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**Monthly Breakfast Meeting
June 7th - 9 am at the Pronto Deli**

This June we will have our monthly breakfast - followed by the Smell the Roses Tour at the Skylands Manor and a picnic prior to the tour at Shepard Lake - concluding with the second Quarterly Meeting of the year. Check inside the Fanbelt for details.

I have sent final notices for those who need to renew their membership. Please send in your application to the NJACE address in order to continue the Fanbelt.

Next month [July] we will be heading to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. Specific details are included in this issue.

We also have a V8 update from camping expert, Ray Coker.

May's Multi-Club picnic summary is submitted by Bill Stanley.

President Pro-Tempore Rich Ribble submitted an update on the 21st Houston Art Car Parade.

Greg Gorski

Wake Up and
Smell the
Flowers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



**NJACE Trip to the Skylands Manor Botanicals Gardens
Details on page 2 of the newsletter.....**

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SKYLANDS AND SHEPHERD LAKE - JUNE 8TH

The plan to go to Skylands Manor is to meet and organize at Rupert's at 10:00 AM on June 8th. We will leave Rupert's at 10:30AM and drive through some interesting scenery in northern NJ and around various lakes, the Wanaque Reservoir (where, many years ago, a UFO supposedly landed) on our way to Skylands. Bring your own picnic (basket) lunch. We'll stop first at Shepherd Lake for a picnic lunch and then we'll go to the Skylands NJ Botanical Garden for an outside walking tour. There is no rain date for this event. There is a \$5.00 entrance/parking fee at Shepherd Lake. Boat rentals may be available there (NJ budget dependent).

The route for the trip will take us on Route 23 to Echo Lake Road then left onto Macopin Road northbound. From Macopin, we'll turn right onto West Brook Road then left onto Stonetown Road. Stonetown Road meanders through Ringwood and intercepts Greenwood Lake Turnpike. Turning right onto Greenwood Lake Turnpike we'll drive to Sloatsburg Road, turning left. Then it is north on Sloatsburgh Road to Morris Road which is the entrance road to both Shepherd Lake and Skylands. The entrance is clearly marked.

The Skylands website is www.njbg.org. The tours of the grounds last about 45 minutes. The cost is \$5/person. The tours at Skylands begins at 2:00pm for those who are interested. Otherwise, self guided tours are the order of the day. Feel free to bring a camera if you are in the picture taking mood. The return trip home will be on your own. The Ringwood Manor is nearby if you care to stop on the way home. Or, you can follow me back to Rupert's.

Ken Schiffner

Multi-Picnic was a Fun Event!!!! by Bill Stanley

Good weather, good food, good camaraderie; that's the tri-power combination that spelled success for the May 17th Spring Fling Multi-Car Club Picnic hosted by Jersey Late Greats Chevy club with an invitation extended to NJACE. The annual event was once again held in Mercer County Park centered around a large covered pavilion with barbecue grills. The park boasts many amenities including sanitary facilities a stone's throw from the ample picnic shelter. The Late Great Chevy folks were, as always, friendly and welcoming. Steve Calandra, a member of NJACE and the Jersey Late Greats, came in his Greenbrier van laden with his D.J. equipment. As Stevie C, the D.J. he set the atmosphere for the vintage cars on display by spinning the oldies. Tony Gervasio drove his '65 Monza coupe, Ken Schiffner was there with his yellow '64 convertible and Bill Stanley drove his "new" red/red '63 Monza coupe. Always ready with a wrench, Steve performed a carburetor adjustment on Bill's new addition topped off by just the right carburetor rod clip compliments of Ken. Thanks, guys! Members of the various clubs got to know one another while milling about the gathering of vintage bowtie iron and chowing down on the generous food offerings. There was even a Funkhana-style moving event prizes for which were provided by Advance Auto Parts.

The host club conducted a special "Go and Whoa" event where, with a bag over ones head, one had to drive a measured distand and stop. The one closest to the Stop line won. Tony walked way with an award (third closest) by stopping amazingly just a few feet from the line. Ken had the worst showing, missing the line by only about 39 feet.

For us Corvair folks, the event provides an opportunity to show our Corvairs to a new audience and extends NJACE's event territory into Central Jersey. This being the second year of NJACE's participation, it looks like an annual affair. I would encourage more NJACE members to join in on the fun next year. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!



by Ken Schiffner

The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome is a true "living" museum of antique aviation located in Rhinebeck, New York. It presents one of the [largest collections](#) of early aeroplanes in the world, many of which regularly take to the air in all their glory during our weekend airshows. The Aerodrome features aeroplanes, automobiles, motorcycles, early engines and memorabilia from 1900-1935. In addition to the airshows, there are four museum buildings displaying aircraft from the Pioneer Era, World War I and the Lindbergh/Barnstorming era. These were the golden years of aviation.

