#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**



# Corvair Connection New Hampshire Corvair Club July, 2018



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July 4th Parade, Cookout, and Meeting at Allan & Judy's

## President's Message



Thinking back on old Presidents' Messages, there were a few that truly were off the wall...Turnips is certainly at the top of the less than stellar literary works. Actually, as

I think about it none of the ones I have written will ever qualify for publication!! Oh well, here goes another one......

So, we recently took a trip to northern Italy which was quite beautiful. You know the deal, lots and lots of Cathedrals, Museums, spectacular scenery, magnificent lakes, the Alps, beautiful villages and great food. But, you know I am going someplace with this....who cares when you can watch the Mille Miglia car race!!! For those of you not familiar with this race, it covers 1000 Kilometers in Italy from Rome to northern Italy and back to Rome. It has been running since 1927 except during the war years. All cars earlier than 1957 are eligible to race. There were some really spectacular cars including Ferrari, Jaguar, Bugatti, Porsche, Mercedes, Lamborghini, and of course representing the USA, two 1954 Oldsmobiles and a Ford Model T. At one point I counted 10 Mercedes Gull Wings in a row! Now this whole thing brings me to the point of the story...So here I am in Bergamo in my glory (and also drooling) watching these spectacular cars drive, talk about jealous!! Any way I got so wrapped up watching the cars racing by that I forgot about the tour...and you say, what tour?? I sure blew it off and then I realized I was somewhere in

Bergamo, who the hell knew where, no one was around that I recognized, not too many folks spoke English, I had some money, maybe a couple of hundred bucks, certainly not enough to hire a cab to get me back to our hotel, no map, which brings up another minor issue, I had no clue where the hotel was, other than on Lake Garda, let alone the name of the damn hotel...talk about being in deep you know what!! I started to panic and then I realized just how stupid I would sound asking for help. So I thought to myself, self...you can do this...even at my geriatric age, I can remember landmarks and guess what? I walked a half an hour in the direction I thought we came from and with one minor correction I got back to the meeting location. That's the good news...the bad news is there were only a couple of folks waiting (who could not walk the tour) and everyone else was looking for...you guessed it..me. I sure did not win any friends that day or actually the next day either as the race had traveled to Milan and guess what I was doing...the hell with the churches, opera house, and other tourist stuff. Trust me, our tour director and Evelyn who was still ticked off at me stood guard and wouldn't let me out of their sight.

Note from Evelyn: I was instructed never to let him go out alone without a note around his neck with his name and local address..

And you ask yourself, what does this have to do with Corvairs? The answer is, nothing !! There weren't any.

## TWO PARTICIPANTS FROM THE 2018 MILLE MIGLIA I couldn't find the gull wing Mercedes (editor)





## Secretary's Report - Saturday, June 16, 2018



The June meeting of the New • Hampshire Corvair Club was held at the home of Paul & Evelyn Ardito with 14 • members and several Corvairs in

attendance. Members included Paul & Evelyn, Bob & Agnes Brown, Ginny & Jon Guignard, Allan & Judy Jones, Ray & Cecile Moore, Allison & Titus Stewart, Tim Sattler, and Jim Turner. The meeting followed a tour of Bob & Alice Valpey's car and memorabilia collection. The weather was near perfect and all enjoyed a nice lunch.

Co-President Ginny called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm, welcoming everyone and thanking Paul for coordinating the tour.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting as printed in the Newsletter was made by Judy, seconded by Paul and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Brown reported on finances expended and received from the annual Dust-Off. Additionally, we collected dues payments and donations. Expenses include the purchase of the new club banner and Newsletter expenses. A motion to accept was made by Paul, seconded by Jim and approved.

Editor's Report – Jon Guignard noted that the next Newsletter comes out shortly due to our next meeting being only two weeks away. Items for the July Newsletter are needed now.

Business:

Paul shared tales from their trip to Italy which included watching an auto race that included many classic and exotic cars. Look for more information in next month's President's message.

Dust-Off recap and discussion - topics and ideas included:

- Show attendance continues to decline. Need to rethink the show as we currently run.
- Fairground location costs too much and isn't ideal for those attending from the south.
- Attendees tend to be more interested in the social aspects as compared to the events.
- Show is not effective at getting our cars and hobby out in front of the public.
- Our date conflicts with another big show that day, as well as other events like graduations, sport tournaments, and early spring weather can be iffy.
- New events were discussed, including having a discussion with Bay State about doing a joint event every other year opposite the Clark's show, other car shows, tours and weekend getaways.
- Club funds were discussed along with other ways to raise money.

Upcoming meeting dates include: July 4<sup>th</sup> Hopkinton Parade and pot-luck cookout at the Joneses Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Stewart's in Tilton, and October 14<sup>th</sup> at a location to be determined.

Upcoming events include: Kiwanis Show in Concord on September  $8^{th}$ , Bean Hole Show in Epsom on September  $9^{th}$ , Great Race lunch stop event June  $26^{th}$ , Castle in the Clouds show July  $7^{th}$ , Sanbornton Fundraiser show July  $22^{nd}$ .

Discussion about using the new logo and getting new clothing, name badges, and other possible items made or printed. Several members volunteered to look into it.

