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### PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Notes from the new club Pres.

I'm getting used to the routine. The tech session/ January meeting at Kevin and Glorias was a good session and a great turn out. Fabricating is time consuming and Kevin has got himself a big task. The buggy now has brakes, the body has been fit on the frame and the steering wheel location was just about ironed out. Trial and error are two words that go with custom built.

The food naturally was great!!! Gloria is a great hostess and the rest of our wives are a great buffet team. We may run out of energy to work on our cars but they still feed us well!

The meeting focused primarily on the recall. Priorities were set. People will make calls for donations and advertising. We should be in good shape. Barbara was presented with a gift basket and fruit basket to help her during her rehabilitation. Everyone had a great time and it took our focus away from the cold and the snow. One month closer to spring!

See you February 5th at Barbagallos.----Nick



NICK and JANE LOMBARDO



TIM'S DREAM CAR...



Hi everyone!

Business meetings are at Barbagallo's 6344 E Molloy Rd, E. Syracuse on the first Thursday of each month. The meeting will start at 7:00 but they'll have a waitress available for us from 5:30 so we can enjoy dinner before. We will have our own room and they will give separate checks.

February 5th

Business meeting at Barbagallo's

February 22nd

Dinner at Borio's with films afterwards. Our reservations are at NOON and they have either the Sunday buffet available or you can order off the menu. A head count is appreciated if you can let me know.

March 5th

Business meeting Barbagallo's

March 22nd

Tech session 10:00 at Gloria and Kevin's, 6899 Kassonta Dr, Jamesville. Buffet to follow--- bring a dish to pass.

April 2nd

Business meeting Barbagallo's

May 7th

Business meeting Barbagallo's

June 4.5.6th

Recall 2009 at the Hilton Garden Hotel, E Syracuse

We already have two new tours planned for this year, maybe three, not to mention our annual Fall tour. Sounds like it'll be a fun year.

If you have any ideas please let me know. Everything is always subject to change. We now will have tech sessions every other month. If there's a particular subject that would be of interest to you please let Tim or I know so we can try to run with it. This takes AD-VANCE planning so PLEASE try to let us know early enough.

Rita ---- call 689-3366 or E mail ritac44@aol.com or Tim at N2VZD@aol.com



To all the Corvair Club members For all the cards, flowers, the fruit basket and the large basket filled to the top with everything you could image. I was so deeply touched with the thoughtfulness of everyone.

I wish to thank everyone for the warm feeling that will be in my heart forever.

Thank you again

Barbara Robinson





# Kitchen Corner By Rita

Maple Pork Chops

4 pork chops

2 Tbl oil

1 Rome apple, chopped

1/4 c golden raisins

1 Tbl butter

2 onions, sliced

1 tsp fresh thyme, chopped

salt and pepper

½ c chicken broth

2 Tbl maple syrup

1 Tbl flour

Brown the chops in oil. Place in casserole dish. Top chops with apples and raisins. Combine butter, thyme, salt and pepper in saucepan and put in casserole. Whisk together broth, syrup, and flour and pour over chops. Bake at 400 for 30 mins.

TennTucky Blueberry Cobbler

1 1/4 c sugar

1 c flour

1 c milk

½ c butter, melted

2 c blueberries

Whisk 1 c sugar, flour and milk; Whisk in the butter. Pour into buttered 8 x 12 pan. Sprinkle blueberries over top. Then Â<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c sugar. Bake 350 1 hr.





Coming soon to a web site near you!

I have added a bunch the newsletters from other clubs to the web site but they can only be accessed by club members who register and log in. I put on most of them that Tim has forwarded but still have a number to do. It was a compromise for the clubs that didn't really want their newsletters posted publicly. The newsletters will be only available for club members to view.

The web site is not MY web site, it's the club's web site. I am only the means for producing it. If anyone has photos or other material you would like on the site, send it either to me or to Tim. I am trying to make it easier for members to add 'content' directly - there is a 'comments' page where members can add thoughts and comments (Corvair related or not), and now an 'tech info' page for members to contribute technical information and experiences (optionally, with pictures). The material on the site is not only for our club members, but also for anyone who looks at the site.

