

DECEMBER, 2013

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Long Island Corvair Association

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President's Message

Hello All-

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

First, we are in the planning stages for our 2014 holiday party which will be held in January. Details will be in the next newsletter and I hope that everyone can attend. It is a great get together for the club and we all had a wonderful time there last year.

On January 1st we will have our New Year's Tour; details on this tour can be found in the newsletter. We hope to see you there.

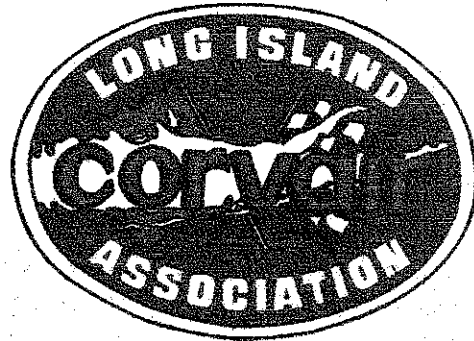
The winter is a perfect time to get your car up and running. I know that I have spoken to many of you about getting your car up and running. I wanted to remind you- we are all here to help. Let's try to get those cars running for our spring dust off event!! We have a record number of members, let's have a record number of cars in our club.

Lastly- If you are interested in running for the board of the Long Island Corvair Association, please let me know. We will be collecting names during the month of December, and at the Christmas Party in January we will hold elections.

Hope to see you at our meeting December 12th at 8pm located at Marjorie Post Park, Massapequa, NY.

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Newsletter Editor's Message

Here we are, December, Halloween is gone, so is Thanksgiving. Soon Christmas will be gone too.

Where did it all go?

The year will be gone. But we at LICA will remember the shows that we attended, The 2013 Kalamazoo convention, the trip to Clark and Bay State Corvair and more.

We will begin the year 2014 with a tour on the 1st of January, organized by Vic the VP. We will meet at exit 61N Park and ride on LIE at around 10.30AM. Then we will have a late lunch, a lot of camaraderie and fun.

Please Email us at

Longislandcorvair@gmail.com if

you plan to attend. It would give us an idea as to whom we should wait for that morning.

Dress warm.

The committee is working on next year's activities and social events. Your suggestions would be welcome

A reminder

Please note, December meeting at Marjorie Post Park, December 12 Th.

See you there.

Secretary's report

November meeting was called to order at 8:10 By President Matt, with a salute to the flag. Matt welcomed new members to our club, and thanked both Bill Tynan and Ray Joseph for attending the meeting. Matt also announced the completion of LICA collection of maintenance manuals, 1960 thru 1969 in the club library. Access to the publications is thru Steve Sassy, LICA club tool czar and Librarian. Matt also announced that 2013 added 20 new (or new old) members to LICA membership roster. A result of using today's communication technologies.

Vice President Vic discussed the January 1st New Year's tour (weather permitting). A number of years ago Then President Dick Downes and myself Thought it would be a cool way to enjoy our hobby for the New Year coming. After doing this for two years by ourselves, it was thought a good idea to propose it to the LICA Board and they endorsed it, as a LICA event. So here we are, welcome 2014.

Secretary John read the October report as stated in Vair Voices.

Treasurer AL reported a total of \$2504.98 in the club treasury before paying November bills.

The tech topic was hosted by member Gene Kennedy, and discussed Corvair oil coolers and the necessity to test for leaks prior installation and the requirement of proper torque of the fasteners on installation. The topic drifted off to Mercedes Benz valve spring shims (not Corvair related) and West Hampton drag way.

No 50/50 due to the secretary forgetting the tickets.

This month meeting was attended by 14 members and 5 Corvairs.

Respectfully submitted *John Sunden*

Upcoming Events

The New Year tour and lunch, read the newsletter editor's note

The committee is working on a Holyday party at S.O.M.O. like last year. Would be December 19th More definite information's in the January newsletter.

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Membership update

By Steve Sassi

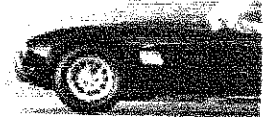
We are continuing to grow. With three new members this month LICA now has 64 members. I mailed the new members ID cards directly. Please sign the cards when you receive them. All members should now have ID cards. I will try to get a club roster out soon so members will be able to contact each other directly.

