

The Vair Street Journal



The Official Newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

July 2016



THIS ISSUE:

“JIMMY Gets Around”
“Kurt’s Got A Fe-Vair”
“Gee Wally, Where’s Your Car?”

NEXT MEETING REMINDER:

Tuesday, July 26th
North Park Clubhouse, Gibsonia, PA
“Arrive near 5”, Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7:30pm

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(Or Just Google "WPC Corvair")

WANTED:

VSJ Member Article Writer...Responsible for providing a 1-2 page article with photos about a member of his/her choice for each Vair Street Journal (6x/year).

VSJ Tech Article Writer...Responsible for providing a few Tech Tips for each Vair Street Journal (6x/year). 1-2 pages w/ photos is great.

Don't overthink it! Contact the VSJ Editor if interested. Thx!



ON THE COVER...

This editor would never selfishly pull dibs without reasonable cause and consideration. However, in light of our Pittsburgh Penguins' having just won their 4th Stanley Cup championship this Spring, this is just one of those rare photo moments that I couldn't ignore. As a friend of mine commented on the photo, "That's some great looking hardware...the trophy in the window isn't too bad either."



the Prez Sez...

Hi all,

Hi folks, Hope all is well with you all, and that you have been enjoying the beautiful weather, we have had lately. I know, it's getting hotter and

more humid each and every day, but look at reality, you could be down in West Virginia along with their floods and tragic loss of life, or out West, where they have those devastating fires, all over the place. I love Pittsburgh, actually Cranberry Twp., as I don't venture into "town", very often.

Well what's new? Well, as you can see or should have, our own Rod Murray, has been busy, shinning the STANLEY CUP, after each of the players and owners, kissed and hugged it. I believe there was a shot of the "CUP", in the back seat of a certain Blue Convertible. Way to go Rod, great job!! I also see where ALL CAPS Jimmy Weppelman, has been up in New York (Central) not only doing Convention work, but trying his hand at a road course, with his Surf Board, guiding him through the slippery turns. Good Job Jim. I would like to thank, Joyce Bachman, for her great suggestion, for the Convention, of

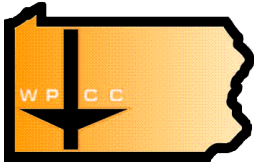
possibility of using the Red Bus Tour, as a venue for guests to use, as a way of seeing the town. As for me, well my buddy Gary and I have been sanding, priming, sanding more, priming, sanding, base coat, sanding, and with the help of Don Cekus, doing the roof (we just couldn't get it right), we are now ready to do the Clear Coat. Wow!! What a process. Hopefully, by the time this journal comes out, it will be done, at least that part, but progress is being made. Before doing all this, we got it running (1966 Monza, 110 Auto), not great, even got it on the road, for the first time in over 20 years. Might even be a picture in this journal? I know the Car Cruise in Wexford has been well attended, a neighbor of mine has been there (Friday night) on several occasions.

Shortly after receiving the "VSJ", several of us will be leaving for the National Convention being held this year in Springfield, Ill. I am sure, not only will we run into each other, as I know we are all at different hotels, but will have a plethora of stories to tell.

Happy Vairing, Jim

- *Jim*





UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

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

July	7-17 th	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (Various activities)
	12 th -16 th	2016 CORSA International Convention, Springfield, IL
	14-18 th	Yenko Stinger Reunion, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
	26 th	WPCC Meeting, North Park Clubhouse, Gibsonia, 6pm
August	19-21 st	Dayton Air Force Museum Tour w/ AACA, Dayton, OH
	20 th	1pm - ??? Joint car club picnic, Steve Puskas' home, 221 Green Manor Drive, Butler, PA 16002, with Ford Model T Club and BOSH clubs. Bring dsh to share, drink, table, lawn chair and old car if possible. Contact Steve @ 724-284-3721 .
	27 th	B,O,S,H. Tour & Car Cruise, Contact Steve Puskas.
September	tbd	WPCC Rally & Picnic, North Park
	17 th	WPCC Wine Tour, Geneva-On-The-Lake, OH
	27 th	WPCC Meeting, Kings Restaurant, Harmarville, 6pm
October	2 nd	Corvair "First Day" (1959), "Corvair Heritage Day"
November	22 nd	WPCC Meeting, North Park Clubhouse, Hampton, 6pm

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

Ongoing:

Members also like:

- Starlight Car Show, Wexford
 - o Every Friday 5-9pm
 - o May 27th – September 2nd
- Weekend Donut Runs
 - o Name the time and place!