I am working on making the 'member pages' available for input from club members, as an option. I will still be able to use material sent to me to build them, as a second option. Once I get it set up, any member will be able to add, edit or delete their own pages.

- Jim Smith

### MEETING MINUTES

The January meeting of the CNY Corvair Club was called to order at 4:23 by President Nick Lombardo. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business: Recall--On Thursday of the Recall, there will be a pizza and ice cream party at the hotel. Friday will be family day and we will have our tour(s). It looks like we will be going to the Herkimer diamond mine where there will also be a bout tour and lunch. It has been mentioned that there may be an optional tour for those who want it, to the Utica Brewery. They would be on their own. Saturday is reserved for the car events and the banquet which will also be at the host hotel. Lew is looking into a different venue for the moving events. Doug will call Clark's to talk to them about taking an ad for our program. He will also put our ad in the Corsa Communique.

Nick brought up the topic of finding different ways to score "Best in Show" so that the same people don't get it every year. He feels that others should feel that they have a chance at it. We also talked about plaques instead of trophies for the winners. Ron and Phil will set up the classes for the cars and arrange for the judging. Anyone who wants to drive in an event must register. We need sponsors for the program.

Old Business--The tech session in March which was supposed to be at Tim and Rita's has been changed. It will now be at Gloria and Kevin's. There is work needed on the club trailer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28.

Respectfully Submitted Sherry Smith Secretary

### CORVAIR VS CORSAIR BY RON

Heard a story about a wealthy Corvair collector who wanted to add to his collection by purchasing a Corvair from a friend of his who also happened to collect some WW!! fighter planes. Told his friend to deliver his best Corvair to his ranch. The friend misunderstood the request and the next morning there, parked on the paved area behind his house was a shiny blue Corsair Fighter Plane.

Now even though the Corsair is an airplane there are similarities besides the name.

You all know about the Corvair, so some history on the Corsair.

Proposed to the VAUGHT - SIKORSKY (later CHANCE - VAUGHT) Aircraft Co in 1938 for a new carrier plane. The result was the F4U with a new Pratt and Whitney air cooled double row 18 Cyl engine (1800R) with a displacement of 2800 cu in developing 2250HP speed of 405 MPH. It weighed 9200 LBS, wingspan 42 ft, length 33 ft 8 in, height of 16 ft. 3 blade prop of just over 13 ft diameter, largest at the time.

The F4U went into service in 1942 but due to problems of poor visibility from oil spattered wind screen and 14 ft of plane ahead of the pilot, a drop of the left wing at the near stalling landing speed and bouncing off the deck at landing due to poorly designed landing gear shocks.

Meanwhile the plane was used on land and by the Brits who cured the visibility problem by wiring down the top cowl vents on the engine.

By 1944, the design was upgraded to the F404 with a four bladed prop, methanol - water injection, 2450 HP, speed of 446 MPH. The last major revision was built by the Goodyear Co. Engine was a P&W wasp major with R4360 28 Cyl 3000 HP engine, the F2G. Only 10 were built and used for racing after the war.

What about the aforementioned similarities? The oil leakage and air cooled engine have been mentioned. It might be pointed out that the batteries for the plane leaked and were located in the cock pit.

The plane was assembled by spot welding instead of rivets, 1st time for airplane construction.

Hydraulically operated cowl flaps to control engine temps.

Engine employed double super chargers and oil coolers in the wing roots which sue to the screaming noise of the air rushing through them in a dive, the Japanese dubbed the plane "Whistling Death". Kill ratio 11 - 1.

The "Bent Wing Bird" was produced for 10 years, 1943 to 1952, and 14500 were built.

The Corsair was used in the Korean war and managed to shoot down an enemy jet.

This story ended with the guy calling his friend to come after his Corsair as it was leaking oil all over his blacktop.

# **BEST ANGIENT CAR**



I purchased this 1965 Corvair Monza with 86,000 miles on it for \$350 from a used-car lot in Tacoma, Washington, back in 1973. Been driving it ever since. Presently, it just rolled over 700,000 miles. It has been driven as far east as Chicago and as far south as L.A. It just came back from Silverwood Theme Park in Athol, Idaho, on a month's vacation. For the past 23 years, it's made the 40-mile run every workday between Puyallup and Seattle.

