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# The Vair Street Journal

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The Official Newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

SEPTEMBER, 2017

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## **Stylish Time Travel!** **Classic design never goes out of style!**

### **THIS ISSUE:**

Our 2018 Convention Website is HOT!  
WPCC Members Get Around  
Some New Vairs In Our Club

### **NEXT MEETING REMINDER:**

Tuesday, September 26th  
North Park Clubhouse, Hampton, PA  
"Arrive near 5", Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7:30pm

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A Publication of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

## Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

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BOD contact information is available in our Membership Roster.

Our Website: <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/wpcc/>

(Or Just Google "WPCC Corvair")



### ON THE COVER...

Local photographer Nino Oliastro snapped this pic of new WPCC member Alex Macek cruising along Forbes Avenue on her way home from the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

Great snap!



## *the Prez Sez*

Greetings everyone. I would hope all is well with you, and that your either driving or working on your “vair”, and enjoying this beautiful summer we have had, at least here

in Pennsylvania. Hey!! It’s the last day in August, as I write this to you. Can you believe it September 1st., TOMORROW. 2017 , where have you gone? Seriously!! The old adage “Time Flies”, could not be more true, as us seniors get older and older. Then again, maybe it’s a good thing, in that the 2018 International Corvair Convention, will be upon us in no time. Did you make your reservations, or plans to attend? Did you volunteer to help out.? Have you bought some raffle tickets. I know for a fact, that Jimmy “ALL CAPS”, is doing everything in his power to promote, not only the Convention, but the raffle car. He recently took it to Detroit, and to the past International Corvair Convention in Independence, Mo. Like he doesn’t have enough to do, GREAT JOB JIMMY W.

I would be remiss, if I didn’t offer congratulations to the Host club – HACO, for putting on a Superb, delightful and entertaining Convention. Although I could not attend, word of mouth from our (WPCC) attendees, was that it was a great time, and that we will be hard pressed to top it. A’hhhhhhh, but we will try!

So if you haven’t tried it, try the 2018 convention website – [www.corvairpittsburgh.com](http://www.corvairpittsburgh.com) their you can make your reservations and also buy your raffle tickets. As time goes by, their will be other avenues on it to search.

Also do not forget, that the DUES for 2018 are due by the end of the year – NOT the Christmas party in Jan, or Easter – DEC. 31st., 2017

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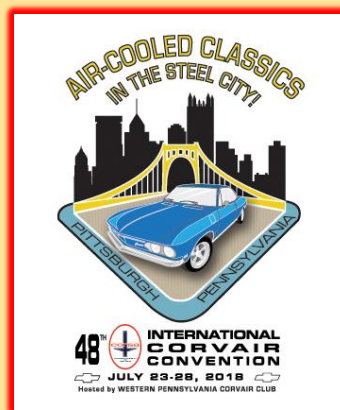
Jim Steigerwaldt  
President,  
WPCC,  
- *Jim*



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## 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](#))

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

<b>April</b>	27-29 <sup>th</sup>		Helena, GA Corvair Meet
<b>May</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>		Falling Water Memorial Tour and Picnic/Lunch?
	20 <sup>th</sup>		CORVAIR HERITAGE DAY!
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6-9pm	<a href="#">WPCC Chapter Meeting</a>
<b>June</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-3pm	Ivan Clever Memorial Spring Tuneup
			— <a href="#">Adzema Pharmacy</a> , rear parking lot (Ross Township)
	24 <sup>th</sup>		WPCC Picnic, <a href="#">Jim Madden's home, Evans City, PA</a>
	27-30 <sup>th</sup>		2017 CORSA Convention, Independence, MO
<b>July</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Vintage Grand Prix Rally, Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube
	7-16 <sup>th</sup>		Vintage Grand Prix, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh
	25 <sup>th</sup>	6-9pm	<a href="#">WPCC Chapter Meeting</a>
<b>August</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>		Week of...Corvette Club of Western PA Rally
	24-25 <sup>th</sup>		Detroit Corvair Homecoming
<b>September</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	6-9pm	<a href="#">WPCC Chapter Meeting</a>
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Wine Tour Weekend
<b>October</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>		Corvair Heritage Day Road Rally
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Steel Valley Tour of Western PA Steel Mills
<b>November</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>		Blue Ridge Road Rally
	28 <sup>th</sup>	6-9pm	<a href="#">WPCC Chapter Meeting</a>
<b>January</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>		WPCC Holiday Party, <a href="#">Greentree DoubleTree Hotel</a>



WPCC encourages all Corvair enthusiasts to support the the Corvair Society of America. CORSA is the #1 Corvair group in the world, boasting almost 5,000 registered members worldwide as well as 80 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](http://www.corvair.org)





## MEMBER'S GARAGE FORUM

Here's this month's VSJ update on who's doing what with their Corvairs...  
(Btw, it's always great when members write their own headers!)

