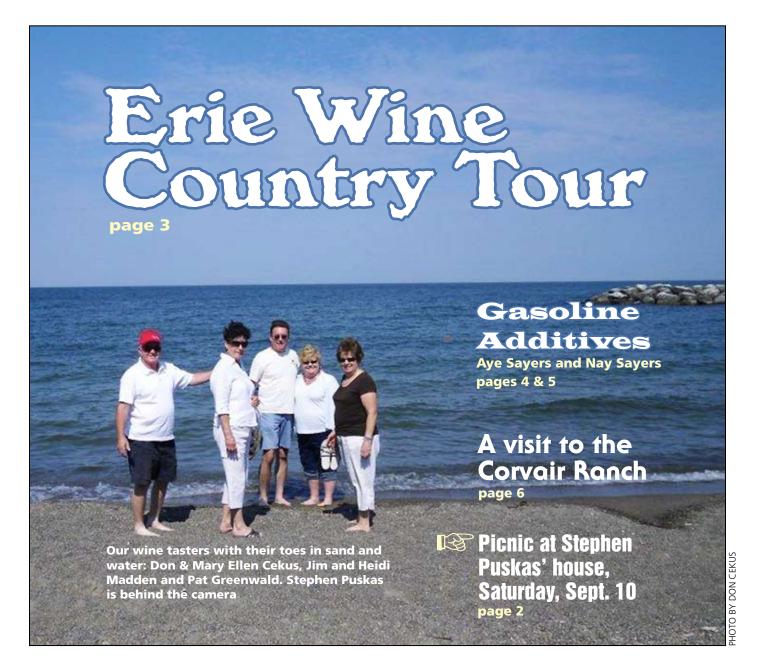
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011

North Park Lounge Clubhouse • Route 8

1/4 mile north of the Butler PA Turnpike Exit

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

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Picnic at Stephen's House

I am having a picnic at my house with the WPCC and Antique Car Club, on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 4:00pm. Address: 221 Green Manor Dr. Butler, PA 16002 Phone: (724) 284-3721 Guest attending should please bring a covered dish or dessert to share (last name A-M a covered dish / N-Z a dessert). Bring Corvairs and lawn chairs

Van For Sale

My brother Mike Zerbe from Emporium, PA, sent me the following:

For Sale: I have a 1963 Corvair van that I am selling. Asking \$4,000. It has a fresh paint job on it, new carpet inside, rebuilt carbs, tune up, runs good and looks great. Its not a perfect show piece but it is a damn nice driver for van lovers. It's solid as well, which is hard to find for Vans. If interested or want

to have a look, see more pics or questions, please e-mail or call: 814-943-5126 or 814-330-7734. Asking Price: \$4,000.00 Thank you, Marie Dandois



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July 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Stephen Puskas

Iim Madden, President Don Cekus, Vice President Pat Greenwald, Secretary Iim Heatherington, Treasurer

Board Members Present:

Don Baker Steve Puskas Jim Steigerwaldt

The meeting was called to order by President Jim

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter after the bank balance was corrected

Jim Heatherington's treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$2885.88.

Iim Madden commended Suzanne Heatherington on the very nice report of the Finger Lakes Tour in the last newsletter.

Jim reported on the trip to the Erie wine country. The stops included four wineries, Presque Isle, and the Maritime Museum. Don Cekus praised Jim for a job well done on the event planning.

Margaret and Bob Morgan discussed the August 13th John H. Gutermuth Memorial Car Cruise in Rochester. Details were printed in the last newsletter.

Jim welcomed new member Jack Schlarman.

Bill Artzberger announced that he has a basement full of Corvair parts for sale. Someone from South Carolina is coming to buy the whole lot. So if anyone else wants anything, they need to act soon. The parts include a complete air conditioning unit.

Don Baker and Les Walter discussed the Beaver Run event coming up this weekend and the Vintage Grand Prix on

Don Cekus announced that the date for the Victory Hill Car Show is Saturday, August 6th.

Steve Puskas talked about the Saxonburg Art Festival and the club picnic on September 10th. We should plan to eat at Steve's at 4:00 pm.

