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**Monthly Breakfast Meeting  
February 2nd - 9 am at the Pronto**

*As many of you know one of NJACE's long time members, Rich VanDeVelde, passed away this past January. Rich was a good friend to all who knew him and he will be missed.*

*This month's featured club activity is the Parts Auction. It will be held at Ashley's Auto Body. Details are on page 2 of the newsletter.*

*Answers to the NJACE crossword puzzle are on page 6 of the newsletter, how many did you get correct??*

*We will be having our Quarterly meeting in March at the Mt. Olive Grill - the highlight of the night is yet to be determined.*

Greg Gorski

## NJACE Remembers Richard N. Van De Velde

NJACE member Richard Van DeVelde died at his home in Rockaway Borough on Friday Jan. 4, 2008, with his family surrounding him. Richard was 81.

Richard was born in East Rutherford and was a longtime resident of Kinnelon with his wife of 61 years, Georgia. For the past three years they resided in Rockaway Borough. Many NJACE members will remember a visit to their Rockaway home and to Georgia's Stained Glass Works.

Even more members will recall Richard as one of our loyal "usual suspects," who could be counted on to attend virtually every club meeting and event for as long as his health allowed, most often with his 1961 Corvair coupe.



**Rich Van DeVelde, Ron DeYoung and Rich's son-in-law Rich share a Corvair discussion at the Ledgewood Mall NJACE car show.**

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## *NJACE's February Parts Auction*

February 16th brings one of the signature events of the year, the indoor Parts Auction on Saturday, February 16th, at Ashley's Auto Body in Flanders. This event is always well-attended, lots of fun and draws participants from several surrounding Corvair clubs. Come for the show, come for the excitement. Here are the details:

Corvair parts and related items are auctioned to the highest bidders, with a percentage of the sale price benefiting NJACE. You can buy, sell, do both or do neither. You can set a minimum acceptable bid for your parts, or no minimum bid at all. NJACE will collect a commission of 20% of the sale price for items up to \$50, 10% of the sale price for items over \$50. You may also donate items for the full benefit of the club.

All you need to bring is parts and/or cash, and a folding chair on which to sit. If you're selling, please organize your parts at home, using the Lot Cards that will be available at our Breakfast Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. On the Lot Cards identify yourself, the parts, and a minimum bid. (If you put no minimum bid on an item the minimum accepted will be one dollar.) Then bring the parts and the Lot Cards the day of the auction.

On auction day there will be about an hour to set up your parts and tag them if you have not yet done so. If you don't want to be bothered tagging your parts and you just want to donate them to the club, just bring 'em and we'll handle everything.

Clean parts in good condition, parts that are less common, and new-old-stock parts always do well at these events. Leave the bent, rusty trim, greasy, broken junk parts and the broken manifolds at home. Also, we generally have more hub caps than buyers.

Buyers and sellers will each have numbers, our able assistants will record each transaction for settlement at the end of the auction and NJACE provides lunch (pizza and soda). But, the best part about the auction is a chance to get together with a great bunch of people. The auction is fast paced and a lot of fun. Our expert auctioneers will keep it moving and it is never dull. So come out on Saturday, the 16th by 9:00 AM for setup, and bidding starts at 11:00 AM. Bring parts! Bring cash! Bring a chair!

*Directions to Ashley's Auto Body: From the east, west, and north: Take I-80 and exit at 27 onto Rte 206 south. Proceed about 3 miles south on Rte 206. At the 3rd traffic light, with the Old Mill Shoppe on the right, turn left onto Main St. In 1/10-mile bear left onto Hillside Ave, proceed 8/10-mile to Ashley's Auto Body, on the left.*

*From the south: Follow Rte 206 about 5 miles north of Rte 24 in Chester. At the traffic light just beyond "The After" roadside restaurant, turn right onto Main St. In 1/10-mile bear left onto Hillside Ave. Proceed 8/10-mile to Ashley's Auto Body, on the left. Lost? Call 973-584-7184.*