### GRILL BADGE!!

Thank you to [Jeffrey Grahovac](#) & [Corvair Kady](#)- another reason why Corvair owners & especially WPCC MEMBERS are the best car owners- a little paint & some polishing brought back the unused trunk trim they had to near new glory. You two are the best! – Kurt Foltz



### THESE CORVAIRS ARE LIKE POTATO CHIPS!

Proof that you can't have just one, Scott Bussard recently acquired another Corvair...this nice '65 Monza convertible. Congrats!

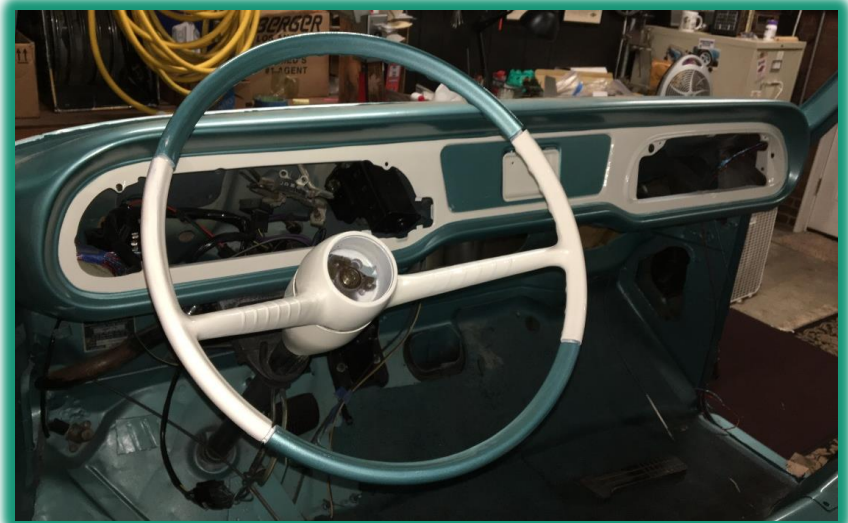
### DELUXE PAINT!

Some fresh paint on Rod Murray's Greenbrier dash will help him move forward with dash re-assembly and other interior work over the winter.



You can boost another Corvair owner's confidence by sharing your Garage Forum updates.

Help each other out, and keep on wrenching!



# OUR MEMBERS GET AROUND...



## <<<<<<<< EMPLOYEE PARKING NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD

Jim Loomis says "...drove my '64 Spyder to work today, parked with boxers out! She loved the 60 degrees this morning, really felt the boost!"



## FILL'ER UP DINO! >>>>>>>>

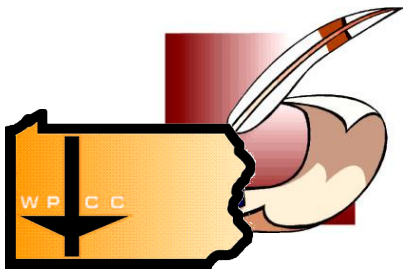
Dan and Celena Butchko came across some old gas pumps for a vintage fill-up.



## PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX

WPCC was well represented at this year's event, with both several Corvairs and several members in attendance.





## WPCC Meeting Minutes

### Call to order

A meeting of **Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club** was held at the North Park Clubhouse, Gibsonia, PA. on **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**. Officers in attendance included, President, Jim Steigerwaldt; Vice President, Don Cekus; Treasurer, Darlene Kady; and Secretary, Jim Weppelman. Board of Directors present included; Les Walter, Don Baker, Pat Greenwald, Steve Puskas, Al Friend, and Jim Madden. 27 in attendance, 24 WPCC mms, with 9 corvairs in the parking lot.

### Approval of minutes

President Jim Steigerwaldt called the meeting to order. Jim Madden motioned to accept minutes of last meeting, as published in the May, 2017, Vair Street Journal. Jonnie Weppelman seconded.

