

The Vair Street Journal

The Official Newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

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'Tis the Season...

...for a bit of freezin'!



THIS ISSUE:

WPCC HISTORICAL RETROSPECTIVE (WIP)
MEMBER WINTER FUN
1967 CORVAIR REMEMBERED!

WPCC HOLIDAY PARTY REMINDER:

Sunday, January 8th, 2-5pm
Grant's Bar, Millvale, PA
All Corvair Enthusiasts Welcome!

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(Or Just Google "WPCC Corvair")

*Decorations of Red under a
Green Christmas Tree...*



DEC 17, 2016

ON THE COVER...

Donna Heiber shared this pair of photos of husband Bob's '65 Corvair enduring our 1st winter storm of the season. Hey, what's this classic Corvair doing outside in the winter weather anyway?

Just Kidding Heibers...Thanks for sharing!



the Prez Sez...

Well, Feliz Navidad to one and all!

Here's hoping that you all had a very Merry Christmas, and that the year 2016, was one of the best ever for each and

every one of "younz".

For me it started out and for the most part, was one of the most successful, as far as my Corvair is concerned. Got it sanded, primed, painted, and running. Put in a new interior, had a lot of parts Chromed and put on. Got Antique Plates. In the spring of '17, we'll put in a new windshield and steering box and the rest of the chrome.

Later in the year, as we get older, we start to lose some of our friends. In my case, I lost 2 former State Trooper buddies on Christmas day. Good guys, May they rest in Peace.

Enough about me, our own WPCC, has really stepped up to the plate. Namely, Jimmy (ALL CAPS) Weppelman. He has taken the bull by the horns and has us (WPCC) hosting the 2018 National CORSA Convention. He has tirelessly spent hundreds of hours, on the phone with CORSA Board members, Vendors, Hotels, etc., making arrangements for ALL. He has reached out to a few "outsiders" to lead some of OUR committees – HINT, HINT!!!! In other words, "he's worked his butt off", getting the ball to roll. Thanks JIMMY!!!

We have submitted ALL the necessary paperwork to the State of PA and to the FEDS in order to become a legally formed Non-Profit Organization - in some cases TWICE, and, in other cases, 4 TIMES! However, in the end, we are now recognized by the state of Pennsylvania as a Non-Profit Organization, and by the time you read this, the FEDS as well.

The WPCC has been a very fortunate organization. It has had several Editors of the Vair Street Journal since I have been a member. ALL have done an "OUTSTANDING" job. First, Charles "LUKE" Lucas, then Joyce Bachman, and now presently Rod Murray. What can I say about him that hasn't

already been said – well I can say, he costs me a lot of money, each time he publishes a VSJ. It seems I have to make several copies, for various reasons, and the amount of ink used is unbelievable. BUT, it's worth it. He even has me writing an article for every issue. Keep up the GREAT work, Rod.

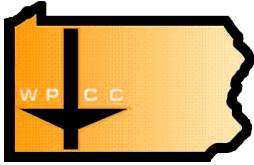
The word's getting out about the WPCC. We have had several new members join, including a couple from Ohio, several locally, and one from Erie; several inquiries about what we do, "I can help, if needed at the Convention", etc. Let's go back in time...a little over a year ago, I remember All Caps, Rod, Darlene, and Kurt coming to a meeting, joining up, and coming up with some new ideas, all of which really caused some consternation, among some older members. I know this, cause I was asked, "Who are these guys? Where did they come from? Why are they trying to take over?" Well friends, as you have found out, these four in particular, have "stepped up to the plate". They not only have been the nucleus of the Convention team, they have become OFFICERS of this Club, and have infused some New BLOOD into the WPCC.

Before I sign off, let me leave you with this...at the last general meeting, I appointed Don Baker as Head of our annual Officers nomination committee of one. I did not stop there, however. I made a suggestion, and, with the approval of the other current officers, Don Cekus, Jim Weppelman, and Darlene Kady, that since WE have been at the forefront of the 2018 National Convention Bid and planning process, I would like ALL of us re-elected to the same positions for the next TWO years. We are NOT going to violate the By-laws, and should ANYONE else want to run for office of this Club, please feel free. What I am saying is that WE started something and would like to see it thru to the finish.

Hey!!! Only 3.5 months of winter. Hope to see you all before that.

- *Jim*





UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(Look for more event details in the latest Vair Street Journal)

2017 WPCC Chapter Meeting Schedule

(unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at the North Park Clubhouse in Gibsonia, PA)

February	18 th	12n-2pm	WPCC BOD, Annual Calendar Planning Mtg
March	28 th	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
May	23 rd	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
July	25 th	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
September	26 th	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting
November	28 th	6-9pm	WPCC Chapter Meeting

If you have an event you'd like to see added to the calendar, drop a note via our website email.