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### *Grass didn't grow under my feet when it came to club events.*

I started 2008 with a trip to Long Island for a new years day cruise with the Long Island Corvair Club. I arrived at John and Cathy Sundens at 10:30 am. There were 3 Corvairs and 2 water pumpers. Vic Claussen rode with Cathy and John in their early Coupe, Dick Downes in his early Convertible, Gene and Berta Kennedy in a Mercedes. Dot Flory rode with her friend also named Dot in her water pumper, and me in the 61 Lakewood. First we hit Dunkin' Donuts for a snack. Then Dick had some mechanical problems with the exhaust and steamy windows and decided to bow out of the festivities. We toured the north fork of the island to the end checking out boat yards and interesting houses, and we found a nice restaurant for dinner. We did run into some torrential rain and I was fortunate enough to keep my windows clear, Cathy Sunden served as the rear window defogger in their car. That's one thing I always dreaded about a Corvair, The defroster is worth about 2 cents if it isn't meticulously maintained. (I guess I have to agree with Ralph Nader on some level.) It wasn't a great consumer car in the sixties, but it's fun to drive. Anyway! a good time was had by all. The bad weather made it more adventuresome. A big Thank You to Cathy Sunden who refreshed my memory about who attended, and which cars they rode in. She happened to be online while I was writing this article and gave me an instant reply. Despite the vitamins I've been on, I have the Senior Moments of a 70 year old at 50.

*Steve Calandra*

## *The Last Corvair Home From Lime Rock*

*by Bob Marlow*

The NECC's Lime Rock event was in August. On December 28, the last Corvair arrived home.

In August, longtime NJACE member and NECC supporter Al Lacki drove his 1966 Monza coupe to Lime Rock from his home in Pennsylvania. On the evening before the track event, following the car show, Al and a friend drove over to Falls Village, to see the site of John Fitch's original shop. An easy, ten-minute ride on country roads. On the way back to the hotel, something went wrong with the engine.

Al limped the car back to the hotel, and limped it to the track the next morning. There, some basic exploratory surgery proved that it was not going to be something easy such as a broken rocker arm. The decision was made to trailer the car to Al Goldstone's shop, about 20 miles away. Brian O'Neill graciously left his race car sitting on the Lime Rock grounds at the end of the day and transported Al's car, returning to the track in darkness to collect his race car. I drove Al back to my home in New Jersey, then lent him my car to get home to Pennsylvania.

Al Goldstone tore down the engine, and found what is becoming more familiar in 110 engines: A dropped valve seat. Because the car is 41 years old and the engine had never been apart, Al Lacki ordered up a thorough rebuild. Al Goldstone completed that rebuild and on December 28 Al Lacki and I made the trip to Connecticut to retrieve the car.

We drove my '66 500 coupe to Connecticut, swapping it for the repaired car so that Al Goldstone could perform some elective work on my car. On our way back home we realized that the trip represented the last Corvair coming home from Lime Rock. 2007 marked the 35th and final NECC event at Lime Rock, and so Al's car, driven to the track in August for that event, was now being driven home from it.

While that realization rekindled the bittersweet memory of the NECC years at Lime Rock, the good news is that the rebuilt engine runs great! Only the crankcase and crankshaft were re-used. Bruce Carlton prepared new 110 heads, with mild porting and 140 exhaust tubes. A warm street cam was selected and parts came from familiar vendors far and wide. The result is the healthiest 110 I can recall experiencing. Al had a ball driving his reinvigorated car back home. I enjoyed spending a day on a Corvair road trip that used one Corvair going one way and a second Corvair going the other way. Lots of thumbs-up for both cars, and perhaps most gratifying, lots of interested stares from kids and teenagers, not just old folks who remember that Nader guy.

