of being with members of your club for this Summer Weekend in South Bend. We have also included a DVD about South Bend (7 minutes in length), and a folder of brochures of the sites on the itinerary.

The Summer Weekend in South Bend itinerary includes some wonderful museums and sight-seeing in the beautiful South Bend area. Please read the flyer carefully. We need to hear of your expressed interest in this trip by April 15. Requesting a registration form is not a final commitment to this weekend trip, however, your request will give us an indication of the approximate number of participants when negotiating rates through the South Bend Visitors and Convention Bureau.

We hope you will join us in another exciting event hosted by the Butler Old Stone House Region AACA!

Sincerely,
Daryl & Kathy Kemerer

Tel. (724) 865-2548
Email: nedivemf30@embarqmail.com

Participants may wish to drive their antique or modern car, and we encourage carpooling. If there is enough interest we might rent passenger vans.

Daryl & Kathy Kemerer have planned several tours in the South Bend area. In order to obtain group rates for lodging, meals, and museum entry fees we need to know an approximate number of participants by April 15. We can then get an accurate cost worked out for this trip.

If you are seriously interested in going to South Bend with us, please contact Daryl & Kathy to request the registration form and other trip information. Registration forms and flyers will be mailed (by request only) in early May. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Tentive Itinerary will Include:

Friday, July 9

- Motor from Butler to Shipshewana, IN
- Visit Hostetler's Hudson Museum, antique shop, Amish shops
- Group dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant
- Continue on to lodging at South Bend

Saturday, July 10

- A Day in South Bend
- Center for History
- Copshaholm Mansion
- Studebaker National Museum
- Group lunch at Tippecanoe Place (the Studebaker Mansion)
- Notre Dame, other sites, dinner on your own

Sunday, July 11

- Hesston Steam Museum
- Lunch, Amish Acres in Nappanee (on your own)
- Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN
- Return home

Thanks to Dave Bucklew for putting us on to this special cruise night for Corvairs and other Chevy marques

Wexford Starlite Car Cruise June 4, 2010

Featured Chevys:

Corvair - Chevelle - Bell Air - Nova - etc.

No Corvettes or Camaros



PHOTO BY STEVE KALASKY

Aerial View of the Wexford Starlite Car Cruise

Directions

Cruises are held at North Way Christian Community's parking lot, 12121 Perry Highway, Wexford, which is 1/4 mile north of Rt. 910 & Rt. 19, across from Sheetz (or 4 miles south of the Cranberry Connector Exit of the Turnpike).

Cruise update Hotline: 724-935-6803, ext. 2222

The Wexford Starlite Car Cruise happens every Friday night from 6-10 PM (weather permitting) May 23-August 29. Free admission! Call or check web site for weather cancellation updates!

Cruise website: www.starlitecarcruise.com

Wexford Starlite Car Cruise Rules and Guidelines

The Wexford Starlite Car Cruise is a fantastic place for Hot Rodders, Gearheads, Car Crazy People as well as Families. We strive to provide a safe and friendly atmosphere for all who come each Friday night. For that reason, we need to ask our visitors to abide some simple rules while attending the Cruise.

1. Alcoholic beverages or the consumption of such are not permitted on cruise premises
2. Space saving is permitted ONLY on the upper lot, and must be released at 6 PM
3. For sale signs, and solicitation of sales for vehicles is not permitted on cruise premises
4. Pets must be properly licensed, leashed, under control of owner at all times, and picked up after or you will be asked to remove your pet from the property

For Sale

Marie Dandois saw the following ad in *The Horse Trader*

1966 Corvair 2 DR hdt. 4 speed 61 K show quality \$5,500 or trade for old truck 1940-1960's in same condition 724 349 2526. This is in Indiana PA. I goggled the number—Russell Lloyd, 163 Plaza Road, Indiana PA (near Wal Mart) (Marie sent this ad to me via e-mail. Thanks Marie)

CORSA is Broken

Opinion expressed by Jackson Dell Weaver in the December 2009, *CORSA Communique*

CORSA is broken. Oh, it limps along alright...but if CORSA were a client, I'd tell us we're not working...not viable...not happening. Let's take a look at what CORSA offers members, at least according to our website:

- Holds a national convention—a weeklong celebration of all things Corvair.
- Publishes *Communique*, a monthly magazine for the membership.
- Advertising in the *Communique*—but at a price.
- Free T-shirt with new memberships.
- Historic preservation efforts through CPF.
- Virtual Vairs—the worlds most annoying forum.

The question is: does that justify the organization we've created?

Tim Mahler has done a great job of managing...a rather disparate group, the Board, and keeping our financial heads above water, if just barely. But as a board member I have no real sense that we accomplish much or get anything done that contributes anything to anyone. We've become much like a government bureaucracy, more interested in our preservation than serving our constituents.

As a Board we discuss arcane rules-of-order (is a phone conference a legal meeting?), pass pleasant motions honoring various members of the community, argue over the validity of expenses, second-guess our vendors, all while fretting over declining membership.

I can't see that anything that CORSA does adds much to the enjoyment of the cars or the groups we hang with. And, I'd argue we should look at the following mission elements:

The social function of CORSA—a group of Corvair guys hanging out swapping stories and tips—is really best at the local club level. The convention is a great social venue...but that's just once per year and expensive to attend.

The dissemination of information—which really is what the *Communique* is about—could equally well be handled on the web or with a decent forum.

Classified ads (printed) are as useless here as they are in major newspapers. Online classified (see Craig Newmark's famous list if that doesn't make sense) is the new standard.