NJACE will be gathering on July 12th at the first rest stop on the NY Thruway north after leaving NJ a 7:30am. We will leave a 8:00am and "caravan" to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. The rain date will be July 13th. We have had good responses from four of the area Corvair Clubs. We are going to have a good turnout from other clubs in the surrounding areas of NH, MA, PA, NY, and NJ. Many have said they had been to the Aerodrome before. We are looking forward to an exciting event. The cost is \$15 per person. Corvair folks will be given wrist bands for entry and that band would be acceptable for Sunday as well. Food will be available on site or you may bring a lunch.

The return trip will take us down Route 9 to the Hyde Park mansions. If anyone cares to go to Hyde Park you are welcome to do so. There is no planned food stop on the trip back. There will be updates in the July Fanbelt.

The lodging hotline for the Rhinebeck area is [845] 876-8626.

Restaurants in the area are: Fosters Coach House [845- 876-8052]; Four Brothers [845-876-3131]; Cappuccino [845-876-1331] and Double O [845-876-7655].

Directions:

The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome is located in historic Rhinebeck, New York and can easily be reached by car using the Taconic State Parkway or the New York State Thruway. Picnic and parking facilities are free.

From the North, South, West: New York State Thruway Exit 19 to Rt. 209 North. Follow signs to Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. Cross over the Hudson River. Right turn at the second traffic light onto Route 9G South. Next traffic light, turn left onto Route 9 North for 1/2 mile. Right onto Stone Church Road for 1-1/2 miles. Left on Norton Road.

From the East: Mass. Pike or I-84 to Taconic State Parkway. Exit at Rt. 199 Rhinebeck/Red Hook. Rt. 199 west for 6.8 miles. Left onto Orlich Road, then an almost immediate right onto Norton Road for 1-1/2 miles.

NJACE Calendar of Events

- * **Saturday, June 7, 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.
- * **Sunday, June 8, 2008 - Smell The Roses Tour; Skylands Manor...Botanical Gardens, picnic at Shepards Lake - details on page 2.**
- * **Wednesday, June 11, 2008 - NJACE Quarterly Meeting at the Mt. Olive Grill, Flanders, NJ**
- * **Saturday, July 5, 2008 - Monthly Breakfast Meeting** at the Pronto Deli, 99 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ @ 9 am.
- * **Saturday, July 12, 2008 - Rhinebeck Aerodrome Drive/Fly In, departure from the state Line Diner - details in the June Fanbelt**
- * **Saturday, August 2, 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.***

Driving From The Back Seat-----by Prez pro-tempore Ribs



This month, from the shameless commerce division, we bring you an item about the 21st Houston Art Car Parade, where NJACE was duly represented by your freshman nominee, Ribs, participating not in a Corvair, but in a stupendously boring 1994 Mercury Sable, now the Ant Art iCar. This boring specimen is on its way to becoming a sweet daily driver, thru the late-night, beer-enhanced sometime labors of its three progenitors, Frank, Mike, and Ribs.

Antarticar is a collection of 64 ***Solenopsis invicta*** (a.k.a in Texas as the red imported fire ant), water-jet cut from a 4'x8' sheet of 1/8" aluminum, bead-blasted, painted and affixed to said boring Mercury with four steel-cored military-grade (maron!) pop-rivets. The ants feature LED eyes and LED under-body glow, wired to a control sequencer in the glove box for fading, shimmer, wink, random-chase, woo-woo and other entirely useless lighting effects. In the night, Antarticar comes to life, while in the daytime, the first round of rhinestones is beginning to take gaudy effect. Unfortunately, when the buggy little ant wiring dies, I can attest that it takes a die-grinder and about 30minutes of effort to release one of the buggers.

The Houston Art Car Parade is a festival of several days, populated by counter-culture luminaries from around the country. For 2008, the grand prize winner was "Lady of Transportation," a semi-truck rig transformed into a hoop skirt of VW beetle hoods, bumpers and hubcaps, piloted by its buxom queen.

It is time for somebody with a good beater Vair, money, time, creativity, and questionable tastes to jump into the artcar arena! Maybe a political-statement car, with Nader.

Some of the Antarticar debut festivities may be viewed at:
http://picasaweb.google.com/sofakingribbs/Antarticar_2008

Caution: not all from ribs can be considered in good taste.