Fun Tip:

Grab some Corvair friends and put together a casual outing! Represent WPCC!



This Month in Corvair History... "The Dream Gets Underway"

July 1956 – The "Godfather" of the Corvair, Ed Cole, is named Chevrolet's General Manager. He moves forward with Corvair prototype development under the code name Holden.

July 1958 -- Conversion of GM's Willow Run manufacturing facility begins...it will become the official assembly plant for the Corvair.

DOUBLE WOW!

THE DAYTON TOUR OPEN FORUMS ARE GETTING VERY, VERY INTERESTING, TO SAY THE LEAST!! PLEASE READ ON!



The fantastic fourth building at the Museum opened to the public on June 8.

PLEASE, RESERVE YOUR ROOM AND CONTACT AL FRIEND VIA EMAIL WITH YOUR NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. CALL THE HOPE HOTEL AT [\(937\) 879-2696](tel:9378792696) AND RESERVE FROM THE CORVAIR CLUB'S BLOCK FOR THE EVENINGS OF AUGUST 19 & 20. NO MONEY DOWN AND YOU CAN CANCEL UP TO 4PM ON OUR DAY OF ARRIVAL.

Print out and complete the event application on the following page and mail it to Al Friend ASAP. Get aboard!

Here is a preview of coming, after dinner, attractions:

(1) Charles and Sarah Lucas (Western PA Corvair Club) flew in a Ford Tri-Motor airplane (built in 1929) at the Beaver County Air Show, and promise to tell us all about it.

(2) Dan Heckmann (my former business partner's husband) will tell us World War II true stories, written down by his late father, who was in occupied France during the Normandy Invasion.

(3) David Donatelli (a friend of Charles and Sarah Lucas) may have some interesting topics for us: Fasten your seat belts - here is a preview of Dave's coming attractions:

(a) He was an Air Force fire control systems instructor, for F4C jet fighter crew members during the Viet Nam War.

(b) He was in New York City on September 11, 2001!!!

(c) As a civil engineer, he led the team effort to design and plan the rebuilding of the subway system beneath the fallen twin towers. AND:

(d) He has power point presentations for our viewing pleasure.

Al Friend, Bob Hieber, & Don Cekus



(NOTE: Al and the VSJ editor apologize in advance for the poor quality of the Dayton Event Application)

APPLICATION FOR THE AUGUST 19-21 DAYTON, OHIO TOUR

ITINERARY: Friday Aug. 19

- 8:30 - 10:30 AM - Breakfast kick off meeting in the Bob Evans Restaurant at Exit 15 on I-70. Stay right after exiting, and Bob Evans will be on your right. (About 1/2 mile).
- 10:30 AM - Depart for Dayton.
- 3:00 PM - Check in at the Hope Hotel, and Third floor hospitality suite opens.
- 5:00 PM - Show time in the "F-17 Flying Fortress banquet room on the first floor.
- 5:30 PM - Our banquet style dinner, with us as open forum story tellers. (Casual dress). Then retire to the third floor hospitality suite for dvd's and more stories.

Saturday Aug 20

- 6:00 - 8:00 AM - Fabulous breakfast buffet in Packy's Spurs Bar on the first floor.
- 8:30 AM - Depart for The National Museum of the United States Air Force, parking in the auxiliary lot. Lunch, on your own, at the Valkyrie Café on the second floor of the museum.
- 2:00 PM - Optional meeting with Al Friend under the nose of the Vietnam veteran B-52.
- 4:30 PM - Depart the Museum for the hotel. Then relax and tell stories & lies in our hospitality suite.
- 6:00PM - Show time in the "F-17 Flying Fortress" banquet room on the first floor.
- 6:30 PM - Our banquet style dinner with all of us telling more old car and war stories. (Casual dress). Then back to the hospitality suite.

