



From the Editor

I always like the beginning of a new year a clean slate, a chance to start the year, hopeful that I will keep those many resolutions made at the end of 2004.

It's a clean slate for *NJACE* as well with a newly elected President, Vice President and yours truly, Activities VP. While Bob Marlow is in a new role, Ken Schiffner and I are relative newcomers to *NJACE*. Ken quickly has become a very important member of this club just ask Donna and Larry Ashley about his invaluable assistance on the trek to the 2004 Convention last year.

I am sure that Bob, Ken and Tony G. along with Tim and Frank have already started planning great activities for the club this year. They are very eager to hear from you about what YOUR interests are, as this is a club for ALL members.

We start the year out with a bang and you can check out what's in store in Bob's column on this page, the story on Page 5 and the Calendar of Events on Page 3.

Not only is it a new year, but *NJACE* will be celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. Steve Calandra shares his thoughts on his 20th anniversary as an *NJACE* member and Ray Coker brings us up to date on his latest project.

That's it for me until next month...
- Kathy

Happy New Year!!!

The View Out the Windshield

by Bob Marlow

As an *NJACE* member, I have generally preferred to be an Indian rather than a chief, happy to serve as Publicity VP, which I have done for many, many years. This year, being in the midst of a job-and-lifestyle transition, I really ought not to be taking on additional responsibilities. Yet as the owner of three Corvairs, I feel it is in my best interests to do what I can to help maintain a healthy Corvair club in our region. And so it is that I find myself elected, in an uncontested race, to the position of *NJACE* President for 2005.

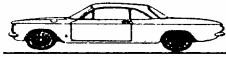
2005. The oldest Corvair is now more than 45 years old. The newest Corvair is now more than 35 years old. And *NJACE* will celebrate its 35 anniversary this year. In those years since the founding of our club, the Corvair has gone from infamous used car to respected collectible. And our club has changed along with it. We have changed from a group of Corvair owner-drivers to a group of Corvair owner-collectors. This is a significant distinction: In 1970 every member was driving a Corvair every day. Today, despite having a membership that is substantially larger in number than back then, literally no member drives a Corvair daily and only a tiny handful of members drive a Corvair with any regularity.

What this means, of course, is that the needs and wishes of the membership is much different today as well. And this is the challenge that faces me and the other officers as we lead the club into 2005. In 2005, what is it that the membership wishes from their Corvair club? Don't keep us guessing, we welcome your suggestions and comments!

Of course, while we're asking what it is that you want, we also need to ask what is it that you can give. Every member has unique talents, skills, and knowledge. Many members freely give these things on a regular basis, but there still lurks a great untapped pool of good stuff out there. Please don't be shy about offering your help.
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Cars & Parts



NJACE Classifieds

Tow BaR for Sale - FALCON ROADMASTER model # 5250. A tow bar used between motor homes and vehicles being towed. It comes with all attachments and has a base plate for a Chevy Cavalier. If you don't have a Chevy Cavalier it's no big deal, a base plate to fit your vehicle can be purchased separately. Tow bar could be converted to tow anything and is very sturdy, safe and reliable. \$500.00, call Ray Coker on 201 637-8535.

The election which resulted in my holding this position took place at the terrific December party with which we concluded 2004, in the spacious Club at Picatinny Arsenal, overlooking the scenic golf course. **Brian O'Neill** made the arrangements, **Kathy Stetler** spearheaded the rollicking gift exchange, and if you didn't have a good time, it was because you weren't there!

It is worth noting that Brian O'Neill, who has served our club selflessly as President for a considerable number of years, decided to step away from the month-to-month operation of our club, to concentrate more fully on the Northeast Corvair Council, of which he is also President. Brian's dedication to the Corvair hobby continues undimmed, and for that and for his years of service we are grateful.

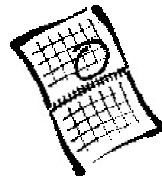
Steve Calandra, who has been our VP for several years, decided not to seek elevation to the top position. But while Steve also steps down from elected office, he too is going into 2005 with the same enthusiasm he has displayed for years.

Ken Schiffner, a New Jersey native re-transplanted back here after many years in San Diego, has joined our team as Vice President for 2005. I am excited about this -- Ken has vast experience with the southern California Corvair clubs and will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to NJACE.

