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1964 Corvair Monza Spyder Convertible

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Next Meeting:

November 26, 2013

North Park Lounge Club House • Rte 8 1/4 mile north of the Butler PA Turnpike Exit Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30



Never forget 09-11-01

Sept. 24, 2013 Member Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

Jim Steigerwaldt, *President*John Gundlach, *Vice President*Jim Heatherington, *Treasurer*

Board Members Present:

Don Baker Don Cekus Al Friend Steve Puskas Charles Lucas, Newsletter Editor

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Steigerwald. In the absence of Pat Greenwald, Suzanne Heatherington offered to take meeting minutes.

The president called upon Jim Heatherington to present the treasurer's report. He showed income in the amount of \$23 from dues and \$2530 from participants in the upcoming Dayton tour for a total of \$2553. With no expenses since the last report, this leaves a balance in the checkbook of \$4953.77. Jim also mentioned that he was prepared to accept 2014 dues at this meeting and it was noted that new members joining now will be assessed for only 2014 dues. On a motion by Charles Lucas, seconded by Don Baker, the report was accepted.

At this time, Al Friend was called upon to report on the status of the Dayton trip, to be held October 4-6 in conjunction with the Western PA Region of A.A.C.A. Al reported that 50 people have registered from both clubs. Plans are all set and final information about a place/time for departure will be sent to everyone via email. This is to be at Huddle House Truck Stop in Claysville, PA on Friday morning—wheels up by 10:30 a.m. at the latest, perhaps earlier if all are ready.

Don Cekus reported on the trip to Erie wineries over the past weekend, chaired by Jim Madden and Terri Washington. Of special interest were two incidents with the automobiles. When Bob & PollyTedesco started out, they developed a gas line leak, which was repaired by Don Cekus quickly, resulting in only a slight delay in departure. The next day, however, turned more serious as Pat Greenwald's car developed transmission trouble bad enough to require that it be towed home. Don Cekus repaired it and got it roadworthy during the next week, as Pat wants to drive it to Dayton.

Next, Don Cekus reported on the August 3rd Victory Hill car show. It turned out to be quite nice, even though bad weather meant that attendance was down, and a couple of our members got awards.

Steve Puskas reported that the August 17th picnic at his house was

well-attended and because the weather was perfect, all had a good time with great food. One car of special interest was a 1912 Flanders brought by a couple from one of Steve's other car clubs.

Jim Steigerwald announced that the Holiday Party will be chaired by Jim Madden once again and held on January 12 at the Grant Bar in Millvale. Details about cost, etc., will be in the next Vair Street Journal.

Attendees of interest: the club's oldest member, John Costantino, came to this meeting, accompanied by his daughters Susie and Becky and it was a pleasure to see them. John will be 93 years old on Christmas. Also in attendance was new member Darlene Kady and her Significant other, Jeff Grahovak. Darlene is the proud owner of a 1965 Corsa Coupe and we look forward to seeing them both at club events.

There being no other business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Charles Lucas, seconded by Jim Heatherington.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Heatherington for Pat Greenwald

2013 Events Schedule

"Fly by the seat of your pants" trip

at the Wright Patterson-Dayton, Ohio Trip



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"Fly by the seat of your pants" defined:

To use one's judgment, initiative, and perceptions as events unfold in order to improvise a course of action with or without a predetermined plan.

Over the weekend of October 4th thru 6th, at the Hope Hotel on Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, our trip coordinator, Al Friend, was heard to say many times, "We're flying by the seat of our pants because everything is up in the air," and it was.

"Fly by the seat of your pants" is an early aviation parlance.
Aircraft initially had few navigation aids and flying was accomplished by means of the pilot's judgment.
The term emerged in the 1930s and was first widely used in reports of Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan's flight from the USA to Ireland in 1938.