Jim is working on setting up the November meeting at King's in Harmarville. The September 27th meeting will be at the North Park Club House.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Greenwald

Erie Wine Country Tour

Early in July, WPCC members Pat Greenwald, Don & Mary Ellen Cekus, Steve Puskas and Heidi & Jim Madden headed North to Erie Wine Country.

There are over 21 wineries on the Lake Erie Wine Trail. We visited only four, and had fun at each.

South Shore Winery our first stop is where we had a nice lunch in the café and then proceeded to the wine cellar. It is actually a revitalized Civil War era wine-cellar, and has been a winery, barn, basket-factory, hotel, restaurant and bar throughout its past. Hidden for almost 100 years, it has been restored and is a joy to see. For a small fee we all tasted and decided to purchase a variety of wines. The Sangria is a fruity delight. Other varieties include Bare Bones Red, Bare Bones White, and South Shore Rosé.

Courtyard Wineries our second stop was opened in 2010 by several wine enthusiasts with a vision of producing high quality wines to please everyone. They offered wines such as Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Ruby's Rouge, Dazzle and Radiance.



The wine tasters were treated to this sunset at a bay along Lake Erie waters

Presque Isle Winery is nestled in a wooded country nook next to a quiet stream complete with a waterfall. The rustic atmosphere is a wonderful place to have a picnic, and Presque Isle Winery encourages this by allowing visitors to relax at their many picnic tables. Our group had brought snacks that include cheese, crackers and fruit. Along with the wine we had purchased, we enjoyed the libations beside a stream on an outside deck. Many wines are offered including an award winning Traminette Reserve, an

aromatic semi-dry white, a Vignoles – a semi dry white with exotic fruit aromas, a sweet Creek side Niagara and many others

Penn Shore Winery rounded out our trip. Penn Shore is one of the first wineries in Pennsylvania and is only a few hundred yards from Lake Erie. They had a great selection of wines and a wonderful gift shop as well! By this time some of our group were "wined out", but a few hard core wine drinkers kept on tasting.

After checking into our respective hotels (or motels), we headed to dinner and ended up at the Sloppy Duck Saloon. The Saloon overlooks the bay harbor marina where we sat in the Tiki bar. A bachelorette party there provided us with some unexpected entertainment.

On Sunday we met for brunch and headed to Presque Isle State Park for a ride in the convertibles with tops down; girls in one car and guys in the other. After a short stop at the beach for a walk in the sand and water, we were off to the Erie Maritime Museum. We discovered lots of Great Lakes maritime history. The Museum guided us through the Battle of Lake Erie; the history of the Flagship Niagara, the USS Wolverine, Lake Erie lighthouses and Erie's fishing industry.

We left the Erie area and headed back to Pittsburgh. Before we ended our trip, we stopped on route 19 for an early dinner at the Iron Bridge Inn where we enjoyed great drinks and great food!



Good snacks, good wine and good friendship at Presque Isle Winery. Clockwise from near left: Don Cekus, Stephen Puskas, Mary Ellen Cekus, Pat Greenwald and Heidi & Jim Madden

Many, thanks to Heidi Madden for this wonderful article all

Aye Sayers At the May 24 WPCC member meeting

Al Friend discussed a gas saving additive he is using on three of his vehicles: two Jeeps and an Aviator. Below and in the first column of p. 5, read the manufacturer's claims printed on the box containing the Fuelsaver kit. See Al's results on page 5, first column.

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Platinum Claimed to save Gasoline in Automobile Use

by Stuart F. Brown

BOSTON, MASS. — National Fuelsaver Corp., a Division of Kenmore Industries, has developed an automotive fuelsaving system using platinum, which can increase the fuel mileage of gasoline-powered vehicles by 22% according to Joel Robinson, technical director.

The system operates by injecting platinum, in vapor form, into the gas/air mixture before it enters an engine's combustion chambers. This causes the mixture to burn more completely inside the engine, in the same way that the platinum in the catalytic converter causes the unburned fuel to burn.

The system consists of a molded plastic dispenser, which contains a platinum solution. Engine vacuum draws the platinum vapor into the intake manifold where it joins the fuel/air mixture entering the engine.

A 30,000 mile supply of the platinum costs \$249 for vehicles that average more than nine miles per gallon. The dispenser and the dealer's 4-month unconditional money-back guarantee are supplied at no additional cost.

