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WPCC at the Blueberry Farm

Story and photos by Timothy Desmond, Board Member and Blueberry Valley Farm Event Coordinator

Things started off bad, but got better. Pat Greenwald had car problems and broke down on the way to Krispy Kreme in Cranberry, our start off point. That was the "bad".

The "good" on August 2nd, was the weather that made for a beautiful ride to Hulings Blueberry Valley Farm, just north of Edinboro.

Our berry pickers were Jack and Joyce Bachman, Steve Puskas and his mom, Nora, Tim and Michele Desmond, Les Walter and Jim Steigerwaldt.

Around 3:00 PM we drove North to Erie, and had lunch at Wegmann's Market. It was a little different eating at a supermarket, but it was good food and a unique store, to be sure.

After lunch we parted ways and set out for home. We had a good time, got lots of blueberries, and I honestly think they were better this year than last year.

I wish we would have had a better showing for this event. It would make



our club look stronger and present a better image for potential members.

Timothy R. Desmond

1. Tim Desmond looks very pleased with his four buckets of beautiful blueberries

2. Looks like we just caught Michele Desmond sneaking one of those luscious blueberries

3. Steve Puskas says "don't bother me, I'm very busy with berries right now"

4. Is this an aerial shot of Jack Bachman or is he taking his berries to China?

5. Joyce Bachman looks up from her work with a warm smile for the camera

6. Steve Puskas' mom was too busy to notice that her picture was being snapped

7. Jim Steigerwaldt swings by from a New York trip for some blueberries



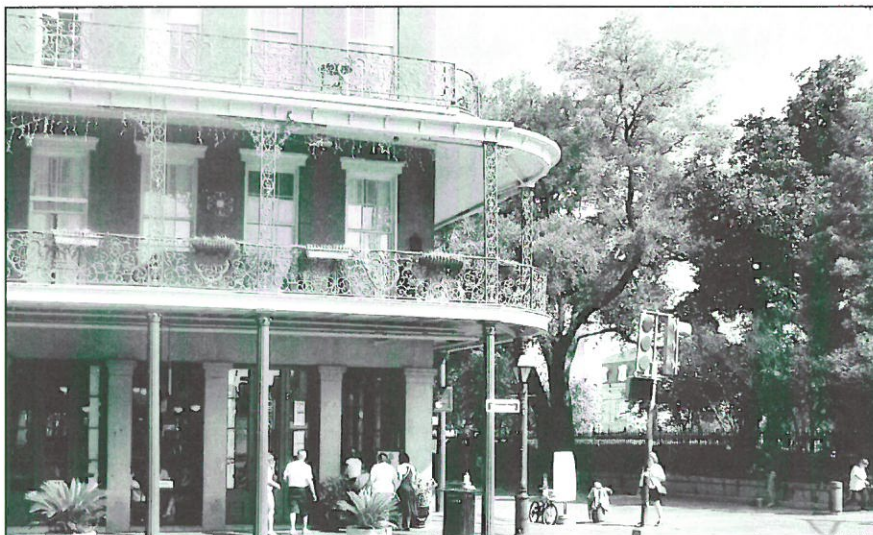
CORSA at Ventura-The Road Trip

New Orleans

Story and photos by Bob Hieber, Board Member, Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

On the way from our stop in Nashville to New Orleans, Don Cekus picked a hotel at random from the AAA book and gave them a call. He just happened to choose the Bienville House a 4 star hotel with normal rates of 350.00 per night. Yes they had vacancies and just to get an idea how slow the tourist trade is, they discounted it to \$80.00 a night. We arrived to find a hotel dating back to the early 1800's with excellent accommodations and right next to the French Quarter.