Before anyone throws necker nobs at me, I know that not everyone is online these days...and take great comfort in the way we've done things. I'm sorry, but time does move on, and just because we had TV antennas outside most of our homes in the 1960s that didn't stop the intrusion of cable TV.

The communique either needs to be converted to straight subscription that a private company can choose to publish or not. The bulk of our communications should be via a subgroup on Facebook or LinkedIn or a forum much like Corvair Center. More dialog, less cost.

I'm seeing affiliated groups in LinkedIn and Facebook throwing their own events with great success. If there is demand for a week-long CORSA convention, let someone organize it (certainly some clubs would jump in here) and make a couple of bucks off the event. CORSA has successfully pulled off events (like Jacksonville) that were profitable...but the success is very dependent upon volunteer work and effectiveness of the local sponsoring club.

One final point: with declining membership—and arguably no real viable way to reverse that in any substantial way—the finances of CORSA are slowly crumbling. Time to rethink the model.

It's my experience that most of the process of running CORSA is a waste of time for all of us. That CORSA's current organization structure was fine in 1975, but today it's a little like walking into Rusty Acres convalescents home and seeing Lawrence Welk on the telly. If CORSA were my client, I'd blow it up tomorrow.

CORSA's Future?

Opinion expressed by Jamie Reinhart in the February 2010, *CORSA Communique*

I made the question mark in the title for a reason. Because of two reasons actually, the first being that no one can predict the future of this organization, and the second relates to the enormous amount of questions being asked since the December Director's Turn at the Wheel came out. Which was exactly the intent of the column's author. Two of the many questions got my attention. One of the questions alluded to the fact that everything stated in the column was negative and there was no actual plan listed for the future. The second was the 100% CORSA membership debate. So I began to formulate a membership concept and plan for the future, using ideas from many members. This is a quick overview of the end result. If you are interested in the complete plan, you can contact me at jtreinhart@omnitelcom.com and I will send you a copy.

This leads us into the first piece of the plan. As a CORSA member and a Central Division Director I would like to be able

to communicate and provide valuable services to as many people as possible. These services need to be paid for. This has been done two ways in the past, by members paying CORSA dues, and for chapters that don't have 100% CORSA membership, a chapter's filing fee. The dues have been rising to offset the cost of services, but the filing fee has not. The fee is small and fixed, so it does not cover the CORSA provided services, mostly administration and insurance fees, for all of the non-CORSA members in some chapters. This has been a point of contention for many years, but I believe all members, CORSA and chapters alike, want to do their part and pay for the services they receive. There are three obvious ways to solve this problem: raise the dues, change the filing fee to a per-person fee, or mandate 100% CORSA membership from chapters. A better solution would be if we added more value to CORSA membership

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26	Hackl , George & Marlene	420 , Hulton Road, New Kensington, PA 15068	724-224-0482	
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36	Puskas , Stephen	130 Alana Drive, Saxonburg, PA 16056 (Temporary)	724-352-4294	Pusk8@aol.com
37	Rising , Connie	155 Ben Franklin Road N., Indiana, PA 15701	724-465-4146	
38	Schifano , Charlie & Connie	223 Blackridge Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601	724-832-7498	charlieschifano@verizon.net
39	Shearer , Ralph & Joanne	30 Clover Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650	724-539-8645	
40	Steigerwaldt James & Diane	506 Quail Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066-4074	724-776-0935	Jimstg@zzoom.net
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If you would like to correct or update your listing, please forward the correct information to:

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Please note: if your last name is **not in Bold type** or on a tinted background it means you have not paid your dues for 2010. **This is the last Newsletter you will receive**

CORSA's Future *continued from page 6*

by adding a choice of three separately priced membership levels, and more services. Here is a short description of the membership tiers and the added services.

Tier One should be priced to make it cost-effective for those who wish to participate in CORSA events, pay for their portion of CORSA insurance and administration fees, utilize the benefits of the CORSA website, and have a vote in CORSA business, but have no desire to receive a *Communique*. Tier Two members will opt to receive a *e-Communique* instead of a printed issue, at a lesser fee than Tier Three, with all the normal CORSA benefits. Tier Three members will receive a printed *Communique* and all the benefits they do presently.

This three-tiered membership concept could eliminate the chapter filing fee, and help non-CORSA members become members. Chapters could add the minimal Tier one dues onto the chapter's dues of their non-CORSA members, as a service fee. The member will automatically become a Tier One member and receive the extra CORSA benefits. Or they could use the money slated for the chapter filing fee and some discretionary money to sign up a few, or all of their non-CORSA members.

To add greater value to all membership tiers, the CORSA website is being redesigned, and additional services are being added,

namely a Corvair Wikipedia section and the Commscan Project is a group of individuals dedicated to scan and create electronic PDF files of all CORSA publications from the last 40 years. It will include a word-searchable index so members can find specific articles, or they can choose to use the files for just plain reading enjoyment. The Commscan Project will take a considerable amount of time to complete, but will be well worth the wait. The Wiki will be available soon on the CORSA website for members to start downloading information into. Both projects will most likely be placed behind the membership benefits area of the website, and only available to CORSA members. There will also be selected excerpts of each, on the public portion of the website, to act as a promotional tool and demonstrate the value of CORSA membership.

Because of the additional content, and the change in behavior of society to use more and more electronic communication, the CORSA website will become the most important piece for future communication and recruitment. Each piece of this plan creates a section of a large circle that will continue to link us together for many years, even if familiar services like the printed *Communique* or the International Convention cease to exist.

This plan includes changes, but they are needed to sustain CORSA. I have always been leery of change, but not afraid of it. Are you?

