



June 2006

New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts

From the Editor...

Well, after reading this issue of the Fanbelt, I'm sure you'll agree this club doesn't let moss grow under its collective feet! We have a slew of activities planned for the summer months, and I hope everyone can find one that tickles their fancy.

For hard core car guys, hopefully you were able to attend last month's tech session. From what I hear it was a rousing success and a recap will be published in next month's Fanbelt

For those of us that don't necessarily enjoy having grease up to our elbows, I think our winery tour and tasting should be a great event. It involves a drive (good for the car guys) great scenery (a plus for the not so hard core car guys that just enjoy driving on back country roads) a wine tasting (definitely a plus for the non car guys among us that enjoy adult beverages) and a picnic (who can say no to food?) If you've never experienced an NJACE event, you just don't know what you are missing...come join us on Saturday June 17th, check out Raymond's article on this page for more information.

Included with this issue of the Fanbelt is a roster of NJACE members as of May 31, 2006. Our annual membership renewal period is over. If you have not yet renewed this is your Please submit a last Fanbelt. membership form and we will gladly add you back to our roster.

On a sadder note...we recently learned that Mel Grub was admitted to Morristown Memorial Hospital continued treatment of a persistent illness. We ask that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

See you at a future club event - Kathy



Winery Cruise...

By Ray Coker

I agree with Bob Marlow's comments in this month's View Through The Windshield column, I too have enjoyed the month of May and the chance to get Fast Orange on the road. Like many of you who keep your Corvairs off the street during the harsh winter months I walked past my favorite Corvair each day this past winter as I exited through the garage on my way to work. Waiting, just waiting on warm sunny days and the chance to drive...drive that awesome Corvair.

One of those chances will happen on Saturday June 17th as a merry band of NJACE members will play follow the leader over the hills and through the woods to one of New Jersey's finest wineries...Alba Vineyard & Winery in Finesville, NJ. The folks at the winery will open their doors to us and explain the complete wine making process from harvesting the grapes to corking the filled bottles. Of course the tour ends with a chance to taste their Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs and several other wine choices. Our tour and tasting will cost \$10.00 per person.

We will begin our day's activities at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at Interstate 80 and exit #30 (Howard Boulevard) in NJ. The restaurant is .03 miles off the interstate, easy to find and offers plenty of room for parking. We will be departing from the restaurant at 11:30 am so if you want to enjoy a late breakfast or just some coffee and a rest-room stop get there early. The winery is 43 miles from our starting location and the drive will offer a chance to take in some wonderful New Jersey scenery consisting of small towns, vegetable farms, rivers and neat old buildings.

Once we arrive at the winery not only will we be treated to a tour and tasting but (Continued on Page 4)

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The View Through the Windshield

by Bob Marlow, President I had fun in May with the Corvair club...did you?

The month began with our regular breakfast gathering on May 6th, which was fun because as always it was a relaxing start to a weekend. The very next day I rode along with Ray Coker, Greg Gorski and Rich Ribble to the Corvair Ranch Open House, and fun Corvair road trip.

Our quarterly business meet took place on May 17th at Famous Dave's Barbeque in Mountainside but even the business meetings are fun because we don't take ourselves all that seriously. Then on May 20th I got my hands dirty along with several other members at the Tech Session at Ashley's Auto Body, putting a new exhaust, new engine mount, and new oil pan on David Main's '68 Monza.



At the end of the day I told my wife that I

had more fun working on David's car than I do working on my own! Maybe the fact that it was on a lift instead of on the floor made the difference.

As we enter June we get into the meat of the summer Car Season. June 3rd will see us enjoy breakfast once again at the Pronto Deli in Cedar Knolls. If you've not yet been to one of our monthly breakfast gatherings, check out the directions in this issue and come join us. Bring your Corvair, the weather's warm.

On Sunday, June 4th, our club has no activity of its own but many of us are taking our Corvairs to the Antique Automobile Club of America's big show at Westbury Gardens on Long Island. This year the Corvair is the "Spotlight Vehicle" at this show and our friends in the Long Island Corvair Association are supporting it in a big way.