To get a feel for the Bourbon street atmosphere we decided to go for a walk and eat at a local restaurant. We choose to eat on an outdoor balcony overlooking the area. As night fell, the street entertainers appeared, musicians, mimes and an assortment of other acts all designed to get the tourists to part with their money. While Don and Al



Bob and Donna Hieber, along with Don Cekus and friend Al, ate outdoors on the second floor balcony of this French Quarter restaurant

passing the end of the street. It was such a strange feeling to look up to see it sailing by because the water level is 10-15 feet above street level.

Next day we took the tour of the hurricane Katrina damage. There was so much damage that I doubt the city will ever make a complete recovery. The levees have been repaired, but it is obvious that the repairs are stopgap, and the existing old

levee is still prone to further damage from even a mild storm.

A ride through the residential areas revealed that many of the residents have not returned and our tour guide

said that even with financial incentives, 30 to 50 percent of the population has not returned a year later.

On our final morning Donna and I decided to walk to the Cafe du Monde where the breakfast menu consists of **Beignets and strong coffee**. We arrived shortly after 6:00 AM to find a line already formed and the locals with their orders already placed. In case you have never heard of a Beignet, it is a piece of raised dough, deep fried in real lard and then covered in sugar. They must be eaten hot because as they cool the dough turns into a solid lump. When Donna saw what a Beignet was, she decided to pass on this treat as it didn't quite fit into a heart smart diet.

Next morning we departed for Houston and the adventure of the slipping transmission. *More to follow in the next installment.*



Another mode of transportation in the French Quarter

decided to stay and visit a few establishments, Donna and I walked back to the hotel. As we walked toward our street we saw a large ocean going vessel

September 23, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

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

Board members present:

- John Gundlach
- Bob Hieber
- Jim Madden
- Steve Puskas
- Tim Desmond
- *Journal editor*, Charles Lucas.

President Jim Steigerwaldt called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the July 22nd meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. The balance is \$2,567.97.

Jim congratulated Luke on the spectacular look of the colorful electronic newsletter. Luke will soon limit

the snail-mail journals to those without email access.

Jim remarked on recent events (convention, car cruise, blueberry trip, Wellsboro, picnic) and was pleased with the participation. After a slow start to this year's events, the club is finishing with enthusiasm.

John Harvard's has closed. Don Cekus will search out a place for the November 25th meeting. Several suggestions were offered by the members. Information will be in the next *Vair Street Journal*.

Jim announced that the January 4th Holiday Party will again be at Grant's Bar & Lounge in Millvale. A discussion followed about the cost and the amount of the club's subsidy. Jim will make the arrangements and details will be in the newsletter.


Luke sent Jim a sample of the club business card. It will now have to be changed to reflect the location of the new meeting place.

Bob Hieber relayed the message that Bill Young is looking for a late model hood.

Bob also reported that the October 4th Econo-Ralley has a new start and end point. Meet at the Sunoco station on the New Kensington side of the Tarentum bridge. All other details remain as printed in the last newsletter.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 25th at a place to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Greenwald, secretary

The Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party will once again take place at the Grant Bar & Lounge, located at 114 Grant Street, in Millvale, PA 15209. (see page 8 map)

Again, as last year, the per person cost for dinner is only **\$20**. **Please make checks payable to WPCC and mail to Jim Steigerwaldt at 506 Quail Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066-4074).**

You will order your entree at Grant's from a selection of four choices (see menu at far right). There will also be a cash bar, Gift Exchange and Chinese Auction (see Schedule of Events above). We look forward to seeing everyone there. This is always such a fun party. We must have 45 people.

Schedule of Events

2:30 - 3:30 Meet and Greet / Cash Bar

3:30 - 5:00 Gift Exchange / Start

Chinese Auction

5:00 - 6:00 Dinner

6:00 - Finish Chinese Auction

Times are subject to change!

Gift Exchange—If you care to be in the gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift, wrapped and marked for a "Man" or a "Woman", or if the gift is appropriate for either sex, please mark it "Either". Everyone receives a number. When your number is drawn, you choose a gift; you may keep the gift or trade for another person's gift, hoping that another person doesn't take it later. This is lots of fun.

