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**Breakfast Meeting May 1st
9 AM at the Pronto Deli**

The big gap month -

Our activities for May are scheduled far apart - but none the less they are quality events. May 1st is our breakfast meeting at the Pronto Deli.

In between there are a few events that are optional but worthwhile to check out - see page 3 & 4.

On May 30th we have the Jersey Lakeland Region VCCA Franklin Lakes Car Show and Flea Market. The Corvair is the featured car for this event. We will have the Fitch Phoenix on display as well as a wonderful variety of Corvairs and classic cars. The flyer for this event is at the end of this issue of the Fanbelt.

June will be the 40th Anniversary of NJACE. Ken is planning a special event at the Grain House. Details will be in the June Fanbelt.

Greg Gorski

The 50 Year Corvair Celebration Continues.....



**Jersey Lakeland Region
VCCA Franklin Lakes Car Show**

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The View Through the Windshield by Bob Marlow

May is a “bookend” month.

We have events that bookend the month, one on May 1st and one on May 30th.

On May 1st it's our regular monthly **breakfast, at the Pronto Deli** on Ridgedale Avenue in Cedar Knolls. Nice weather on the first Saturdays of both March and

April brought out several nice Corvairs, so here's hoping for another clear day on May 1st. But even in the weather is dreary and you decide to leave your Corvair at home, the coffee is hot and the conversation is lively.

On May 30th we have the big 35th annual **car show** and flea market conducted by our friends at the Jersey Lakeland Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, in Franklin Lakes. As you surely know by know the **Corvair is the “feature car”** for this show. This is a big show, in terms not only of the number of cars that attend (typically around 350) but also in terms of spectator attendance (typically in the many thousands).

There are many reasons why you should bring your Corvair to this show. Among them, of course, is that the Corvair is the feature car, and we as a club are trying to make a Big Deal of this. But also, with such a large spectator turnout, parking becomes difficult. With your Corvair on the show field, parking is no issue! Better yet, as an inducement, NJACE will be refunding the \$15 registration fee to you if you sign up in advance and bring your car to the show.

Need more? We have arranged to include the one-and-only Italian-built Corvair-powered **Fitch Phoenix** in this show. A display of materials and memorabilia from the **Corvair Preservation Foundation** will be at the show. We will have an **NJACE display tent** and gathering area. And, of course, there will be hundreds of other cars to admire, food and parts vendors, door prizes, and a 50-50 drawing.

The show takes place on a grass field, not on blacktop, and there is no judging. Dash plaques will be provided to the first 250 cars registered and special awards will be presented to the first 20 Corvairs registered. A **souvenir T-shirt featuring the Corvair** is available, too – see the registration materials provided with this newsletter [page 7&8] and available on the **NJACE** web site.

Do you need a “show” car? No – just a nice one. Unless your Corvair is particularly ratty it is fine for this show. Gates open at 8 AM for show cars and close at noon. Award presentations take place at 3 PM. Directions to the show are included on the registration materials provided with this newsletter and available on the NJACE web site.

I look forward to seeing a large turnout of Corvairs and NJACE members at this show.

Looking further forward, the month of June will also include two club events, one of which is very distinctive. Of course we will have the breakfast at the Pronto Deli on June 5th, but then one week later, on Saturday, June 12th, we will observe the **40th anniversary of NJACE**. Yes, NJACE was first organized in June, 1970, now some 40 years ago. To commemorate this, we will both drive our Corvairs and enjoy a unique dining experience.

We will begin be meeting in the parking lot of the Olde Mill Inn, just off I-287 in Basking Ridge. We will then enjoy a drive through the historic sites around Morristown, with stops at Washington's Headquarters Museum and newly-refurbish Ford Mansion. We will enjoy a guided tour as a group, then return to our cars to further explore the roads in and around Jockey Hollow before returning to the Olde Mill Inn. There we will treat ourselves to a group lunch in the **Grain House Restaurant**, an 18th-century building of great charm.

We will have even greater details in next month's newsletter, but mark the date, Saturday, June 12.

