

ACORN News

ACORNS - Association of CORvair NutS

Rochester NY - Corsa Chapter 148

August 2018 Newsletter

Greetings ACORNS!

Seems like yesterday we were lamenting the cold. Now it's too hot to be outside working on Corvairs. Next week should be more pleasant outside and I plan on getting some needed repairs done on both of my cars.

July was a slow month for the club as we cancelled our participation in the Canandaigua 4th parade. Some went to the CORSA convention in Pittsburgh. From all I've read, it was a success.

Dave Ellis continues to prepare the 110 engine for installation into Lisa and Dean's 64 Greenbrier. Hopefully, the project will progress to brakes and fuel systems.

I'm am sorry to announce that the August event, our annual picnic and white elephant sale will not be happening. No one stepped up to host the event despite pleas from Dave Ellis in last month's newsletter.



This brings up the Holliday Dinner in November. We need someone to step up to organize this event. If you are interested in organizing the November dinner, please respond to me at [Abelbrass @Gmail.com](mailto:Abelbrass@gmail.com).



I realize that we are all busy, but it's the same few who step up to do all the work. The future of our club depends on everyone pitching in. So, there you are. We need a host for November. Get back to me.

All for now,
Paul.

July 15th, Geneseo Air Show Geneseo, NY

submitted by Dave Ellis

ACORNers attending:

Dave Ellis

Dave Shafer

Dave and Sande Shoemaker

Meeting minutes from the Geneseo Airshow Event...

Dave Ellis and the Shoemakers and Dave Shaffer met for brunch at the Geneseo Dennys, good food and fellowship....went down to "the flats" and were very graciously guided onto the hobby car show field....there we were greeted by 3 Corvairs from the NYCC group..headed up by John Dawley...with his center mounted 4 barrel intake setup on his 140 motor.....pretty slick....We did not have to cough up a dime in entrance fees...pretty cool.....saw lots of WWII vintage airplanes making lots of low passes and doing aerobatic stunts.....got to share the CORVAIR STORY with a whole bunch of folks who were born well after the last Vair was built.....good to make sure folks hear the true scoop...."Sorry sir, but Ralph Nader was just a convenience for GM...wanna hear the straight scoop?"

Was a good enough time.....that I just might go back next year!!!!



MEETING MINUTES

Old Business

None. We didn't have a business meeting.

New Business

None. We didn't have a business meeting.

THE SHOEMAKER'S EARLY SUMMER VAIR-VENTURES

On Memorial Day, Sande and I participated in the car show in Waterloo, NY. There isn't any judging, and the only other Corvair there was Tim Colson's Rampside from Syracuse. There was a huge craft show and every kind of food imaginable. We had a great time visiting with friends and enjoying ourselves until noon when it started to rain.

The next event we attended was the Corvair Recall on June 8th, 9th and 10th in East Syracuse. On Friday night we went to a cruise night and saw some very nice cars on display. They had a great band playing and some delicious cheeseburgers. We all went back to the hotel for the valve cover races. Sande won first place and I got second place with our racers. (She finally beat me).

On Saturday morning was the Concourse and car display held at the Fast Tract training center across the road from our hotel (The Hilton Garden Inn). The CNYCC provide a wonderful luncheon in their hospitality room and some great auction gifts. Unfortunately, we didn't win anything, but had fun. In the afternoon, the Funkhanna Races took place and were fun to watch and weather was perfect.

Saturday night the Awards Banquet was held at hotel. The food was delicious and the Domicola-Barlow Band was great and played wonderful old songs we all enjoy.

There were folks there from Canada, the Netherlands, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Is., Georgia and PA. We received 1ST Place in our class. We so enjoyed visiting with all our old and new friends.

Sunday I went to an estate sale and saw a '64 Corvair sell for \$500. I told the owner that was what it was worth before the sale. All extra parts went dirt

Acorn Treasurers Report as of July 30, 2018...

All anticipated outstanding membership dues have been paid,,,,
Dean LoBrutto has purchased a bunch of used parts for his Brier project...
Brian Conner has picked up a couple things for his SII restoration project...
Additional totes were purchases to carry/queue the last of the much
appreciated Ken Willard stash....current balance upon receipt of Dean's most
recent purchases will put the treasury total at.....\$617.70....Plenty in the till for
anyone who wants to host an August Picnic event, and for the club to subsidize
folks meals at the November dinner meeting...which,,I think,,,also does not yet
have a host...

2018 CORSA Convention AIR-COOLED CLASSICS IN THE STEEL CITY PITTSBURGH, PA

A FIRST-TIMER'S EXPERIENCE

submitted by Brandon Carmo



In 2017, I learned that the 2018 CORSA Convention would be held in Pittsburgh, PA. Pittsburgh is one of Stefanie and I's favorite cities, so it was an easy decision to make arrangements to drive down for the convention. This was my first convention and I was not disappointed. There were a ton of great cars to look at and we met some great people as well.

We left Tuesday morning and took a casual route through the hills of south western NY and continued south along the Allegheny State Forest in PA. The ride was very picturesque, however, we hit some downpours that let a lot of water into the interior of the car. Once we got near our hotel, we bailed the car out with the vacuum at a car wash and all was well.

