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Snowshoe Mountain Resort Agenda is Set

Folks, this event has been rolling around in John Gundlach's mind for over five years, and we are going to pull it off this year.

It is the opinion of John, Ralph Shearer and Al Friend, after spending 16 hours in W. VA. working on this event, that it will be the best tour in our club's 33 year history!

However, we need you to commit to the event now by reserving your room. We must pay for the train tickets 30 days in advance, so we must know who is going. We are committed to having at least 25 for the dinner steam train excursion so that we will get the discounted rates listed below.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

Choose from three departure locations:

1. The King's Restaurant at Route 210 and I-79, leaving at noon.
2. The McDonald's Restaurant in the town of New Stanton, leaving at noon.
3. The rest area on I-79 south, 3 miles north of Clarksburg, leaving at 2:00 PM.

Should you need it, Al Friend's cell phone no. is (724) 433- 0839, and John Gundlach's cell phone no. is (724) 822-0803. If you plan to meet us at the resort, the check-in time is 5:00 PM, and the route is: South on I-79 to exit 99, Rt.33 east to south on Rt. 219 to east on Rt.66. The Inn at Snowshoe will be on your left. Check in, settle in, relax, have dinner at the Inn, across the street at a diner, or 10 minutes up the mountain to choose from many restaurants.



The Inn is delightful in every respect. Get a good night's sleep.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

We'll get you up early for a day that will include, at least: A tour along the breathtaking Highland Scenic Highway, a guided tour of the Cranberry Glades Botanical area, including a bird of prey

exhibit, lunch at the famous Country Roads Cafe, Beartown State Park, a nostalgic steam train dinner excursion with real bluegrass entertainers, and an evening pub crawl, if you have anything left! Get a good nights sleep.

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Snowshoe Agenda from page 1**SUNDAY, AUG. 20**

Breakfast at the Inn, check out. On the way home we will at least: Tour the Cass Showcase: an audio/visual show and scale model of the history of the town of Cass and its railroad operations; The Cass RR machine shop where the engines are maintained and restored; the National Radio Astronomy Observatory; lunch at the Starlight Cafe; the Science Center at Green Bank, and the Galaxy Gift Shop. This tour will be very educational and we highly advise

bringing children and grandchildren along. When you get home, we bet that you'll sleep real good!

What do you need to do now?

Please make your room reservations, then we will know that you are on board for this tour. We need head counts as soon as possible. So please call (877) 441-4386, option 2, and mention the block of rooms reserved for the Western PA Corvair Car Club, to get our special rate.

The **CROWN JEWEL** of this tour is the early evening dinner, stream train excursion, with entertainment. (Adults \$29, Ages 5 thru 12 \$19, Under 5 \$9). All aboard!

Important - we must pay for the train 30 days in advance. Mail a check to Al Friend, as soon as possible, along with a breakdown of your group by age. Make the check payable to Al Friend.

QUESTIONS: Call John Gundlach, Ralph Shearer or Al Friend

Minutes of the May 23, 2006 WPCC Member Meeting

Officers Present:

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

Board members present:

- Emerick Buccigrossi
- Don Cekus
- Bob Hieber and
- *Journal* editor, Charles Lucas.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Heatherington.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the Vair Street Journal. The secretary read Dwayne Cekus's treasurer's report. The balance is \$2160.16.

Don Cekus reported on the Maple Festival in Meyersdale attended by Don and Mary Ellen, Don's cousin, and the Clapper brothers.

Bob Hieber and Don attended the Legislative Council meeting. Bob reported that there was not much activity regarding autos because the legislators were busy saving their jobs. Don and Bob encouraged more club members to attend these meetings.

Jim announced the time and place for the start of the caravan to the



PHOTO BY DON BAKER

Pat Greenwald

Mountain Playhouse in Jennerstown on June 11. Attendees should meet at McDonald's at Norwin Towne

Center on Route 30 across from Chesterfield's Restaurant at 10:15 a.m.

Don and Bob attended the Vair Fair in Hopewell, VA. The show was not as well attended as expected, but had wonderful food and prizes. While there, they visited the Petersburg National Battlefield Museum, site of the last battle of the Civil War.