Sunday Aug 21

- Fabulous breakfast buffet in Packy's, 6:00 to 10:30 AM. Check out time is 12:00 noon. Then your options are: (1) Bid us goodbye and head for home, or return to the USAF Museum any time, from 9:00 AM to closing time at 5:00 PM.

The cost per person for our tour is \$68, and includes: Friday & Saturday's sit down dinners, hospitality suite drinks and snacks, equipment expense, set up fees, tax, and dinner tips. Two complimentary breakfast buffet tickets per person will be distributed at check in. **EVERYONE! BRING A PICTURE ID, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO DRIVE!** Also bring your camera, walkie talkies, and perhaps a cookie donation to the hospitality suite. **MOST IMPORTANT, YOUR CELL PHONE. SINCE THEY WILL BE OUR ONLY FORM OF COMMUNICATION MOST OF THE TIME.** Friday's breakfast meeting & Saturday's lunch at the museum are not included in the price. **PLEASE INCLUDE A CELL PHONE NUMBER FOR EVERYONE BELOW.** Save & bring this top portion of the application with you on the tour. Reservations at the Hope Hotel, from the Corvair Club's block for Aug. 19 & 20: (937) 879-2696. Reserve ASAP. **QUESTIONS: Al Friend, (724) 433-0839 Don Cokus, (412) 982-3190 Bob Hieber, (412) 331-6751**

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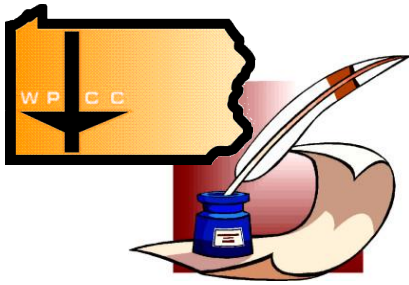
INDICATE DINNER CHOICES FOR EACH PERSON:

FRJ: (Grilled Salmon or Prime Rib)
 SAT: (Grilled Swordfish or Pork Porterhouse)
 DINNER CHOICES

NAME	CELL#	EMAIL	FRJ	SAT
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MAIL BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2016 TO:
 Al Friend 6000 Great Oak Dr. Export, PA 15632

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED\$ _____
 PAYABLE TO: WPCO



WPCC Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of **Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club** was held at **Kings Family Restaurant, Harmarville, PA**. On May 24, 2016. Officers in attendance included; President, Jim Steigerwaldt; Vice President, Don Cekus; Treasurer, Darlene Kady; and Secretary, JIM WEPPELMAN. Board members present included; Don Baker, Pat Greenwald, Les Walter, Steve Puskas, Bob Hieber, and Jim Heatherington. 26 members in all, with 6 Corvairs present in the parking lot, 2 earlys, and 4 late models.

Approval of minutes

With prodding help from Pat Greenwald, JIM WEPPELMAN called the meeting to order.

Jim Steigerwaldt called for motion to accept minutes as printed, Pat Greenwald seconded motion.

Announcements

JIM WEPPELMAN briefed the members on Convention status, saying that bid proposal was sent to CORSA and that he was waiting for their BOD approval. JIM also stated that he will be giving a update at the Springfield CORSA convention.

Steve Puskas will have his picnic at his place on Saturday, August 20th, at 1:00. It will be a good event for those who cannot attend Al Friends Dayton Air Force tour. Steve also stated that a Mercer/Franklin tour will be on Saturday, August 27th.

Jim Steigerwaldt brought forth the idea to have Polo shirts with possibly the convention logo, and the WPCC logo on it for WPCC members. Jim also thanked Rod Murray and Zeke Braun for the "TUNA" secession at Adzema's Pharmacy. (Zeke's place). Jim and the membership once again thanked and commented on the wonderful job that Rod Murray has been doing on the Vair Street Journal.

Bob Hieber spoke for Al Friend who could not make the meeting. Bob stated again the upcoming Dayton Airforce Museum tour, to be on August 19-21. With the Hope Hotel as the host Hotel with rooms for \$99 + tax, about half are booked. The group is to meet at the Bob Evans Restaurant at exit #15 on the morning of August 19th. Bob also stated that he is in charge of the hospitality room. Bob let the membership know that Dale and Ellen Smith had their new Corvette burn to the ground with their luggage in it while they were in Florida. Dale was a former President of the WPCC.