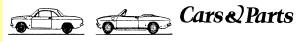
Our club activity for the month comes on Saturday, June 17, with an in-state driving tour to one of New Jersey's rural wineries. It has been nearly 20 years since we last did this, with a visit to the now-gone Tewksbury Winery, a day that remains fresh in the memory of those who participated. Our Activities VP, Ray Coker, has made all the necessary plans and checked the route, so mark your calendar and check out all the details in this issue.

Looking ahead to July, the big CORSA International Convention is all set for Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with plenty of opportunities for visits to Canada making it truly an international convention. In this issue I have a separate article on traveling into Canada, whether in your Corvair or in your "other" car. Being as close to New Jersey as it is, this convention is a terrific chance for you to experience all that is a full-blown CORSA convention.



Finally, a quick personal note: For decades my "other" hobby has been ovaltrack racing. I don't race, but I have been involved over the years with a of race organizers number speedways. On May 22, a race car show and reunion was held in Flemington, not far from my home. This event's theme was of course the old Flemington Fair Speedway. I decided to pay a visit, so I hopped in the '66 coupe and drove over there.

Well, my reputation preceded me. A fellow racing enthusiast whom I had not seen in quite some time greeted me by saying, "I saw a Corvair in the parking lot, so I knew you had to be here!" All those years of driving to some 40 to 60 races a year in my Greenbrier have cemented my reputation as a Corvair guy. Drive your Corvair to our events this month!







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Wanted: NJACE members interested in caravanning home from the Buffalo Convention. Leaving the host hotel on Sunday morning around 9:00 - 9:30, stopping for lunch around 1:00 and arriving home before dark. If interested, contact Tim Schwartz at (201) 447-4299 or toschwartz@att.net

For Sale: 1968 Corvair Monza Convertible - Butternut Yellow, new black top, black interior, 140 HP powerglide, recently painted, new interior. 28,000 original miles. Garaged in Hackensack. Call Joe at 201 440-3900 or on his cell at 551 587-0552 for more information.

Free Trip!

by Bob Marlow

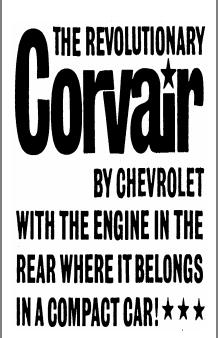
Well, okay, not quite free. But inexpensive! I am seeking a driver for the upcoming CORSA Convention. If you're thinking about going, and you're not planning to take your Corvair, I have an opportunity for you.

Brian O'Neill and I are planning to be vendors in the convention flea market. To do so we need to get our parts there, but we're each taking our Corvair racers to the convention for the NECC track event at Mosport. Our solution is to put our parts into my box trailer and tow it there with Brian's Chrysler minivan. But we're missing a driver.



If you'd be willing to drive this comfortable minivan and the trailer to the convention and back, we'll pay all the gas and tolls. We need it there from Tuesday, July 25 (setup day) through Saturday, July 29 (last day of the convention).

Please give myself or Brian a call. My number is 908-730-8873 and Brian's is 973-729-5586.



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of Events...

*Saturday, June 3, 2006 – Monthly Breakfast Meeting at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. 9:00 AM. 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 to Ridgedale Ave and turn right. The Pronto Deli is about one mile down Ridgedale Ave on the left.

Sunday, June 4, 2006 – 40th Annual AACA Spring Meet at Old Westbury Gardens 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury NY (Corvairs are the featured vehicle) Check out Bob's column on page 2 for more information or contact Michael Sussman 516-488-1880 mikesuss@verizon.net

*Saturday, June 17, 2006 – Raymond's Winery Cruise to Alba Vineyard & Winery in Finesville, NJ. Check out the article on page 1 for more information. We will be leaving for the winery from the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at Exit 30 on I-80 at 11:30 AM. Please call or email Kathy Stetler kathy.stetler@comcast.net (908) 889-7148 by Wednesday June 14th if you are planning on attending so we can give the winery an estimated headcount.

*Saturday, July 1, 2006 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ. 9:00 AM.

*Some weeknight in mid-July – NJACE cruise night. Planning is taking place for an NJACE gathering at a local cruise night event some place other than the Colorado Café. Details are still being worked out and will be published in the July Fanbelt.

July 25-29 CORSA International Convention in Buffalo, NY – Adams Mark Buffalo Niagara is this year's host hotel. Check out the convention website www.shuffleofftobuffaloniagara.com for details.