Frank Burkhard, our Secretary, **Tim Schwartz**, our Treasurer, and **Tony Gervasio**, our Activities VP, were all re-elected and deservedly so. Frank's an old hand, having been an NJACE member for more than 30 years! Tim's membership period is roughly half that, but his loyalty to the club is

second to none. Tony is, relatively speaking, a newcomer, but his enthusiasm for the Corvair hobby is deeply rooted.

Kathy Stetler took over for me as editor of this newsletter during the past year, and for 2005 the membership formalized the position by electing her Publicity VP. I know that Kathy will continue to do a great job for us, but I also know from experience that an editor is only as good as the membership contributions received. Please help Kathy by providing your Corvair stories, tech tips, news and so forth.



We've already begun the work of putting together a calendar of events and activities for 2005, and it begins this month with a Saturday morning Breakfast Get-Together at the Pronto Deli in Cedar Knolls on **January 15th**. This is the same place where we've enjoyed two previous such informal gatherings, no meeting, no votes, no business, just fresh coffee, traditional breakfast items, and the good company of like-minded Corvair owners.



Then on Wednesday evening, **February 2nd**, we'll have our first business meeting of the year, a good old-fashioned meeting in a restaurant with our own room, a complete menu, and a specific meeting program. The place is the Chimney Rock Inn in Bound Brook, where the menu offers

everything from sandwiches to dinners. We found this facility because member **Chris Parisi** belongs to another car club that meets there, and so Chris tipped us off. Please attend this meeting! Bring your spouse for an enjoyable meal and an informative meeting; if the restaurant is pleased with the numbers we turn out then we'll be able to return periodically for future meetings.



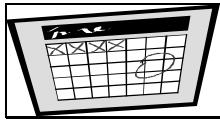
On **February 19th**, **Larry and Donna Ashley** will once again welcome NJACE members and Corvair enthusiasts from neighboring states to Ashley's Body Shop for the Parts Auction, our high-spirited midwinter indoor activity. Mark his date, along with the two other dates above, on that nice new 2005 calendar you just opened.

Looking further ahead, for March we are planning a valuable hands-on tech session: Dual master cylinder conversion for 1962-66 Corvairs. This tech session will take place in the spacious and warm garage at Tim Schwartz's home in Ho-Ho-Kus, will cover this popular conversion by our actually performing the job on a 1964 Monza. We'll confirm the date and details in the next newsletter.



The first Saturday in April has been,

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NJACE of Events

***Saturday January 15th Breakfast Get Together, 9:00 AM, Pronto Deli, Cedar Knolls, NJ** Car talk NJACE style served with eggs and a cup 'o Joe! See Page 5 for Directions

***Wednesday February 2nd Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Chimney Rock Inn, Bound Brook, NJ.** An informative business meeting and dinner to boot! Bring the family; enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow NJACE members. Directions included with story on Page 5.

***Saturday, February 19th Parts Auction at Ashley s Body Shop, Flanders, NJ.** 10:00 AM Setup, Auction begins at 11:00 AM. Corvair parts and related items auctioned to the highest bidder. Don't forget to bring that wad of cash you've been saving all year. Stay tuned for next month's *Fanbelt* for more information.

***March 2005 Tech Session, Tim Schwartz house 5 Riverview Lane, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ** Dual Master Cylinder conversion for 1962 – 66 Corvairs...actual hands on session...details and directions in next months *Fanbelt*.

***April 2005 NJACE Spring Swap Meet LOCATION DESPARATELY NEEDED.** Please call Tony Gervasio on 732 548-5590 or Bob Marlow on 201 891-3999 with possible locations.

Events marked with an * count towards NJACE Mary Paxton & Bill Ableson Awards

Steve Calandra Reminisces about his Introduction to the Corvair

Well folks, 2005 marks my 20th anniversary in *NJACE* and I'd like to tell you about how I got interested in these unusual little cars.

Back in the 60's my dad worked as a Chevrolet mechanic at several local dealerships. When the Corvair hit the market there was a problem with an inadequate bell housing seal leak. At first my father cursed them because they didn't come apart like a conventional car.