A day or two later, Al Lacki provided me with an update:

I thought you might also like a "tech" report on the rebuilt engine in my Corvair. So here it is: The engine now has roughly 300 miles under its (fan)belt. On our trip home from Connecticut to Pennsylvania, it ran very cool and registered a true 20 miles per gallon, (based on Google map miles, not odometer miles), despite being run up and down the RPM range throughout the trip. During most of the trip, our highway speed varied from 2,500 RPM to 3,500 RPM, with occasional blasts up to 4,500 RPM. It used about 3/4 of a quart of oil throughout the entire trip, about 260 miles; expected consumption for break-in. The engine doesn't ping under load and it starts easily, both hot and cold.

You may remember that that my Corvair is a '66 110 hp / 164 cid 4-speed stick. For the rebuild, I deliberately chose to stick with 110 heads with dual carbs instead of upgrading the engine to a 140x4 setup. The goal was to build up a cool-running, simple two-carb engine with a bit of extra power - something reliable that could travel long distances and yet have a bit of snarl.

It idles at 950 RPM, but it's not a peaky engine. It has very nice mid-range torque. It is WAY WAY faster than a stock 110! I'm a very happy customer!

--Al Lacki

## Holiday Party - A Big Success

*The NJACE holiday party held at Rupert's Restaurant was an enjoyable evening for all who were able to attend. There were games - food - gifts - food - more gifts - more food - and finally more gifts and food! Thirty plus participants greeted each other by sharing New Year's greetings. The evening started off with a Baby Picture Game hosted by Greg Gorski. Ten of our brave members [Bill Stanley, Tim Schwartz, Steve Calandra, Roberta and Brian O'Neill, Rich Ribble, Greg and Rita Gorski and Sandor Kovacs brought in pictures of themselves in an effort to "stump" the would be guessers as to their identity. Sandor's identity was "exposed" early in the evening with his picture capturing an "X" rating. The photos were placed on a display board for observation. In the end "Team Ashley" [Larry and Donna] emerged victorious by guessing 7 of the 10 entries correct.*

*Rich Ribble was the "acting President" for the evening and doubled as "Alan Funt" with his trusty digital camera clicking away at anything and everyone.*

*Tony Gervasio won the Bill Abelson Driver Award for 2007. Bob Marlow and Ken Schiftener tied for the Mary Paxton Participation Award for perfect attendance for 2007.*

*The Gift Game proved to be the hit of the evening - even with the Giant's beating Dallas on the TV. Donna Ashley hosted the game and kept everyone on their toes as some of the "gifts" changed hands when each number was called. The Kaluha - Amaretto - and the Stained Glass Wind Chimes were the most exchanged items. The highlight of the evening was Brian picking out the green, plush evening slippers with the description on the box written in Spanish. Brian was "rescued" from his selection later on, when Helen Maurella decided to "steal" the slippers from him during one of the exchange rounds. The game finally ended when Brian [a busy guy that evening] chose the last gift - an NJACE calendar.*



Greg reviewing the member baby pictures.



Larry displaying the NJACE prize for Team Ashley



Brian admiring his "slippers" during the Gift Game!

Tentative April 5th or 12th NJACE Activity at Franklin Lakes VFW for a Swap Meet and Car Show in conjunction with other club.

In an effort to come up with new ideas for the upcoming year, I've listed some possible places to go/things to do. So, take a look and if you have any other suggestions - let us know.

1. Reinbech - NY - Hudson River Cruise in conjunction with other Corvair Clubs
2. Northlanz - Flemington [[www.northlanz.com](http://www.northlanz.com)]
3. Mult-Club Picnic with the NJ Late Greats
4. Swap Meet
5. Crayola Museum Factory/Railroad in PA
6. Pioneer Campground multi classic car camp out in the fall