Don Cekus gave some tips and information on the condition of some of our 50+ year old cars. Don stated that he has run into the carburetor floats being deteriorated to the point of needing replaced, because of fuel filling the floats. Don also let the membership know not to run your Corvair at all if any of the warning (idiot) lights come on. Don said that it is very easy to overheat a Corvair quickly if a belt came off, or other issues, resulting in major repair. Bob Hieber also reaffirmed what Don said and added that when you first turn the key on, all your warning lights should be on, until you start the car. This shows that the warning lights are functioning. Bob also stated that if something isn't right with your car, like a pinging sound, or odd smell, don't wait for the warning light to come on. The switches that run the warning lights have a large range of specs, and that you should pull over and check the situation as soon as possible.

Don Baker spoke about the upcoming Pittsburgh Grand Prix, and also had a list of Corvettes for sale

from different people if anyone was interested. Don also drove his Datsun to the meeting. Don said that the bug eyed Sprint that was Donna Mae Mimms sold at auction.

Jeff Grahovic asked if the WPCC was supporting anyone for the Eastern Director of CORSA. Jim Steigerwaldt said no. JIM WEPPELMAN said that he knew of Al Lacki and was putting his support behind him for his contributions to help WPCC with the convention process and the information on changing the by-laws for the WPCC.

Next meeting will be at the North Park Lounge, Gibsonia, PA on Tuesday, July 26. Dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:30.

Jim Heatherington, and Don Cekus sent the membership home with a couple of good jokes.

Reports

Treasurer Darlene Kady had a list of members that are no longer paid up. Some of them have since deceased, or are no longer involved. The membership agreed if not paid up to take them off her list. JIM WEPPELMAN asked Darlene for a copy of the list so he could reach out to those individuals

to see if they would like to get involved with the club again. Darlene gave the financial report that follows:

Checkbook balance;

\$2,183.30

Incomes:

2016 dues

\$12.00



Expenses:

Check #1106 for \$271.00 to Jim Steigerwaldt for Corporation Papers Reimbursement

Check #1107 for \$70.00 to Dept of State for filing of new Corporation Papers

Final Balance: \$1,854.30

Motion to accept Treasurers Report, Jim Steigerwaldt; Celina Butchko seconded.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Weppelman
WPCC Secretary

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.

Western PA's Official Corvair Club!

All Corvair Enthusiasts Welcome!

Chapter 158 www.CORVAIR.org

www.WesternPennsylvaniaCorvairClub.com

Visit our website for meetings and activities



VSJ MEMBERS' SURVEY...

We asked: "With chapter website and social media alternatives available, how important is a chapter newsletter to you?"

...and received only ONE response. Is it fair to draw a conclusion that the deafening silence provides a bit of the answer?

"We follow all events on social media and websites however it is still important to us that we see in print the collection of members and events that are being attended. Both Jeff and I feel it is very important to keep the VSJ but are happy that it is delivered via e-mail."

- Jeff Grahovac and Darlene Kady



Are you IN?

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

CORSA is the #1 Corvair group in the world, boasting over 5,500 registered members worldwide as well as 130 regional chapters. In addition to their ongoing dedication to Corvair preservation, CORSA

supports all sanctioned Corvair clubs and their events with a wealth of benefits, including event insurance, the national convention, and their award-winning monthly newsletter "The Communique". For more information visit CORSA's website at...

www.corvair.org



WESTERN PA'S CORVAIR CLASSIFIEDS

No listings this issue.

Got Corvair items to sell or want to buy? ...Share it here!

Ed Note: Remember, our newsletter lives on the internet and Facebook, so these listings are available to the world. And don't forget to check out Pittsburgh's Craigslist for more!

...random editorialisms n'at...

Belated Summer For Me...



As you may or may not know, I work for the Pittsburgh Penguins, overseeing Event Presentation and PensTV Production Operations. We had a bit of an extended hockey season this Spring as the Pens won their 4th Stanley Cup in early June. Let me tell

you, with the important exception of 2 additional months of long workdays & lost time enjoying the warm weather, summer hockey doesn't suck – what an amazing experience.