Chinese Auction—Bring along anything you care to donate to the club. Tickets are sold for the items with one ticket down for each item. Proceed go to the WPCC.

The Menu:

A choice of one of the following:

- Soup
- Onion Rings
- Salad

A choice of one of the following Entrees:

- Marinated Steak
- Shrimp
- Cod Almondine
- Breaded Pork Chops

Your dinner also includes:

Baked Potato, Vegetable, Strawberry Short Cake

Saxonburg Arts Festival, Picnic at Gundlach's and Lots of Corvairs

In the town of Saxonburg, and in and around the Community Park, folks were looking at and buying handmade arts and crafts, eating funnel cakes, drinking Pepsi Cola, licking chocolate and vanilla ice cream from sugar cones and listening to Jack Tady's musicians playing familiar tunes on the deck of the bandstand. It was a lovely day for a festival, a picnic and lots of Corvairs.



The festival was a bit much for this little man



In the Saxonburg Community Park folks watch and listen to the musical strains of JTB, the Jack Tady Bears



The "picnickers" at Gundlach's: Don and Mary Ellen Cekus, Diane Goehring, Sarah Lucas, Polly and Bob Tedesco, Laura Gundlach, Gayle Gundlach, Steve Puskas, Charles Lucas, John Gundlach, Jim Gundlach, Pat Greenwald, Joyce and Jack Bachman, Tim and Michele Desmond, Vince and Louise Duva, Heidi Madden, Jimmy Madden, Jim Steigerwaldt, Jim Madden and Earl Goehring

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Believe it or not, there are ten, count 'em, ten WPCC Corvairs in John and Gayle Gundlach backyard. Yes, that's John and Gayle's house in the background. Standing beside the second Corvaire from the left is Heidi Madden. Continuing to the right, the drivers are Stephen Puskas, Jim Madden, Jack Bachman, Vince Duva and Earl Goehring. Where are the other drivers? Taking pictures, of course.

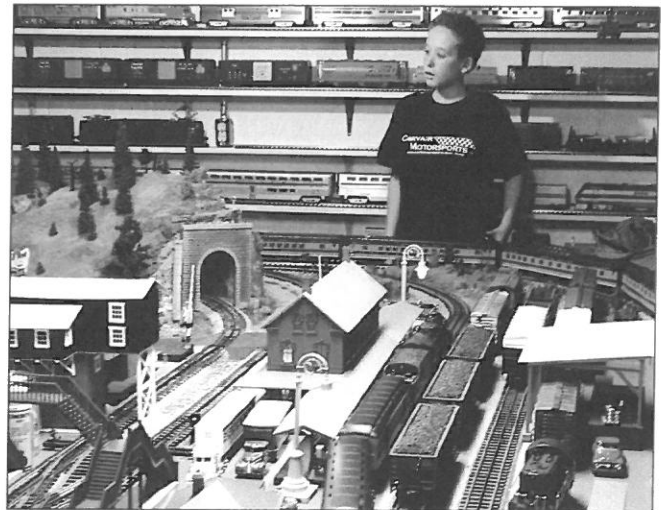


Joyce Bachman and Michele Desmond help ready the food for the hungry WPCC bunch hanging around Gayle's kitchen

Everyone was amazed at the number of people who came to the Art Festival/Picnic and how many Corvairs there were. That's when we decided to take some group pictures.

First, we did the attendee picture. We wanted a photographic record that shows just how many of our members attended this events. If you took the time to count heads in the group picture on page 5, there are a total of 24. Please make an effort to join us for a future event. You won't be disappointed.

Next came the cars. The picture above has ten Corvairs, but there was actually an eleventh, which happened to be



Like the rest of the visitors to John Gundlach's train room, young Jim Madden is in awe by the vastness of the platform and the numbers of trains

John Gundlach's Rampside. The picture that included it wasn't quite as good for publication as the one you see above. Sorry about that John.

