



# Fanbelt

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New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts

## Go Bananas with NJACE

by Bob Marlow, Publicity VP

On Saturday, March 26, join your NJACE friends for a night of comedy at Bananas Comedy Club, located in the Holiday Inn on Route 17 in Hasbrouck Heights.

The performer is Alonzo Bodden, winner of season three of *Last Comic Standing* and, in a perfect connection for NJACE, host of the TV series *101 Cars You Must Drive*. Among Bodden's picks for the 101 cars was the Chevy Corvair.

Bodden has performed on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, and more. Bodden describes his material as "cynically good-natured in an angry suburban Negro kind of way." Most people just think he's funny. Don't miss this great night out with this hot comic and your cool NJACE friends.

The show is at 7:30 PM on Saturday, March 26, but in order to secure a seat you **must** RSVP to Ken Schiffner no later than Thursday, March 17! Tickets are \$20.00 per person and again, you **must** RSVP to Ken Schiffner no later than Thursday, March 17! Ken's telephone number is 201-236-0786, and his e-mail address is [scrubbr@ix.netcom.com](mailto:scrubbr@ix.netcom.com). Contact Ken right away!

But wait, there's more! We will hold a drawing on the night of the show, and one lucky winner will have his or



her ticket price refunded! In order to be eligible to win, you of course have to let Ken know by March 17 that you will be attending this show.

Also, we ask that everyone arrive no later than 7:15 so that we can enter as a group – there are no reserved seats. If you are late you may be on your own.

Directions and additional details appear inside this newsletter. But remember:

- The Date is Saturday, March 26
- The location is Bananas Comedy Club on Route 17 in Hasbrouck Heights
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Mark your calendar, reserve your place with Ken, and prepare to laugh!

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## The Steering Column

by Brian O'Neill, President

### STATE OF THE CLUB ADDRESS

It is no longer January and I'm not the POTUS but in any case here's a State of the Club message. Of course, all this is my opinion but some of these items can't be denied.

On the down side, the club membership is declining. We're down to about 70 member households from approximately 100 just a few short years ago. On the plus side is a good financial posture – we have money in the bank – and we have a solid core of involved members.

Somewhere between good and bad is the fact that attendance appears to be better at car-related events than social ones. The exceptions are the holiday party and summer picnic. Does this mean we should concentrate on car-related events? I'm not sure.

I believe there are things we can do to ensure we continue as a strong organization which meets the needs and wants of our members. We, the officers of your club, have already started to look at the mix of car-related and social events. We are striving to make our social events attractive.

On the car-related side, we are instituting a policy of having tech sessions after most of the monthly breakfast meetings. Larry Ashley, our host for most of our sessions, proposed this and we think it will work. All we need is prior notice of topics. So, if you have a Corvair problem and need help and we can accommodate it; we'll set up a tech session. Contact Larry for scheduling.

Another thing the officers think will help is as much long range planning as possible. We have a tentative schedule of events that cover the whole of 2011. Things are always subject to change but we will try to stay on track. This will allow our members to know when we are having events and it just might increase our attendance if folks have a long lead time notice.

For the past year or more, we have had a drawing for a free breakfast at our monthly Saturday morning gatherings. We plan to have even more incentives. One exciting idea is to have a drawing among those who attend a social event such as this month's comedy club night and refunding the cost of the ticket to the winner.

Our members are the reason the club exists so let's find out more about them. Many clubs have member coordinators who help shine the spotlight on members. I'm pleased to announce that Joe and Helen Maurella have agreed to be our member coordinators. Look for them to be contacting members for information that they will use to highlight members in *the Fanbelt*.

To help Joe and Helen, your next membership renewal form will ask you to provide information about you, your

Corvair, your other hobbies and other items so we can get to know each other. If you're in the Federal Witness Protection program, it's okay if you don't tell us but otherwise please help out.

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## 2011 Parts Auction Results

by Frank Hunter, Secretary

Folks, here is the auction recap:

We had 42 buyers and sellers from four states. 230 lots were offered, 206 of which found buyers and 18 of which were 100% donations to the club. Total sales were \$4,492.00, and the total commission collected by the club was \$751.00.

After expenses (the club pays for donuts and coffee in the morning, and for pizza and soft drinks at lunch), the total net income for the club was \$586.29.

The overall accounting was off by \$12, which was probably the result of a few lots that were split into multiple purchases.