Don talked about the national convention. Those wishing to caravan should meet on Tuesday, July 25th at the Krispie Kreme in Cranberry for a 7:00 a.m. departure to Buffalo.

Al Friend reported on plans for the August 18, 19 and 20th trip to Snowshoe Resort in West Virginia. So far five members have made reservations. He encouraged members intending to attend to call soon (877-441-4386).

Bob Hieber announced that Steel City Classics is planning a show in Bridgeville at the Great Southern Shopping Center on September 10th.

Bob also talked about the arrangements he has made for the September 30th Econo-Run. The course he has mapped out is 103 scenic miles, mostly in Allegheny County. The starting point will be in the Coraopolis - Neville Island area. This is a fun event with few rules; just follow directions and don't get lost.

Jim reported that the Villa Restaurant has changed hands and will not accommodate us for next year's holiday party. The club will contact the owners for the return of our \$300 deposit. He asked for suggestions for a new place.

Jim also reminded members that the July meeting will not be held on the usual 4th Tuesday because it falls during the week of the convention. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 18th.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Greenwald, secretary

The Prez Sez



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Jim Heatherington

We had a very nice general membership meeting on May 23 at King's restaurant, with good attendance. The meeting included reports from Don Cekus about Meyersdale, from John Gundlach about the upcoming Snowshoe event in August and from your president about the upcoming trip to the Jennerstown Mountain Playhouse. Bob Hieber also reported on the legislative council meeting he attended in the spring. Regarding the trip to Snowshoe, I would ask that those who plan to attend please make your reservations at the lodge as soon as possible, and notify either John or Al Friend that you have done so. This is a really nice resort, and should be a terrific getaway weekend.

On June 11 at 10:15 a.m., Em and Letty Buccigrossi, Don and Mary Ellen Cekus, Pat Greenwald, Steve Puskas, Suzanne and I, along with 9 Model A Fords and 6 modern irons, left Norwin Towne Center on Rte. 30 in North Versailles bound for Jennerstown PA. We traveled old routes circling around the eastern side of Greensburg and then rejoined Route 30-E at Youngstown and climbed the mountain to the Playhouse. Model As belonged to members of the 3-River Region Model A Ford Club. Once again this year, it was a beautiful and scenic drive up to the Laurel Highlands through small communities such as Mt. Pleasant, Laurelville, Kecksburg, Baggaley, Youngstown, Ligonier and Laughlintown. The weather was a bit chilly but sunny and the cars ran great. (Well, we did lose one Model A to a broken timing chain, but 1 out of 9 isn't bad!) We arrived at the Green Gables Restaurant around lunchtime and everyone was ready to eat. The meals were all very good and we finished eating in plenty of time for socializing with our many friends. We also had plenty of time to feed the geese! Curtain time for The Chief was 3:00 p.m. and everyone was excited to see it. It was written by two Pittsburghers, one of whom is a Pittsburgh sports writer. It's a one act play about Art Rooney and we were all bummed that we didn't think to wear

black- and-gold! Still, the tour-de-force was excellent - the actor seemed truly to be speaking to a bunch of people gathered around his office, and all were impressed with his skill. Even a non-football audience member would have been interested in the various aspects of this remarkable man's life that were brought out in the play. When the curtain came down at 4:30, it was time to call it a day and head for home. We got back on Route 30-West and after coming down the mountain to Laughlintown, the party began to break up as people sheared off to go home via their most convenient routes. It was a great day, and those who missed it should definitely feel regret!

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18 - one week ahead of schedule due to the national convention - at John Harvard's Brewhouse in Monroeville. I will be out of town that date, and your vice-president, Tim Desmond, will chair the meeting.

Please remember to make arrangements to get behind Al Friend and John Gundlach as they plan the tour to Snowshoe, WV. It's an excellent tour and we know it will be well-run.

With that, I'll see you "Down the Road."