Our thanks go to John and Gayle for sharing their time and hospitality with us on that wonderful day.

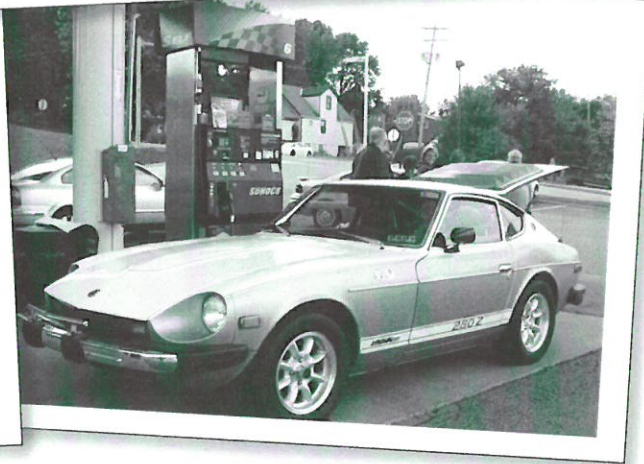
Have a
Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday

October 4,

2008

The Econo-Ralley Snap Shots



Above:

Don Baker, Les Walter, Linda and Dave Bucklew, Jack Bachman, Event coordinator
Bob Hieber and Pat Greenwald

Below:

Les Walter, Donna and Bob Hieber, Jack Bachman, Dave Bucklew, Joyce Bachman
and Linda Bucklew.

Above:

Some of the previously name folks enjoy dinner.

Below:

Don Baker's, Datsun 280 Z. His car was the overall winner with 28.45
MPG. Steve Puskas was the first Corvaire winner with 25.02 MPG, with Pat
Greenwald's Car coming in second Corvaire with 22.7 MPG. Congratulations
to all who participated in the fun.

New Location for November 25 Meeting

The meeting for Nov. 25 is at the Villa Ballanca in Lower Burrell, phone 724 339 6111. From the North and West of Pittsburgh, get off at exit 14 on Rte. 28, cross the Tarentum bridge, watch for BP station on left, turn left there onto Leechburg Rd. Continue about 1.5 miles and the building is

on the right with a small sign in front. My source did not have directions from East or South but everything should be on the map. (Consult Map Quest or your GPS). This place has a full menu leaning toward Italian, but sandwiches and salads are available and menu prices are reasonable.