*Editor's Note:* No recap of the auction would be complete without a big thank you to Larry and Donna Ashley for being our hosts, and an equally big thank you to Frank Hunter and Roberta O'Neill for handling all the bookkeeping. And of course, thanks go to our non-stop auctioneers, Brian O'Neill, Bob Marlow, and Ray Coker.

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## Who Was That Masked Man?

by Brian O'Neill

Recently, a long time member of NJACE asked me the name of one of our new members. I'm embarrassed to say that I didn't know the name. Me, the president of NJACE! So, I asked a few of the other members but none of them knew. We all knew the car but couldn't come up with a name. This ain't good! How do we fix this so our new members are known by name to all of us? Here's one way.

Most old time members of NJACE have name tags which we had made years ago. It's time to bring back the wearing of them. For motivation, we'll use them to draw for the free breakfast at our monthly breakfast meetings. We'll also take action to ones made for our new members. Don't worry if you currently don't have one. Temporary ones will be provided at the breakfast meeting. We'll ask our cheerful waitress to draw a name tag. She won't have any idea as to why there are two different styles.

Let's all make an effort to get to know the names of all our members!

## New! Tech Sessions – Every Month!

Starting this month, NJACE and Larry Ashley will be playing host to an informal tech session each month, immediately following each month's breakfast meeting.

These sessions will take place at Ashley's Auto Body on Hillside Avenue in Flanders. Only if Larry has a prior engagement will these tech sessions not take place, and if that's the case we will let you know in advance.

Each of these tech sessions will have a specific topic. **For this month, the topic is Shifters and Gas Pedals** – all that stuff running through the Corvair's center tunnel that moves in order to make the car move.

You can help set the agenda for future sessions. Is there a topic you would like to see covered? Do you have a problem or issue with your car that you would like to see addressed? If so, just get in touch with Larry to set it up.

Larry's telephone number is (862) 251-4163, and his e-mail address is [lashley327@optonline.net](mailto:lashley327@optonline.net).

These tech sessions will be scored toward our annual participation awards – informally. What this means is, if you attend the breakfast, or if you attend the tech session, or if you attend both, you will be given one participation credit. The breakfast and the tech sessions will not be counted separately.

Which is okay, because the purpose is to learn more about your Corvair. Plan on joining us after each breakfast, on the first Saturday of each month, for these informal tech sessions.

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## The Letter “e”

by Bob Marlow, Publicity VP

That's “e” as in electronic, as in e-mail.

In recent years, more and more NJACE members have been choosing to receive their monthly newsletter by e-mail, with the result that as of this writing we have just eight – eight! – members who have not provided an e-mail address for us to use.

So, effective immediately, all future newsletters will be delivered electronically. No longer will we offer the option of choosing to get a printed newsletter.

But what about those eight members? What if they truly don't have e-mail? Yes, even though my 87-year-old mother has email and uses it every day, there remain people of all ages who have decided to not embrace e-mail. That's okay, we won't leave them behind.

Existing members who do not have e-mail will still be able to receive a printed copy. It won't kill us to print and mail a small number of copies.

But before we print and mail those copies, we will be asking whether there is someone in their household with an e-mail address that could be used to deliver the newsletter. We will be reserving the printed copies only for those who truly do not have access to e-mail.

There are many advantages to electronic delivery. The obvious one, of course, is that the club saves tremendously on printing and postage costs, both of which continue to rise. The reduction in these costs is why we have not needed a dues increase in many years and that we foresee no need for a dues increase any time soon.

But the electronic newsletter also frees us with regard to page count and content. No longer do we need to limit what we send to what will fit in a one-ounce mailpiece. We are able to include color photos and additional color highlights, and we can include *lots* of photos if we choose. (Hint to members: Take photos of your Corvair and tell us about it – we now have room to spread the word.)

The electronic media also frees us with regard to deadlines. We will still continue to produce the monthly newsletter, but we will also use e-mail notification for late-breaking news, event reminders, and other timely purposes.

For example, prior to receiving this newsletter you were already alerted to the upcoming comedy club show by means of a separate e-mail message – we did not want to wait for the newsletter to announce this event.

In years past, I can remember the officers dividing a telephone list so that we could contact each member with important information. E-mail spares us that.

