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On a Clear Day You Can See the Great Swamp

The NJACE Spring Tour *by Ken Schiffner*

If you wanted to miss a great tour, this was the one to miss.

Rob Wanthouse put together a wonderful tour on a gorgeous day. Starting at the Scotchwood Diner on Route 22, those who attended got things rolling (so to speak) with a nice breakfast. We were treated to see that Pennsylvania Joe (Maurella) and his wife (Helen) arrived in their Rampside which many of us thought had only existed in Joe's imagination (or is that "nightmares?") Among the other Corvair hardware, we had Rob's late coupe, Tony Gervasio's '64 convertible, Tim Schwartz's Greenbrier, and my '64 convertible.

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Spring Tour, continued

Others arrived in non-Corvairs, including club president Brian O'Neill and wife Roberta who arrived in a vehicle that runs on batteries and which doesn't leak oil.

Having handed out maps for all, Rob led us through the New Providence area of New Jersey and into and through the "upscale" region of Basking Ridge and Madison. This is NOT the area of New Jersey that nay-sayers associate with the Garden State. We passed beautiful homes with, as car-lovers often note, large garages. In fact, to be socially acceptable in some areas, it appeared that one must have at least a three vehicle garage if not a six.

The tour took us to the beautiful campus of Drew University through which we navigated where others have matriculated.

It was then on to the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and anchored by the impressive Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center. At one time, the site was being considered as a place for a regional airport. Now, it is a refuge for wildlife that is common to the area. The tour started at the Center for orientation and a visit to the Gift Shop. Rob even gave out "Thank You for Participating" posters.

If you've never seen a bald eagle in the wild (or captivity), this tour afforded that opportunity. The group walked along the elevated paths through the wooded refuge area. We saw turtles and I believe the turtles saw us. At the Raptor section, we saw various species of injured birds that were being treated and saved by a private foundation.

After visiting the Great Swamp it was on to lunch. Oh, the lunch! The group enjoyed a delicious lunch, typical banter, and friendship at the Ridge Inn in Basking Ridge.

Thank you, Rob, for a great event!



Franklin Lakes Car Show This Month! Sunday, May 26



Our friends in the Jersey Lakeland Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) are conducting their 38th annual Motorama Car Show at McBride Field in Franklin Lakes on Sunday, May 26, and it's our club activity for this month.

Participation awards will be given to the first 250 registrants in attendance, and registrants will also receive goodie bags, dash plaques, and a chance to win door prizes. Other fun prizes will also be awarded to those who can answer trivia questions about the oldies played on the public address system. There will also be coloring books & crayons and "Chevy cookies" for the kids! In addition, the show cars will be photographed and posted on the JRLVCCA web site. You can see pictures from the 2012 show by visiting the club's web site at [www.http://clubs.hemmings.com/jlrvccla/](http://clubs.hemmings.com/jlrvccla/)



A change for the show this year is the elimination of model year groupings. Where in the past cars have been directed to park with other cars in their class, this year the cars will be parked as they arrive – Packards and Panhards, Duesenbergs and Dodges, they'll be parked alongside one another as they arrive.

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Motorama, continued

This means that our Corvairs will not be parked together, they'll be disbursed throughout the show. This should make for a more interesting spectator experience, and speaking of spectators, this show historically draws a big crowd.

Again this year we'll have a club canopy in the vendor section where you can take a break, get out of the sun, and hang out with your Corvair friends. If you have quality car parts to sell (no junk please) you are welcome to bring them to display at the canopy. Contact Bob Marlow at Vairtec@comcast.net to reserve space for your parts or automotive collectibles.

The VCCA has dedicated this year's show to the memory of Larry Ashley, Sr.

This year, space will be limited at McBride Field due to construction taking place on a portion of the show field. This means that

advance registration is a must! If you were a show participant last year you should have received a registration form in the mail, and recently we emailed the form to all members. But you can get the form on the NJ Lakeland Region VCCA web site, [www.http://clubs.hemmings.com/jlrcca/](http://clubs.hemmings.com/jlrcca/)

If you don't register in advance you can still show up, but once the show field is full, no additional day-of-show registrations will be permitted. (All pre-registered car spaces will be held until noon no matter what.) The deadline for advance registration is May 15th.

Remember the date is Sunday, May 26. Plan on it!



Speaking of the VCCA...

This just in, at deadline: On Sunday, June 23, Jersey Lakeland Region of the VCCA is having a tour that begins with brunch at Perona Farms in Andover, and continues with a visit to the Sterling Hill Mining Museum in Ogdensburg. They have invited us to join them and it sounds like a nice outing!

Quite a few years ago NJACE visited the Sterling Hill Mining Museum and in the years since the operation has been enhanced. Learn more about it at the museum's website, <http://sterlinghillminingmuseum.org>, and watch this space next month!

Corvair Olympics?