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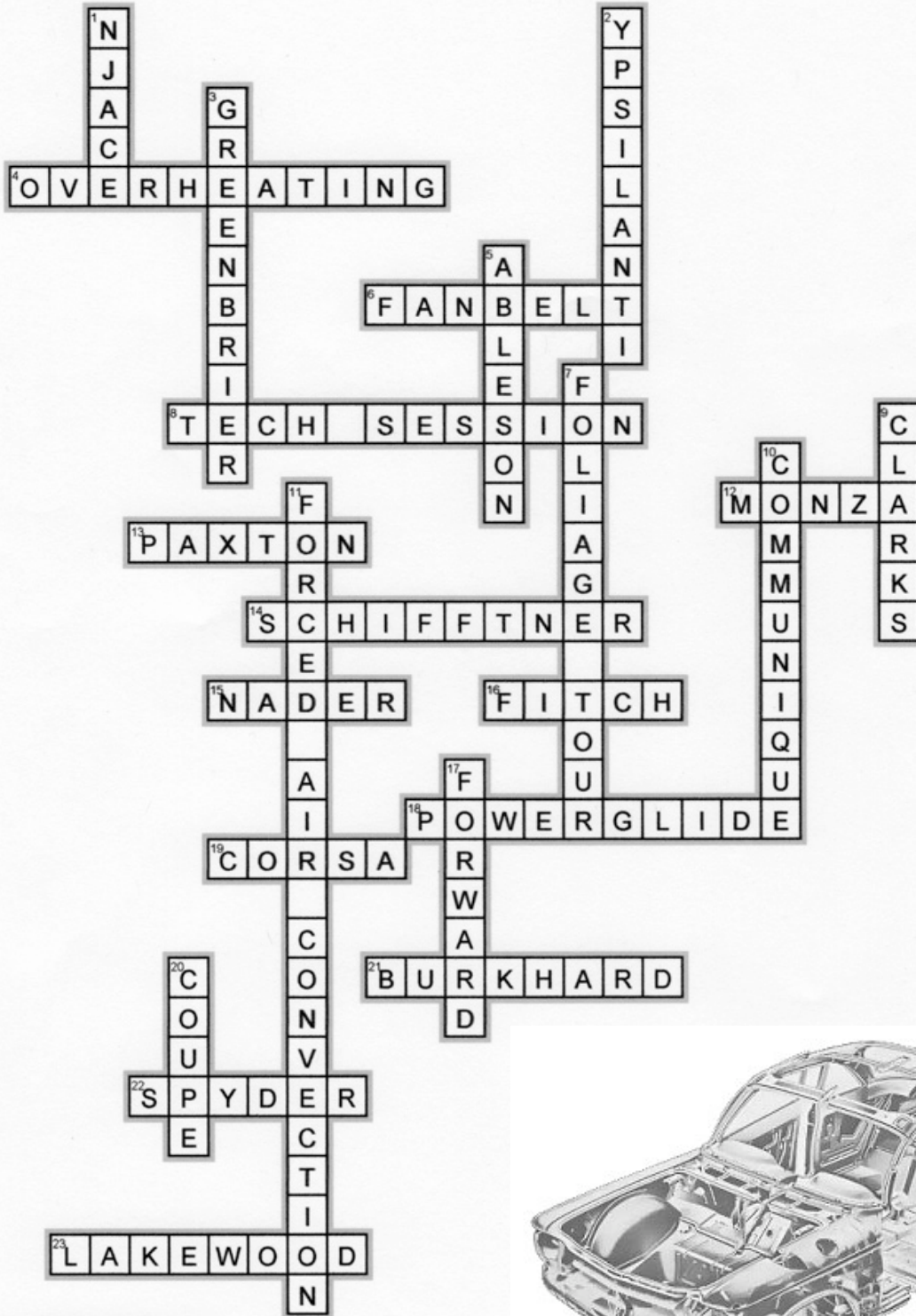
### **NJACE Calendar of Events**

- \* **Saturday, February 2, 2008 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ @ 9 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.
- \* **Saturday, February 16, 2008 - NJACE Parts Auction** at Ashley's Auto Body, 274 Hillside Ave, Flanders, NJ (973) 584-7184  
See the associated news article on page 2 of this months edition of "The Fanbelt" for details and directions.
- \* **Saturday, March 1, 2008 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ @ 9 am.

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

# NJACE Crossword Trivia

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