This Winter...

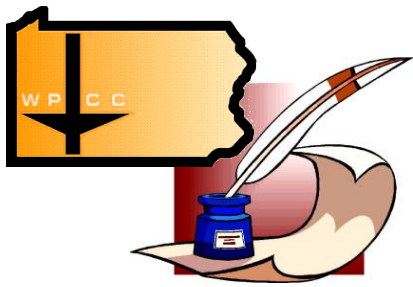
Members like:

- To Keep Their Corvairs off Salty Roads
- To store 'em in a toasty garage
- Off-Season Corvair projects
- To Get Ready For Spring!

Stay Busy!

Now's the time to grab some Corvair friends
for some indoor garage projects!





WPCC Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club was held at **The Clubhouse, in Gibsonia, PA** on Nov.22, 2016.

Officers present included: President Jim Steigerwaldt, Vice President,, Don Cekus, Secretary JIM WEPPELMAN, and Treasurer, Darlene Kady. Board members in attendance included **Al Friend, Rod Murray, Steve Puskas, Don Baker, Les Walter and Bob Hieber**. 24 Members in attendance.

Approval of minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Steigerwaldt. Don Baker reported on a couple of corrections to last month's minutes. One item was that there is only one Les Walter, not Walters. And the second item was Donna Mae Mim was spelled Mimms - should be Mim. Changes acknowledged and made to meeting minutes of Sept,27,2016. President Jim Steigerwaldt motioned to accept, Bob Hieber accepted the motion, with Jim Loomis seconding the motion.

Announcements

President Jim Steigerwaldt relayed to the attendees that WPCC member, Kurt Foltz's companion, JoLynn Herzog, had suddenly passed away earlier in the week. Condolences were extended to Kurt and their families.

Al Friend gave some more information to the club about WPCC's history.

President Jim Steigerwaldt introduced new member Jim Loomis, from Koppel, PA. Jim has a 1964 Monza Spyder convertible that will be out on the streets this spring. Jim has recently had some work done on it at Hahn-Vorbach in Harmony, PA. Jim Steigerwaldt reminded members that dues are due by Jan. 1, 2017. It is \$12 for individuals, and \$15 for family. Treasurer Darlene would prefer payment by check. Christmas party is Jan.8, 2017, at Grants Bar in Millvale, PA. Once again. \$20 per person for dinner. Don Cekus said that the grab bag is raised from \$10 to \$20 per person this year. Checks for

Christmas party to be made out to WPCC and sent to Jim Madden, 232 Harrison St, Evans City, PA 16033. Jim Steigerwaldt asked Rod Murray to put the WPCC roster in the next Vair Street Journal. Rod agreed. Jim recommended that the Clubhouse remain the meeting location for the foreseeable future for WPCC meetings, until some other location is found or suggested. Jim said for the upcoming WPCC elections of officers, that he would like to remain President for the next two years until after the convention in 2018. He also asked that the rest of the officers remain the same till such time, unless other members have a different view to contact Don Baker. Some hacking of E-mail addresses of officers came up. It was told to verify any questions, especially monetary, with the person whom you are in communication with. Jim Steigerwaldt recommended a few new vendors that he had used recently and had good success. Mance plating in Imperial, PA, and Dan's Classic Parts in Portland, OR. The approval on chapter changes and bylaws is final. Jim said that Treasurer Darlene only has to file with the IRS in early Jan, and everything should be ok. Jim also thanked again, Allan Lacki, Eastern CORSA Director, for his knowledge of Pennsylvania and the Federal governments contact and regulations on these matters.

Vice President Don Cekus addressed the club on several items. Don said that Jim Madden said hello, saying that he couldn't attend for some health reasons. And that Jim has a successful powder coating company that he runs and does great work. Don spoke of the November 18th show "LAST MAN STANDING", Tim Allen tried to buy his friend's 63 Monza Convertible. Jay Leno is also in this episode. Tim tries to buy the car from his buddy who got the car from his father after he passed away. He's reluctant to sell it so Tim Allen uses Jay Leno to buy it. Instead Jay buys the car for himself and later resells it for a profit. Sale price was going to be \$10,000 but Jay gets it for \$8,500. Don thanked Jim Weppelman and his wife Jonnie for putting on the car rally in October, and what a great time everyone had. JIM stated that he hopes it's an annual event and next year won't be so easy. Don also told members that the convention is coming quickly and to step up to the task. Anyone looking to help can contact JIM WEPPELMAN or a member of the "steering group". Don thanked Rod Murray for another wonderful Vair Street journal, all agreed.

