

VAIR STREET JOURNAL

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The Prez Says

HOPEFULLY EVERYONE HAS had a grand fall, watching leaves change color and drift slowly to the ground. Of course, I really didn't want to rake leaves, but I did just the same!



Steven Puskas

This has not been a very good year for my Corvairs. Earlier this year someone kicked in the rear quarter panel on my coupe. Then, a few weeks ago, while traveling to a corn maze near Stoneboro, my convertible was rear ended. Not a pretty sight, as you can see in the accompanying photos. It has been retired for the winter while repairs and a mini restoration are being performed. More work, just what I needed!

As for WPCCC, there were a couple of well attended events during these autumn months. A wet but wonderful trip to Kinzua Dam and a cool trip to the Seven Springs Oktoberfest were two such outings.

Don't forget the next meeting on Tuesday, November 23 at King's restaurant in Wexford. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend, because New York State deer season starts that week.

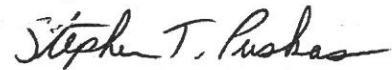
Finally, the yearly event that everyone looks forward to—the Holiday Party—will again be held at La Villa Restaurant on Sunday, January 9,

2005, starting at 3:00pm. La Villa is located just north of the 910 and route 8 intersection. The reservation dead line is December 31, 2004.

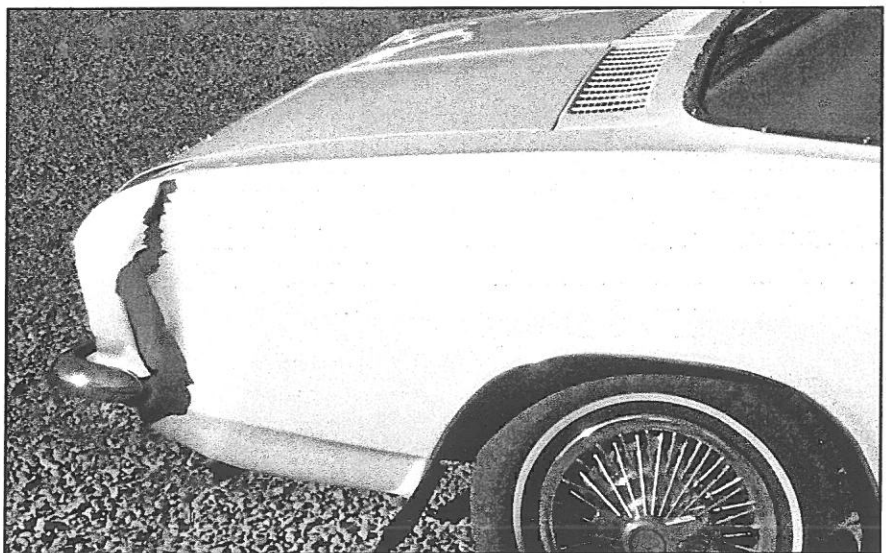
There are no entree choices this year, because each person will get a sampling of various Italian foods. The cost is \$17.00 per person. Make your checks payable to Western

Pennsylvania Corvair Club and mail to me, Stephen Puskas; Western PA Corvair Club; 458 Whitestown Road; Butler, PA 16001. Until then, happy Corvairing!

Stephen Puskas



President, WPCCC



Minutes of the September 28, 2004 WPCC Member Meeting

Officers Present:

President, Steve Puskas
Vice President, John Gundlach
Treasurer, Bill Brill
Secretary, Pat Greenwald.

Board members present:

Don Cekus
Emerick Buccigrossi
Tim Desmond
Bob Hieber
Les Walter.

The meeting was called to order by President, Steve Puskas.

The minutes of the July 27th meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,721.78.

Steve reported on the Trip to Altoona with visits to the Railroad Museum, the Boyer Candy Outlet, Horse Shoe Curve, and the Indian Caverns.

Steve also reported on the time trials at BeaveRun. Details of this two day

event were printed in the last newsletter. Les Walter read a letter he received from the North Eastern Corvair Council thanking him for his volunteer work at the trails.

John Gundlach talked about the upcoming Fall Foliage Tour to Warren, Pa, the Kinzua Dam, Benezette (to see the elk), and dinner near Kittanning. Those going on the trip should meet at the McDonald's in Butler at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 2.

Steve raised the question of the Hershey bus trip. No one at the meeting had any information.

Jim Heatherington offered to check into details for a trip to Seven Springs for the Octoberfest.

Don Cekus volunteered to set up a trip to Wheeling Island or Mountaineer Park if members are interested.

Don and Jim reported on the trip to Moundsville with the Model A club.

Don offered a tech tip showing a

rear light socket that he found that holds the bulb more securely than the original socket. The model is a Pico #5406PT.

Dave Fabyonic reported that no money has yet been received from the Canonsburg Parade organizers. He is still checking into it.

Steve will be setting up the Holiday Party. There are no details yet.

Don Baker purchased the CORSA Convention CD that was offered in the Communique.

Les Walter still has an unclaimed, prepaid club jacket with the name Wayne on it.