Birthdays

Brian Galvin	23rd
Sara Hershkowitz	9th
Gene Kennedy	14th
Herb Neuman	7th
Herb Neuman Jr.	15th
Linda Palmer	31st
Peter Sutich	31st
Kimberly	
Glen Tesmacher	30th
Michael Tesmacher	9th

No Anniversaries (who get married in December?).

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About LICA- Chapter 117

LICA is a chapter of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), Inc.

Meetings of LICA are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Marjorie Post Community Center, Unqua and Merrick Roads, Massapequa. Meeting time is 8:00pm.

All interested persons are welcome. Additional events and activities are held throughout the year. Membership in LICA is \$25.00 per year, payable in April.

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your nominations

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A rear-engined Holden.

By David Burrell News Limited Community Newspapers 26 March 2012

Ed Cole, the Head of Chevrolet, wanted to keep his new rear engine car as secret as possible. There was once a rear-engined Holden. Sort of. Holden-classic-Corvair.jpg

And here's the photo of it. So what is this car? It's a Holden all right because the badges say so and the hub caps have the red lion logo, but really the Australian insignias were really used to disguise this car's true identity and destiny-the Chevrolet Corvair.

In 1957, Ed Cole, the Head of Chevrolet, wanted to keep his new rear engine car as secret as possible from the media and the competition. To throw everyone off the scent, even within General Motors (GM), he decided to disguise the project as a development program for Holden in Australia.

Cole went to great lengths to establish the "Holden" deception. He even went to the trouble of using Holden stationery, letterheads and forms with Holden logos on them for all of the paperwork. Components developed for the project carried Holden parts numbers. Even the styling of the Corvair was done in the international styling studio at GM headquarters, not in the Chevrolet studio.

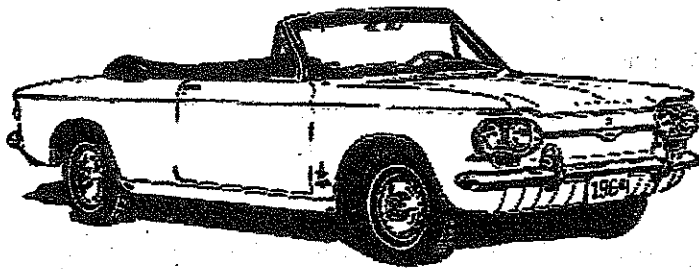
The first running prototype was tested in at GM's Arizona track in the northern spring of 1958. Still badged as a Holden it used the FE and FC chrome work and side 'sweep spears'. A Holden steering wheel and hub caps completed the disguise. The Vauxhall name also was used to camouflage the Corvair, with a lengthened Vauxhall Victor, with the Corvair engine stuffed in the boot, being used as a second test mule. Chevrolet unveiled the new car mid 1959, and it immediately polarised opinion.

We all know the story of the Corvair and its rear suspension, the inadequacies of which led Ralph Nader to write his only memorable book, "Unsafe at Any Speed". But what is less known is that despite all of the media attention Chevrolet still managed to sell 1.8 million Corvairs during its nine year production. Not a bad effort for a car that is supposed to be a failure. The Corvair styling also influenced others across the world. Designed by Ned Nickles and Carl Renner it was the high and definitive beltline which was the inspiration for many cars in the 1960s, including the Fiat 1300/1500, NSU, Mazda 800, BMW 1600/2002, the French built Panhard and the Hillman Imp.

Today, Corvairs are gaining more attention as classic car collectors search for something beyond a Mustang or a 1955-57 Chevrolet. The hot items are the 1962 two door Monza Spyder coupes and convertibles with the turbochargers. They churn out a spritely 110kw from only 2.4 litre six cylinder engines. Prices in the USA now top \$20,000.

In Australia, the Corvairs have a small but dedicated following. It is estimated there are less than 20 in the country.