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:25 pm by Allan, seconded by Agnes and approved.
Respectfully, Tim Sattler, Secretary

## **Editor's Cubicle**



I wish to thank all of my contributors to the newsletter. Thanks to Paul for his most entertaining President's message. Also, thanks for getting us in to view the Bob &

Alice Valpey car collection. We are pleased that Evelyn managed to bring Paul safely home from Italy. Also a very special thank you to Gentleman Jim Turner for his letter, which is printed on page 7. If you haven't seen it

elsewhere in this issue, the club gifted Jim with the retired club flag that had the old logo on it. We did this at the Dust-Off. We also gave him a Corvair placemat signed by all in attendance. Too bad the turnout was so poor, I'm sure that many others would like to have been able to sign the placemat as well. Really Jim, the club thanks you for years of loyalty!

I still need content to fill the next newsletter.

## **Member News**

Tim Sattler held a cookout to celebrate his son Oliver's high school graduation. Oliver will attend the University of Maryland come fall. We wish him well. Brother Tom was in attendance and filled us in on how he has been doing in Pennsylvania.



A week after the Sattler party, Ray, Cecile, and Kim had a get together to celebrate Dagan's graduation from High School. Dagan will attend Champlain College in the fall. We see a lot of ones and zeros in his future.

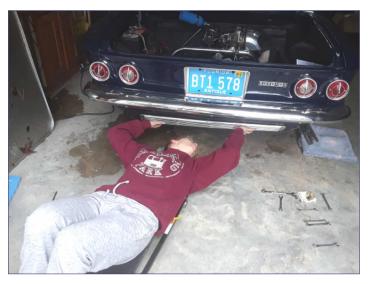




Gentleman Jim missed the Stewart's Memorial Day cookout. He showed up the next day at the correct hour and while the rest of us missed him, he received royal treatment from the Stewarts, had a nice visit, and went home with enough food to last a week. (Jim, did you plan it that way?) Jim also sent Jon a nice letter which is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks, Jim.







## Bob & Alice Valpey Tour and June Meeting at Paul & Evelyn's



Meeting up for the caravan to the Valpeys.



Entrance to the exhibit.



Harley-Davidson motorcycle.



Race winning John Fitch.



One of many vintage racers.



Another racer on the transport truck.





## **Tour & Meeting Continued**









Later at the meeting





It was too relaxing to do anything but visit and enjoy a perfect day.





#### A Letter From Gentleman Jim

Thank you, Ginny, and everyone that helped to pull off the May 19, 2018 Dust-Off and all you Corvair club members for helping me celebrate my 29 years being in the Corvair club. I have had many good times at the meetings every month with the club members. We used to have our meetings at the Suncook Bank. Then we tried having them at member homes. The best time we had before they closed, was at the Cat & Fiddle for our meeting, especially when we had our Christmas party. Now Kapelli's is a good place to hold our meetings.

My first Corvair was a 1963 convertible stick shift. I bought it at an auction at Owls Head in Maine. I sold it later because my left leg was getting tired. My next was a 63 convertible with PG which I bought from a former member. Then came the 61 Lakewood which I found in Rochester, NH back in 2000. It's my pride and joy.

Bill Cotrofeld would have us Corvairs up for touring around the state and Vermont (VICE). I remember one tour took us to a brewery. I couldn't forget – Saturday night we had a banquet he would hand out different things pertaining to Corvairs. The next day, Sunday, we

would go for breakfast before heading for home.

In 1998 and 1999 I went to the Hildene Antique Car Show in Manchester, VT. I got third place both years with my 63 Corvair convertible. The trophy was cast metal plates in a stand.

One time at the Concord, NH Car Show, I was the only Corvair there with my Lakewood. All the others went to Clark's for the Bay State Corvair show. I went to the Bay State show last year. I drove the Lakewood on the trip down with Janis and she drove it back. Snoopy just enjoyed the ride.

Our club used to do day trips and a couple of times we did overnights. Like I said, I've had some good times. Thank you for the placemat with all the signatures. I'll frame it and put it with my trophies. I had a good day with all of you. Hope I can keep up with you and enjoy life in my Lakewood

Love to you all,

Gentleman Jim

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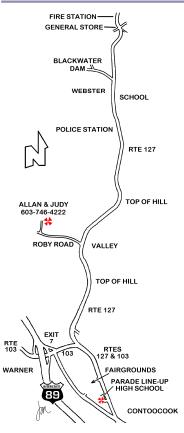


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## Event's Calendar - July 4th Parade, Cookout & Meeting





JOIN US FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE, COOKOUT,

MEETING, & POT LUCK AT ALLAN & JUDY'S. LINE UP

FOR THE PARADE AT THE HOPKINTON H.S. BY 11 AM

THE PARADE STARTS AT NOON. NOT DRIVING YOUR

CORVAIR IN THE PARADE? MEET US BACK AT THE JONESES LATER FOR ALL THE FESTIVITIES.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, BEVERAGE, AND SOMETHING TO GRILL OR SHARE AS WE

DON'T WANT ALLAN OR JUDY TO HAVE TO LIFT A FINGER. HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY TO ALL!

#### **Other Events**

July 4	Parade, meeting, and cookout at Allan & Judy's
July 7	
July 22	Sanbornton Concourse Show
=	CORSA International Convention in Pittsburgh, PA.
August 12	Meeting at the Stewarts.
September 8	Kiwanis Show at the Tech
September 9	Meeting at Bean Hole Beans.
-	Meeting, place TBA

### Items appearing in bold print are Corvair specific events List your favorite show or cruise night here.





The Stewarts at the Winnisquam Regional High School Class of 2020 car show in May, and at home with their trophy.