Les won \$15.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Greenwald, secretary

Letters to the Editor

Hey Luke:

Very good newsletter, as always... somehow there is a typo that I'd appreciate having corrected. (*Hands Off*, by Bill Artzberger"—August/September *Vair Street Journal*). I don't think I wrote it that way... "It registered 97,000 miles when I rolled it." That should have read, "It registered 97,000 miles when I sold it." No, I never rolled a Corvair and don't know anyone else who did!!!

A second typo, but not as important, "but it will help decrease the time it takes you to go from red light to red light". None of this is to be accepted as criticism. I make plenty of mistakes. (If you don't make a mistake, it means you are not doing anything)!!!

Bill Artzberger



Hey fellas, this innocent looking little lady is turning into trouble!...with a capital "P" that is! And that stands for Pat! You know, she went to the convention this year and took first place in the Women's Division IS2, (Improved Stock 2 class) driving Don Cekus' 1968 Sedan. Oops, I almost forgot, she started out 2004 as the Member of the Year for 2003. Then, along with her son Kurt, they drove her two Corvairs to the Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade where the red '64 convertible was awarded the 1st place trophy and the black '65 coupe took 2nd. Now she's gone off and taken a People's Choice Award at Seven Springs. We have to look out for this lady. She's probably has one of those scrap books with pictures and clippings about her successes. And she probably looks at that stuff too. Imagine that! Wow it couldn't happen to a nicer person. Congratulations Pat, we love you!

Fall Leaves Tour

by John Gundlach, Fall Leaves Tour Event Coordinator

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST DAWNED with beautiful sunshine and warm temperatures. Sunday October 3rd was also bright and sunny. BUT our Fall Leaves Tour on Saturday October 2, 2004 began dark and dreary. The rain started around 6:30 A.M. But being the troopers that we are, nine late model Corvairs were lined up at the Butler McDonald's parking lot. After an enjoyable breakfast, we headed up Route 8.

Our first stop was at the APPLE FEST in Franklin, PA. Club members checked out craft and food booths. Apples were everywhere. Most of us

enjoyed a free apple given out by the local officials. After an hour we were back on the road to Warren, PA.

After a quick stop at a local gift shop, we headed for lunch at the Peppermill Restaurant. The restaurant is a local favorite with the residents. We found it to have good food, very reasonable prices, and fast service. Following lunch we headed east on Route 59.

Our next stop was at Kinzua Dam. The dam was very impressive with its massive water outlets. We left the dam and headed to the Kinzua railroad bridge. The bridge was knocked over by a tornado in 2003. It was amazing

to see the destruction left by the storm.

Due to the lateness of the day, we decided to head south instead of continuing to Johnsonburg to see the elk. We took Route 219 south to Brockway and continued on south to Kittanning for dinner at the Allegheny Mariner. It was an enjoyable outing for the club.

Along for the trip were the Gundlachs: John, Gayle and Laura; the Greenwalds: Pat, Eric and Janet; Bob Hieber; Em and Letty Buccigrossi; Don and Mary Ellen Cekus; Ken and Toots Cekus; Dwayne and Joy Cekus; Steve Puskas and friend, Ray and Jim Heatherington.

WPCC Holiday Party, January 9, 2005

Our holiday party will be on January 9th, 2005 at the La Villa restaurant located on route 8, 3.5 miles north of the Butler Valley interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The restaurant is 1/2 mile past Tom Henry Chevrolet on the right hand side of route 8 (as you travel North). Coming South on route 8, it is located next to the North Star Market.

Festivities will begin at 3:00 p.m. The Chinese Auction (remember to bring gifts and things) hosted by Pat Greenwald will take place before dinner.

Following the dinner there will be the ever-popular gift exchange conducted by Carol and Al Friend.

Participation in the gift exchange requires that you bring a wrapped gift costing approximately \$10.00. On the package, please mark M for male, F for female, or E for either.



RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

There are no entree choices this year, because each person will get a sampling of various Italian foods.

Cost of dinner is \$17.00 per person

Send this form with your check, made out to WPCC, to:

**Stephen Puskas
Western PA Corvair Club
458 Whitestown Road
Butler, PA 16001**

Your reservation must be received by December 31, 2004.

Please Don't forget!

Thank you.

A Real Fool Proof Gasoline Saver

by Bill Artzberger

WHEN GASOLINE PRICES GO up, as they have in the past few months, car owners always try to find ways to save gas. Since the early 1930's, there have been a multitude of gas saving devices invented and marketed for use on your car, with the claim that you will get "more miles per gallon".