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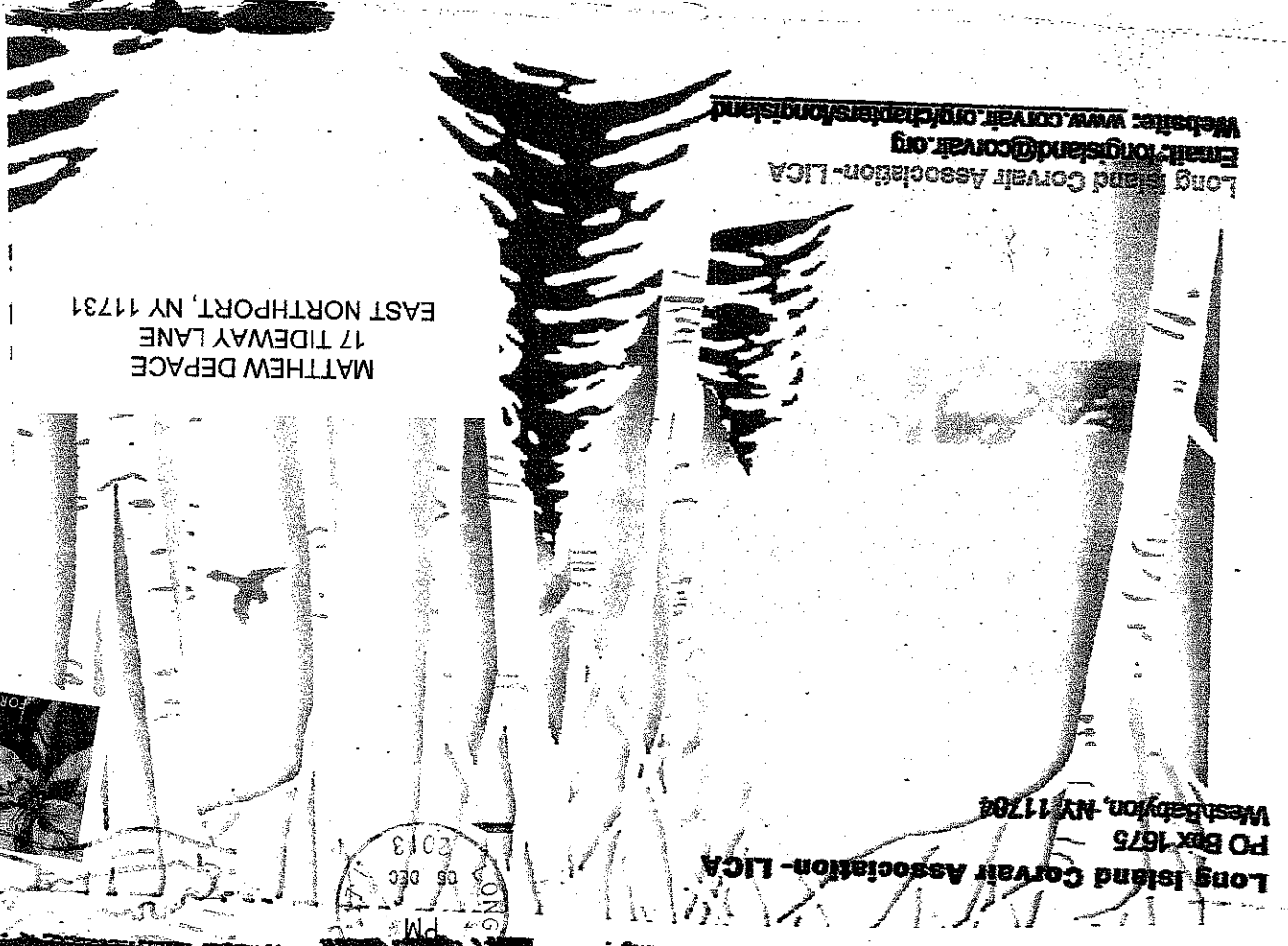
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Our meeting place:

From the West
LIE exit 44 south to rte135
Exit 5 south Massapequa
Make a left on 27 Sunrise hwy
To Unqua rd. make a right
Park entrance on right

From the East
LIE to exit 49 south
Rte. 110 to the end
Merrick rd. make a right
Go to Massapequa
Right into Unqua rd.
Entrance to the Park on left



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