Once he realized they were easier to service than a water pumper, due to the lack of antifreeze and the three easily accessible transaxle bolts, he quickly became a fan and left the other mechanics scratching their heads. A couple of guys refused to work on them and were shown the door.

Soon, my dad was able to change up to three bell housing seals a day using

the J tools and specialized jacks. Needless to say, we probably had as many as eight different Corvairs as family cars in a ten-year span.

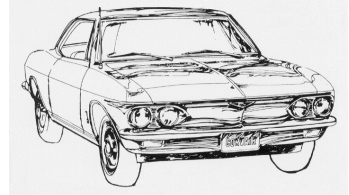
The last one, a blue 1962 700 4-door was left behind by a customer who decided to buy a Mercedes. It sat in our back yard for a year until I decided to make it run. I drove it around the back yard until 1974. When I got my license, I decided to send it to the bone yard since it had no title.

At that time I drove the famous '58 Chevy Impala and a '65 Black 500 coupe with a 95 powerglide. The coupe lasted about a year until I broke a lower ball joint, with a bunch of hysterical friends in the car with me. What a hoot, thank God I was only doing 15 miles an hour when it broke! I sold the coupe for 50 bucks and didn't work on Corvairs again until 1985.

One of my High School buddies, Pete Lyle from Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina during the gas crisis in 1985 traded in his 1978 "**Thunderchicken**" for a **Pinto** and a **Corvair**. I laughed and told him that he just bought the two sorriest cars ever made! On my next trip to NC, I inspected both and found the Pinto was very clean. The

Corvair, a Regal Red 66 Monza Sport Sedan with a 110 and a 4 speed needed tuning, and the paint was dead.

I showed a little interest in the 'Vair and Pete said "**You Wanna Buy It Don't Cha, Wellll!**" We made a deal for \$500 cash and a used VCR. I worked on the carbs, tuned it up a bit and got 30 MPG on the way home!



The following year I met Bob Marlow at the Englishtown Swap Meet. We talked about the International Convention that *NJACE* held in 1984. (I regret that I was a year too late for that.)

Soon after I attended my first *NJACE* meeting and **WHAMMO** I fell for *NJACE* hook line and sinker. I've really enjoyed being a member of this club. It gives me a strong sense of purpose and the benefit of many long lasting true friendships. And yes, I still have the '66 Monza. Thanx guys.

After a splendid holiday luncheon, President Brian O'Neill opened the official part of the meeting at 3:04 PM with thanks to all assembled members for attending. The account of the previous meeting minutes as published in The Fanbelt were accepted by the members.

Treasurer Tim Schwartz reported on the clubs current financial status. At the end of October the balance in the checking account was \$2,164.05 and as of November 30th the balance was \$2,014.39 with bills for postage for several months still outstanding. Tim also reported that the value of the Club's two CDs as of Oct 31 were \$1,329.74 and \$3,124.56. A motion was made and carried to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Tim also offered copies of the Corvair Basics manual with accompanying CD for sale.

Publicity VP Bob Marlow thanked Kathy Stetler for taking over publishing The Fanbelt and doing such a good job of it.

No Old Business was brought up for discussion.

Under the category of New Business, Tim Schwartz announced the *NJACE* 2005 Mileage Contest which will begin in January. In this event, some sort of prize or recognition will be awarded to the member who drives his or her Corvair the greatest number of miles during 2005. Tim also passed out forms to be used by entrants to record their mileage during the upcoming year for this contest.

Brian displayed a document covering the recorded history of our *NJACE* club which was assembled by Rich Ribble. He encouraged club members to take a look at it before leaving the party. He also thanked outgoing Vice President Steve Calandra for his many services to the club.

In response to requests for other nominations (or volunteers) for

officers' positions, Ray Coker was nominated and accepted as a write-in candidate for Activities Vice President. Subsequently, the ballots were collected from those members attending and combined with those received by mail for a total of 25 ballots.