I've been part of two other Stanley Cup runs that went the distance, both w/ Anaheim, including the Ducks' 2007 Cup victory. It was an exclamation mark to my 19-year career in sports entertainment up to that point. But I can honestly say this post-season was like nothing I'd ever experienced - I was blown away by the energy and excitement generated by Penguins fans both inside and outside the arena as we got into the Finals. The crowd that gathered outside Consol for Game 5 was just unbelievable. Despite the loss, following that game, I was invited to join Penguins staff being flown out to San Jose for Game 6 – we sat amongst some passionate Sharks fans as we cheered for our Pens, then stepped on the ice following the game for about an hour before attending the team's post-game victory celebration back at the hotel. Once back in Pittsburgh, I was assigned to the Victory Parade team with the specific task of organizing everything to get the parade underway – I can't remember the last time I had more fun busting my ass to make something happen. Collectively it's one of the great experiences of my career.

So, with the playoffs behind us, we're now spending our very short summer keeping up with Stanley Cup appearance activities, re-creating our entire brand package to Pittsburgh Gold (I love this color change!), producing lots of new material as part of the Penguins 50th Season Anniversary, prepping for Hockey World Cup games in September, and, oh yeah, preparing for a banner-

raising ceremony on Opening Night. All in all, it's been a pretty awesome last few months, and I don't take lightly how fortunate I am to have a job I enjoy so much. But all that said, my so-called off-season has been trimmed by 2 months, leaving me just under 3 months to cram in a "full summer" before Training Camp activities get underway – there's too many projects and no time to waste, which leads me to my next blurb...

Newsletter Relevance... I've been on VSJ duty for just about 6 months, and this issue represents only my 4th WPCC newsletter. A very short tenure in the grand scheme. I take pride in doing a good job, which of course means time invested with each issue. I also put the ask out for contributing pics and tidbits prior to putting everything together, and I appreciate the responses and items of interest received from the usual 3-4 suspects (thank you all, by the way). However, given the ongoing minimal response from most everyone else, for this issue I specifically asked for input re: the importance of doing a newsletter at all what with the easy, immediate access of chapter activities and information (as well as all things Corvair) available online. Once again, the response was sadly typical of the trend – barely a whisper of feedback. That, to me, speaks volumes about indifference.

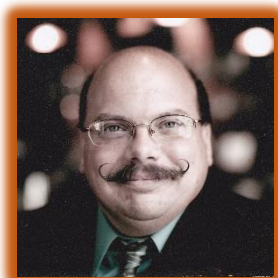
So what's the point? Sure, it's great to get a chapter newsletter, but it takes time and a bit of work to put something decent together, and most everything that's in each issue is pulled from an online or electronic source anyway. The information is already out there for those who want it.

Electronic communication has changed how we gather and consume information. Traditional periodicals are going the way of the dodo, and newsletters like ours are probably not far behind. By this time next year, perhaps our own Vair Street Journal will be a thing of the past and we'll be happily checking our Facebook page and website for the latest chapter news – and that's perfectly fine w me as it simply means we will have joined the millennium (and I mean that in a nice way).

Just because we like old cars doesn't mean our communication has to be of equal vintage.

Editorially Yours, Rod





<<< Jimmy Gets Around
aka ALL CAPS!...



There's no denying Jim Weppelman is passionate about Corvairs. As much as anyone I've met since relocating to Pittsburgh in 2010, Jimmy's flat-out energy not only sparks up a room, but his enthusiasm for getting out and enjoying his Corvair hobby sets a benchmark for the kind of Corvair enthusiast I want to be. Fact is, I just can't keep up with him, so I'll have to settle for living a bit vicariously through his many adventures! So, aside from Jimmy's many Corvair Sightings, not to mention his tireless efforts to secure a hosting bid for the 2018 CORSA Convention, let's see what else Jimmy's been up to...let's face it, Jimmy Gets Around! - Rod Murray



Jimmy trailered up the Patina Bomb and roadtripped to the Corvair Recall event in upstate New York in May. He presented a hubcap clock to NYCC President Phil Domser and the NYCC club members for assisting our 2018 Convention Bid efforts...of course he participated in the Recall Car Show...and you have to watch his Rally time trial on our Facebook page – it's awesome. The Patina Bomb handled great and never sounded so sweet!