Rod Murray commented on the last VSJ he put together. He liked the report on the wine tour, and suggested that any pictures sent to him be in a vertical style. It is easier for him to use them this way. Rod also said that he likes how the VSJ can be used to advertise and sell Corvairs from members and different people who read it.

Don Baker told the club about Toys Underground storage in Cabot, PA. Pricing was \$195 for Oct-May, per car. Toys is an old underground limestone mine. Don also said that the opening act for the old Civic Arena in 1961 was the Civic Light Opera. Don also told of Donna Mae Mim being a ¾ midget race trophy queen back in the day.

On the subject of storage of cars, Steve Puskas told the group not to put any car in storage when it's wet, or damp. Seems Steve found out the hard way once by finding mold all over the place when he bought it back out in the spring.

Bob Hieber said that the resurrection of stored cars, even ones with low mileage can be a chore. After the passage of time gasoline, and the rubber products like gaskets, go bad with age. Bob has had more than a few fuel pumps go bad from fuel problems to "they just don't make them like they did before".

Les Walter bought an "Embroidery People's" t-shirt catalog to look at colors and styles.

Reports

Treasurer Darlene Kady stated that non-payment of dues by any member of WPCC, the member will receive a letter, for non-payment per WPCC by-laws.

Treasurer Darlene Kadys financial report that follows;

Treasurers report, Nov 22, 2016 Beginning	
Balance	\$2,192.03
Income:	
Dues	\$18.00
Expenses:	
	\$.00
Final Balance:	\$2,211.09



Adjournment

Motion to adjourn raised by Vice President Don Cekus, seconded by Les Walter.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Weppelman
2016 Secretary



Are you **IN**?

WPCC encourages all Corvair enthusiasts to support our parent chapter, The Corvair Society of America (CORSA).

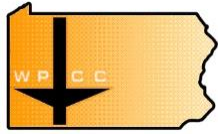
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insurance, the national convention, and their award-winning monthly newsletter "The Communique". For more information visit CORSA's

website at... www.corvair.org



Editor's Note: In preparation for the 2018 CORSA Convention, long-time WPCC member Al Friend was asked to prepare a written history of our chapter. Although the final draft may be edited for length for both the Convention Program and our chapter website, we thought you'd enjoy Al's full draft here – it's an excellent and enjoyable read. Please also note the bold yellow type where we are still in need of accurate information. If you can help us with these items, please let us know.



THE HISTORY OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB (WPCC)

by Al Friend, founding chapter member

According to General Motors records, in the early 1970's western Pennsylvania ranked 2nd only to the Los Angeles region for overall Corvair market penetration. Aside from our region's well-known penchant for Corvair racing, the Corvair's equally renowned capabilities for traction and handling on our snow-covered roller coaster roads were very likely major factors as well. So it was only appropriate that our area had developed a fond appreciation for the Chevy Corvair and that a Corvair enthusiast group would be founded during this time.

In March, 1973, the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club was officially chartered as the Corvair Society of America's 158th chapter. WPCC's original roster consisted of approximately **# MEMBERS AND # CORVAIRS**, led by the chapter's first president, the late Ivan Clever of West Leechburg, PA. Ivan owned an auto repair shop that also served as our first meeting place. His shop was conveniently surrounded by a yard of "retired" Corvairs, so, if you needed parts, you would search the lot, remove what you needed, show them to Ivan, and pay him a very reasonable price. At the beginning, Ivan did pretty much everything from promoting the club to working on member's Corvairs to even publishing the chapter's first newsletter, a simple one page publication. Ivan was a critical and driving force in the club's formative years.

A few years later, WPCC began meeting at Devereaux Chevrolet in Freeport, PA, thanks to the late John Costantino, Devereaux's parts manager and an active Corvair enthusiast who owned a beautiful 64 Monza coupe. Much like Ivan Clever, members could pre-order parts from John who would have them ready for pick up prior to the meetings. Other meeting places over the years were mostly restaurants, including one named "The Brewery". The club even met for a while at a church, so you might say that after the Chevy dealer, we ran the meeting gamut from a church to "The Brewery"!! For the last several years, the club has met bi-monthly at one of 2 restaurant locations in equal rotation.

By 1975, WPCC had grown to a roster of 88 family memberships. Our club has been privileged to have a few nationally-recognized Corvair "celebrities" amongst our membership. To name a few: The late Donna Mae Mims, secretary of Yenko Motors, and of SCCA racing fame. Bill Artzberger, author of the book, "Corvair, A History & Restoration Guide". The late Vaun Hamlin, auto repair shop owner (specializing in Corvairs) who was turning eleven seconds at the drag strip in his super-charged Corvair station wagon. Long-time member John Sweet served as a CORSA Eastern Division Director in 1982 & 83, and to this day as CORSA's Internal Affairs Chairman. And while we regularly invited Canonsburg resident and the father of the Yenko Stinger, Don Yenko, to join, we just couldn't quite get him to pull the trigger.