Tony Gervasio received 18 votes and Ray Coker received 7 votes for Activities VP returning Tony to this position for another year. Ray Coker also received 2 write-in votes for President and Greg Gorski received 1 write-in vote for Vice President. Ron de Young received 1 write-in vote for President and Dick Cashion received 1 write-in vote for Treasurer. All other votes cast were for those nominees stated on the ballot. The final tabulation of votes showed the following were elected to office for 2005:

- President - Bob Marlow
- Vice President - Ken Schiffner
- Treasurer - Tim Schwartz
- Secretary - Frank Burkhard
- Activities VP - Tony Gervasio
- Publicity VP - Kathy Stetler

Outgoing President Brian O'Neill welcomed incoming President Bob Marlow and Bob, in turn, thanked Brian for his many efforts on behalf of the club. Tim Schwartz asked all club members to consider making a greater effort to participate in club activities.

Bob announced a January 15th meeting scheduled to be held at his home. Further details will be provided in the January issue of The Fanbelt. Bob mentioned that a February business meeting was in the planning stage but not yet finalized. He also alerted members to the Small Parts Auction that will be again held at Ashley's Body Shop in February.

Bob closed the official part of the meeting at 3:44 PM at which point Kathy Stetler began the Christmas Gift Exchange which led to a number of surprises for many of the attendees.

-Frank Burkhard

*It's the new and improved 50-50
Ticket drawing*

It's been proven in scientific journals that change can be reinvigorating. Your club officers have decided to test this theory by adding a subtle change to the way 50-50 drawings are handled at each *NJACE* club event. Our ticket sellers have always been pros at selling 50-50 tickets. In fact, it's been noted that they are as skillful at getting people to spend a few dollars on the 50-50 drawing as ticket sellers on a County Fair midway. They exhibit all the same enthusiasm and flair, but it's time to kick it up a notch.

No, none of our female members will need to wear a beard and stand behind a curtain nor will we ask anyone to be the clown sitting above the water tank insulting those with softballs trying to hit the bulls' eye and dunk them. What we will do is offer purchasers of 50-50 tickets a second chance to win.

Beginning in 2005, each time you buy 50-50 tickets we will ask you to write your name on the back of each ticket stub you purchase. After the 50-50 drawing we will collect the losing ticket stubs with the names on them and place them in a special container that will accumulate these tickets throughout the year.

During the annual *NJACE* Holiday Party we will draw a ticket stub from the container for a special year end prize. As a matter of fact we will draw for first, second and third place prizes. Of course, you must be present at the Holiday Party to win!!! What are the prizes you ask? Well, they're a secret for now, but rest assured that no one will be disappointed, that is of course unless you don't win.

50-50 drawings are always a good revenue source for *NJACE* and now they will offer **you** a second chance to win. So each time you hear someone yell "50-50 tickets, come and get-em" you know you have a chance to help *NJACE* and give yourself not one but two chances to go home a winner.

Buy tickets...Buy tickets...Buy
tickets... Buy tickets...Buy
tickets...Buy tickets...

Ease into 2005...join the *NJACE* Crew for Breakfast and Car Talk

So you say your not a morning person...don't want to talk with anyone before your second cup of coffee...always wake up with morning hair.

Don't worry, we're not asking you to meet us before the crack of dawn, and you don't have to say a word, a nod is just fine (until you've had your third cup of coffee). Finally, bad hair? Wear a hat; this certainly isn't a fashion show!

Just come out to the Pronto Deli on Saturday, January 15th around 9ish for our first official event of the 2005 *NJACE* season! For those of you that attended the Tech Session in November, it's a chance to do some winter driving!

Our breakfast gatherings are always a laid back affair...nothing very serious, no muss, no fuss, just your standard diner food and a chance to catch up with your fellow club members after the holidays. Oh yes, there will be car talk for those so inclined!

This will be our third breakfast gathering at the Pronto Deli. It is located at 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. It's only about a mile down Ridegdale Avenue from Route 10, on the left just past the Cedar Knolls Fire Department, which is on the right.

We'll be there at 9:00 A.M. but it's OK if you drift in a bit late, remember this is a low key affair.



***Don't forget to check out the *NJACE*
Website at
www.corvair.org/chapters/njace
for last minute information, photos and
other Corvair related stuff!!***

The location has been selected, arrangements have been made, the meeting program is being worked out...all we need is YOU!!! *NJACE* will hold their first business meeting for 2005 on Wednesday, February 2, 2004 at the Chimney Rock Inn, 800 N. Thompson Avenue Bound Brook, NJ. This location affords us the use of a Private Room so that we can conduct a meeting, and gives us a chance to order dinner/snacks off of their regular menu. The Chimney Rock's menu includes sandwiches and casual American and Italian cuisine along with legendary thin crust pizza.