Strategic Planning

by Bob Marlow

“Strategic Planning.” Sounds dull, doesn’t it? Well in a certain sense, it is dull, but when your NJACE officers get together to refine the club’s calendar of activities, as they did on a recent evening in Bill Cohen’s office in Parsippany, they manage to get in a lot of laughs. It helps greatly that we are all friends, so that even when there are differences of opinion there is never even a hint of animosity.

But the biggest news out of our most recent officers’ meeting is not at all funny. Our plans for a food bank benefit car show in September have fallen victim to an assortment of factors, the most significant of which are tied to the sad state of the economy. Our corporate sponsor has been reorganizing itself, such that the individual who pledged sponsorship support has been let go and the offices are being downsized. The supermarket chain that was to be our host is merging with another chain, with the result that its offices are on the chopping block and many more people are likely to be out of work. And finally, the food bank organization itself expressed less enthusiasm for the plan than we had hoped.

So we have shelved the project. It is a shame, because there is an irony in the fact that during these difficult economic times we were looking to support an organization that helps those who have fallen on tough times. But “shelved” is the appropriate term, not “canceled.” We think that it is appropriate for NJACE to, pardon the cliché, “give back to the community,” and so we hope to find a charitable partner and corporate partners with whom to work in the future.

The rest of the calendar continues to shape up. As of this writing we are working on a minor league baseball game with a tailgate party beforehand, a go-kart track outing for those with a need for speed, and a Fall Foliage Tour that includes a distinctive stop. As details are confirmed we will be reporting them in the newsletter and on the club web site. We do already have the events for May and June as outlined in my column in this issue, and we have the trip to the Hemmings Concours in Vermont for July.

As a member club of the Northeast Corvair Council, NJACE is participating not only in the NECC’s track days, but in the group’s plans to submit a proposal to conduct the 2012 CORSA convention in New England. A site has been secured and a draft schedule has been created, and next month the proposal will be presented formally to the CORSA Board during the 2010 convention in Iowa.

As always, NJACE is a club that does quite a variety of things. Your suggestions and recommendation are always welcomed, simply contact Activities VP Ken Schiffner, or me.

NJ Late Greats Multi Club Picnic - May 8th Mercer County Park starting at 12 noon

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NECC Upcoming Schedule of Events

Monday, May 3, 2010. Northeast Corvair Council (NECC) Time Trails at Summit Point

Mark your calendars! This NECC track event is being held in conjunction with the 2010 Virginia Vair Fair! Summit Point Motorsports Park is a road racing and driver training facility located in Jefferson County, West Virginia about two hours west of Washington, D.C. in the state's Eastern Panhandle. The event consists of high-speed open-track sessions in the morning. Individual timed laps in the afternoon. We will be driving on Summit Point's Main Circuit. All makes and models - especially Corvairs - are welcome, subject to NECC's usual tech rules. For current information, visit the NECC website at: <http://www.neccmotorsports.com>

Monday, September 13, 2010. Northeast Corvair Council (NECC) Time Trials at Monticello.

Mark your calendars! This NECC track event will be held at exclusive Monticello Motor Club, located in the Catskill mountains only about 80 miles north west of New York City. The event consists of high-speed open-track sessions in the morning. Individual timed laps in the afternoon. We will be driving Monticello's south course. All makes and models - especially Corvairs - are welcome, subject to NECC's usual tech rules. For current information, visit the NECC website at: <http://www.neccmotorsports.com>

NJACE Breakfast Give Away

NJACE is continuing our FREE breakfast policy, with a new wrinkle. In order to win you need to be at our monthly breakfast meeting at the Pronto Deli, but where previously we drew only one name, now we will continue to draw names until we have a winner! So, while you still have to be there to win, your chances of winning just went up!

If your name is the one we draw from our unspeakably valuable Tupperware chalice, your breakfast check will be paid for by the club. (Sorry, we aren't paying for your entire family, just you, but still it's a great deal.)

So, get out on the first Saturday of the month to the "deli" and enjoy a hearty breakfast and meeting with many NJACE members.

See you on the 1st !!!!!!!