WPCC sponsored three, all-Corvair "Steel City Concourses" in 1976, '77, & '78. The '76 show was held at the Pittsburgh Region's GM Training Center, and featured Bill Artzberger's Corvair-powered Avenger, a perfect 60 coupe; a 64 coupe with under 5,000 miles on it; and the last 69 Corvair sold in the Pittsburgh region. Best of show went to Don & Alice Schneider, from the "Friends of Corvair" chapter, and the Toledo Shriners stole the show with their beautiful late model Bicentennial flag Corvairs! Seeing those Corvairs as a group was an unforgettable sight.

In early 1979 WPCC finally filed its incorporation documents with the state of Pennsylvania, and officially became The Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club, Inc.

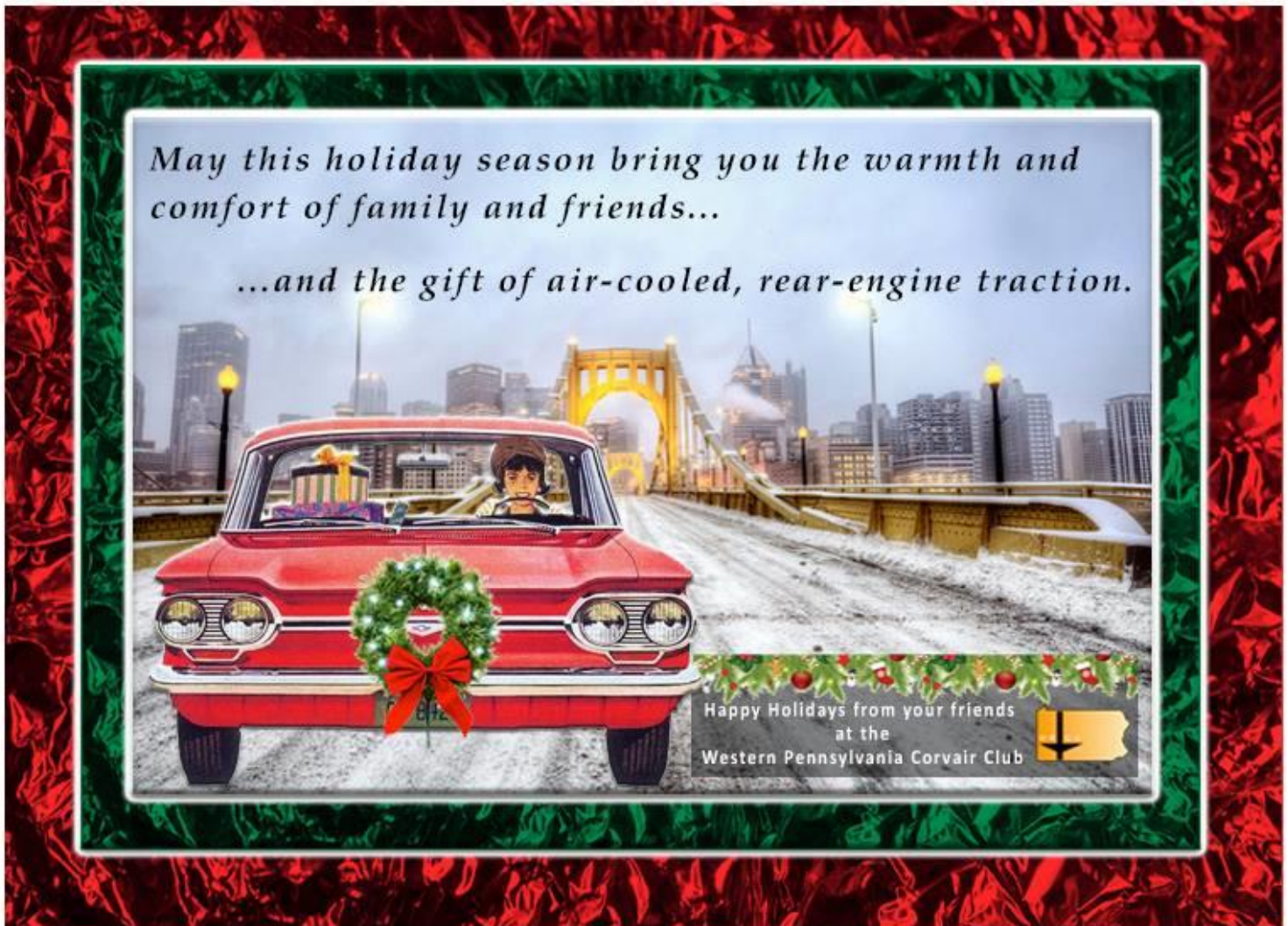
In the 80's we enjoyed many WPCC days at the local drag strip, where current WPCC Officer Don Cekus was a regular, and also regularly held our own autocrosses. Moreover, members Don Baker, Les Walter, and Bill Artzberger kept us deeply involved in the annual "Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix", and continue to do so today. And, while detailed records are not available, it is believed that this was also the period during which our club reached its membership apex as a recently-discovered December, 1984 chapter roster listed 127 family memberships with an estimated 200 Corvairs!

