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### BOAT DINNER RIDE

Wednesday Aug 16th. Reservations are in and we’re ready for an excellent evening . Boat leaves at 6:00 from Sims Store at the Camillus Erie Canal Park 5750 Devoe Rd Camillus. Parking right near the building is limited but you can also park across the road and on the other side of the canal.

The dinner is rain or shine. If the weather is really bad and the boat can’t go out they do the dinner under the pavilion and give you a pass for a free boat ride at another time. It’s still a great evening of fun.

See you there!

### THE PREZ SEZ

This summer is flying by, too much rain and flooding in the Utica NY area but we have had a hot one. The golf courses in the area are like swamps, too much rain in a short period of time. Its nice out today so I better mow the hay in the front yard, forget the back yard, I keep getting the lawn mower stuck in the mud. I guess its time for another vacation, (Kansas City).

Speaking of vacations, our trip to Independence MO for Corsa Convention was a great time. Myself, my wife Martha, along with Dave and Marge represented Corsa Chapter 130 this year. No vehicle in this year's Concourse, but we all had a great time. Missed James and Lillian Law at this years show hope to see them in the near future.

Looking forward to next years Corsa Convention in Pittsburg PA. Hope to have a large group from Central NY Corvaire Club in attendance. Sounds like a great show being planned for next year. (Go Penguins)

We still have some great shows coming up in the next few weeks, Wampsville, VW show and the show at Clarks Corvaire hosted by the Bay State Corvaire. Looking forward to attending these events, great time.

This concludes my monthly message, hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Hope to see all of our members at our next meeting and at our upcoming boat cruise. Phil CNYCC





## GEORGIA ROVING by Len Smith

.July 1 - another first Saturday of the month, another swap meet at the Atlanta Dragway. Because of the proximity to the Fourth of July and possible rain, the number of vendors and spectators was down a bit from the previous month. Nonetheless, we breakfast bunchers are a hardy group, so we convened once again to roam the aisles. After a while, one by one, the others dropped out until I was the last man standing (or walking). I checked out some of the display cars including (SURPRISE!) a red 64 Corvair coupe. No owner was around, so I didn't get any details. I took a few more photos and put them on the Member's Photos page.

If there is a swap meet in the morning of the first Saturday, there is an American Street Rodders cruise-in in Hoschton that evening. The weather still looked pretty sunny, so we opted to take the Rambler with the top down. As we headed to our destination, the clouds ahead became darker and more ominous. As we were about a mile from the show, the rain began. Fortunately, there was an abandoned building with an overhang just before the show site. We ducked under there, and as I exited the car, George and Amelia pulled in behind us. George and I persuaded the top to go up, and we waited a few minutes until the rain stopped. We drove a few feet to the show and parked near Russ and Leslie's GTO convertible (which usually has its top raised). The impending rain must have scared off some folks, as we had only about 20 cars in attendance. We checked them out and I snapped a few photos. During the course of the evening, both Sher and I won \$10 bill door prizes - our club gives out cash instead of merchandise. How many screwdriver sets or carwash buckets and sponges do you really need? A little after 7 P.M., the dark clouds rolled in again. The show quickly ended as we all headed for home. The rain, slowly at first, began almost immediately, as we enjoyed (?) the combination of vacuum wipers and leaky weatherstripping. We drove home slowly, with limited visibility and dampening laps and feet. Of course, the rain stopped when we were within a few miles of home. Water dries, and we were \$20 to the good, so not so bad a night.

On July 15, a bunch of the "bunch", at Jody's suggestion, decided on a road trip to a large show in Hiawasee, about 2 hours north. We decided to take our "regular" cars and pair up, since July in Georgia can be (and was) hot and humid. We picked up Jody and Pam, while George and Amelia picked up Richard and Linda, and with cell phones at the ready, we drove north to meet at the show. We lucked out, as we were able to use Sher's handicap card to snare a parking space right next to the main gate. We went inside and looked around a bit before the other two couples arrived and found us. There was a short sprinkle of showers while we waited, but it ended quickly and the skies cleared. The show site is a county fairground, but it is located on a series of hills and valleys by a lake, along with tiered parking areas, which required climbing stairs. The show vehicles were parked along the roads and in the parking areas, so the walking was up and down. There was supposedly a craft fair there also, but all of the booths were in different spots among the vehicles. After about 45 minutes and a quick bite of lunch, the ladies decided to go into town and shop, while we hardy guys continued our trek over hill and dale. I took some pictures of some of the cars that I found interesting - no Corvairs and one Rambler station wagon among the Camaros, Novas, Chevilles, Mustangs, hot rods, street rods, etc.. We were able to see most of the cars after climbing up and down the hills and stairs. We went up first so that coming down would be easier when we were more tired. The day got sunnier, we got, warmer and our energy flagged after a few hours, so we called the ladies to rejoin us. Amelia drove me to pick up our car, we reloaded the ladies into hers and the guys into ours and drove a short distance to a restaurant for a late lunch / early supper. After our repast, we paired up in our respective vehicles and headed for home. We ran into a few bursts of showers on the way, but they had stayed away from the show. We all agreed that it had been a fun day. Check out the photos.