Hot Rods and Harleys Day

Downtown Rahway , NJ Saturday, May 15th [Rain Date May 22nd]. Presented by RSI Bank Pre-Registration is \$15; \$25 on the day of the event - both include a T-Shirt and Certificate. For more information: [7320 396-3545 or www.rcpnj.org

NJACE Calendar of Events

- * **May 1st, 2010 [Saturday]** - Monthly breakfast meeting at the Pronto Deli, **Cedar Knolls, NJ** at 9am.
Directions: Ridgedale Ave intersects NJ Rte 10 just west of I-287 and just east of US Rte 202. From I-287 take the exit for Rte 10 west. Proceed through the traffic light at Ridgedale Ave to the U-turn at Dryden Way. Return east on Rte 10, turn right on to Ridgedale Road and continue on it south past Prospect Place - the Pronto Deli is on the left.
- * **May 30, 2010 [Sunday]** - Franklin Lakes Car Show "Corvair is the Featured Car" - see attached flyer. Details on page 2.
- * **June 5th, 2010 [Saturday]** - Monthly breakfast meeting at the Pronto Deli, **Cedar Knolls, NJ** at 9am.
- * **June 12th, 2010 [Saturday]** - Grain House Inn for a "historic" NJACE 40th Anniversary luncheon!

Details in the June Fanbelt.

Events marked with an [] count towards the **NJACE** Mary Paxton & Bill Ableson Awards.*

1963 Corvair Monza Convertible for Sale

My name is Bonnie Foerst , the reason I am contacting you is that my husband bought a 1963 Corvair convertible so he can restore it with his sons. Tearfully, I tell you he has passed away at 47 years old. He bought many parts , title and manual etc. It has ben garage kept and it runs. I was looking at selling it and who better to sell it to but people that love Corvairs.. I reside in Beachwood, NJ. 08722 (732-240-3484) If you know of any one who is interested have them contact me.

Thanks,

Bonnie <foerst333@comcast.net>

The End of 13-Inch Tires by Ken Maxwell, Louisville, KY

Well, it's finally happened. I can no longer get the P185/80R13 tires for my Corvair.

I work for a large tire company with a huge warehouse and we are direct with all major manufacturers. Firestone informed us yesterday that their FR380 tire is on national backorder and "there are no plans for future production." Hankook has discontinued its H714 tire and Kumho has discontinued its 795 tire. Cooper has discontinued its Alpha 365 tire. Tire Rack and Tire Discounters don't list any 13 inch tires except for trailer tires (don't use those).

I searched all over the internet and was able to find a leftover set of five FR380s in Oregon which I ordered. If you think that you will have a need for 13-inch tires for your Corvair any time soon, I would recommend you check with your local tire supplier as soon as possible to see if they have some stashed away.

The only alternative that we will soon have are classic reproductions like the BFG "Silverstone" tire with a very wide whitewall that runs \$173 each! I just paid \$47 each, plus shipping, for the Firestones.

The future isn't much better for those of us that have 14-inch tires either. Tire makers are dropping those sizes as fast as they can. There simply isn't enough of a market to make it worth their while to manufacture them. The 13-inch tire used to be the entry level size but now the 16-inch tire has that position.

***Editor's Note:** Clark's Corvair Parts has, as of this writing, a good inventory of the P185/80R13 Hankook tires with the 3/4" whitewall. But Clark's admits that the tires are getting harder to find, and suggests that you order now before they are gone. Clark's part number is C12601 and the price is \$75.10 each.*

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Ramblings from the "Rookie" by David Main

During the past (April) breakfast meeting, Bob Marlow was providing some member "profiles" to our newest (Dick) NJACE member.

When Bob looked in my direction, he explained that I was a "relative" newcomer to the club and to the Corvair hobby. Bob then asked how long I've owned my car. "December 2005 I replied". It's hard to believe that it has only been slightly over four years since I bought my Coupe and joined NJACE just a few weeks later. As a former Corvette enthusiast, you would be hard pressed to find another person on earth that transitioned from such polar opposite automobiles. And although I've met and maintained friendships with a few "Corvette Guys", you would also be hard pressed to find the type of "brotherhood" we enjoy with the guys (and some gals) associated with the Corvair.