Jimmy caught up w/ former WPCC President Dale Smith and his wife Ellen at the Wexford Starlight Car Show – turns out Dale is still the proud owner of Bill Artzberger's beautiful '69 Monza convertible.

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Jimmy even found time to check out WPCC member Kurt Foltz's band, Hard Karma, at a recent performance in Millvale – that's Kurt on bass front and center.

And of course, Jimmy can be counted on to



represent our 'Vairs at local car shows throughout the summer...he's a regular at the Wexford Starlight Cruise, and attended the the June 10 "All Chevy" show where 10 Corvairs were reported to be in attendance, including other WPCC Starlight regulars Kurt Foltz and Dan & Celena Butchko...ALL CAPS also found time recently to showcase his wagon at the King's Cruise on Route 8.



Here's a rare sighting of the Patina Bomb's surfboard actually getting wet – but it's just from a recent rainstorm! 😊





Hey, it's nice to know people are paying attention, even if they don't always agree! Here's a sampling of member (and non-member) correspondence since the last newsletter...don't worry, I can take it. Just remember, opinions are like _____, everybody has one! 😊 - Rod

CORSA HISTORY AND CORVAIR HOLIDAYS...

Sometime this past Spring I got into an email conversation w/ Rick Norris and Bryan Blackwell re: Corvaire and CORSA history. Here's a bit of that correspondence, and I'd like to thank both for taking a few minutes to respond...please note Rick reinforced that his notes are personal recollection only, and do not represent an official historical accounting (I get it, hey none of us are getting any younger!)



From: "Rick Norris" <ricknorris@suddenlink.net>
Date: March 26, 2016 at 7:23:33 PM EDT
To: "'Rod Murray'" <rmurray8996@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Emailing - March 2016.pdf

Good Morning Rod and Bryan,

This email finally got me off center detent to begin writing some early history of CORSA that has been on the back burner for several years. I do not know what the significance of the April 16 date mentioned below is. Here's what I do know.

When was CORSA established?

By Rick Norris

First President, 1971

Forty seven years ago today? I've been doing some research on that subject. What do we mean by "established"? The dictionary says; "Having been in existence for a long time and therefore recognized and generally accepted". On May 14, 1969 all Corvaire production stopped. One might say CORSA was born or more likely conceived as a thought or idea by the man who birthed it so to speak. That man was Richard Langworth, the father of the Corvaire club that became CORSA. It was his idea.

In the fall of 1969 Mr. Langworth placed ads in several noted automobile magazines such as Hemmings, Car and Driver and Car Life. Richard was very surprised by the number of responses he received from those ads. Since I was a long time subscriber to Car and Driver that.

is where I first became aware of his attempt to form a club. A lot went on in the latter part of 1969 to get a national club organized. We didn't have the luxury of email in those days and any long distance phone call was expensive so snail mail was our main avenue of communication.

My own letter in response to the Car and Driver ad is dated 2 January, 1970. I was given the prospective charter member number of 336. Also in the fall of 1969 there was a preliminary newsletter published and copies were sent to any new prospective members. At the same time, 1969 we received a questionnaire with several items to vote on, one of which was what to call the club. There were two choices.

Corvaire Owners Restoration Society of America or Corvaire Society of America.

I chose as did the majority to call it the Corvaire Society of America or CORSA as we know it today. Also this questionnaire asked for volunteers to serve as a temporary BOD member to which I said yes. Things didn't really get rolling until 1970

where on March 7, 1970 the very first (temporary) board of directors meeting of the fledgling CORSA met at Richard Langworth's residence in Camp Hill PA. I was not able to make that meeting due to bad weather.

In the September 1970 issue, Vol. 1, No.1 of the still not officially named newsletter there was a ballot for the election of permanent board of directors. There were 14 candidates from which to choose nine members, one of which was your truly. Along with being elected to the BOD I was one of first two Technical Advisors along with Jim Bradley. 1971, Vol. 1, No.4 the Mar-April issue of the newsletter, which now had the name of the Windmill officially announced the first elected BOD members.

There were nine one of which was me again for Eastern Div. along with Chris Smith and Chester Petty. The long time between publication of the nominees and the results was due to an error in listing the Eastern nominees so a ballot had to be reissued, voted on and recounted thereby taking longer. Remember, it was all done by mail! Somewhere in the middle of all this Richard Langworth asked me if I would run for president to which I agreed, never thinking for a second

I had any chance of being elected. Much to my surprise I won! I was 27 years old. Now what?