Bloggers have posted a full review of the 280+ contraptions that rolled in the 2008 Parade. It is not the 60's, but this is about as close as you might come for a week. For one,

<http://picasaweb.google.com/eschipul/HoustonArtCarParade2008>

The tragic end to the weekend was at 2 am Sunday morning after an illuminated artcar cruise

of the city, when parade organizer Tom Jones was hit and killed by a drunken driver as he sat on the curb in front of his Art Car Museum with a few friends.

The official Antarticar website:

<http://www.antarticar.com/index.html>

Next up: The Marshall, TX 26th Annual FireAnt Festival



V8 Update by Ray Coker

Now let me see....the last article I wrote on the V8 Corvair told you that I had driven it 22 miles during the 1st test drive and found a transmission fluid leak between the engine and transmission. I removed the complete drive line assembly, separated the engine and transmission and found nothing wrong. I installed a new torque converter seal while my fingers were crossed and “viola” it doesn’t leak anymore. I now have over 1000 street miles on the car with the new motor and transmission and as Billy Crystal would say “It is marvelous”!! It has power o-plenty, it has torque o-plenty, it is smooth, it sounds great and it has the normal Corvair stance BUT most of all it doesn’t overheat.

All the afore mentioned brain twisting ideas of installing the radiator where the stock gas tank should be paid off. The car runs between 195 and 210 degrees which for today’s aluminum engines is just fine. I recently made a trek from PA to NJ one weekend just to leg it out and see how it would do on a long run and this ol’boy had a smile on his face the whole time.

I stopped by Bob Marlow’s house to show him the car and after inspecting it from front to rear we took about a 30 minute drive. Even though my mind was on the road and all my driving skills were devoted to keeping it between the ditches I couldn’t help from noticing Bob’s eyes glancing toward the engine temperature gauge quite often just to make sure it wasn’t running hot. He even steered me toward a winding country road with a modest hill just so he could keep watching the temperature gauge. It was running cool and I had a smile which I’m sure stretched from the drivers’ door to the passengers’ door.

During another trip to NJ I stopped by Ashley’s Bodyshop and Larry Ashley and I took it for a short run and he also saw how the engine preformed as a V8 should and the cooling system worked as it should. And me...the driver/owner had a smile on my face. If this pattern persists I’m going to need some facial injections done with Botox to eliminate the smile wrinkles.

As with all things, there are good moments and not so good moments. I must once again remove the complete drive-line because I have the wrong ring and pinion set in the rear end gears. Driving the car at 60 mph has my V8 running at 3000 rpm. That would be normal and OK with a Corvair engine because they were made for extreme rpm’s at highway speeds but running my little V8 at those rpm’s continually would result in premature failure. That is only at 60 mph, the faster I go the higher the rpm’s go. After some research and consultations with fellow gear heads it has been determined I have a 3.55 gear and I should have a 3.08 gear. Even switching to a 3.08 gears (the tallest available) it will only drop the rpm’s to 2500 at 60 mph...still a little to fast for highway driving. After the new gears are installed I’ll have to invest in taller rear tires to slow the engine a little more.

Sounds like a lot of work for a car I just bragged on so much doesn’t it? It is, but I don’t mind. I can have the engine and transmission out and the ring and pinion housing separated from the transmission in one evening. Besides I have many home made brackets in the car that were fabricated during the building process which need to be tweaked, adjusted and painted. The exhaust system will also be sent out to be Jet Hot Coated or Ceramic Coated. I’m guessing the car will be out of commission for 2 + months.

But beware and be warned, in the words of Arnold Schwarzeneger...”I’ll be back”. If you see a good looking Maroon 1965 Corvair Convertible cruising with ease and with the drivers smile reaching from the drivers’ door to the passengers’ door it will be me and my cruising machine.

More later.....

Join Me in the Fight Against Cancer from Greg Gorski



NJACE Members- I’m participating in a 50 mile bike ride to raise money to fight cancer on June 8th in Simsbury, CT. If you want to contribute you can send me a check [tax deductible] made out to the “UConn Foundation, Inc.” Send to: Greg Gorski 624 Carleton Rd. Westfield, NJ 07090

Don't Forget the NJACE Quarterly Meeting

June 11th at the Mt. Olive Grill @ 7:00pm --- Get there early if you care to dine!!!!

The Mt. Olive Grill and Bar is located on Route 206 in "The Mall on 206" directly across from the "Golf Zone".

Directions From the north: Exit 27 off I-80 to Rt. 206 South for approximately 8.5 miles. From the south, exit [22B] from I-287 for route 206/202. Follow Rt. 206 North from Rt. 287 for 15.5 miles. The Mt. Olive Grill and Bar is located on Route 206 in "The Mall on 206" directly across from the "Golf Zone".

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