

# The Vair Street Journal



The Official Newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club

May, 2017



**Say Hello to  
Spring  
in Western PA!**



## **THIS ISSUE:**

No Caps!  
Those Loud Crickets!  
What About That Convention?

## **NEXT MEETING REMINDER:**

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
North Park Clubhouse, Hampton, PA  
"Arrive near 5", Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7:30pm

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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")



**June 3<sup>rd</sup> MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

*WPCC's newly-named 1<sup>st</sup>-Annual "Ivan Clever Memorial Spring Tuna"*



### ON THE COVER...

*Tim Desmond sent in a few pics of his very nice 1965 CORSA, owned since 1993. Tim is a proud retired employee of the USPS and sent these in via good ol' U.S. mail. Thanks for sharing, Tim.*

*"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."*



## the Prez Sez

Short and Sweet, this month????

Did I really say that?  
Yes I did and I mean it.  
Just got back from Myrtle Beach, and 5 rounds of golf – Yes, I

will admit it – I STUNK!!!, just ask my playing partner. Oh!! I do have an excuse, but then, what golfer doesn't. Got home, this past Wednesday (the 12th), only to come down with an infected tooth on Thursday, and only to find out my dentist was in China. Good thing, I saved some "percs" Holiday weekends, try and find a dentist/doctor. Hope you all enjoyed your EASTER. Enough of my whining, onto better news.

As for Corvairs, our Convention Show Chair, has been busy, either trying to finalize plans at Highmark Stadium for the "Grand Concours" event, or seeking another venue to hold same. Mr. Weppelman or ALL CAPS, also has meetings set-up, with the Robinson Town Center reps, in

order to use their property (s) for the Auto-Cross.

Mr. Murray, Rod to most, has been busy seeking sponsors, not only for the Convention, but for the Club.

I know, I have said it before, and am really getting tired of saying it, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!!!! WPCC Needs 3 volunteers to head-up some committees. Give Jim Weppleman, a call, see how you can help. We're down to about 15 months now. Lets ALL get involved.

Happy Vairing,  
- *Jim*



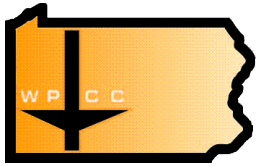
**MEMBER SUGGESTION...**Our fellow WPCC member Dave Bucklew was nice enough to lend me the manuals that go in depth into our carburetors. Instead of just making a copy for myself, I scanned them both into Jpegs. While I haven't been to our WPCC website, I did see in an email or the journal that Rod, I believe, is uploading our club's history, which, once my schedule permits, I plan on reading. Anyway, perhaps we could make a TECH section on the website and upload these manuals there? Thanks Dave! – Kurt Foltz



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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>

### Gilded in Gold...



Jim and Sandy Artzberger caught a Penguins game recently w/ fellow WPCC members John and Charlotte Sweet...word is it was their first visit in about 16 years...way too long.



## 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!)



### IT MUST BE BIKINI SEASON

Darlene Kady offered this headline and these pix...draw your own conclusions.



### CARB PORN!

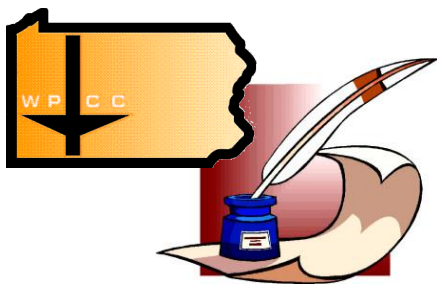
Kurt Foltz cleaned, rebuilt, and re-painted his carbs. These are so sharp it's almost dirty!

### OUCH!

And we're just not quite sure what Jimmy was working on...hope he fixed it. lol!



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



## WPCC Meeting Minutes

### Call to order

A meeting of **Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club** was held at **North Park Clubhouse, Gibsonia, PA** on **March 28, 2017**. Officers present included: President, Jim Steigerwaldt; Vice President, Don Cekus; Secretary, JIM WEPPELMAN; and Treasurer, Darlene Kady. Board members in attendance included; Stephen Puskas, Jim Heatherington, Jim Madden, Bob Hieber, Don Baker, and Rod Murray. 29 members, and 2 guests in attendance.

### Approval of minutes

Meeting called to order by President Jim Steigerwaldt. Motion to accept last meeting minutes as posted in last edition of VSJ, by Don Cekus, seconded by Darlene Kady.

### Reports

Jim Steigerwaldt reintroduced, and welcomed back member George Hackl, its been a while since George has been to a meeting. Jim Steigerwaldt mentioned to members that one of the guests that was there earlier, but had left, was Rick Wirth. Rick was a partner with Jim Artzberger's company and recently bought it from Jim. They were there to discuss opportunities to work with the convention. Rick Beattie, a guest, told the membership about his past, and experiences doing car rallies. Rick will be the chairman for the rally at our convention.