### Reports

President Jim Steigerwaldt introduced new member Charles Moss. Charles told the attendees of his corvair that is undergoing a complete makeover. New fuel injected motor, body modifications, one piece side glass, and paint. Jim also introduced Zeke Braun, and thanked him for the "tuna" earlier this year, also Laurie Maglietta, and Vince Duva. Jim introduced Bob 'Flame' Weir, his wife Terri, and their son Ethan. They are going to be in charge of the Registration Committee for the convention. Vice President Don Cekus gave a report about this year's CORSA convention in Independence, MO. Don liked the Arabia steamboat wreck museum tour. Don had a issue with contacting someone at the convention to get car parts and information. He made some recommendations for our convention to have cell numbers available. There was a car stolen and some cars broken into, and Don mentioned our security at our convention. Jim Steigerwaldt is the Parking/Security Chairman, and stated the plans for Pittsburgh's convention. Don said that even on good low mileage

corvairs, they are reaching 50 years old, and a lot of times it's the little things that cause problems.

Secretary Jim Weppelman gave a update on convention matters. Most of what was in the e-mailed update letter. Treasurer Darlene Kady sent letters out to those that owed dues. Darlene wants dues paid at the September meeting and prefers a check. Darlene mentioned the new members; John Black, Charles Moss, and Mike Scalion. Darlene thanked Mark Gillispie for the table space, and the corvair area outside the Yenko tent at the Pittsburgh Grand Prix. She told the membership that a second checking account was opened to handle proceeds from the raffle car and any monies for the convention. She needed signatures from BOD members for the banks record. Darlene was excited about all the new members, and the traffic on WPCC's facebook page. Darlene talked to the gathering about sponsoring the Donna Mae Mimms award for the CORSA conventions. It is given to the fastest female in the autocross event. Donna was a WPCC member at one time. Monies from raffle car profits, and/or from convention proceeds would be used. Motion to the floor to do it, seconded by Pat Greenwald, all ayes. Ayes have it.

Darlene gave the financial report that follows:

Checkbook balance:

\$1738.25

Incomes:

\$135.00 (dues)

Expenses:

none

Current balance:

\$1973.25

Motion to accept Treasurers report, Celena Butchko motioned, Jonnie Weppelman seconded.

Jim Stiegerwaldt mentioned how both the Don's are long winded. Jim reminded people that the Christmas party will be held at the conventions host hotel the DoubleTree Hotel in Greentree, not at Grant's Bar. Jim thanked Jim Madden and Terri for the great outing and food at the WPCC's picnic. Jim and others commented on how neat Jim Maddens powder coating demonstration was. Jim Madden said he has wine trip information with him if anyone needs it. Jim Madden has information on a 1963 spyder convertible, and a 1963 4 door, 28,000 miles with 17" wheels, he has pictures.



Al Friend read an e-mail asking for help parking at the AACA Grand National in Greensburg, Saturday, June 2, 2018. Al suggested this would be good practice for us, since our convention is just 49 days away from that. Al said that anyone attending the Latrobe car show on Sunday, Sept. 3, needs to be entered by Aug. 10. Les Walter picked out the convention jacket, gray in color, with a cost of about \$30. Includes emblem and name. Les gave a volunteer pin from the Pittsburgh Grand Prix to Darlene Kady for her work at the event. Les gave a jacket to Don Baker for all his help through his past sickness. Dan Butchko reminded everyone about Chevy night coming up at the Wexford Starlite car cruise. Kurt Foltz reminded everyone that his band, Hard Karma, will be playing at the Goodtime bar in Millvale, Friday, Aug. 11.

## Motion

Vice President Don Cekus made a motion to adjourn. Pat Greenwald seconded.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Weppelman  
Secretary

July, 25, 2018  
Date of approval



## editorialisms

### **CORVAIR SOCIAL MEDIA IS**

**GROWING...** I can't say that I'm an overactive participant on Social Media, but it's hard not to notice and enjoy the increasing number of quality online Corvair discussion groups. In addition to

the well-established and long-standing Corvair Center and Virtual Vair forums available on the internet, there's been a handful of groups established on Facebook that you should definitely check out as well. Some of my favorites are:

- Corvair Owners Group
- Corvair Trader
- Corvair Nuts of North America
- Corvair Preservation Foundation
- Corvair Society of America
- This Was AmeriCar
- Retro Automotive Prototypes and Concept Designs

And of course...our own WPCC Facebook page.