1971, July 24-25 the very first National CORSA Convention took place at Arlington Park in Chicago at which I was present. Looking back at the dictionary definition of established I would say we (CORSA) became "established" at that time. There was massive (for the time) media coverage and we even got a mention from the most trusted man in America, Walter Cronkite on his nightly newscast. Walter was a car guy and knew what the Corvair was about.

This is probably more than you asked for!

Rick

Hi Rod,

I like the idea of some 'Corvair Holidays', if you think you'd have some time for the project. If you do, please let me know and I'll bring it up to the BoD.

--Bryan

> On Mar 26, 2016, at 9:33 AM, rod murray <rmurray8996@gmail.com> wrote:

> - I wasn't aware CORSA's roots are in pa. Is camp hill by Harrisburg?

> - any chance u have a copy of Richard's original ad or any of the other early correspondence about forming a club? Interesting that your quick reply of 1/2/70 still landed u down in the 300's of charter members.

> - I've long believed that may 14, October 2, are key dates that CORSA should officially designate as "CORVAIR holidays" ie my CORVAIR HERITAGE DAY concept from a few years back. Could apparently add April 16th (or whatever day CORSA thinks is best for their birthday) to that list. Celebration would create awareness and engage all enthusiasts regardless of membership status (and maybe even raise a little money for CORSA/CPF).

> - if u, Richard, or Bryan are ever in the PITTSBURGH area be sure to give me a holler. We would enjoy having u as a guest at a chapter meeting anytime. FYI We're an "every other month" group. >

> Rod



If you have a comment, complaint, something to add, or just need to vent, I'm at rmurray8996@gmail.com.

If interested in attending event below, please contact WPCC member Steve Puskas at [724-284-3721](tel:724-284-3721).

BUTLER OLD STONE HOUSE REGION

A.A.C.A.

FOURTH ANNUAL CAR TOUR

TWO VICTORIAN TOWNS

Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 9:00 am

Join us for a lovely drive through the scenic Pennsylvania countryside to visit the historic towns of Mercer and Franklin! The tour of approximately 75 miles begins and ends at the Harrisville Community Park. Sites en route include the Mercer County Historical Society Museum and the Rural Life Museum (featuring the 1915 Twombly), an elegant luncheon buffet at The Franklin, the notable DeBence's Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments, and the awe-inspiring Tiffany stained glass windows of Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Registration fee is \$20.00 per car and driver, \$5.00 per passenger and includes coffee and breakfast pastries, nametags and driving directions.

Registration is limited to the first 50 cars, and the deadline is August 13, 2016.

Cancellation and refunds may be requested of Dave Heddaeus (724) 586-7675 up until the deadline. For more information about the tour contact Daryl & Kathy Kemerer (724) 865-2548 or email nedivmf30@embarqmail.com.

This is our fourth annual tour. It is a leisurely drive on picturesque paved back roads. Early twentieth century vehicles to modern sports cars have enjoyed our previous tours. The tour book directions will allow you to travel at your own pace and linger a little longer at stops of your choosing. Please mark the date, **August 27**, on your calendar and join us for a visit to Two Victorian Towns.

If you plan to trailer your vehicle to the stating point in Harrisville please note that on the registration form so that we can make arrangements for parking for your tow rig.

Directions to the Harrisville Community Park

Gathering time 8:30 am.

The entrance is located on Rt. 8, south of the red light at the intersection of Rt. 8 and Rt. 58 in Harrisville. Traveling south on Rt. 8 from this intersection look for the gun shop on the left, and turn left between the gun

shop and the Tinker's Dam shop. Drive straight back to the T intersection and turn left, then left again into the parking lot. We're in Pavillion #1.

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Driver's Name (print) _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Names of Passengers:

Registration Fee: Car and Driver----- \$20.00

Car Make and Model: _____

I will need trailer parking (circle one) yes / no

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Who remembers these classic AMT models? Even better, who had one?