In 35 years, I have gone through two driver's-seat covers, one

front carpet, and a half-dozen windshields. The only nonstock items are electronic ignition and an AM/FM radio. It's a mechanic's car, and I was Chevy-factory trained on Corvairs. It has a 110-hp engine with a Powerglide transmission. Engines are good for about 100K miles, transmissions last 300K miles, and the differential has gone the distance.

Presently, engine No. 6 has 50K left on it. Don't make them like they used to!

MIKE GAMBLE PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON

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### TIM'S RAMBLIN'S

### HI AGAIN

This was *another* super busy, cold, wintry, month. My list of projects for this winter (and more!) is a VERY long one, with a lot of Corvair stuff and ham radio projects blending in with neglected house maintenance. Sure is nice to have a heated shop again!

We are planning on some more very good tech sessions soon

Stay tuned and PLEASE participate, that's what makes it all work.

Work is progressing slowly on my rampy and other things in the shop. The new engine is in and runs good. I am fighting with lots of other "details" that I have been attempting to get done on it for several years now.

I also am building a new differential to go with the new engine for the 64 coupe. In the process I took the time to build my own version of a tool to take the side carrier sleeves off the case. I have worn out 2 of the style sold by vendors, including the "heavy duty" version. Mine is made from parts off an old differential. It should hold up to even my hard use. I have a picture elsewhere in this issue. It works great!. Now if it would only quit snowing!

It was a great session at Kevin's , and I am sure he was happy with the progress made on his project. I put the pictures from the website in this issue .

Not sure who else is doing whatever out there yet.

Any news out there? Be sure to let me know, so it can be in print.

Speaking of print, I am using another version of office this month, and adapting to the slight differences and quirks it causes.

I still hope to get in the mood to upgrade the FAN soon. Just way too much going on here at the moment.

Another note for you wire wheel lovers, Clark's now has very good looking repro's in stock, along with the spare mount and other accessories needed. See the new poop sheets in your next order. They have sold a bunch already.

I hope more of you start taking digital cameras with you to events. I cant be at all of them, so we miss out sometimes. Pictures make the newsletter more interesting and informative! Please do your part to help. Thanks to those that have sent me a few.

I need a few more pages each month to keep up with the progress Kevin , and Phil are making on their projects. Very ambitious stuff!!

Watching some of the posts on virtual vairs, I see the old bugga boo of dues increases is back to haunt us again. Keep your eye on this important issue. We need to drum up more PAYING members of CORSA. If you follow other similar clubs, you will find that membership in the national group is MANDITORY to belong to a local *CHAPTER*. yes I know we have discussed this before, with all the valid? Exceptions, but the others *have* to do it so......with the economy as it now is, I still say don't go spending on unnecessary items. We all worked very hard for that club treasury over the years, so go forward *carefully*.

Jim is still looking for more exciting content for the website. He will be adding a tech session area soon. See his note elsewhere in this issue. Preparations are progressing for this years RECALL. A few upgrades and big changes are in the making. More on this in the next issue. THANK YOU ALL THAT ADDED CONTENT THIS MONTH.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS!!

I think that's it (hope I did not forget too much!!) for this month, I better get back to work... See va soon!

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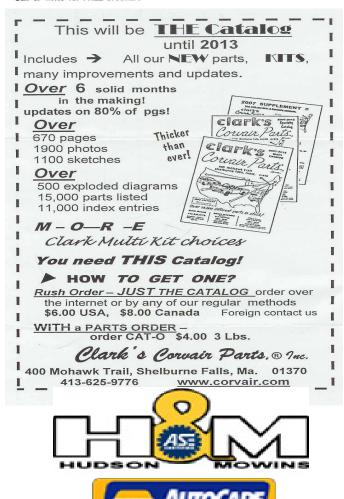
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sessions every once in a while. We would
like new members and new ideas. We are
a very social group and wives are always
invited. For more information please call
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We hope to see you at the next meeting.



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