These groups are all easy to find on Facebook, and just as easy to join for the occasional interaction on a thread of interest. It should also be noted that, with the exception of the executive board columns in the VSJ, almost every bit of newsletter content comes from these groups or another online source.

**ALONG THESE LINES...** For a variety of reasons, the most notable being time, or lack thereof, this is my final issue as VSJ editor. I'll be available to assist with a transition to any member who would like to assume this responsibility, and I'll continue to work on scanning old VSJ issues for the website archive as time allows.

Editorially Yours,  
Rod







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## WESTERN PA'S CORVAIR CLASSIFIEDS

Check out these great finds on Pittsburgh's Craigslist. Help a member out. Got Corvair items to sell or want to buy? ...Share it here!

PARTING OUT: 1968 Monza Coupe. Blue Interior, 110hp PG, Remote side mirror, Rear defroster, more. Contact WPCC Member Dan Butchko @ 724-234-0144

FOR SALE: 1962 Corvair Sedan, 140hp PG. Restored. Call Jason @ 724-650-6982

FOR SALE: 1965 Corvair 110 Coupe. Less than 15K original miles. Solid car/good condition. All original. 3-3-speed, new tires, new gas tank & sending unit, new fuel pump, new battery. Must see!. \$5K obo. Butler area. Call Paul @ 724-816-1044



**WPCC REMINDER: Members list your Corvair items here for FREE here every issue!**

### **If you're into Corvairs, we'd love to meet you!**

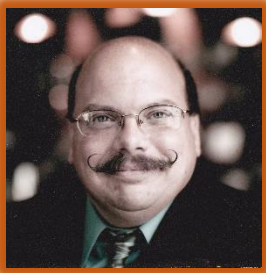
**WPCC is Western Pennsylvania's official Corvair Club.** We've been around since 1974, registered as Chapter 158 of the Corvair Society of America. Club membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Chevy Corvair. Annual chapter dues are just \$12/yr for individuals and \$15/yr for an entire family.

Bi-monthly chapter meeting dates, times, and locations, are available on our website. All are welcome. Our website address is <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/wpcc/> . If that's a mouthful, just Google us by typing in the name of our club.



Our award-winning chapter newsletter, "The Vair Street Journal", aka the VSJ, is provided to all active members. Guests can check out free on-line versions on our website and Facebook page. Members are encouraged to submit articles of interest to be included in the next available issue. VSJ classified ads up to 40 words are free to all members. Commercial advertisement rates are \$40 per year. All ads must be prepaid.

*aka jimmy <<< ALL CAPS!...*



Fellow corvair enthusiasts,

A little bit about safety. When we are working on our cars we are usually by ourselves. This possess a couple of things. One no one else is there to answer your questions (good and bad) and no one is there to assist if

you run into a situation that you need help. In our younger days, safety was put aside cause in our youth we felt inferior, or needed the fast way to do things. Putting a jack stand under a car was just too much time. In our latter years we find ourselves saying I've done it that way all my life and nothing has happened. I recently know of a few incidents where luckily things turned out for the best. A fellow at the last CORSA convention was doing some emergency repairs in the parking lot. In a hurry he did not put any jack stands underneath. The jack moved and the car fell on him. Luckily his head ended up in the wheel well and wasn't crushed. He summoned for help and was no worse for the wear, except changing his underwear. Even those who are lucky enough to have a hydraulic lift are not exempt from the safety issue. A couple of our members went to look at a corvair for sale that had fallen off a lift. The report was it hardly wasn't even a parts car, that's how bad it was damaged. I had a

lapse in judgement and in my effort to save a couple of dollars proceeded to clean an electric motor on an air compressor with brake clean. Needless to say, when it turned on the engulfing fireball was something to behold. After taking stock in missing hair and mustache, and grabbing the water hose to put out a small fire in the barn. I lucked out with was some sunburn like skin on my nose and face. We all learn from the mistakes that we have done. We need remember to learn from others mistake. The best advice I can give anyone is keep that cell phone handy when working alone, it may be your best call.

Vairly yours,

Jim Weppelman  
Secretary WPCC



**A GROWING FAMILY...**

Dan and Celena Butchko welcomed another member to their Corvair stable with this nice EM Convertible picked up recently in Virginia. Congratulations!





**Have you purchased your 2018 Convention Raffle Car Tickets yet?**

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**Nice Corvair turnout at our  
last meeting...**

**let's keep it up!**