“GEE, WALLY: ACTOR TONY DOW GETS HIS 1962 CORVAIR SPYDER BACK”

ENTERTAINMENT, NEWS

Posted by [Craig Fitzgerald](#)

Tony Dow is a director and a sculptor, but if you know anything about him, it's probably his role as Wally Cleaver in the popular [1950s television series](#) *Leave It To Beaver*. During the show's run, he purchased a [1962 Chevrolet Corvair Spyder](#) and sold it several years later. This week, he was reunited with the car, which he hopes to restore to its original specification.



Leave It To Beaver launched on CBS on October 4, 1957, where it ran for its first season. After the first season, it moved to ABC, where it would be broadcast until June 20, 1963. The show ended around the time that Jerry Mathers — who played the title character Theodore “Beaver” Cleaver — was headed off to high school. It achieved consistent ratings its entire run, but really hit its stride in syndication in the early 1980s.

The Corvair in question was Dow's first car, purchased during the show's original run. He drove the car for four years, until soon after the show ended. At that point, he sold the car to Alan

Dadisman, who built props for Universal.

More than 50 years passed without a word about the car's whereabouts, until the phone rang recently. “[H]e and his wife, **Lauren**, received a call recently from a stranger who identified himself as **Marty Tryon**,” [reads a piece in the San Diego Union-Tribune](#). “The caller...explained that a dear friend had recently passed away and had asked Marty to track down Dow, the Spyder's former owner, and give him the Corvair. Dadisman thought the actor might like to have his first car back.”

Dow remembered that it was Alan Dadisman's first car, too. “Who keeps a car for 51 years, then goes to the effort to try to find its former owner to give it back,” Dow asked.

The car hadn't moved for seven years when Dow went to look at it, because Dadisman had been ill for quite some time. Nevertheless, aside from the 1980s-era dark blue repaint, updated wheels and 180-hp turbocharged engine, he was thrilled with its condition.

When it launched for the 1960 model year, the Corvair was a domestic competitor to popular cars coming from Europe. Like the Volkswagen Beetle, the Corvair had a



horizontally opposed, rear-mounted engine, but that's where the similarities ended. The Corvair's engine was a six-cylinder to the VW's four, and it provided a number of body configurations, including a coupe, a sedan, a convertible, a pickup, a van and even a small motorhome.

For 1962, Chevrolet began to honestly market the Corvair as a performance car. Monza-trimmed cars hinted at the sportiness in earlier years, but the Spyder took it to another level with a turbocharger.

Forced induction was foreign to the American car buyer circa 1962, except for low-production cars like the Studebaker Lark R2, [which provided a belt-driven Paxton SN-60 supercharger](#). GM jumped into turbocharging with both feet in 1962, though, delivering not only the 152-hp Corvair Spyder, but the 215-hp Oldsmobile Jetfire, supplemented by the addition of "Turbo Rocket Fluid." (Not making that up. See below.)



According to the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#), Dow ordered the car in "Midnight Blue." Chevy never offered a "Midnight Blue" in 1962, but "Twilight Blue" is probably close to that shade.

One of the most memorable storylines of any *Leave It To Beaver* episode revolves around Wally purchasing his first car, a \$220 1953 Chevrolet Two-Ten he buys from his pal Frank.

Then in an episode in the last season, Wally bashes up his dad's 1963 Plymouth Sport Fury pushing his buddy Lumpy's car home.

Hopefully, Dow won't have the same experiences with his new acquisition. He towed the Corvair back to their home in Topanga Canyon, where he has plans to restore again.





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!

PREZ JIM STEIGERWALDT'S paint and body work on his late model coupe seems to be moving along nicely, as evidenced by this photo he shared. Getting a little closer to the road every day!



KURT'S GOT A FE-VAIR! Kurt continues to be all over - and under - his 66 monza...dash removal for crinkle paint refresh, replacement headlight switch and LED dash lights, steering wheel realignment, replacement shorty fuel lines for the carbs, adding seat belt retractors and replacement door lock buttons, and (the biggie) replacement of some rusted on pitman/idler arms to tighten up some sloppy steering...topped it off w/ some patriotic button caps for his license plate...well done Mr. Foltz, you've earned your Whiskey Sour!



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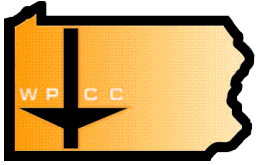
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