### Announcements

Jim Steigerwaldt gave a update on his Corvair's progress. The steering box was rebuilt and picked up from fellow member John Sweet's place. Jim says he needs to get back to work on it. Jim and Darlene where having some time issues with filing with the IRS the clubs 1099. Jim said this should be rectified within the next week. Don Baker gave a update on Les Walter's hip recovery. Les is doing well for his age, and recovering at rehab nursing home in North Huntingdon. Les is also being treated for a wound on the heel of his foot. Rod Murray stated that he has been working on scanning old VSJ's to his computer

to put on WPCC's website. Rod brought up the idea of having a sponsorship of a 501c3 entity besides the Corvair Preservation Fund. His daughter does volunteer work for a cat shelter, and he was thinking something along those lines. Rod had found someone online using the WPCC name as a reference for their website. No one in the club knows anything about it. Rod had sent the website a note asking for clarity. Rod said he has also been active in getting the convention website up and running, reaching out for corporate sponsorship, and mentioned our commitment to Tuff TV, to do a show on our convention. Rod asked the membership to help him fill in the blanks of some questions of WPCC history and the location of the certificate of charter from CORSA. Jim Heatherington remembers having it and passing it along. Don Cekus mentioned that he still has WPCC boxes to look through for it. Steve Puskas also says that he has a box of WPCC to look through. Jim Steigerwaldt relayed that CORSA was informed by us of how to have them reproduced. Jim Weppelman updated the membership on convention items. A meeting with new ownership and management of the Highmark Stadium, (where the concourse event was to be held) did not go so well. The pricing for facilities has almost tripled. Most of the increase was do to putting down decking on the field. Negotiations with them are ongoing, and searching for other options continues. A meeting with the management of Station Square parking went well. We received pricing for some different options to hold the autocross event and/or the concourse event in there parking lot. Jim Weppelman also thanked the work of Jim Steigerwaldt and Rod Murray and the membership agreed with applause. Don Cekus showed the members rusted parts of Greg Wilson's Corvair, who was in attendance, which was being fixed in the North Hills. Don raved about the quality work that is being done. Darlene Kady mentioned about Eva McGuire "Corvair Lady" and the work she has done and doing with previous workers from GM that worked on the Corvair assembly lines, etc. Darlene also got a call from Mark Gillespie about having the WPCC join him and his Yenke Tribute tent at this year's Pittsburgh Grand Prix for no charge.

### Announcements

WPCC events schedule was discussed and changed as follows;

The "Ivan Clever Memorial 'Tuna'" is moved to July 3rd at Zeke's house off of rt.19, Perrysville.

Don Cekus to find out more about Victory Hill car cruise.

June 24th is the date for Jim and Terri Madden picnic at their home in Evans City. Jim will be doing a demonstration of his powder coating business. Terri asked to know exactly what people will bring, or she will tell them. She has had to many of the same items before.

Sept. 30 will be the wine tour. Meet in Harmony at 9:00 then drive to wineries and covered bridges in eastern Ohio. Ferrante winery will be one of the featured stops. Lodging will be at the "Lodge at the Lake" \$199 premium king, \$179 premium double, (10 rooms booked) or \$169 to \$159 standard double (limited time) \$12.00 breakfast available. Please contact Terri for more information.

Bob Hieber will be doing steel rust town, mill tour this fall. Dates TBD.

### Announcements

Treasurer Darlene Kady gave the financial report, recapped elsewhere in the VSJ.

Motion to accept by Jim Heatherington, seconded by Dan Butchko.

### Adjournment

Jim Heatherington motioned to adjourn, Jim Steigerwaldt so ordered.

Respectively submitted,  
**Jim Weppelman**  
2017 Secretary  
March 28, 2017



## editorialisms n'at

Happy to say the Pens are once again in the playoffs, but the tradeoff is time. So, to echo our President's mantra for this issue, my column is also short and sweet...

**WPCC FACEBOOK...**Our chapter page has added a few more "friends" bumping our FB group size to 103 members. Thx Helen for your help!



**STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS...**Please join me for the duration of the Pens' 2<sup>nd</sup> Round series vs the Washington Capitals in officially referring to Jimmy ALL CAPS as Jimmy NO CAPS...Let's Go Pens!

**CRICKETS...**I don't know about you, but it seems like I hear this sound a lot...a few examples...

- When ideas get pitched to CORSA like...
  - o Corvair Heritage Days
  - o Philanthropic / Fundraising Opportunities
  - o Membership Engagement
  - o Legitimate Tax Deductions
  - o Chapter Charter Certificates
- When members say they'll send something in for the newsletter

- When members are asked to help w/ the convention
- And to be fair, all caps and kurt hear this same sound quite a bit when they ask me to go the car shows with them.