From the earliest days of the club, WPCC members have had the good fortune to have received expert mechanical advice and service from within our membership. In the early years, these members included the late John Greenwald and Vaun Hamlin. Today, we can still count on current members like John Sweet, Don Cekus, and Bob Heiber, just to name a few, to offer sage advice and mechanical services. Over the past few years, the club has also re-established an annual Spring Tune-Up event to help members learn important DIY wrenching skills while shaking the winter storage dust off their Corvairs.

Our newsletter, "The Vair Street Journal", has had many wonderful editors over the years. The VSJ received its name in per a suggestion from founding member and early newsletter editor Al Friend, a stockbroker during his career and an avid daily reader of The Wall Street Journal. Al handled editing duties for about 7 years in

the late 70's/early 80' and today serves an important role as WPCC's resident chapter historian. Laurie Maglietta kept us well informed for over ten years, after which Charles Lucas took over for an amazing 16 years, and was even recognized in **year?** with CORSA's Tony Fiore Award for best chapter newsletter.

Today, WPCC boasts a steady roster of some 40-50 members & families with a combined stable of over **#** Corvairs ranging from projects to concours' show cars. The club proudly retains **x** of founding WPCC members. At a time when many CORSA chapters have folded and others are struggling to maintain relevance, WPCC is experiencing a resurgence of energy and enthusiasm thanks to an influx of youth and new members. Effective visibility provided by website and social media presence has exposed the club and the Corvair to a new generation of Corvair owners/enthusiasts, and we seem poised to continue our passion for all things Corvair well into the 21st century.





Things Slow Down In Winter...right?

Short days and cold nights pretty much lead to a few months of winter hibernation for our favorite little Corvairs...right? Well, we've already seen Bob Heiber's snowjob and Prez Jim's restoration progress...the VSJ received a few other member updates...

SPILATRO'S FC IS ALL SETTLED IN FOR A LONG WINTER'S NAP...Here's my 61 8-door GB under its winter blanket. My wife, Jane, made this custom cover to protect the van from accidental dings and scratches, especially during winter storage. It is sewn together from six inexpensive quilts from Big Lots -- a big undertaking using a regular sized sewing machine. It's a two-part cover, held together with velcro; the seam is located just behind the front doors, allowing easy to start up the FC on occasion. There are holes provided for the side view mirrors and antenna. – **Steve S.**



BEST CORVAIR CHRISTMAS EVER!...Darlene Kady sent us this picture of the terrific modified (and installed!) AM/FM/USB & Bluetooth radio she received from fellow WPCCC member Jeff Grahovac (yes, they are sweet on each other).

And, have we mentioned...JIMMY GETS AROUND?

ALL CAPS has been busy Corvair Spotting all over the Beaver County area...he must have a nose for Corvairs!





Do any of these JIMMY finds look familiar to anyone? What are the chances that one or more of these Corvairs used to be drivers for a WPCC member?

WELCOME

...new WPCC Member!
Jim Loomis, Koppel, PA

Don't forget to keep a supply of our handy WPCC Glovebox Fliers in all your vehicles! You never know when you'll come across someone who might be interested in Corvairs and/or checking out our club.

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editorialisms n'at...

“What a difference a year makes”

Happy New Year everyone.

I hope this holiday season has been a safe and wonderful time for each of you. I say this

knowing there are people close to many of us, both in and out of our club, who either lost loved ones this past year, or who we simply weren't able to be with, which could only make the holidays a bittersweet time.

A CORVAIR RESOLUTION...The beginning of every year is traditionally the time to take stock in the previous year's accomplishments while also setting goals for the new year at hand. I remember this time just about a year ago when I was really on the fence about getting involved w/ the club. However, with a bit of encouragement from a few of my 3RC friends, I re-engaged and came to the November meeting and subsequent January holiday party. Somewhere along the way, I dove into the deep end of the WPCC pool and told a somewhat nervous Jim Steigerwaldt that I would take on the newsletter editor's role if he was ok with it. I then dove even deeper when I stole his booze at the Holiday gift exchange! Ha! We've been tight ever since ☺.