I have spent the past four years trying to transform my Coupe; little did I know how much this Coupe would transform me! For those of you who have owned a Corvair spanning four plus decades, I'll always be the "Rookie". My enthusiasm and inquisitive nature will always eclipse my knowledge or ability.

With that being said, I have no fear of attempting new projects and various disassembly. It's the re-assembly that I fear! Alright...enough with the rambling, the point of this piece was to share the results from a few of my latest projects with the hope the information will provide some benefit to other "rookies" out there.

The Powerglide: Often described as "bulletproof", I apparently forgot to wear my bulletproof vest. Three years ago I had Fisher Automobile (Fairfield NJ) Transmissions install a re-built PG from Clark's. I was told by the guys at Fisher "don't worry, we can handle anything". You should start to worry when people tell you not to worry! My original PG shifted fine but would spit out mass quantities of fluid during highway travel. For a guy like me that wants a clean car, fluid flying and the lovely smell of it hitting my exhaust was too much to take.

Ok, so the re-built PG (with the original Governor which is recommended by Clark's) has been in the car for 3 years and performed without a leak. However, the issue is that it has never performed the way it should. Driving a cool car during the first few minutes of operation it shifted predictably, however once warm it would (low speed) have a tendency to either slip or struggle to get into second gear. I've lived with this for three years as my driving was limited to and from events. Once I reached highway speeds, it was not an issue. However and yes another however, after the April breakfast meeting the problem got worse. After exiting Route 287 from a 35 minute run, the PG really struggled on the surface streets. No longer willing to live with this issue any longer, I reached out to Bob Marlow for advice. Bob gave me the "bulletproof" line, but suggested (he has also suggested other types of professional help...if you know what I mean) I contact Larry (Vairshop) Claypool in Illinois.

Larry responded immediately (see the earlier reference to brotherhood/Corvette guys would leave you at the side of the road after they took your girlfriend and ate your lunch) and said it sounded like a "Governor" problem. A jersey guy with a problem with the Governor, sound familiar? I asked Larry about how difficult was it to swap out the part and he rated it as 4 out of 10, simply because the car really needs to be on a lift to perform the swap.

Well, I've come this far so I went for a NOS Governor from Clark's. Pricey yes, but at this point there is no turning back. I had the part delivered to my office so my wife didn't see the invoice!

The new Governor arrived and I was immediately impressed with two things. One, the part was about as pristine as it gets. Secondly, the presence of nylon gear at the end of the Governor. Some engineer much smarter than me would be able to explain why they choose nylon rather than metal for this piece.

Prior to installation, I choose to paint the "globe" of the Governor with high heat paint as it is a bare metal surface. Just another example of why I need some type of professional help.

If you haven't fallen asleep yet, were down the home stretch. My local Exxon station put the car up on the lift for me this past Saturday. With a little maneuvering (bring your universal sockets) we were able to get the Governor out in about 3 minutes. I was thrilled to see that the gear looked like a big dog had chewed on it. Thrilled? As the gear was a mess, I grew more confident that my problem was nearing an end.

New Governor slipped in with a slight twist to align the gear. With the car up in the air, I took the opportunity to swap out the modulator as well.

End result? The PG now works better than ever! Surface roads, Highway, 20 MPH, 93 MPH, it just works as it was designed. It shifts smoothly and surprisingly quieter than before. Like a kid on Christmas day, I've been tearing up the streets!

Well, I promised to share the results of several of my projects but this took too many words to articulate.

So more "ramblings from the rookie" next month...

The Jersey Lakeland Region of the
Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) with our sponsor:
Paramus Auto Mall / Cadillac of Mahwah
present...

the 35th annual
FRANKLIN LAKES
CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET

Sunday May 30, 2010 8 AM to 4 PM

RAIN OR SHINE! SHOW ON THE GRASS (McBRIDE FIELD) – NO BLACKTOP!

NO JUDGING !

