

# VAIR VOICE

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## Lasagna Fest Returns on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

It's back! Bob & Becky Martzo are reviving their annual Mid-Ohio Vair Force Lasagna Fest and it's set for Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at their home in Reynoldsburg. The Martzos did this seven or eight times until a couple of years ago, when health problems forced a pause. Things have brightened and they say they're ready to host it again.

As in past years, socializing will start at 1 p.m. and dinner will be served at 2 o'clock. Bob & Becky will provide the lasagna and attendees are asked to bring along side dishes – rolls, salads, vegetables, etc. – and desserts. Also bring whatever beverages you wish to consume, especially wine, beer, etc. They'll need a head count, so if you want to attend, please tell the Martzos. Becky said the preferred way is by e-mail (martzo@live.com), or you may call them (614-864-3343). They might also need some extra chairs.

“We started counting and probably only need about 6 chairs at the most,” she said. “If we ask people if they have a couple of folding card table chairs they could bring, that would be great. I'd like e-mail responses as to what they are bringing in the way of food, wine, etc. It's really important to get confirmation about who's coming so we can plan on tables & chairs. Thanks so much for everything.” Thank you, Becky & Bob!

The Martzos live at 7128 White Butterfly Lane, Reynoldsburg 43068. Many of you have been there. For those who haven't, get a map on line (Google, Yahoo, whatever), let your navigation device lead you there, or ask for directions when you contact Bob & Becky with your RSVP. Please do this by the preceding Wednesday or Thursday.

After eating, we'll assemble for what amounts to our annual MOVF business meeting, where we'll discuss the club's operation. Attendance at monthly events is lagging and enthusiasm seems to be waning as members age and find other things to do with their time. What are your thoughts about the club and what you want from it? And, how are you able and willing to help?

We'll also choose officers and nominate directors for 2013. Given the lack of volunteers to take on these positions, it's likely that the current slate of officers and directors will continue, though key people will discuss this in coming days and all members can chime in at the meeting. Any member in good standing who wants to be a director or officer will be warmly welcomed, though of course all 2013 officials must be elected by the membership.

We hope to see all MOVF members there! –Tom Berg

## Annual Christmas Party is Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Once again, the annual Christmas party will be hosted by Craig and Terri Scott at [Liberty Presbyterian Church](#), located at the corner of Home Road and State Route 315 south of Delaware, Ohio. Note that this is the second Saturday of the month, not the first one as in previous years.

The party begins at 6 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall, located behind the old church. The club provides a ham and club members are asked to bring a covered dish. The Scotts provide the drinks which include a hot cider, coffee and soft drinks. After dinner, a brief club meeting will be held and officers for 2013 will be installed. Primary business will be election of directors and installation of officers, though terms officially begin January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Following the meeting comes the gift exchange -- in other words, the free for all! If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20. Ladies should bring a gift for a lady and gentlemen for a guy and indicate on your package whether it's for a man or a woman so that the exchange of gifts will come out even. Each person who brings a gift will draw a number and then gifts will be opened in numerical order. The hitch is that after the Number 1 person chooses and opens his or her gift, the Number 2 person has the option of choosing an unopened gift or stealing number 1's gift. This continues on down the line with openings and stealings taking place. We'll explain it again just before we begin, but this can make for a real interesting and fun experience.

So, come join the club for an entertaining evening as we say goodbye to 2012. Please RVSP the Scotts by December 7<sup>th</sup>, either by email at [crater@columbus.rr.com](mailto:crater@columbus.rr.com) or by telephone at 740-602-2694. We look forward to seeing all our Vair Force friends!

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The club has \$1,020.23 in the treasury. Please note that it is time to pay your dues for 2013. Mail \$15 to Craig Scott, Treasurer, at 2976 Russell Road, Ostrander, OH 43061.

## ***Mansfield Reformatory's Ghosts Didn't Scare Us...***

... Because very few MOVF members made the trek north on October 20<sup>th</sup> and none of us bothered taking the tour. Thus this story is short:

Craig & Terri Scott met me in Sunbury and we departed as scheduled at 4:15 p.m. for Mansfield. There we met Ralph Sebrell for a tasty supper at a '50s-style drive in. (Some Studebaker people were there and three brought Avanti coupes, something you don't see every day.) Ralph showed us the really nice '69 Monza convertible he bought at the Schneider auction earlier in the month, which made two Corvairs on the lot (mine was the other).

