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1. CORVAIR DUES will be raised only \$2 for 1977, and is the first increase in many years. If you are lucky enough to get your renewal notice in the remaining months of this year, the old rate of \$3 (for local chapter members) still applies. When your renewal arrives in the mail, FILL IT OUT COMPLETELY, and mail it, along with your check for \$3 (\$10 after Jan. 1) to: Mike Sullivan, Treasurer WPCO, RD#2 BOX 411-A Saltsburg, Pa. 15681.

WPCO dues will come due at year end, and will be gladly accepted in advance. Our dues will remain \$6 per year, and \$3 apiece for immediate family. We have taken steps to reduce our printing costs substantially, thanks to the work of Wayne Jones. We intend to do everything possible to keep from raising our dues while maintaining the highest quality newsletter possible. Make checks payable to WPCO.

2. OUR LAST MEETING:

The Oct. meeting was very well attended. Over 50 people turned out, which was a great tribute to our good friends, Al & Peg Thomas. Our president, Bates Murphy presented Al a plaque that read: "PRESENTED BY THE WESTERN PENNA. CORVAIR CLUB WITH WARM THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS & UNSELFISH HELP". The entire membership wishes you the best of luck in the future, Al.

Dave Fabyonic has come up with a new meeting place to replace the mall next year. It is the meeting room in a new savings & loan on Rt. 48 in Monroeville. No-one will miss the mall except the ladies!! Dave also discussed our Oct. 17 auto-cross, which was a great success and a lot of fun. Denny Hemill held up a large bundle of mail orders for tee shirts & bumper stickers. This is proving to be a nice source of income for the club. We discussed the Dec. 12 combination meeting and Christmas Party, and actually confirmed the date with the Plug & Piston, more later. Ivan Clever mentioned that the easiest way to supply the club with jackets is simply to buy your own gold windbreaker, then purchase the patch at the meetings. (\$2 from Ivan or Al Friend). We had a very good tech. session. One of the highlights of the meeting came while discussing the fact that Ralph Nader was pushing for mandatory use of air bags. Bruce Dow piped in "IT TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE!"

John Koulowsky drove down from Conneaut Lake to attend the meeting. John belongs to WPCO & the new Eric chapter, which is getting off the ground nicely. I hope to attend one of their meetings in the near future, and some joint events should be considered for next year. Don Boyer from The Vintage Chevrolet Club was also in attendance.

3. OUR NEXT MEETING

The Nov. meeting will be held on Thursday Nov. 11 at 8PM in the community room of the Monroeville Mall. Final plans will be made for the Christmas party, and any proposed changes to the by-laws will have to be brought up at this meeting, so as to be included, with ballot, in the next newsletter. Also be thinking about next years officers; we nominate in Dec. & Jan. and vote at the annual meeting in January. Bates has run off 40 copies of the by-laws for distribution at this meeting, and Denny will have a good supply of tee shirts & bumper stickers on hand; they make good gifts.

4. FOR THE GALS OF WPCO

Girls, I saw a neat way to make the Corvaair tee shirts look great. Carol Linchard, editor for the Group Corvaair newsletter told me her secret. Use Simplicity Pattern #6902, to make cap sleeves, scoop neck, instead of ribbing, and taper at the bottom. Wash, machine dry, and press before cutting out, and it doesn't shrink. I will try to have an altered one at a future meeting.

Carole Friend

5. CONTRIBUTION TO THE WFGC LIBRARY

Al Thomas has contributed copies of the Dept of Transportation Corvair study and the Congressional Record on the Corvair. Al included the following note to the club:
"Sincere thanks for the award. It will be displayed at home with fond memories. I'm willing the attached to you and the club's library. All of this is public domain. The copies of the Congressional Record are only two pertinent pages. I never had the remaining 30 pages, but the two are a good example of the depth of the study and nader's interference which wasted even more tax money."

Al Thomas

O.K. We need a club librarian, Al has provided the spark to get our literature collection started, who wants to carry the ball from here??

6. NADER & THE AIR BAGS

As long as we are discussing our favorite protector of our health & welfare, an incident that happened at our Oct. 17 autocross should shed some light on the validity of the passive restraint system. Keep in mind, that with these contraptions as standard equipment, Joe Public will feel very safe and will never wear his lap belt, even if still available.

In the excitement of preparing for her third run, my wife Carole failed to fasten her seat belt. As she took the first left turn on the course she found herself in the passenger seat, obviously in no position to control the car, without even a steering wheel in her hands.