Anyway, around that point I made my annual New Year's Corvair Resolutions...The first was to finish reading “Unsafe At Any Speed” (check, and I recommend it to all Corvair enthusiasts to form their own opinion of Nader's real message – hint: it was about a lot more than Corvairs)...the 2nd was to get my van painted (nope, and yes Prez, I'm just a bit envious at the progress you've made on your '65 ☺)...and the 3rd was to “make a positive impact on our club”. This last resolution is easily the one where I spent the most time. That's ok, though, cuz it's been fun for me, and I hope, in one way or another, it's paying some dividends for our group. I'm proud to have jumped in on our website, Facebook page, and newsletter effort, and I'm also proud to be a part the 2018 Convention Planning Committee. Obviously, none of these things are done alone, and I'm most proud of simply (and hopefully) contributing to and being a part of a fun car club. Like any group activity, WPCC is, has been, and will always be, whatever we collectively make it.

So, long story short, the booze was great, the pool is good, and I'm glad things have gone as they have. And, while “painting my van” is once again on my list of 2017 New Year's Corvair Resolutions, I am also once

again making a resolution to “make a positive impact on our club” this coming year. I invite you to do the same!

WPCC WEB UPDATE...I'm happy to report that, in the latest CORSA Communique', our chapter website was included in CORSA's list of outstanding sites for 2016. I'm not sure what their vote is based on but it's a very nice compliment to be sure, and certainly a far cry from just a few years ago when our club had no internet presence at all – I still remember as recently as 2010 when I moved to Pittsburgh how difficult it was just to find Pittsburgh's Corvair club. A big thanks goes to Helen Butalla for taking the lead on launching both our first website as well as our Facebook page. We've definitely made progress!

Regardless of whether CORSA considers our website outstanding or not, the most important function a website can provide is simply enabling people to find you. To do this, internet search engines like Google work on basic “meta data” information, or, in other words, phrases and words people type in to find what they're looking for. Ideally, webmasters can anticipate what those search words and phrases might be and build them into the website code as “meta tags”. Ultimately, the more frequent the use of these meta tags, the higher your website climbs in the search engine rankings. Well, we seem to be having some meta tag success as we are now consistently landing at or near the top of the Google search engine for all types of “Pittsburgh Corvair club” search phrases. Believe it or not, even our 2018 CORSA Convention page is already landing at the top of Google's search engine. Rest assured, people can find us now, which can only bode well for us moving forward.

AND ON THE FACEBOOK FRONT...We're quietly building a respectable group on Facebook as we are up to 104 people following our chapter – note this number actually exceeds our chapter membership! Pretty interesting. Again, social media is the fastest, easiest way to generate exposure and awareness for our club.

That's it for now. Best wishes to you and our club for an awesome 2017!

Editorially Yours,
Rod





Tidbits from WPCC's Facebook page...

The best place to share and see updates on what members are up to!

Jeff Grahovac found this circa '70's picture of Tiger 1 on a national Corvair forum...we all know the Tiger Corvairs are pretty famous and the Artzberger name is revered throughout the Corvair universe...but check out young Jimmy Artz...I mean, who knew he's been a bad-ass for so long...



...it turns out Jimmy ALL CAPS' is a Christmas Eve baby...and he hasn't grown much since this pic was taken!

...Our 2016 Holiday Card got some pop...



...And the latest 'Communique' gave us some website love.



Check our Facebook page for these posts and more!



MEMBER'S GARAGE FORUM

Here's this month's VSJ update on who's doing what with their Corvairs...Hey, if these folks can do it, than maybe there's hope for all of us!

This issue's garage spotlight falls on WPCC President Jim Steigerwaldt and the progress he's making on his '65 Monza restoration...Jim offered no comments beyond his "Prez Sez" column, but "a picture speaks a thousand words" (and is also proof that a DIY paint booth in your garage goes a loooooong way!)





And....

We have been busy working on the blue Monza including repairing the heater, installing the radio, replacing the fuel pump, and installing new fuel lines. Jeff has also been teaching me how to rebuild carburetors and thanks to John Sweet we were able to get the parts we needed and I will be able to finish the second one soon. – **Darlene**



You can boost another Corvair owner's confidence by sharing your Garage Forum updates. In the meantime, keep on wrenching!



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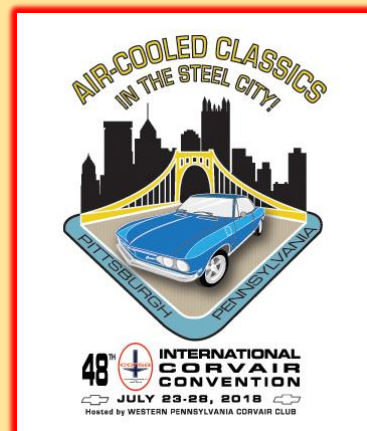
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Have **YOU** signed up for an event role yet? There's lots to do, and we can use your help!

aka JIMMY <<< all caps!...