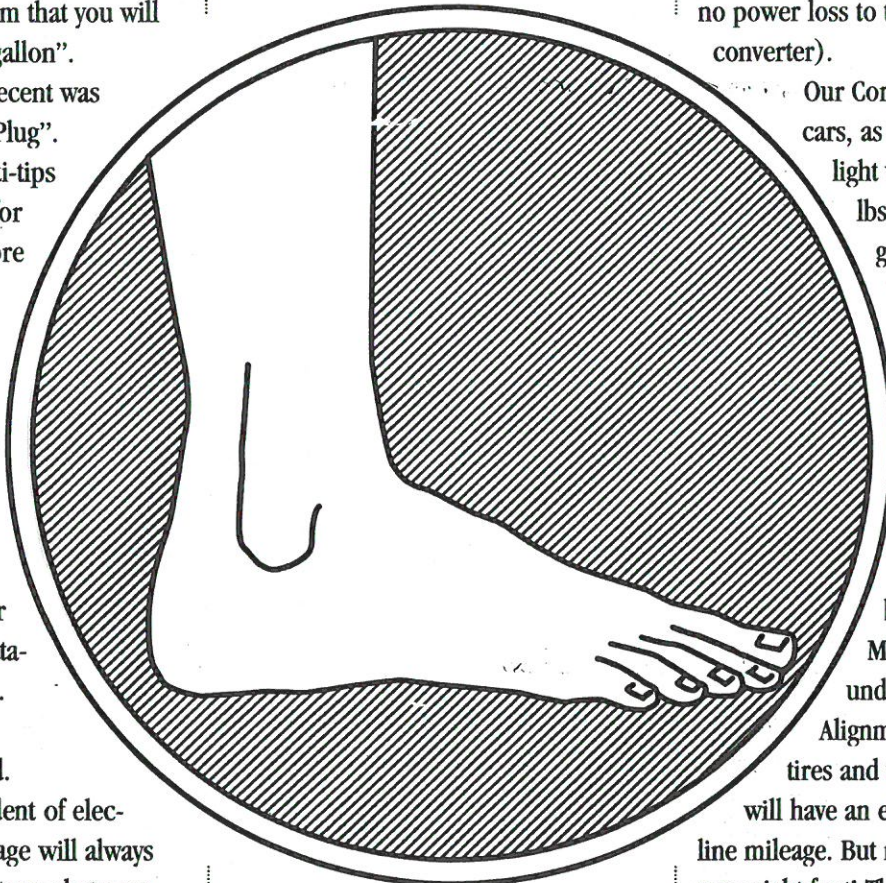
One of the most recent was the "Split-Fire Spark Plug". Spark plugs with multi-tips have been marketed for many years, long before the "Split-Fire" and they never increased gas mileage as advertised. Bosh, a German plug maker has recently introduced a spark plug with four tips. J.C. Whitney sold a similar spark plug in their catalog over 20 years ago. None of these ever performed as claimed.

Any neophyte student of electricity learns that voltage will always travel the shortest distance between two points. You don't have to be a Carnegie-Mellon graduate engineer, summa cum laude, to know that.

There have been all sorts of miracle gasoline savers invented that attached to air cleaners, carburetors, distributors and even exhaust pipes. (I tried to invent some myself, and they never worked either)!

But don't despair! Here is a gasoline saver that really works. It is called

"A Right Foot". The harder you press your right foot on the gas pedal, the more gasoline you will use. The opposite of this action is: the lighter you press on the gas pedal, the more gasoline you will save.



As you must know, your carburetor has a pump to give a surge of gasoline for quick acceleration when you need it. So, the less you use this pump the more miles per gallon you will get. That means, slow gradual right foot pressure on your gas pedal, as opposed to quick, heavy pressure.

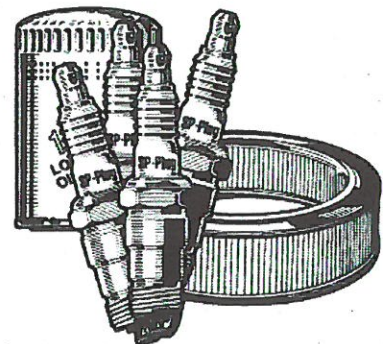
In ordinary driving situations there should never be a need to use your right foot to press the accelerator to

the floor. Under this condition you will spew raw gasoline thru your exhaust pipe(s).

Another way to save gasoline (if you have an automatic transmission) is to shift to "neutral" when your car is stopped at red lights. (There will be no power loss to the transmission converter).

Our Corvairs are great little cars, as we know. They are light weight (about 2,600 lbs.) and have a very good "coefficient of drag". If you drive conscientiously between 55 and 60 MPH, you can expect to get 22 to 26 MPG (or more). 70 MPH and above will net between 20 and 24 MPG. All of this is under ideal conditions.

Alignment, ignition timing, tires and tire pressures, each, will have an effect on your gasoline mileage. But mostly, it will be your right foot! This is a real fool-proof invention.



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This Roster of Members is compiled for you from our list of paid-up membership dues. We apologize for any keyboarding errors or omissions of information.

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

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Next Meeting

November 23, 2004

King's Restaurant—Wexford • Route 910 • off I-79 at Exit 73
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Meeting at 8:00 p.m.



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Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party that will take place on January 9, 2005, isn't as far off as you might think, so be sure to get the details of this fun event on page 3. Fill in the reservation form and send it, along with your check, to Steven Puskas, before January 5, 2005. Do it today.

A Wish

Speaking of the upcoming holidays, the Prez, officers, board and VSI editor, wish you a very happy holiday season. We also hope you have visions of Corvairs and Corvair events in 2005.