### "CORVAIR FUN FACTS"



- Motor Trend magazine named Chevy Corvair "Car of the Year" in 1960.
- Corvair is the 1st and only mass-produced American vehicle offering an air-cooled rear engine design, unibody construction, factory turbo-charging, and 4-wheel independent suspension.
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- The August, 2007 Hemmings Classic Car Magazine called the Chevy Corvair "GM's Mechanical Marvel...Pure and simple, these are still great cars. And extremely advanced for their time."
- Already enjoying steady appreciation, the Corvair is still considered "one of the world's least expensive collector cars".





## ACTIVITIES

### **Business Meetings will be held at Tabatha's, 3160 Cold Springs Rd, Baldwinsville**

The meeting will start at 7:00 but our waitress is available at 5:00 so you can have something to eat before the meeting if you'd like. Meetings are in the side room, we order off her regular menu and will be given separate checks. Come early and enjoy a real home cooked meal!

August 3rd — Regular Business meeting Tabatha's

August 13th — VW show. There's nothing on the net to get a registration form but you can register on site

August 16th — boat ride and dinner cruise. Leaves from Erie Canal Park at Sim's Store at 6:00 located at 5750 Devoe Rd, Canillus. See front page note!

September 7th — Regular business meeting Tabatha's

Sept 10th, Wampsville car show

September 17th — Jordan Fall Festival

October 5th — Regular business meeting Tabatha's

November 2nd — Regular business meeting Tabatha's

November 12th — CNYCC's annual "Corvair Family" Thanksgiving dinner at Tabatha's with all the trimmings

If you have any ideas please let us know. Everything is always subject to change. If there's subjects or projects you'd like covered at tech sessions, please let Tim know so we can plan that too. This all takes advance planning so please try to let us know early enough so we can make our events what you'd like.

Call Tim or Rita at 689-3366 or E mail Tim at N2VZD@aol.com or Rita at ritac44@aol.com



### Kitchen Corner

#### Teriyaki Grilled Chicken Thighs

- 8 large chicken thighs
- ½ c soy sauce
- 5 green onions, chopped
- ¼ c lime juice
- 2 Tbl dark brown sugar
- 1 Tbl honey
- 1 tsp dried crushed red pepper
- 1 clove garlic, pressed

Place chicken in 7 x 11 baking dish. Combine soy sauce & next 6 ingredients; pour over chicken. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours. Preheat grill. Drain chicken, reserving marinade. Bring reserved marinade to a boil in small saucepan. Set aside for basting. Cook chicken over medium heat 10 mins each side or until done, basting with reserved marinade.

#### Calico Beans

- 2 lbs ground beef, browned and drained
- 1 lb bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 ( 15oz ) cans pork and beans
- 2 ( 16oz ) cans kidney beans
- 2 ( 16 oz ) cans baby butter beans
- 1 ( 16oz ) can navy beans
- 1 c catsup
- ½ c brown sugar
- 2 Tbl prepared horseradish
- 2 Tbl Worcestershire sauce

Add all to crockpot; do not drain beans. Stir well. Cover and cook on low 6 hours. Stir again before serving

#### Key Lime Coconut Angel Cake

- 1 angel food cake, cut into three layers
- 1 ( 14oz ) condensed milk
- 1/3 c ley lime juice
- 1 Tsp grated lime peel
- 1 ( 12oz ) cool whip
- 1 c coconut

Beat together condensed milk, lime juice and lime peel. Fold in cool whip and spread 1 cup between each layer. Sprinkle coconut on top of each layer. Frost with remaining cool whip and coconut.



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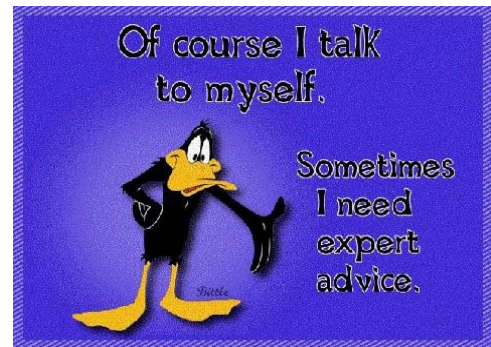


