

ACORNews

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Rochester NY - Corsa Chapter 148

July 2018 Newsletter

Greetings ACORNers!

Seems like I was just writing about cold weather and not being able to work on our cars. What a difference a couple months makes. Now it's too hot, at least working in the driveway.

Be that as it may, I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful, albeit warm, summer thus far. I likewise hope we are all driving our Corvairs as much as possible. With the hot weather don't forget to check the coolant...just kidding :)

Seriously, now is the time of the season to check your tires. I've had 2 sets of old tires, on both of my cars nearly blow out because of age. One set were literally coming apart on the sidewalls. The other set had belts which were in the advanced state of belt failure. Fortunately, I replaced them before disaster ensued. So, if your tires are 9 years old or older do yourself a favor and replace them. If you don't know how old they are, there is a code on the sidewall that will give you the date of manufacture. You can find out how to decode the numbers by searching on YouTube, or Google the subject.

June was a fairly slow month for club activity. We held a tech session at George's Rush facility. At the session, we worked on George's 64 convertible to service the fuel sending unit. After that, we put my 66 coupe on the lift and adjusted the clutch cable.

That's all for now, Drive on!
Paul.

2018

CORSA International Convention

July 23rd through July 28th

Pittsburgh, PA

see www.corvairpittsburgh.com for details

June 16th, 2018 ACORN Tech Session hosted by the RR&PC

ACORNers attending:

Paul Abel '66 Monza coupe

Dave Ellis

Dave Pulhamus '66 Corsa coupe

Dave Shaffer '62 Monza coupe

George Conboy '64 monza convertible

Jim Bartasevich '64 Spyder convertible

This tech session involved replacing the gas gauge sending unit in George's Monza and checking the malfunctioning driver's side stop/tail light. The other task was to adjust the clutch on Paul's Monza and install a quick shift kit. Unfortunately, I forgot to take photos of the activities. I apologize.

George's Monza, Part I

The gas gauge was not working so it was thought that the sending unit was faulty. George had ordered a new one, and it went in without a problem. However, the gauge was still reading over the "F" mark while we knew that the tank was well below that amount, i.e. empty. I didn't bring the fuel gauge test procedure and couldn't remember the steps. To confirm that the new sending unit wasn't faulty, we took it out of the tank and rigged up a taillight bulb with a few pieces of wire to a battery and operated the float [an ohmmeter wasn't available]. After a few sparks caused by multiple hands holding loose wire ends, it was determined that the unit was okay. We reinstalled it and called it a day for the gas gauge. Further diagnosis was needed.

A typical problem with early models, the taillight unit appeared to have a poor ground. Jiggle the bulb, and it would light. After taking out the housing and checking the bulb, it still wouldn't work properly. George said that he would correct it later.

Paul's Monza

First we adjusted the clutch at the clutch rod after we thought about which way to turn the swivel to properly position the clutch pedal. Without having looked it up beforehand, it's a bit tricky to imagine which way the rod would move when pushing the pedal, thanks to the cross shaft. At any rate we got it done. [I mean, how hard could it be to turn the swivel the other direction if one direction was "wrong?" Not hard at all, we found.]

We started to look at the quick shift kit but found that one of the two setscrews that hold the shift lever extension on to the lever was missing. Paul will pick up another screw, and we'll schedule the installation for a later date.

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MEETING MINUTES

Old Business

None. We didn't have a business meeting.

New Business

None. We didn't have a business meeting.

Tech Session Continued...

George's Monza, Part II

I went over to George's house a few days after the tech session to troubleshoot the gas gauge problem. I brought the sending unit and gauge testing procedures as well as an ohmmeter and shop manuals. George had loosened the instrument cluster so it could be pulled out several inches so we could see the wiring.

We started with the tests that were supposed to either move the gauge needle to "F" or to "E." It stayed on "F." After looking at the wiring, I noticed that there were a number of extra instrument panel illumination bulbs and several connectors hanging loose. George said that the car had a Spyder instrument cluster at one time. We started testing for continuity of the wire from the sending unit to the gauge. Nothing. The wire from the sending unit was tan; the two wires on the gauge were black. However, there was a connector hanging loose that had a tan wire. We put the ohmmeter on it and found that that was the gas gauge wiring. Both connectors were of the same configuration. George said that at one time, a shop he uses was doing some work behind the instrument cluster. Apparently, the shop plugged the wrong connector on to the gas gauge. I think it was for the Spyder tach. So, if you need a sending unit, George has a good used one he might sell!

George had already fixed the tail/stop light by the time I arrived. All's well that ends well.

July 2018 Treasurers Report...

Once all of the 2018 dues were deposited, we had a grand total of \$520.70 in the Treasury. Current paid up headcount in the club is now 30 families.

To purchase large totes to queue the materials donated from the Bartasevich stash to the Rush ACORN stash we spent \$60. We spent \$20 to cover coffee and donuts for the June Tech Session held at the RR&P Facility. Current balance in the Treasury is \$440.70.