Hey I get it. We're all allowed to enjoy our hobby as we see fit, I just know we'll never grow if the noisiest sound we hear for anything involving change or effort is crickets. To borrow a "Brainyquote"..."*Inaction may be safe, but it builds nothing.*"

**GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP...**So, let's see if this latest idea draws the same sound...How about a link on our website so family and/or friends can buy chapter memberships as gifts for their Corvair enthusiast loved ones? Basically this enables your family and friends to support your Corvair hobby by paying your annual chapter dues...thinking a bit broader, this idea could be expanded to include CORSA memberships, Corvair merchandise, etc. Thoughts? Btw, yes I pitched this idea recently to CORSA...do you know what sound I heard? 😊

Editorially Yours, Rod





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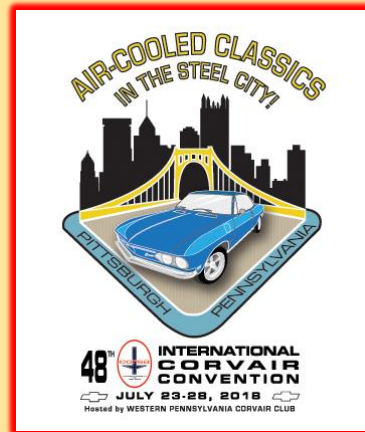
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## Treasurer's Report May, 2017

*Financially Submitted, Darlene*

**Treasurer's Reminder:** There are some members that still have not paid their dues. Please get your payment to me ASAP. Thank you!

Also, welcome to new member Denny Conti!

As of April 26, 2017	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,637.25</b>
Income:	
-	\$60.00
Expenses:	
-	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,697.25</b>



## WESTERN PA'S CORVAIR CLASSIFIEDS

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



**CORVAIR V6 TRIKE!** – For sale or trade. 1961 Corvairst V6 trike. Starts and drives with no issues. Comes with a 2nd Corvairst motor and a 3 speed manual transmission. Asking \$5K or any REASONABLE offer. Youngstown area. Call or text Tom if interested. (330) 369-9164



**66 MONZA W/ PIMPIN' WHEEL COVERS!** 84K miles. Excellent condition...Greensburg, PA. Asking \$4,500 obo...[EMAIL](#)

**WTB** – Tim Desmond is looking for a tach for his 1965 Corvairst. [412-952-9753](tel:412-952-9753)

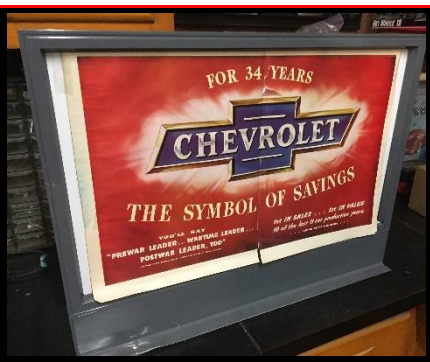
**WPCC REMINDER: Members list your Corvairst items here for FREE here every issue!**



**Rod's Fun Finds...**My wife and I enjoy checking out thrift shops, garage & estate sales, antique stores, etc. – It's been a fun way to learn our way around Pittsburgh and you never know what you might come across...here's a few recent auto-centric fun finds that we picked up...



Does anybody recognize this character? I put some old maps in the pamphlet holder.



This is an 80's-90's era gas pump advertising top sign. I'll swap out the old Chevy magazine ad that was in it.

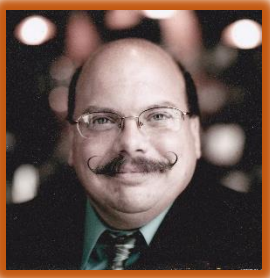


AC Spark Plug Jim Beam decanter....alas, it was empty.



Found this NOS Corvairst belt buckle made by Wyoming Art. Guess I need to buy a belt.

*aka jimmy <<< NO caps!...*



fellow members,

spring has sprung! get those corvairs out of hibernations and on the streets. take the wife or grandkids down for an ice cream cone. local cruise-ins will be starting. a good

place to find them is [www.carcruises.com](http://www.carcruises.com). a lot of these cruises help different charities and organizations.

the pittsburgh convention in 2018 (as all the corsa conventions) if a profit is to be made it is split between corsa and the local host club. if no profit is to be seen, corsa absorbs the loss. we have no reason to believe that ours will not be successful. as a club, corsa does not have a "pet" charity. of course some will argue that the corvair preservation foundation is their "pet" as this has a 501c3 status. as great as corvairs are, they are not warm and fuzzy as some charities, like "animal friends", children's hospitals, etc., are. as a local chapter, wpcc also does not have a "pet" charity. i am sure donations have been made to different charities over the years, but there is not one that we consistently hang our hat on.

with that said we will have to divert some of our profits from the convention to different charities. i would like to ask that membership put some thought into one or more charities that we can be associated with – not just after the convention, but maybe work with on a yearly basis going forward. in the future this could be a reason for some club events, or club membership building activities.

vairily yours,

jim "no caps" weppelman

secretary, wpcc



Editors note – Yes, I had to re-type Jimmy's article to remove all the caps – I'm glad it was short!

WPCC is Western Pennsylvania's official Corvair Club, 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.

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.

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