**PARTICIPATION AWARDS AND DASH
PLAQUES TO FIRST 250 ENTRANTS!**

*AS A TRIBUTE TO THE
INTRODUCTION OF THE CORVAIR
50 YEARS AGO, ALL YEAR CORVAIRS
WILL BE FEATURED AT THIS
YEAR'S SHOW (in CLASS "H")!!*

*THESE "FEATURED CARS" WILL
HAVE THEIR OWN CLASS. SPECIAL
AWARDS TO FIRST 20 REGISTERED!!*



A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL:

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•SUPPORT AWARDS TO VOCATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN AN AUTOMOTIVE FIELD!

THE SHOW IS OPEN TO ALL CARS AND TRUCKS THROUGH 1985. ONLY \$5.00 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE FOR STOCK VEHICLES 1930 AND OLDER!

CARS FOR SALE REQUIRE FLEA MARKET SPACE. "FOR SALE" SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SHOW FIELD. PLEASE RESPECT OUR RULES.



Photos from our 2009 show are posted at:
[HTTP://CLUBS.HEMMINGS.COM/JLRCCA](http://clubs.hemmings.com/jlrcca)

DIRECTIONS:

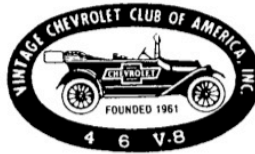
For Navigation, use: 813 Franklin Lake Rd, Franklin Lakes, NJ, or see directions below:

From Rte 287:

Rte 287 north or south to Exit 59-Rte 208 south. Immediately exit on High Mountain Rd/Colonial Rd. Turn left at the stop sign at end of ramp. Follow 2 miles to circle. Turn right onto Franklin Lake Road then first left to show field.

From Rte 4/Rte 208:

Rte 4 west to Rte 208 north. Exit at Ewing Ave. Turn left at stop sign. Turn right at next stop sign onto Franklin Lake Road. Continue though circle then first left to show field.



**CLASSES (FOR PARKING ONLY):
(NO KIT CARS OR REPLICARS)**

- A: Vehicles through 1929*
- B: 1930 to 1939*
- C: 1940 to 1949
- D: 1950 to 1959
- E: 1960 through 1969 (except Corvairs)
- F: 1970 through 1985
- G: Corvettes through 1985
- H: All year Corvairs (Featured car class)

* STOCK 1930 and older vehicles pre-register for only \$5.00

Participation awards distributed at 3PM.

SHOW FIELD CLOSSES AT NOON OR WHEN FULL TO CAPACITY. PRE-REGISTERED SPACES HELD TIL NOON. NO SHOW CARS & NO VENDOR SALES BEFORE 8AM.

REGISTRATION:

Vehicles:

Pre-registered (by 5/21): \$15.00
(Stock 1930 & older \$5.00)
All vehicles at the gate: \$20.00

**☺ ALL PRE-REGISTERED ☺
SPACES HELD UNTIL NOON!**

Flea Market spaces (15' x 30' deep):
Pre-registered (by 5/21): \$20.00
At the gate: \$30.00

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SHOW?
SEND EMAIL TO
MMLCAL64@OPTONLINE.NET
prompt replies**



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-----✂ cut along line and mail with check or Money Order (must be received by 5/21) -----

Check if appropriate: Please send me a confirmation letter. I enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

VEHICLE INFORMATION (Please inform staff of car changes at show.)

Name: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____

Address: _____

Class (A→H): _____ Model: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

- Check as appropriate:
- show car/truck @ \$15.00 pre-reg. (one form per vehicle)
 - show car/truck @ \$5.00 pre-reg. (stock 1930 or older)
 - flea market, # spaces _____ @ \$20.00 each pre-reg.

Vendors, please specify main products: _____

** Make checks payable to: Jersey Lakeland Region VCCA and mail to: Mrs. Bennie Cavagnaro 11 Heller Hill Road Blairstown, NJ 07825
By execution of this form, participants and their guests release and discharge the sponsoring club, officers, agents, representatives and anyone else associated with the management or presentation of the car show of and from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his person or property. In addition, all entrants must insure their vehicles against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance upon request. Photos of show cars, including owner's name and town, may be posted on our website <http://clubs.hemmings.com/jlrvcca>. Car owners may opt out at any time by either (1) notifying the show announcer (webmaster) or (2) by following the instructions on our website.*

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