CASE 1 - Over 70% of all accidents involve some sort of side impact that could, and would, disarm the beltless driver of the controls.

CASE 2 - Suppose YOU are driving along without your belt on and have to make a violent left turn to avoid another car, and let's say that you do miss him and avoid an accident. Now - how are YOU going to keep from hitting the child on the sidewalk FROM THE PASSENGER SEAT???????????? AIR BAGS OR NOT - WEAR THE DAMN BELTS!!

7. SUNDAY, DEC. 12 CHRISTMAS PARTY & MEETING

Our Sunday Dec. 12 meeting and Christmas party will be finalized at the Nov. meeting, but here is a basic idea of what is being planned:

The location is the Plug & Piston Restaurant in Monroeville, that is reserved only for us on Dec. 12. It is a delightful auto related restaurant and bar featuring a Rambler American on a pole at the entrance way, and a huge gorilla bending a bumper over his head. (no relation to Dave Fabyonic). The time table looks like this:
3:00 PM - Arrive (The Steelers do not play on this date)
4:00 PM - Meeting (IMPORTANT - Nominations are open for the 1977 officers)
5:00 PM - Dinner (Buffet, \$3.50 adults, \$1.75 under 16, plus tax and 15% gratuity)
6:00 PM - Entertainment (Presentations, Amateur Hour, ~~Christmas~~'s Gift Exchange, and songs around the roaring fireplace)

We must have a buffet in order to be able to eat at the same time. It will feature chicken, shrimp, stuffed cabbage (Polish handgranades), cold cuts, relish trays, etc. etc. The bar will be open for us to pay as we go. Al & Peg Thomas are going to try to attend.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE THE PLUG & PISTON A PRETTY GOOD TUNA OF OUR EXPECTED TURNOUT. SO PLEASE EITHER SIGN UP AT THIS MEETING, PHONE AL FRIEND, OR FILL IN THE RESERVATION FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE. If you have a talent, please let me know and bring your instruments etc. with you. If you can think of a presentation, silly or serious, plan on doing it after dinner. All money paid at the party.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Al Friend 325-2588

MAIL TO: WFGC Christmas Party, 3677 Forbes Trail Dr. Murrysville, Pa. 15668

_____ # of adults in our party

_____ # of children (16 or under) ^{#2} LIMIT FOR CHILDREN'S GIFT EXCHANGE.

_____ I will participate in the amateur hour. My talent is:

KEEP THIS INFO. 3.

8. HANDY, DANDY LIST OF WHO TO GET EM FIXED

This is a list of people I know of, or who wrote in response to our request for people who do Corvair work. This is not in any way to be construed as a list of recommended repairman by WPCO. You pick and choose for yourself.

TECHNICAL WORK

Mike Sullivan
Saltsburg
639-3857

WPCO Treasurer and past Vice President. Mike works at his home.
Carolyn Sullivan is a Notary Public.

CARL FULMER
LAUREL LANE
WHITE OAK
672-2295

Herman Krump
Apollonia
568-1959

Technical advisor and past board member. Hermie works at his home and is a GM trained mechanic.

Ed Wieland
N. Huntington
864-5612

A WPCO member Ed has his own shop, and owns that fantastic 62 coupe with a 400 hp V-8 IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

John Greenwald
Pittsburgh
798-5719

Technical advisor and board member, John is a GM trained mechanic. Due to his health, John is not presently moonlighting at home, but may in the future.

Don Boyer
Verona
723-3843

Don is a member of the Vintage Chevrolet Club & attended our Oct. meeting. Don is trained & experienced in all phases of Corvair mechanical repair.

Joe Luffer
Rt. 30 Jeanette
527-9812

Joe is a very active member, and owns over 25 Vairs. Joe is a GM trained mechanic and also does body work.

Ivan Clever
Leesburg
842-2733

Ivan is our founder, past president, treasurer, and has served on several boards. Ivans shop is an inspection station, and a gold mine of parts. Dorothy Clever is a Notary Public

Bob Helderbaum
Rt. 30 N. Huntington
863-9954

Bob called to join the club, he is busy restoring a 64 Monza conv. and is a GM trained mechanic.

Tom Ballantine
Rt. 51 Pleasant Hills
655-2422

Tom has done a lot of Corvair work.

BODY WORK

Bill Schmiedlin
Jewickley

Bill is a WPCO member along with C & T. He owns a Vair powered Avenger & a late model op. Bill works at Shelley's Auto Body.