And you can choose to receive the newsletter at an alternate e-mail address, too. If you like goofing off at work and would like to receive the newsletter there, too, or if you use an alternate e-mail account for your smartphone, just give us the address and we will add it to distribution list. In the old days the NJACE newsletter could not follow you on a business trip or vacation, but today it can.

Don't forget that you can always check up on our schedule of events and other matters on our website, capably maintained by Al Lacki. The web address is on the front page of every newsletter:

<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace>

So make sure that you keep your e-mail address up-to-date with us. You can send any changes or additions to [vairtec@comcast.net](mailto:vairtec@comcast.net).

## A Genuine Car Guy



Alonzo Bodden, the stand-up comic whom we will be seeing at Bananas Comedy Club on March 26, is a genuine “car guy.”

Proof of this is the television series, “101 Cars You Must Drive,” in which Bodden took the wheel of the world’s most distinctive automobiles and knowledgeably explained what made them stand out.

One of those 101 cars? The Chevy Corvair. You can see Bodden’s drive in the Corvair on YouTube (isn’t everything on YouTube today?) here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht7ml3qD0ys>

For a 50-second snippet of Bodden’s dry humor, check out this clip:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvdlXZySkHQ>

Remember, we will be seeing Bodden’s stand-up act at Bananas Comedy Club on March 26, but you must RSVP to Ken Schifftner no later than March 17 to secure your spot. Ken’s telephone number is 201-236-0786, and his e-mail address is [scrubbr@ix.netcom.com](mailto:scrubbr@ix.netcom.com). Contact Ken right away!

Directions to Bananas Comedy Club, which is located in the Holiday Inn on Route 17 in Hasbrouck Heights, are as follows:

**From Route 80 Eastbound:** Take Exit 64. Get on Route 17 South. Hotel is about 3 miles on the right.

**From Route 80 Westbound:** Use the LOCAL LANES to Exit 64B. Make left at end of ramp, go 2/10 mile and get onto Route 17 South. Hotel is 1/2 mile on right.

**From the Garden State Parkway Northbound:** Take Exit 159 to Route 80 East. Go about 3 miles to Exit 64 and get on Route 17 South. Hotel is about 3 miles on right.

**From the Garden State Parkway Southbound:** Take Exit 163 to Route 17 South. Hotel is about 10 miles ahead on right.

**From Route 4 East & West:** Get on Route 17 South in Paramus. Hotel is about 4 miles south of Garden State Plaza.

**From Route 17 North & South:** Hotel is 4 miles south of Garden State Plaza on south side of Route 17.

Plan to arrive no later than 7:15 so that we can enter as a group – there are no reserved seats. If you are late you may be on your own.



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## Congresswoman Giffords

Certainly you are aware of the heinous attack on Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and numerous bystanders that took place in Arizona recently .

What you may not know is that Congresswoman Giffords is a Corvair owner. In fact she owns more than one, along with other interesting older vehicles, and is it reported that she enjoys working on them herself.

NJACE member Greg Gorski took it upon himself to send a get-well card to the Congresswoman on behalf of all of us at NJACE. But Greg did not simply go to the Hallmark store buy a card. Instead, Greg sat down at his computer and crafted a personalized full color card, including an image of a Corvair on the cover and the NJACE logo inside.

Best, though, were Greg’s beautifully-chosen words:

### A Special Get Well Message For You

Dear Congresswoman Giffords,

The members of NJACE would like to send our thoughts and prayers to you for a speedy and complete recovery.

We hope that you will be able to move on to doing the things that you are passionate about and especially be with those family and friends that love you so much.

Our Association in New Jersey is looking forward to your “tinkering” with your Corvairs again. We hope that will be in the near future.

Stay strong through this challenging time and we want you to know that all of us in NJACE will be thinking of you and paying for a full recovery.

Sincere and Warmest Wishes to you,

[from] The Members of NJACE



Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and a vintage BMW motorcycle

## Meeting!

Our Quarterly Business Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 13**, at the Black River Barn on Route 10 in Randolph.

This is a new location for us, easily accessible from all directions. In fact, if you get on Route 10 westbound at I-287, it’s just 11 miles west on Route 10.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM, but come early for dinner, we’ll have access to a private room beginning at 6:30.

You can order from the restaurant’s regular menu, and if you want to plan ahead the menu is online at <http://www.blackriverbarn.com>.

The meeting program will include two topics of discussion: Proper motor oil for your Corvair, and a look ahead at the 2012 CORSA Convention, in which NJACE will be playing a significant role.