Yes, the "Corvair Olympics," conducted by the Northeast Corvair Council, is set for June 20-21-22 in and around Danville, Virginia. It is called the Corvair Olympics because it encompasses three distinct performance-oriented events: A high-speed track day on the 1.65-mile South Course at the world-famous Virginia International Raceway (Thursday, June 20), drag racing at the 1/8-mile IHRA-sanctioned Roxboro

Motorsports Dragway (Friday, June 21), and a classic autocross on Virginia International Raceway's 300' x 300' skidpad (Saturday, June 22).

NJACE President Brian O'Neill is also the NECC president, so you can learn more from him or by checking out the NECC's web site at <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc>.

Spring Chevy Picnic *by Steve Calandra*

Hey fellow NJACers, the Late Great Chevrolet Club has invited us to their spring picnic on Saturday, May 11 at Mercer County Park in West Windsor, NJ. It's a bit of a ride from where most of us live but I'm sure your little pride and joy could use a good ride to clean the carbon out of your combustion chambers.

I've been looking forward to this due to the very long cold wet winter we've had. Yours truly DJ Stevie C will provide the music and crooning.

The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, napkins, cutlery etc. It is asked that you bring a covered dish to share with others of whatever food is your specialty. Please contact Mrs. Geri Thackaray at 215-357-1982, to let her know how many are coming so we have enough food for everyone and for questions on what food to bring.

Some beverages will be provided, but it is also asked that you bring some of your own favorite beverages. The park asks that you do not bring anything in glass containers in case something breaks. They're not happy about alcohol consumption either, but I'm sure you could sneak a few beers in.

So! check your trans and oil levels, adjust your fanbelt, and come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of good conversation and memories. And oh! if you'd like to bring another marque classic car, you are welcome also, It will spark more admiration and conversation to the afternoon.

Also you can call me if you have mechanical troubles or questions. My cell number is 201-921-364.

Open House at the Corvair Ranch

Most of us know about the Corvair Ranch, the Corvair-only parts and repair facility located in farm country just east of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. But not all of us have ever been there.

A great opportunity to visit the Corvair Ranch is coming up on Sunday, May 19, when proprietor Jeff Stonesifer holds his annual Open House.

The Open House begins at 11:30 AM and features food, door prizes, yard tours, and just a nice time hanging out with, quite literally, well over 100 like-minded Corvair owners and enthusiasts. Oh, you can buy parts, too. (Although it is a good idea to arrange any part-buying beforehand, because the size of the crowd at the Open House makes it difficult for Jeff and his crew to accommodate unplanned purchases.)

The Corvair Ranch's Gettysburg Address is 1079 Bon-Ox Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. This is just south of US Rt 30, midway between the historic battlefields of Gettysburg and the village of New Oxford.

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Kal-Kal-Kalamazoo

by Ye Ed

If you have a slightly wormy brain like I do, whenever you hear the name of the Michigan town of Kalamazoo you think of the 1942 Glenn Miller hit, "I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo." Which is why, ever since the location for the 2013 CORSA Convention was announced, this catchy tune has been running through my head.

I have my plans in place to attend the convention, which happens July 16-20. Other NJACE members are planning to attend – are you? Let's compare our travel plans so that we can look out for one another.

You can find convention information online at <http://vairiation2013.com>.



Last Call!

It's the last chance for members whose membership has expired to renew! Next month, the newsletter will be sent only to those members who are up-to-date.

If your name is on the list below, please complete the membership form on the last page of this newsletter and mail it in with your dues payment. Alternatively, you can renew at our breakfast this Saturday, May 4, at the Cruisin' Diner. Remember, you have the option of a one-year or two-year renewal.

The list below shows the following members are due for renewal at this time. (Please contact us if you believe that your name appears here in error):

Phil & Maryann Androvett
 John & Jeanne Bechtel
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 Steve Calandra
 Ray & Kathy Coker
 Richard & Carol Curran
 Robert Dever
 Jeff & Monica Dodge
 Ken Dubanowich
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 Donald Tabalt
 Rob Wanhouse
 Richard & Diane Widman
 Terry & Liz Williamson
 Fred & Debbie Zomer

**Club Breakfast at the Cruisin' Diner,
 Rt 10 East in Whippany, Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM**



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Membership Form

Date _____

[] New Membership or [] Renewal

[] Individual or [] Family*

*Family Membership includes two adults and all children under age 21 living at a single address.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Name of 2nd Adult Family Member _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

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[] Two Year Membership, New or Renewal..... \$36.00

Membership expires on March 31st

Total Remitted: \$ _____

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CORSA membership information is available online at:

http://www.corvair.org/

Tell us about you and your Corvairs

Your Corvairs (year, model, color, equipment, condition etc) _____

Your other cars and trucks _____

Your other hobbies and interests _____

Your profession _____

Your birthday (and your age, if you wish) _____

Your anniversary (and year married, if you wish) _____

Your children/grandchildren or other family _____

Your pets _____

When and why did you first buy a Corvair? _____

Anything else you'd like to tell us _____

Thank you!