WPCC Roster of MembersPaid-up Members shown in **Bold Type**

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	E-MAIL
1	Adamson , Richard & Doris	251 Lilac Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146	412-372-3452	
2	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	quebapa@aol.com
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	197 Browns Hill Road, Valencia, PA 16059	724-903-0990 C:412-952-3190	corsa1@zoominternet.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	315 Western Avenue, Beaver PA 15009-1448	724-375-1461	
14	Costantino , John & Clare	305 3rd Street, Freeport, PA 16229-1141	724-295-2675	
15	Dandois , Dick & Marie	11844 Route 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	
26	Hamlin , Charlotte	2207 Arbor Glen Court, Sun City Center, FL 33573	813-633-6684	hamlinchar@aol.com
27	Heatherington , Jim & Suzanne	128 Sharp Road, White Oak, PA 15131	412-672-0914	suzanne@heatherington.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	Lucas , Charles & Sarah	236 W. Marigold Street, Munhall, PA 15120-2233	412-462-6735	chaslucas@gmail.com
32	Madden , Jim & Heidi	3045 Mt. Troy Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15212	412-321-1654	triximadden@comcast.net
33	Matenkosky , Walter & Susan	702 Spring Street, Latrobe, PA 15650	724-537-8922	wmatenkosky@hotmail.com
34	McDonald , Paul & Joyce	258 Evans City Road, Butler, PA 16001-2711	724-287-5671	E-mail-jam40258@zoominternet.net
35	Mims , Donna Mae	2467 Brookledge Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017	412-221-3257	
36	Morgan , Robert & Margaret	344 Ridge Road, New Brighton, PA 15066	724-846-6040	
37	Puskas , Stephen	130 Alana Drive, Saxonburg, PA 16056 (Temporary)	724-352-4294	Pusk8@aol.com
38	Rising , Connie	155 Ben Franklin Road N., Indiana, PA 15701	724-465-4146	
39	Schifano , Charlie & Connie	223 Blackridge Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601	724-832-7498	
40	Shearer , Ralph & Joanne	30 Clover Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650	724-539-8645	
41	Steigerwaldt James & Diane	506 Quail Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066-4074	724-776-0935	Jimstg@zbzoom.net
42	Sweet , John & Charlotte	1264 Walnut Street, Stoneboro, PA 16153	724-376-4335	jasvair@certainty.net
43	Tedesco , Bob & Polly	4741 Curry Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236	412-881-8577 C: 614-496-4000	bptedesco@aol.com
44	Tyger , John, & Barb	8399 Rte 954 Hwy. N., Creekside, PA 15732	724-397-2043	jtyger@yourinter.net
45	Walter , Lester	100 Thompson Lane South, North Huntingdon, PA 15642	724-863-8437	timerles@aol.com
46	Wardoclip , Paul & Lois	891 State Route 356. Leechburg, PA 15656	724-845-2699	pwardoclip@windstream.net
47	Watkins , Kerry & Linda	209-1/2 S. Third Street, Youngwood, PA 15697	724-925-1962	
48	Wilson , Gregory	508 Bigham Road, Pittsburgh, PA	412-481-6864	
49	Yobst , Robert & Rosalie	518 Brookdale Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215	412-963-9943	
50	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,
Nov. 25, 2008**

At a new location:

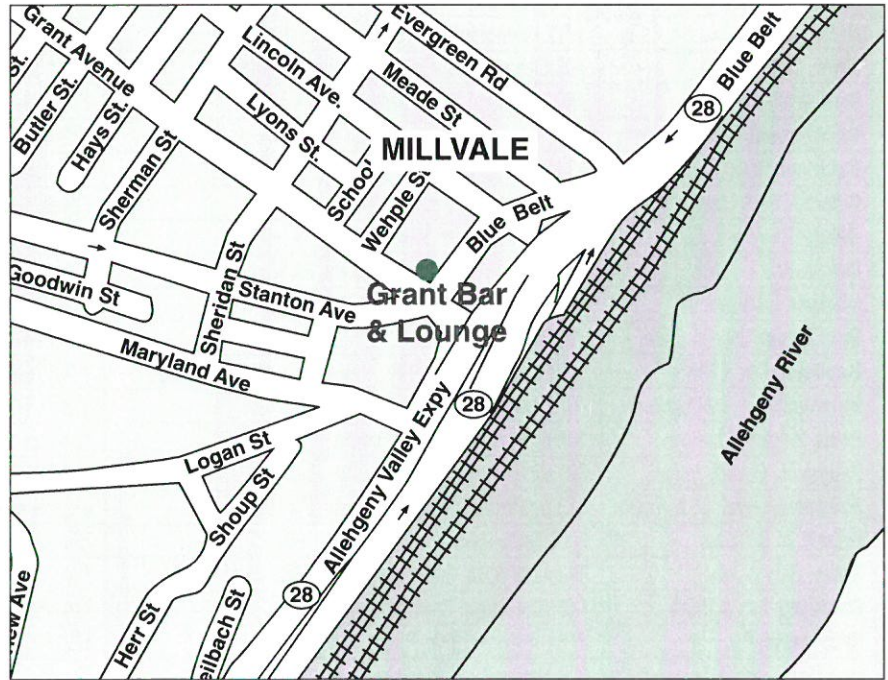
**Villa Ballanca
in Lower Burrell**

see directions on page 6

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

Map for Holiday Party at Grant Bar & Lounge

See party information, schedule and menu on page 3



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236 W. Marigold Street
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