Mark the date! Wednesday, April 13!

## Membership Renewal Time

In accordance with our club By-Laws, every member’s membership expires on the same date, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The difference is the year, since we offer both one-year and two-year memberships.

The members who are due for renewal at this time are:

- Phil & Maryann Androvett
- Ray & Kathy Coker
- Ken Dubanowich
- Jim Dunn
- Alan & Elizabeth Goldberg
- Richard & Barbara Kellner
- Ken Klingaman
- Pete Koehler
- Joe & Helen Maurella
- Larry Passarelli
- John & Barbara Sanders
- Donald Tabalt
- Fred & Debbie Zomer

These members are receiving a renewal form as a separate e-mail. Please print the form, fill it in, and send it in with your dues payment – thank you!

By the way, Brian O’Neill’s “Steering Column” in this issues references the fact that our membership numbers are down to about 70 member households. Brian’s estimate was pretty accurate, the true number is 69.

To try to bring those numbers back up, we are sending this newsletter to the following members who memberships expired last year, to invite them to re-join:

Steve Breines  
 William & Janet Dittrich  
 Bill & Tracy Hughes  
 Jeffrey & Jacqueline Kaufman  
 Bernard & Deborah Kulper  
 Howard & Eva Wiener

the show this year as part of the “100 Years of Chevrolet” feature.

The engine in David’s car is fully repaired and the car is ready to go.

Also invited is Pete Koehler’s 1963 Monza sedan, which is an unrestored original car initially sold at Zabriskie Chevrolet in Paterson. Pete’s car, too, was invited last year but stayed home since Pete brought his “MuseumBrier” exhibit to Stratton at Hemmings’ request.

Also part of the 2011 New England Concours will be “micro cars,” and so we are awaiting word as to whether Tim Schwartz’s front-door BMW will be accepted into the show.

All Corvairs – and all interesting old cars – are invited to be part of the Friday and Saturday portions of the weekend. NJACE will be there!

## Late-Breaking News!

Just as we were finishing up this issue of the newsletter, we received confirmation that two NJACE member cars have been selected for this year’s Hemmings’ New England Concours at Stratton Mountain in July.

David Main’s 1968 Monza coupe, which was invited last year but which could not make it due to a catastrophic engine failure shortly before the event, as been invited to

## Calendar of Events for 2011

*Mark your personal calendar with these great NJACE events and activities for the coming months:*

- ✓ **First Saturday** of each month, informal breakfast gathering at the Pronto Deli on Ridgedale Avenue in Cedar Knolls, 9:00 AM.
- ✓ **First Saturday** of each month, informal tech session at Ashley’s Auto Body on Hillside Avenue in Flanders, following the breakfast.
- ✓ **Saturday, March 26**, Comedy Night with Alonzo Bodden, at Bananas Comedy Club in the Holiday Inn on Route 17 in Hasbrouck Heights, 7:30 PM. See details in this newsletter.
- ✓ **Wednesday, April 13**, Quarterly Business Meeting, at the Black River Barn on Route 10 in Randolph. See additional details in this newsletter.
- ✓ **Saturday, April 30**, club visit to the New York Auto Show at the Javits Center in Manhattan. Full details in next month’s newsletter.
- ✓ **Sunday, May 29**, 36<sup>th</sup> annual VCCA Franklin Lakes Car Show. Registration information is available on the Jersey Lakeland Region VCCA web site.
- ✓ **Saturday, June 25**, Our Annual Summer Picnic, this year one week before the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.
- ✓ **Weekend, July 15-17**, Hemmings’ 5<sup>th</sup> annual New England Concours. Last year Corvairs were a featured car, this year it’s 100 Years of Chevrolet and we are returning.
- ✓ **Saturday, August 13**, Corvair Night at the Races at Wall Stadium *or*  
**Sunday, August 14**, Hardyston Fire Department Car Show at Wheatsworth Field.
- ✓ **Weekend, September 9-11**, annual Camping Weekend at the Pioneer Campground in LaPorte, PA.
- ✓ **Sunday, September 18**, the Central Jersey VW Society’s All Air-Cooled Show at the Swim and Sport Club of Flanders.
- ✓ **Saturday, October 15**, our annual Fall Foliage Tour.

*All events listed, except Camping Weekend at the Pioneer Campground, are counted toward our annual Mary Paxton Participation Award and Bill Ableson Corvair Driver Award.*