A potential future income source could be from the white elephant sale at the August annual picnic, presuming someone volunteers to host that event. Likely income outflows will be the coffee and donuts at tech sessions and the usual stipend the club offers to those attending the November annual dinner meeting.

We usually end the year with just a couple bucks left in the till.

A Farewell

Our newsletter editor, Brandon Carmo, bought my Corsa. He's planning on using it as a parts donor car for his '67. I wasn't really sad though; its time had come after 23 years and 90,000 miles of wonderful driving. As Dr. Seuss put it, "Don't be sad because it's over; be glad that it happened."



Brandon's 67 Front End Rebuild

After discovering pronounced wear on the inner passenger front tire, further inspection showed new bushings, ball joints, a new idler arm, and some other bits were needed, updates on progress to follow...



2018 GENESEO AIR SHOW

JULY 14TH AND 15TH

Attempts are being made to make this a multi-vair club event!

From John Dawley:

I had some questions on parking and other details. Good News -- they are seeking car clubs to attend this year and the admission will be free for the driver and 1 passenger (big savings !!). They will have us park by the hanger and not in the "large" parking area for others. There will be a flyer sent out soon to local car clubs further outlining the car show portion of their event.

This is good news as we would not need to walk the length of the parking lot. Also, they mentioned a tent will be provided to keep us out of the sun.

So far we are the 2nd car club to have inquired about this show and would have preferred parking.

Classic, Antique Hot Rod & Military Vehicles on display



July 14th and 15th
2018

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AREA CRUISE NIGHTS

BORROWED FROM ROCHESTER STREET MACHINES WEBSITE

MONDAY

***Carmine's Family Restaurant**, 671 Maiden Lane, Greece, 4pm to 8pm

TUESDAY

***Burgundy Basin**, 1361 Marsh Road

***Ferrari Pizza Bar**, 3240 Chili Ave B-18, Rochester, NY 14604

***East Coast Hot Rod**, 3880 Railroad Ave, Williamson, NY 14589

WEDNESDAY

***The Market at I-Square**, 400 Bakers Park, Rochester, NY 14617, 4pm to 9pm

***Victor Cruise Night**, Corner of School Street and Rawson Road, 5pm to 8pm

***Log Cabin**, 2445 W Walworth Rd, Macedon, NY, 4pm to ...

***Rush Creekside Inn**, 6071 E Henrietta Rd, Rush, starts 6/20

THURSDAY

***Daffies Pizza**, 26 North St, Caledonia, NY, 585-538-4360

***Canandaigua Wegmans**, 345 Eastern Blvd, Canandaigua, 4pm to 8pm

***Wegmans Eastway**, 1955 Empire Blvd, Webster, 4pm to 8pm

FRIDAY

***Damascus Shrine Center**, 979 Bay Rd, Webster, NY, 5pm to 8pm

SATURDAY

***Mendon 64**, 1369 Pittsford Mendon Rd, Mendon, NY, 2pm to 5pm

***Hilton Cruise Night**, 54 Hovey St, Hilton, NY, 6pm to 8pm

SUNDAY

***Cars & Coffee Tim Hortons**, 802 Paul Rd, Rochester, NY 10:30am - 12:30pm

***Dairy Queen**, 3644 Dewey Ave, Greece, NY, 4pm to 8pm

***Reminisce Soda Fountain**, 3013 Main St, Caledonia, NY

MONTHLY CARS AND COFFEE

***Little Speed Shop**, 809 Emerson St, Rochester, NY 8am to 10am

- Next Date: June 16th, 2018

From the editor...

I'm excited to have the opportunity to work on the ACORNews! I am looking for tech article suggestions, as well as listings for parts or cars for sale. I am also interested in photos of member cars, ACORN outings, or photos and descriptions of any project car updates or new acquisitions you may want to share.

Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

Thanks,
Brandon Carmo

2018 ACORN EVENT CALENDAR

July 4 [Wednesday]: Canandaigua July 4th Parade?

July 13-15: National Warplane Museum air show, Geneseo; includes a classic car display which allows close-up parking;

<https://nwmairshow.com/> [Not an official ACORN event unless we make it one.]

July 15, 9 AM - 4 PM: MG Car Club Sports Car Festival; Elks Club, Webster

July 23-28: CORSA International Convention, Pittsburgh;

<http://corvairpittsburgh.com/>

August 12: Summer Picnic & Auction so bring "stuff" [car and non-car] you want to donate to the auction to benefit our chapter. For new members, this is a great opportunity to, uh, "unload" stuff you don't want or need anymore, car and non-car. Details in a future issue of the ACORN News. This is a fun event: People, food, and Corvairs; does it get any better?

September 16: Corvairs On the Hills, hosted by Fred and Sue Marsh. Details will be in a future issue. If you've never visited Fred and Sue, you'll be in for a treat! They have a very eclectic collection, not only of Corvairs but other vehicles, everything from a DeLorean to a '58 Ford retractable convertible and relics in the woods.