Jim Heatherington

First Annual Victory Hill Car Show—Saturday, August 5, 2006

25 Jones Lane Monongahela, Pa 15063
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

- Entry Fee \$7.00 - register at door
- Free Dash Plaque
- Cars must be 15 years old or older**
- Food-hot dogs, keilbassi, chili, drinks

- Trophies - for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and best of show
- Note: there will also be a small flea mart

Directions - Rte 88 south to Monongahela then Rte 837 East toward Donora, approximately 3 miles then right onto Jones Lane. Please call Dwayne Cekus at 724-258-7778 for any questions or additional details

Thoughts from the Editor

At some point last year, my friend Dave Ritter, whom I have mentioned in earlier writings, and who, I'm sorry to say, has moved to Greenville, Tennessee, handed off a few issues of *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine for me to peruse. Dave has had subscriptions to any number of car magazines just like the rest of us. He's what I'd call, an arm chair classic car enthusiast. Like me, his mechanical knowledge of cars is pretty limited. He once bought a 1959 Ford, his first, last and only venture into owning a classic car. His love affair with this car however, was short lived when mechanical problems developed immediately. There was a happy ending: the seller agreed to take back his '59 Ford and return Dave's money. Now that's what I'd call a fair deal.

As I was saying, he gave me several issues of *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine. I too have subscribed to *Road and Track*, *Car and Driver*, *Motor Trend* and a couple of other magazines whose mastheads I've long forgotten. I've tired of reading about cars that have horsepower ratings that the average Jane or Joe will never, ever need unless they're driving a getaway car in a bank heist or burning rubber at the drag strip.

Just the other day at the bottom of page 1 of the *Post-Gazette* an ad for a Cadillac claimed you could reach 0-60 before you could turn the page. That's a bit absurd; not the claim, but the fact that it's a reality. I wonder what the speedometer reads when you've turned to page eight and the driver decides to make a call on the cell phone. I don't think I want to be on the same road with that car and driver.

Did it again; I went off on another tangent. Let's see if I can keep my train of thought when I start again.

Since reading a terrific article about a beautiful '50s Buick in one of Dave's magazines, I have been singing it's praises. The magazine showcases classic cars and the work it took to get them to their present state of excellence. Yet, not every car shown is perfect. Some have dings, dents and rust.

There are articles about artists who rendered cars for print advertising, articles about individuals who have had a profound effect on the automotive industry, the retooling of automotive manufacturers during the first half of the 1940s to meet the needs of the war effort as well as other classic car related features. I especially love articles that show clay concepts of cars before they reached the final street version.

If you've read this magazine, perhaps you share my enthusiasm. If you're not familiar with it, take a peek at it the next time you're at your favorite book-seller. I think you might agree.

The other day I was reading the letter from the Editor in Chief, who said that most of the cars featured in the magazine are from the North East, to include New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. Arizona and California are also included. This is due in part to the location of staff and their freelance photographers. Think your car is worthy of a feature article in their magazine? Contact them! What's more, they plan to be at the CORSA convention in Buffalo. Need I say more?

Luke

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

July 18

WPCC Meeting (a week early)

Our next meeting, one week early, due to the CORSA National Convention, is on July 18, at John Harvard's Brewhouse in Monroeville, . Dinner starts at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

July 24th - 30th

The CORSA National Convention

For those wishing to caravan to Buffalo on Tuesday, be at the Krispie Kreme in Cranberry at 7:00am. Please call Don Cekus, coordinator.

August 18, 19 & 20

Trip to Snowshoe, West Virginia

Top of the line resort, steam train excursion, breathtaking scenery and National Radio Astronomy Observatory. Grab your credit card and call toll free: 877-441-4386. **You must make your own reservation with the Snowshoe Resort.** See page 1 for more details

September 10 & 30

Chevy Show and Econo-Run

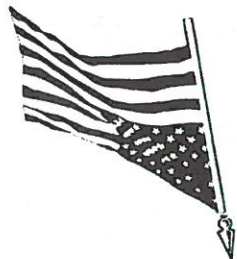
The Steel City Classics Chevy show, possibly with our own class on the 10th and a fun econo-run on the 30th. Contact Bob Hieber for details.

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Never Forget 09-11-01

**John Harvard's Brew House • 3466 William Penn Highway
 Pittsburgh (Monroeville), PA 15235
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, July 18, 2006

Next Meeting

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 free: 877-441-4386, after getting their recording, choose
 option 2, mention the dates and the block of rooms reserved
 for The W. PA Corvair Car Club. Our price was \$170.32 inc.
 tax. for two nights, (Aug. 18 & 19, departing on the 20th).
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