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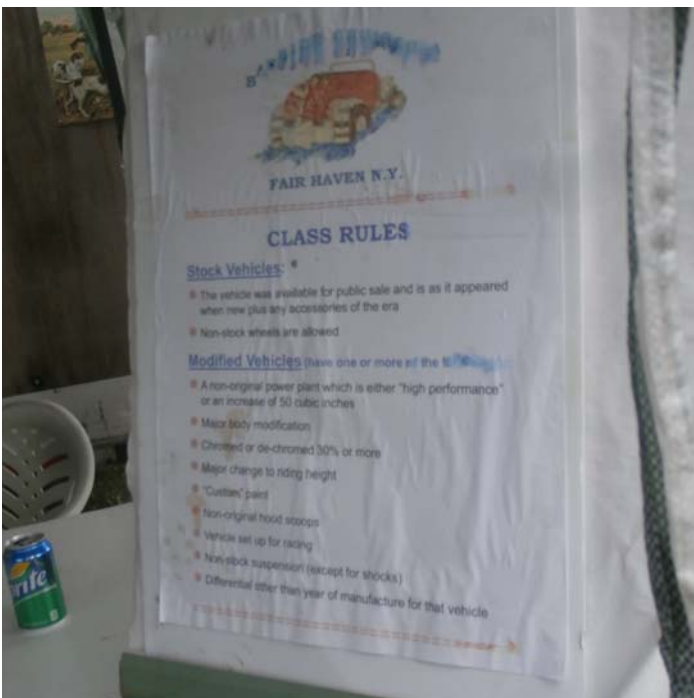
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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

No meeting held in July so no secretary's report.



## TIM'S TECH TIME AND RAMBLIN'S

HELLO AGAIN from the little Corvair Shop in Memphis NY.

Hello again. Things in the shop are sort of scary right now. Besides the very intense Cord project , I have an interesting situation going on. I have the pickup back in my shop that had such traumatic damage that I had to build a new motor , differential , and transmission for a couple years ago. Well it has been in a body shop ever since. Now it had the touqe converter come loose twice , making horrible noises. This time I put another converter , and drive plate in it, figuring they were the only 2 parts that were not replaced before. Well after replacing the parts I went to start it. It had really old stinky gas (not much at all) in it , so I drained all @2 gallons out , put 5 of new in it. Still no run , has great spark , gas getting there etc. It did sound like it had a super battery in it , turning over so easy for a motor with only @150 miles on it. Next step was to check cam / crank timing . I have read that it happens , but on Corvairs , it is a very rare failure. Well that is the problem. I am tearing it down to change the crank and check everything . The crank key is a long way from where it belongs. The only good thing so far , is it did not touch valves to pistons. I still call this truck evil!

I now have the club display trailer here for storage. So far I have only replaced the parts we stole from it to repair Ray's "Buffy" , and put a decent quality automatic battery maintainer on it. It starts and runs good , but has oil leaks and needs re detailing. My plan for it now are to build a whole new setup from parts acquired from Ron Fausak's shop. I am going to add a storage box on the front of the trailer. The only thing I need help with , after I get my part done , is a design idea for a light-weight , easy to work with , cover for it . If you have any ideas to work with , please contact me . No rush , I am very busy here , and that includes neglecting my own vehicles. Speaking of My vehicles , only 3 now (all need work of some kind) after deciding to sell the Crampside to some one that WILL put it together. I will help him with the motor and wiring project , but he will do all the rest. He is very good at this type of project.

Well Louie and Clara joined us in the rain at the Fairhaven show. Only about 20 cars were dedicated enough to come and support the Bayside Cruiser group. It was a sad scene , but we had a good time talking with those that were there , and enjoyed some delicious food from the trailer. We look forward to a better day there next year!

It was nice to see that a few of our group could make the trek to the CORSA nationals this year. Sounds like they had a good time. We are planning on the Pittsburg trip next year , if all goes well. We have been to a bunch of them over the years , but it gets harder all the time to do things like this.

Our next really nice time will be at the Baystate Corvairs show at Clark's Corvair in Shelburne Falls Massachusetts. If you have never been there , I highly recommend it! It is a real nice time , with a very capable group putting it on.

Our next fun group gathering will be the Sims store Erie canal dinner boat. I am sure you will enjoy it. It is very good food , and informational . We get to hear facts about the Canal in our area , and see the hard work they have done to restore interesting parts of it. This is at the exact midpoint of the original Erie Canal , at Sim's store in Camillus NY. Take a look at the web site : <http://eriecanalcamillus.com/museum.htm> They are a very hard working group of volunteers, even building the boats used for tours themselves from kits. See you there to learn more! IF you missed out on this tour , and would like to do it on your own , there may be a few vacancies this summer ( a very rare happing ) Call them for more details. I put some pictures of a tour we took recently with friends.

We hope the club trip has weather like we did.

Jim recently added a few pictures to the web site showing a Powerglide and differential rebuild I did recently.

We want to thank EVERYBODY that helped make this years Recall a very nice time!!

See you there next year.

We hope to see you all at our next event. Regards , from Tim Colson [http://cnycorvair.com/Little\\_Corvair\\_Shop](http://cnycorvair.com/Little_Corvair_Shop)

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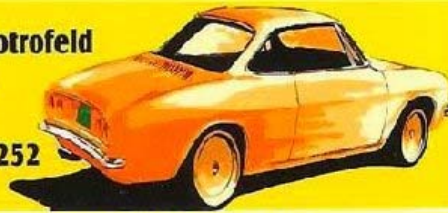


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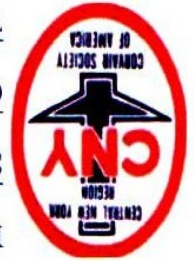
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