We will meet at 7:30 PM, have dinner and a chance to socialize, conduct a brief business meeting followed by our meeting program. The program shouldn't be too tech oriented, or as we wives like to say, too much about greasy car parts, so I encourage you to make this a couple's event.

Since the program has not been decided upon at press time, we will send details to *NJACE* members with email addresses later this month. Or, show up at the Pronto Deli on January 15th for our casual breakfast meeting, and be the first on your block to know what is happening at our February meeting.

The Chimney Rock Inn, Bound Brook is conveniently located about 1/8 mile north of Route 22. Following are driving directions:

From the North: Take Route 287 South to exit 14 / Route 22 East in right lane and proceed 1/4 mile to the first overpass and exit for Thompson Avenue (also Route 525; there will be an EXXON gas station immediately past this overpass). Take overpass back over Route 22 and bear left onto Thompson Ave. Proceed 1/8 mile to restaurant on the right.

From the East: Take Route 22 West towards Bound Brook. Pass the HESS gas station on the right and make an immediate right onto Thompson Avenue. Proceed 1/8 mile to restaurant on the right.

If you get lost, the restaurant's telephone number is 732 469-4600. Please note there are two Chimney Rock Inn locations. Our meeting is at the Bound Brook restaurant, NOT the Gillette location.

The Project, Part 2

By Ray Coker

Besides buying Christmas gifts and eating too much holiday food this past month I have been very busy chasing down the necessary parts for my engine swap. I have located D&D Fabrications in Almont, MI, the 215 engine specialists. What a find!!! My contact, Mark LaGrou says they will be able to provide me with any engine configuration I desire.

I had my heart set on a 4-speed but after talking with several owners who already drive a 215 ci powered Corvair they convinced me to opt for the Powerglide transmission instead. The reasons are endless; I researched the pros and cons on each and decided to go with the automatic transmission after all.

The hardest component to locate has been the adaptor to mate the 215 ci engine to the Corvair Powerglide Transmission. Kennedy Engineered Products in California made the adaptors in the 60's, 70's and 80's

but quit recently due to the low demand. After many phone calls and a lot of Internet research I found the adaptor I need still in the original box in California. It's now on hold for me.

Hmmm, things are beginning to look pretty good. I already have the car; I have spoken to the engine builder several times, and now I have located the engine/transmission adaptor. I know these are just the main components; I realize there will be countless hours of work involved in their installation along with other necessary parts: exhaust system (headers or a stock system), reverse water pump operation, wiring, radiator water piping, radiator installation, cooling fan installation, etc.

I have not purchased any thing at this time I am just doing my homework (my parents, and Kathy, should be proud). I will have more news next month for you.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and have a Safe and Happy New Year.

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since the late 80s, the day on which we cure cabin fever for the entire Northeast by holding our "Garage Sale" Swap Meet. However, for 2005 this event is in jeopardy due to lack of a suitable site. Nortech Corporation, where for years we held this event, has relocated to Massachusetts. Mercedes-Benz, which was our host in recent years, has instituted a security policy that is accompanied by costs too high for us to cover. So, if this event is to take place in 2005, we need a new site!

Please, think about potential sites that you may know. Ideally, a site would be one where there is little or no cost involved, is roomy enough for the event, and which is easily accessible to our usual audience. If you know of a potential site, please contact Tony Gervasio or myself. Our contact information, along with contact information for all the officers, appears in this and every issue of the newsletter.

Thanks!

Note: If you attended the December party and are somewhat confused about the January gathering, blame me. The breakfast get-together was announced in last month's newsletter, and I forgot! Thus my comments about a difference event on that date. I look forward to seeing you all at the Pronto Deli on January 15th



NJACE!

The following members have recently joined our club:

- Carl & Carol Berman
- John Bumiller
- Dante Borino
- Bruce & Margaret Levitch

We want to thank you for joining our family and hope to see you at upcoming NJACE events.