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BY NOW THE HOLIDAYS ARE GONE OR CLOSE TO IT. AND THE NEW YEAR HAS STARTED. 2017 WILL BRING TO US MANY DIFFERENT CHANGES. THE WORD OR EVEN THE IDEA OF

NEW BRINGS WITH IT SOMETIMES A FEAR, OR UNEASINESS. HUMANS ARE USED TO THE REPETITION, AND COMFORT LEVEL OF DOING THINGS THE SAME WAY. NEW MEANS GETTING OUT OF THIS COMFORT ZONE. IT MAY REQUIRE MORE THOUGHT PROCESS. IT MAY REQUIRE CHANGING OUR EXPECTATIONS. IT MAY REQUIRE US ACCEPTING THINGS THAT WE MAY HAVE NOT BEFORE, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. BUT EVERY YEAR THAT WE ARE ON THIS EARTH NEW IS INEVITABLE. THIS NEW YEAR WILL BRING US A NEW PRESIDENT. THIS NEW YEAR WILL BRING US A NEW CORSA CONVENTION PLACE, INDEPENDENCE MISSOURI. MAYBE THIS NEW

YEAR WILL BRING YOU A DIFFERENT CORVAIR. MAYBE NEW PARTS. NEW IDEAS TO FIX IT UP. RECENTLY WPCC HAS HAD THE PLEASURE OF ACCEPTING A FEW NEW MEMBERS, AND WE WELCOME THEM TO OUR CLUB. WE HAVE HAD PROGRESS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF OUR CLUB. NEW BY-LAWS, NEW CLUB ACTIVITIES, AND I SEEM TO THINK A NEW ATTITUDE FOR WPCC. SO NEW IS NOT A BAD THING TO FEAR. REMEMBER WHAT WE SEE AS NEW TODAY, WILL BE THE PAST TOMORROW.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

VAIRLY YOURS,

JIM WEPPELMAN, SECRETARY WPCC





WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB

Active Membership Roster as of **12/30/16**

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Treasurer's Report December, 2016

Financially Submitted, Darlene

As of December 28, 2016	
Beginning Balance	\$2,211.09
Income:	
- 2016 Dues	\$42.00
Expenses:	
- October 2 nd Corvair Heritage Day Rally (North Park)	\$200.00
Ending Balance	\$2.053.09

Treasurer's Reminder: 2017 dues are due! Don't forget rate changes - single membership is \$12/yr and families just \$15/yr. I will send reminders to all members that have not paid by the end of January.

Thank you in advance and Happy New Year!



WESTERN PA'S CORVAIR CLASSIFIEDS

Check out these great finds on Pittsburgh's Craigslist.

*Got Corvairst items to sell
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If you have a comment, question, suggestion, or just need to vent about the VSJ, drop an email to the [VSJ Editor](#). I may not agree and may not even respond, but I promise to read every email before I delete it! ☺

2017 marks the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Corvair!

GM

To you drivers who really love driving
this is probably the most welcome
car announcement of the year

'67 Corvair

Here it is—with its steering as crisp and precise as ever, its independent suspension as poised and flat-riding as ever, its handling as clean and sweet as ever. Plus some new refinements like dual circuit brakes that'll add to your delight in driving it. We who build Corvair wouldn't have it any other way. And we know you drivers who really love driving wouldn't, either.

Corvair 500 sport coupe
America's lowest priced hardtop
\$9000

New dual-circuit brakes

New oval steering wheel

New optional bucket seats

(This retrospective courtesy of Wikipedia.)

...In 1967, the CORSA was discontinued, and the Corvair line was trimmed to the 500 and Monza Hardtop Coupes and Sedans, and the Monza Convertible. This model year was the first with a collapsible steering column. A dual circuit master cylinder with warning light, nylon reinforced brake hoses, stronger steel (instead of aluminum) door hinges, "mushroomed" instrument panel knobs and a vinyl-edged day/night mirror were all made standard equipment.

Bucket seats in Monza models were now of the same "Astro" style as those on the new-for-1967 Camaro, featuring a new-thin-shell design. Chevrolet introduced a 50,000 mi (80,000 km) engine warranty on all Chevrolet models including the Corvair. Chevrolet was still actively marketing the Corvair in 1967, including color print ads and an "I Love My Corvair" bumper sticker campaign by

To you drivers who really love driving, '67 Corvair
this could be the most welcome
new car of the year

The rear-engine road car

Corvair 500 Sport Coupe,
America's lowest priced hardtop—\$2128*

New dual master cylinder brakes—Separate hydraulic systems, one for front brakes and one for rear brakes, means that one set keeps working even if the other doesn't (an unlikely event). Red light on instrument panel warns of any pressure imbalance between the two systems.