He then said so-long and the Scotts and I caravanned to the prison just to see what it looks like in the dark. Terri seemed game to take the "Dead Walk" but there was a l-o-n-g line to get in, so we said the devil with it (so to speak). It was a nice drive, though, and we probably set a new record for the lowest attendance at a club function. –TB

## **You Meet the Nicest People Searching for a Greenbrier**

This past Sunday I had the pleasure of meeting Eric Lucas of Indiana, who drove over with his brother, Jeff, to look at a '64 Greenbrier that's advertised on Craigslist (<http://columbus.craigslist.org/cto/3328133447.html>). The van is in Westerville and I had posted a message on Virtual Vairs in response to a bloke in Great Britain who was seeking one. He zeroed in on another in Colorado, but Eric inquired about this one. I looked it over and described it to him, and he deemed it worthy of a trip and inspection. Alas, he decided it wasn't worth a purchase, and will continue looking.

But he, Jeff and I had a nice visit at Gina's Restaurant, where we sipped coffee and ate sweets, and talked about Corvairs and our lives. Eric and his brother are interested in Greenbriers because their dad had one when they were boys, and they remember a vacation trip out West in a 'Brier. Eric said he's had two of them since growing up and now wants another to fix up and run. Jeff will participate in the project. Eric wants a '64 or '65 because of the larger, 164-cubic-inch engine (vs. the 145 on previous models) and design improvements, like a better cowl that reduces windshield leaks (I had never heard this).

Eric is a customer service rep for Donnelly Printing in Crawfordsville and Jeff handles logistics for a seat supplier to the Subaru plant up near Lafayette. We talked about business and international trade:

Eric said the internet has reduced his company's printing business by 15 to 20%, though we agreed that there'll always be a need for printed materials. (I threw in some of my experiences in writing about commercial trucks for trade magazines and how trucking and publishing, including on the 'net, have changed drastically since the early '80s.) From his work Eric knows a lot about trucking and its efficiency.

So does Jeff, who spoke knowledgeably about global transportation and supply chain management. He said that the big majority of parts and components that go into Subaru Outbacks and Legacys are sourced in North America; only 15% will come from Asia in 2013. North American parts arrive much faster and can be corrected or otherwise changed much quicker than stuff from Japan or China, which takes months to effect, and it's not always done correctly. Add in currency exchange rates (the Japanese yen has grown expensive against the American dollar) and the cost of shipping parts across the Pacific, and "local" sourcing becomes very sensible and economical.

So, while Corvairs got us together, it turns out we have much in common and I got to make new friends. Oh – Eric picked up the check, too. Thank you, sir! –TB

## **John Fitch, Racer and Sprint Maker, Passes Away**

Corvair enthusiasts were saddened to hear of the death last week of John Fitch, race car driver and team member, and designer and builder of the Corvair Sprint in the early '60s. He was 95 and had lived a full and interesting life. Aside from motorsports, he was a bomber pilot in World War II. Ralph Sebrell found an interview with Fitch done by Jay Leno on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTkCo2fRiJ4&feature=youtu.be>.

## VAIR VITTLES: Turtle Pumpkin Pie

A good friend prepared this for dessert the other night and it was delicious. He made it with low- and no-sugar ingredients, so it's not injurious to one's health. It supposedly takes just 15 minutes to make. It's a Kraft Foods recipe, thus the mention of brand name ingredients:

- ¼ cup + 2 tablespoons caramel topping, divided
- 1 Honey Maid graham cracker crust
- ½ cup + 2 tablespoons Planters pecan pieces, divided
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 packages (4-serving size each) sugar-free Jello-O vanilla-flavor instant pudding & pie filling
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 tub (8 ounces) Cool Whip topping, thawed, divided

### DIRECTIONS:

- Pour ¼ cup caramel topping onto crust; sprinkle with ½ cup pecan pieces.
- For the filling, beat milk, pudding mix, pumpkin and spices with whisk until blended.
- Stir in 1½ cup of Cool Whip and spread the filling on the crust. Top with remaining Cool Whip.
- Refrigerate for 1 hour. Top with remaining caramel topping and pecan pieces before serving. Serves up to 10.

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**Speaking of Food...** Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per 100 grams (0.22 pound).

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, which is why it is found in some medicines.

**Veterans Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>, so...** The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

**Finally...** When a person dies (from overeating, combat or whatever), hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

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