VAILIN HAMILIN
MAYER ST
BRIDGEVILLE, PA
15014
412-2140

Ed & Ed Fazel Jr.
Leesport
(72-5053)

Ed & Ed work at their home and have put a lot of nearly dead Vairs back on the road. They also have a lot of parts, especially late model interior pieces.

Joe Buffer (above)

PARTS

John Costantino
Devoreaux Chev.
Freeport, 295-2171

Clarks Corvair Parts
Shelburne Falls, Mass.
(Catalog \$2) 01370

Bill Cottrifield
Automotive Enterprises
P.O. Box 215
E. Arlington, Vermont
(Corvair Catalog #1) 05252

Ivan Clever, Mike Sullivan, Ed Pezel, & Joe Buffer
(above)

9. FOR SALE

WPCO Jacket Patches, \$2, Send to: Ivan Clever, 1651 Main St. RD#4, Leechburg, Pa. 15656
Checks payable to WPCO
60, 4 dr. "700" \$495; 69 "500" 1 owner, \$600; 65 Corsa conv. rebuilt 110 eng. new clutch & top, \$400; 68 Monza, auto. 140, \$350; 66 Monza cp. 4 sp. \$600.
30 parts cars, your choice for \$100 apiece. Ivan Clever 842-2733.

64 Monza 4dr. auto. Jim Emlen, Bethel Park 835-7628.
68 "500" cp. auto. 58,000 mi. fair body, resealed, Harold Keller. 653-3183 Offers
68 Monza cp. 15,000 mi. auto, red black int. some rust. \$2000 Dick 276-2904
66 Monza cp. auto. 72,000 mi. 60,000 on engine, fair body, \$300. Ed Gieger 227-2043
60 4 dr. "700" 21,000 mi. no rust, new white paint, resealed, Offers. gas heater.
Mark Manning, 94 Brown St. Uniontown, Pa. 15401. (412) 437-2016. Call or write.
Jay Weitzel's Wife has put her foot down, so he is selling his entire Corvair collection. There are 12 total ranging in price from \$75 - \$500. Contact Jay at 486-2960 or 767-5351 for a printed sheet detailing all 12.
61 "500" 4 dr. 50,000 mi. some rust, good interior, wrecked left front fender, offers, JoAnne Cywinski 821-4645.

10. OUR FIRST AUTOCROSS CLINIC

We had our first autocross, and I would like to thank Kieth Murphy, Jay Weitzel, and Pie Schoeneman for their help in setting up. A special thanks to C & T Sports Car Club for their pylons, and to Larry Stockel of N. Hills Sports Car Club for the use of their banners.

Some 17 drivers participated, including 6 ladies! That's more lady drivers than anyone draws. In fact, the ladies did so well that I refuse to print the times! The course was laid out for handling rather than speed. This had a double purpose: (1) Our first timers would not get carried away with speed. (2) Everyone could experience what their Vair could do in some unreal cornering.

I'm sure the first timers were all surprised with the cars fine handling and know that with practice, they could do better. This practice comes only from autocrossing. Dial OUR-CARS, there's an autocross almost every Sunday. All clubs welcome novice drivers and offer help. C & T almost always has a novice class.

The turnout for the picnic was a little disappointing, what's a picnic without a little snow!!! At least there weren't any flies! Hats off to the Artsburgers for finding a closed shelter and starting a fire. It was a lot of fun, and I hope to see a lot more of you at local events and at our next autocross.

Dave Fabyonic

EDITORS NOTE: Many thanks to you Dave for your hard work on a really great event, it was even more fun than we expected and I hope that all of the couples are speaking again after the good showing that the gals made. I stopped coaching my better half when she came within 1 second of my time! Dave didn't mention it, but he did have the fastest time of the day.

FROM THE EDITOR--Continued (PETE SKONY - OF CHICAGOLAND CORVAIRS)

On another note, Corvair prices continue to rise. I've reported on this before, but a recent issue of Old Cars, which reports on the auction scene, astounded even me. How about a 1969 listed as excellent selling for \$7,800? Or a 1967 convertible, listed as only good--not excellent--for \$3,200? These cars, sold at the A-C-D auction at Auburn, Indiana, were among some 12 other Corvairs on the block. Only one sold for less than \$750 and that was a 1964 convertible--Monza, not Spyder--that was listed as poor, but restorable, and went for \$500. It seems like at least our fellow car people, if not the general public, have discovered the Corvair. Makes you wonder if all of the recent publicity on the car has been a good thing--especially if you're trying to find a decent one for yourself.

They don't use bogey-men to scare kids any more... they tell 'em Raiah Vader will get them



THANKS TO JANEY EUGENES