The next morning, we checked in with the registration folks and went up to the parking lot where the cars were staging for the economy run. We found Jim Bartasevich and his navigator, who had travelled to the conference from Florida sans Corvair. I helped push a couple of Corvairs closer to the starting line, in order to not waste gas, then we moved over to the swap meet/vendor area. There were many tempting items to purchase. On Thursday morning, while some were participating in the rally, we made our own trip down to Fallingwater, the famous Frank Lloyd Wright home. The drive to the house was beautiful, but very foggy. We made our way back to the Double Tree and sat in on meeting before the Pittsburgh Pirates game. The game was a great time. The stadium is so nice and you have a beautiful view of the Pittsburgh skyline.



While parking at our hotel after the baseball game (around midnight), we encountered a significant mechanical problem. I turned the wheel, heard a grinding sound and realized I had no steering. I was able to stop the car before anything bad happened and Stefanie pushed me back a little, so I could assess what was going on. I tightened the bolt on the steering coupler and that allowed me to get the car into a parking spot. In daylight, Stefanie and I walked 1.5 miles to the hardware store to buy a grade 8 bolt so I could really tighten down the coupler as the other bolt I had seemed weak. The bolt was easily changed out, and it seemed like the fix may hold, so we did a test drive in the parking lot and it seemed fine. We went back up to the Doubletree and the grinding sound returned. Now I knew that this might be a more intense repair. I realized I was going to have to take out the steering column. Luckily I had taken the column out recently, so I remembered the process. I was referred to John Sweet for a replacement steering coupler, as the splines on mine were ground out from the slipping. He was able to instantly help me. Then I met a gentleman who it turned out knew many of the ACORNS. John Gray of Oshawa, Ontario. He gave me some tips and pointers on what to do and gave me a visual inspection to make sure I had everything lined up properly. Stefanie was a great help and very patient during all of this. **(cont. on page 6)**

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: August 11th, 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

August 12: Summer Picnic & Auction - **Event Cancelled**

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.

CORSA CONVENTION CONT...

We had our repair completed with just enough time to clean up for the banquet. Jim, Stef and I sat together as representatives of ACORN. We sat with some nice folks from Virginia and some other folks from Illinois. The food and drink was great. During the club introductions, Jim announced that the ACORNS were in attendance and that we hail from the land of the non-turbo carburetors! Many awards were handed out and it seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves. Saturday was the final day of the show. The cars were parked outside of Heinz Stadium, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers. It was great to see all the cars lined up and speak to some of the friends we made over the week. My car made it back to Rochester without any further problems. I'm very happy we went to the convention. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow Corvair Nuts and be immersed in the car culture. Hopefully, we'll be able to make it to Illinois next year or San Diego after that!

(more convention pics on pg 7)

PULHAMUS HILL CLIMB CHAMPION

While many of you Corvair Nuts were at the Geneseo air show, I was at a regional Model A Ford event Waverly and there was a Hill Climb. My 1930 Coupe won!



The course was one mile long with a 7.5 percent grade. My time was 1 minute 28.4 seconds with an average speed of just under 41 miles per hour. I won by .4 seconds. The car pounded all the way up.

Here is a picture of me with Jim Morris, the Sullivan Trails Model A Club Director on the right and Jeff Barber, owner of State Line Auction, where the meet was held.

2018 CORSA CONVENTION AIR-COOLED CLASSICS IN THE STEEL CITY



More Parts from the Estate of Ken Willard

On July 9, Dave Ellis, Brandon Carmo, and I met with Kevin Willard, Ken's son. Ken was a local Corvair enthusiast who worked for GM [Rochester Products?]. Although he wasn't interested in club activities, he still kept in touch with the ACORNs.

He died last year, and his son was clearing out the house for an upcoming sale. We went through the parts he still had and advised him of the ones he should keep as spares for his father's '64 Spyder convertible, which he inherited. He donated the rest to the club, so we as a club owe him a big thank-you!

Here is a general list of the parts. We brought them out, and Dave boxed them in the plastic totes the ACORNs bought to hold parts at the Rush Rod & Piston Club. Because Ken had a '64, the parts appear to be for early models.

Brake shoes	Distributors
Small rubber parts [pedal cover, etc.]	Starters
Oil pressure sending units	Stop light switches
Wiper motor assy.	Voltage regulators
Arm rest bases	Horns
Generators	New rod bearings [year?]
Bumper brackets	Muffler hangers
HV carb rebuild kits	Engine gasket sets [partial]
Sun visors	NOS rear antenna
Exhaust manifold tubes	New U-joints
Fuel gauge sending unit	Fan belt idler pulleys
Early radio	

There were also some home-made tools for Corvairs:

Fan bearing greasing tool

??? greasing tool [We couldn't figure out how it works or what it's for; didn't get a photo of it; it's with the parts.] [Brandon, did you get a photo of it?] [I did not, Jim]

U-joint yoke pulling tool for early models

Brake pedal depressing tool for bleeding brakes

There was also a mystery tool or mystery something. See photos below. We don't know what it's for either. If you have any ideas, please let us know. Maybe it isn't even a tool! However, it was with the Corvair parts, so . . .



The rods are adjustable in and out through the steel plate, can be rotated, and can be locked with the thumbscrews on each one. One of the rods on each pair has an attached sleeve.

Jim Bartasevich

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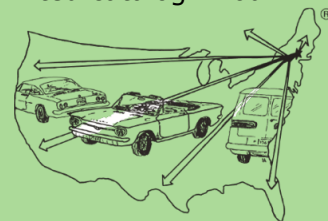
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WANTED TO BUY

* 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