*Saturday, August 19, 2006 – Summer Picnic at the Ashley's hacienda. It's a Western theme, so polish those six shooters, dust off that 10 gallon hat and mosey on over...more details will be posted in upcoming issues of the Fanbelt.

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

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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, May 17, 2006, Mountainside, NJ

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Marlow at 7:42 PM. The minutes from the previous meeting, as published in THE FANBELT were approved. Treasurer Tim Schwartz provided a financial report noting that February's opening balance was \$2,999.99 and the closing balance as of April 30th was 3,959.48. His report was accepted and approved by those members present.

Activities VP Ray Coker described the upcoming Tech Session at Larry Ashley's shop on Saturday, May 20th indicating that three Corvairs will be repaired. He provided a summary of the repairs planned for each car. Ray also discussed Winery Tour and tasting scheduled for June 17th. Tentative plans are to assemble at the Rockaway Mall and drive together to Finesville for a tour of the Alba Vineyard & Winery. Cost is expected to be \$10 per person and participants should bring along a picnic lunch for the midday meal. Further details will be provided in the June FANBELT.

Other activities discussed included a cruise night in July a possible baseball game outing later in the summer and the Summer Picnic at Larry and Donna Ashley's home on Saturday, August 19th. Donna advises that the theme this year will be Western/Cowboy and dire consequences will befall anyone trying to attend who is NOT in the proper theme mode!

Since the July 2006 CORSA Convention is being held relatively close to our area, plans are being considered to organize an NJACE group trip to the host hotel in Buffalo. Tim Schwartz added that he would be interested in a caravan from Buffalo back to NJ on Sunday.

NJACE members who have provided email addresses have begun receiving electronic versions of THE FANBELT along with the printed newsletter. To defray considerable expense (as well as labor) of mailing out printed copies, it is hoped that most of the members will switch from requesting printed versions to receiving the newsletter electronically. Otherwise it may become necessary to charge a higher membership fee for those still insisting on receiving a printed copy. An added benefit of the electronic newsletter is the ability to include photos and vary the length depending on the amount of news or information available each month.

Brian O'Neill, President of NECC, discussed the show and track events to be held in Canada on the two days prior to the Convention. He stated that for this year no passport is necessary for the drive from Buffalo to Oshua, Canada, the site of the event. However, all visitors are strongly advised to check their auto insurance before making the trip to be sure full coverage is in effect while their cars are outside the USA. Brian also noted that the there would be a Corvair show on Sunday, Oct. 2nd in Lime Rock, CT followed by the NECC sponsored track event on October 3rd at the famous Lime Rock Race track in Connecticut. Unfortunately, due to ever escalating track costs, this year's event may well be the last time Corvairs run their own event at Lime Rock. This would represent a sad end to a long history of 34 years of Corvair track events at Lime Rock.

At 8:16 PM, Bob adjourned the meeting.

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afterwards we will be having a good old fashioned picnic. Everyone should bring their own lunch and refreshments (of course you can always buy a bottle of wine from the store at the winery) and lawn chairs if needed. The owners of the winery have said if the weather is nice we can throw down some blankets, picnic in the vineyard and just relax a while. For those of you that might not be quite so adventuresome there are picnic tables close to the tasting room. Remember, we will not be stopping at a restaurant for lunch nor does the winery offer food for sale.

So polish those Corvairs, fill those fuel tanks, pack a picnic basket and blanket, gather up your lawn chairs and join us at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant before 11:30 on Saturday the 16th. Don't forget to bring \$10.00 per person for the wine tasting. Most importantly, call other Corvair owners and talk them into joining us, bring a neighbor, smile and drive...drive...drive those Corvairs.

The NJACE "regulars" those members who are always at the meetings, tech sessions, auctions, and other club events would love to have our "other" club members come along. Others...you know who you are. Come on out to the Booze Cruise, take a nice drive through rural NJ, have a picnic and support your car club along with your fellow Corvair owners. We need you.

We are saddened to report that Bill Stanley's father, also William R. Stanley, passed away unexpectedly on May 26 at the home of Bill's sister in St. Alban's, West Virginia.

On behalf of the entire membership we express our condolences to Bill and his family at this time of loss.