October 14: Fall Tour?

November 11 [Sunday]: Holiday Dinner; TBA; any suggestions?

There were some suggestions for a tour to the Pierce-Arrow Museum in Buffalo which could be scheduled any time.

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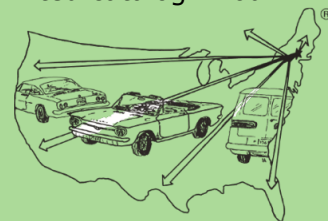
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WANTED TO BUY

* Looking to buy an Early Model Bench Seat contact Brandon Carmo,
bwcarmo@gmail.com

* '65 driver's bucket seat in blue. [I think a passenger seat can also be used and the seat adjuster and chrome trim on the seat back moved to the other side. I did this for my Spyder. - Jim B.] Contact Jean Marc at: jmurbain@videotron.ca 514-266-3035

PARTS SALES POLICY

We all know that there are Corvairs "out there" that are owned by people who do not belong to CORSA or ACORN. It was agreed and voted on to make our parts supply available only to our members.

Here are the specifics:

If a non-member contacts us for parts, we'll politely explain our policy and ask if he or she would like to become a member.

NOS parts will be sold at a 50% discount from Clark's prices.

Used parts will be sold cheaply!

FOR SALE

- **New items to the ACORN STASH:**

Corvair Parts now owned by ACORN that are available to the ACORN Membership

(Source is the Andolino stash that was purchased by the club
to make them available to the membership)

Stash is currently at Dave Ellis home, 1460 Long Pond

Call Me at 227-2439 or email at dellis1@rochester.rr.com

Item Description	Number Available	Members Price Per item
Dale Mfg Rebuilt 110 HP Distrib	1	\$60
HD Universal Joints, C3463	4	\$6
SII,OEM Style,Volt.Regul.,C860C	1	\$50
SII, SolidState Style, Volt. Regul., C2264	1	\$10
SI, OEM, Delco, Throwout Brng., C1141	1	\$25
'66-'69. Saginaw, Delco, NOS, Reverse Switch	1	\$62
NOS,SII, FRONT,TS,Orange Lenses, CX1396	2	\$8
'63, Rear,TL Lens, NOS, C220RG	2	\$15
'63, Rear,TL Lens, Like New, Used	2	\$5
SII, Rear TL, Chrome Rings, almost perfect	15	\$3
SII, 66?, HL Bezels, almost perfect, L & R	1 pair	\$25
Shop Manuals, Corvair Specialty Books	8	\$5
SI , dual pot, Air Cleaner system,Restored	1	\$20

- **Offenhauser aluminum valve covers.**

◦ Contact Paul Abel abelbrass@gmail.com

From the Bartasevich Collection

Wheel covers NOS: 1 - '62-'63 hubcap; 1 - '63 wheel cover; 2 - '61 wheel covers

Wheel covers & hubcaps, used: 4 - '60-'61 hubcaps; 4 - '61 wheel covers; 4 - '64 hubcaps; 5 - '65 wheel covers; a number of '66-'69 wheel covers; all are in decent shape but not concours quality

Headlight bezels: a number of ones for '60 cars and FC; a number of ones for '61 through '69; all are in decent shape but not concours quality

FC rear axles and brake backing plates: 2, need to be thoroughly cleaned and bearings replaced

From the Bartasevich Collection (cont.)

Torque converter: 1

Engine block: TO408XXZ, block and studs only, '60-63. The "XXZ" means it was a replacement and not initially installed in a car or FC. It has the knockout plug in the block for the wagon or FC dipstick/oil fill tube.

Engine block: TO308ZH, Block with crank, cam, oil pan, 3 pistons & cylinders; '60-63 car

Flywheel & pressure plate: '60-63

Vent window assy: 2 for early convertible

"Grille bars": 2 - '60; not in great shape

Interior door handles, window cranks: various

Can of a variety of screws, bolts, etc.

Probably some other small parts [I didn't itemize *everything!*]

● 1962 SPYDER COUPE

- **Black with red interior, 4-speed, new tires. Car is in very good condition. Motor has no oil leaks, all extra parts and car cover go with car.**
- **Asking \$8500.**
- **Special price for first time buyer.**
- **Dave Shoemaker, Canandaigua, NY 14424**
- **585-393-1912, cell 585-773-0168**



- **1962 Corvair 700**
 - **54k miles**
 - **Rebuilt engine**
 - **Lots of extras- 4 sets of hubs and new side mirrors**
 - **Was going to ask 6k**
 - **Let me know what u think**
 - **Thanks - Roger Broeker, located in Grand Island**
 - **716-308-2675**



From the Pulhamus Collection

Too many toys and must sell a few. One of the Corvairs has to go!

- 1966 Corsa Coupe, 4 speed, 140 Hp. Very good shape. \$6,000.

Contact Dave Pulhamus at 585-352-0149 or dmpul80@gmail.com