This gas saving system was tested by the Concord School District on a fleet of 26 school buses and cars.

"We've been very pleased with the results," said Francis Curran, transportation manager for the school district. "In addition, the fleet has averaged a 22% increase in fuel-mileage, as well as an improvement in cold-weather starting."

For example, a Chevrolet station wagon in the fleet recorded a fuel mileage increase from 12 miles per gallon without the platinum to 14.5 miles per gallon with the installation of the platinum system.

At this rate, over a 30,000 mile period at a cost of \$3 per gallon, the \$249 investment in the fuel-saving system would be offset by a fuel savings of over \$1,000.

Device May Increase Gas Mileage by 22%

BOSTON — National Fuelsaver Corp., a Division of Kenmore Industries, has developed a low cost automotive accessory called Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage by 22% while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds microscopic quantities of Platinum to the air/fuel mixture entering your engine.

Platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn. With platinum in the air/fuel mixture, you increase the percentage of fuel burning inside the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon, a 22% increase.

Since unburned fuel leaving an engine is pollution, this 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel outside of the engine, where the heat and energy produced from burning the fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

However, when the Gas Saver adds platinum to engine combustion, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded, "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Platinum Gas Saver than the 22% claimed by the developer."

In addition to the study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented, "We have sold over half a million Gas Savers. To our surprise, just as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

Developed, patented and manufactured by National Fuelsaver Corporation of Newton, MA 02458.For further information call 1-800-LESS GAS Visit or website at nationalfuelsaver.com

PLATINUM GAS SAVER TEST RESULTS

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Installation of the Platinum Gas Saver, manufactured by National Fuelsaver Corporation was performed on the above numbered fifteen Chevrolet station wagons with the 5-liter V-8 engines (odometer reading between 15,070 and 38,784), owned and operated by Transportation Management Corporation.

We the undersigned, officers of the two corporations participating in the above study do hereby attest to the accuracy of the data contained herein and do agree that it may be made available for public dissemination, but only in its entirety as shown above.

Richard Zimmerman, President Transportation Management Corp.

Ross G. Honig, C.P.A. VP & Controller Transportation Management Corp.

Stephen A. Gordon, Fleet Manager National Fuelsaver Corp.

Al's latest results

2004 Aviator, V-8–1,840 mi. w/Platinum 24.8% improvement in stop & go 12.5% improvement on a 700 mile trip.

2002 Jeep, 6 cyl–3,148 mi w/Platinum 20.4% improvement in stop & go 12.9% improvement on 700 mile trip.

1995 Jeep, 6 cyl–2,400 w/Platinum 17.2% improvement in stop & go Doesn't do trips anymore.

Nay sayers! Below is

an article that appeared in the June 2011 issue of AARP magazine disputing gas saving devices. Read it and draw your own conclusions.

by Sid Kirchheimer

In these days of high gasoline prices and long vacation road trips, get ready for high-gear hawking of gadgets that promise more miles per gallon. Some of these gizmos improve mileage by 20 percent or more, promoters claim, by harnessing special science. "Approved by the Federal Government," you're told. Breathless customer testimonials for the devices, available online and at select brick-and-mortar retailers, further bolster the allure.

The products typically cost \$50 to \$250. But buy them and you'll just be taken for a ride, experts say.

"I've been testing these devices for a long time, and to date haven't found a single one that lives up to its clams," says Mike Allen, senior automotive editor at Popular Mechanics magazine. "In the last round, I tested eight different types. Five did nothing, two actually increased fuel consumption and one set a car on fire."

After its own tests on various gadgets, Consumer Reports issued a "don't waste your money" warning, echoed by the Federal Trade Commission and the Better Business Bureau. The Environmental Protection Agency has tested (but never endorsed) more than 100 such devices and found that none significantly improve mileage and some may damage your engine.

If you closely follow the owner's manual that come with some of the devices, you may get a marginal boost in mpg. But this may not be because of the device itself. "The advice is usually to install the device and properly maintain your car, avoid jackrabbit starts and do other common-sense tips found at www.fueleconomy.gov," says an EPA spokesperson. "Guess what? Do those things without the gadget and you'll save fuel."