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WPCC Holiday Party Sunday, January 12, 2014

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

Again, as last year, the per person cost for dinner is only \$20. Please make checks payable to WPCC and mail by January 1, 2014 to:

Jim Madden 232 Harrison Street Evans City, PA 16033 Note Jím's new address

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

Schedule of Events

2:30 - 3:30 Meet and Greet/Cash Bar 3:30 - 5:00 Gift Exchange/Start Chinese Auction

5:00 - 6:00 Dinner

6:00 - Finish Chinese Auction Times are subject to change! Gift Exchange-If you care to

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

Chinese Auction-Bring along

anything you care to donate to the club. Tickets are sold for the items with one ticket drawn for each item. Proceeds go to the WPCC.

The Menu:

A choice of one of the following:

- Soup
- Onion Rings
- Salad

A choice of one of the following

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

Your dinner also includes: Baked Potato, Vegetable, Strawberry Short Cake

"Faces and Places in Dayton, Obio"

at the Hope Hotel

photos by Don Baker unless marked otherwise

With the November/December 2012 Vair Street Journal, Al Friend started preparing us for the Wright Patterson-Dayton, Ohio weekend. No one before had ever planned an event nine months in advance. Every issue of the Journal that followed gave us either a new update or some interesting historic information about Wright Patterson. Al, as no other, had planned every little detail. Nothing could go wrong, right?

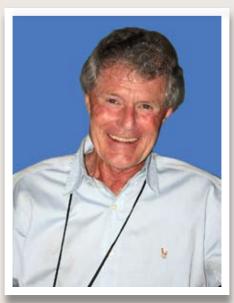
Enter the United States government. Along with Wright Patterson Air Force Base, many U.S. Government facilities were shut down. For us it meant not spending a day taking in all of the wonderful aeroplanes and aviation related exhibits in the Air Force Museum.

Since the Air Force Base was closed, dinner events that were to take place on the base were shifted to the Hope Hotel. The time of our banquet had to be pushed back an hour.

Yes, plans were now up in the air and Al Friend was flying by the seat of his pants. He might have looked harried but he saved the weekend. Of course he wasn't able to do anything about the rain but we were able to spend Saturday afternoon at the Dayton Carillon Historic Park which is similar to Ford's Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI.

Whether navigating a B-52 in Viet Nam or flying by the seat of his pants in Dayton, Al kept WPCC on course. There had to be issues not mentioned here that Al had to deal with. Thanks Al.

Thanks also to Don Baker who provided most of the photos for this story.



Al Friend, our trip coordinator maintained his good spirits throughout the Dayton weekend despite having to fly by the seat of his pants.



Guest speaker, Ron Horak who with his partner on 09-11-2001, were the first inspectors, at the crash sight in Shanksville, spoke in great detail about the flight path of flight 93, what was occurring in plane's cabin, and some of the findings in the crater caused by the plane.



Jim & Sandy Artzberger



Mary Ellen & Don Cekus



Vince & Louise Duva



Pat Greenwald with her brother, Rich Comer

"Faces and Places in Dayton, Obio"

at the Hope Hotel, Carillon Historic Park and Packard Museum



Jim & Suzanne Heatherington



Jim Steigerwaldt with Terri Washington



Bob & Donna Hieber



Don Baker and Les Walter



Charles & Sarah Lucas



Stephen Puskas



Dolly Izzo



Terri Washington & Jim Madden



1918 Packard Twin Six Runabout Model 3-35 at the Packard Museum



The Carillon bell tower at Dayton's Carillon Historic Park



The Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop at the Carillon Historic Park



The Wright Brothers Flyer at the Carillon Historic Park

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WPCC/Butler Old Stone Region Car Clubs Picnic

Stephen Puskas hosted the event at his home

photos by Don Baker

Sunday, August 11, 2013

As he has done a number of times in the past, Stephen Puskas hosted a picnic for both the Corvair and Butler Old Stone Region Car Clubs at his residence in Butler County.

A hit at the picnic was a 1912 Flanders convertible owned by Daryl and Kathy Kremerer of the Old Stone Region Club.



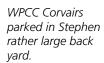
To the left is Stephen, reading his gas grill for the feast. The ladies to his right chat while the their gentlemen are off looking at and discussing cars.

Stephen proudly holds a flintlock rifle that his father made for him a number of years ago. It features a stock made of curly maple wood.





Daryl & Kathy Kremerer drive off in their 1912 Flanders convertible.



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