New oval steering wheel—This easy-to-grip wheel sits atop the GM-developed energy-absorbing steering column—one of many new standard safety features. Others include 4-way hazard warning flasher and a lane-change feature incorporated in direction signal control.

*Manufacturer's suggested list price for Corvair 500 Sport Coupe (model 101.17). To this price add white wall tires \$28.20, and wheel covers \$21.10, which are illustrated on Madista Monza Corvair in foreground. All prices include Federal Excise Tax and suggested dealer delivery and handling charge (transportation charges, accessories, other optional equipment, state and local taxes additional).

Here it is—with its steering as crisp and precise as ever, its independent suspension as poised and flat-riding as ever, its styling as clean and sweet as ever. Plus new safety and convenience features that'll add to your delight in driving it. We who build Corvair wouldn't have it any other way. And we know you drivers who really love driving wouldn't, either.

dealers, but production and sales continued to fall off drastically. Only 27,253 copies were built. GM wanted to sell the Corvair long enough to amortize it's tooling, and it also likely kept the Corvair around a few more years simply because of its own pride.

These two advertising images are interesting in that the 1st is pulled from GM's official online PhotoStore Archives, and it appears to have served as a template for the final ad as it was ultimately printed.



CHEVROLET MOTOR DIVISION
General Motors Corporation

- OK** Satisfactory
 X Needs Attention

Corvair Diagnosis Check List (Engine Fume Odors)

Dealer
File
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Owner's Name _____

Serial Number _____

Address _____

Mileage _____

Date _____

This check list is provided to assist in diagnosing the causes of any reported fume odors in the passenger compartment of 1961 through 1969 Corvair models.

If any of the items on the check list require adjustment, repair, or replacement, refer to the referenced pages of the March, 1971 issue of Chevrolet Service News and/or the appropriate Corvair Service Manual.

It should be noted that the sections entitled "Cylinder Head and Gaskets" and "Exhaust System" are concerned with possible sources of fume odors which can contain carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas.

Cylinder Head and Gaskets

Refer to pages 3 and 4 of the March, 1971 issue of Service News for the test procedure.

1. Cylinder Head Gasket Leak Test

LEAKS NOTED

Cyl. # Left Bank	Cyl. # Right Bank
2. _____	1. _____
4. _____	3. _____
6. _____	5. _____

Exhaust System

Refer to pages 4 and 5 of the March, 1971 issue of Service News for the test procedure.

1. Leaks at Exhaust System Connections

- Manifold to cylinder exhaust sleeves
- Manifold to exhaust pipe
- Exhaust pipe to muffler
- Muffler to tailpipe

2. Tailpipe Mispositioned

3. Exhaust Pipe and/or Muffler and/or Tailpipe Deterioration

4. Engine Shield to Body Seal Leaks

5. Leaks in Lower Body Panels and/or Floor Pan

Oil Fumes

Refer to pages 5, 6 and 7 of the March, 1971 issue of Service News.

1. Oil Leaks

- Rocker cover gaskets
- Rocker arm stud and push rod tube seals
- Oil filler cap
- Oil pressure sending switch
- Crankcase cover gaskets
- Oil pan gasket
- Front and rear crankshaft seals
- Front and rear housing gaskets
- Oil filter and generator adaptor gaskets
- Engine oil cooler and adaptor gasket and seals
- Cylinder to crankcase gasket

Itemized Repairs
shown on R.O. # _____

Date _____

Oil Fumes (Continued)

2. Crankcase Vent System

- PCV valve or restrictor orifice clogged
- Crankcase oil separator (between crankcase and crankcase cover) clogged

3. Crankcase Overfull

Fuel Odors

Refer to pages 8 through 12 of the March, 1971 issue of Service News.

1. Fuel Spillage on or Around the Vehicle

2. Fuel Line Leak

3. Fuel Line Connection Leak

4. Carburetor Vapors

5. Fuel Tank Vapors

6. Improper Carburetor Adjustment

7. Poor Carburetor Maintenance

8. Fuel Pump Leak

9. Excessive Engine Heat

Miscellaneous

Refer to pages 12 and 13 of the March, 1971 issue of Service News.

1. Leaks in the Heater Intake and/or Outlet Hoses and/or Connections

2. Heater Housing Leaks

Comments: _____

Inspected by _____ Date _____

Dealership Name _____

Address _____

Check out this is 1970's era Corvair Diagnosis Check List used by Chevy Dealer Mechanics to service Corvair Engine Fume issues. Do you get the sense that Chevy just wanted the Corvair to go away? - Form courtesy of John Sweet