The scientific explanation

- Promoters claim fuel-line magnets will break up "clumped" fuel molecules so that gas burns more efficiently. "But gasoline molecules don't clump up, Allen says "and...don't respond to magnetic force."
- Engines ionizers clip to spark plugs, supposedly to increase combustion efficiency. But in tests, Allen says, increased combustion served to decrease power—and triggered an engine fire.
- Vortex generators are said to mix fuel more efficiently with air. What they really do is reduce the air flowing into the manifold, reducing power.
- Vapor injectors are said to convert raw fuel to vapor outside the engine for better performance. In reality, engine computers prevent any such benefit.
- Water injectors use technology that provided emergency power in World War II planes. But test show this technology doesn't work in automobiles.
- A device that plugs into a cigarette lighter is claimed to "smooth out noise" in electrical systems and increase mileage. No such gain was found in the tests by Popular Mechanics and Consumer Reports. So what does the device do? "It lights up when you plug it in," says Consumer Report's Sue LaColla.

A visit to the Corvair Ranch



Y HUSBAND, Franz Butalla, a retired UMWA coal miner, has been a long-time restorer of 1960s muscle cars. It came as a real surprise when he told me he'd been thinking about restoring a Corvair.

In November of 2010, after looking for a Corvair, we happened upon four of them. (Who buys only one Corvair)? We now own a 1965 Corsa convertible, a 1967 Monza which was converted to a one-of-akind in the world, El Camino look-alike, a 1963 Monza and a 1968 Monza parts car.

to take an overnight road trip. On June 14, 2011, we made our trek (a 3 ½ hour drive) to the Corvair Ranch, with 5-year old grandson, Dominick, in tow. Prior arrangements for our visit were made with Jeff Stonesifer, owner of the Corvair Ranch, to ensure he would be there upon our arrival.

The drive to Gettysburg was uneventful but very scenic. Our GPS navigated us right to the entrance of the Ranch without a hitch. As soon as we arrived Franz disappeared into the

the gates, it was very eye opening to see row after row after row of Corvairs organized and placed in these rows by model and year of car or van. I was just absolutely flabbergasted to see so many Corvairs in one place.

After spending a considerable amount of time roaming around the Ranch, Dominick and I headed back to the truck where we found Franz loading parts that he purchased. As we departed the Ranch, there was an excited smile on Franz's face. He was able to get all of the parts on his list.





Since it's next impossible to purchase parts at our local parts store, we have made considerable use of finding parts on eBay, Craigslist and Clark's Corvair Parts. While searching for Corvair information, I found a website for the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg, PA. Since the Ranch was close in proximity to our home, we decided

garage and met with Jeff. I stayed outside with Dominick, and was greeted by Jeff's better half, Connie. While Connie and I chatted, Dominick cheerfully bounced on a trampoline that was nearby.

Since Franz was still in the garage with Jeff, Dominick and I decided to take a walk through the Ranch. When we went through



The Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg is a "must see" for anyone interested in Corvairs.

For more information and photos of the Corvair Ranch, visit their website at http://www.corvairranch.com/index.htm.

Many, thanks to Helen Butalla for this great article and accompanying pictures. $\mbox{\sc cjl}$



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Remaining Events for 2011

October 8.....Fall foliage tour

November 22....Meeting – location TBA

January 8, 2012.....Holiday Party – Grant's Bar in Millvale

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Rod Murray, a west coast transplant, joined WPCC in March. While John Sweet worked on Rod's beautiful 1966 convertible, Rod was busy working in his back yard. He sent the following:



Update from Rod Murray

A couple big summer projects wrapped up this weekend...Finally Finished retaining wall reface on lower driveway - a beast of a job for a socal transplant used to much smaller yard projects. Wall is 10' h x 42' across...13 railroad ties tall across 5 rows...contractor bid was pushing \$12k, so went DIY. Hmmm, money vs labor - there's always a tradeoff somewhere.

Good news on the Vair front...
John Sweet completed the 140
engine rebuild and returned my
66 this week. Reinstalled the

heater (had headers previously) and fixed a hard to find broken gear on my power top too. Car needs a good bath in and out, but she runs great. Anxious to get it out for a drive.



PHOTO BY ROD MURRAY

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