



ACORNNEWS

ACORNS - Association of CORvair NutS
Rochester, NY - Corsa Chapter 148
September 2025 Newsletter

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS!

It's September! This feels like such a fast moving summer. I feel like as a club, we have had good participation and had some fun times. The ACORN picnic was a great time! It was awesome to host everyone at my house and it seemed like everyone had a great time.

There are still a few events to go this year. Sorry for the delay, but by the time this comes out, the September 13th and 14th events will have passed. I hope the earlier emails about the events reached everyone. If that did not work, please let me know so I can try to figure out the best way to disseminate information to everyone.

Fall Color Tour, October 18th! - On September 14th, Mark Webster, Paul Rader, and Whynn made the 1.5 hour drive down to Fred Marsh's house and had an excellent time (see next issue for more). It was such a good time, that we decided we should do it again for the Fall Color Tour. The roads on the way down should be alight with color whether we take the backroads or highway. There are facilities along the way also to make the trip a little more manageable if they are needed. Fred also enjoys hosting and having people stop by for a conversation. We can use this event as a good way to stay in touch with a friend. Driving a Corvair is not mandatory and I would imagine we can get a few members with cars that can accommodate a few passengers. Please RSVP for this event by 10/14

See you all soon and be well,
-Brandon

From the VP's Desk:

Hello All,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer as it winds down. I have to say that it seems to me that this has been a turnaround year for the club, as we've had some good tech sessions, a few breakfast meetings, a club showing at the MG car club show, and of course the 50th anniversary picnic for the club. The annual Corvairs on the Hill at Fred Marsh's place will take place tomorrow at 1pm, and there will be a few of us there, as a good portion of the usual attendees are not going to be able to attend.

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We had a great turnout for the anniversary picnic(thanks to Brandon for hosting!) and a great time was had by all! Jeff and Tom were in from Florida, and Jean Marc drove down from Montreal. It was great to see everyone. We had a very successful two-part tech session out at the Rush Rod and Piston Club, and the guys were able to replace the clutch in George's car. I believe George said it is running very well now. I took another step in making my own shop comfortable to work in and hang around in, and got the office and bathroom painted. I can now get the office situated with the ACORN stash as well as a desk and some chairs. Next will be some workbenches in the shop and the beginnings of sorting out the "64 Monza. After that, the 140 motor into the bus, and the sorting of the Greenbriers. That's all for now, I hope you are all well!



Treasurer's Report

Not a lot of activity in August aside from the the 50th anniversary expenditures, and I believe we are finally caught up with membership dues after going through the roster. My hope is that we are able to wrap up dues in a more timely manner going forward, and I would appreciate any and all help in making that happen. Many thanks in advance!

Existing members will pay the full \$12 for the year. You can write me a check, made out to me, Mark Webster, and I will cash it and deposit the funds into the club fund on your behalf, or you can Venmo me the dues and I will do the same. My address is

Mark Webster
607 Winona Blvd
Rochester, NY 14617

Venmo me at:
@mwebby-1964

Club funds going in to August :	\$1299.67
Acorn Picnic Expenditures:	- \$453.12
Income (Dues - two members):	\$12.00

Club funds as of 09/13/2025: \$846.55

We also still have \$95.00 in the special funds money.



ACORN August Activity Report

ACORN August 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes: ACORN 50th Anniversary Picnic

ACORN August 23, 2025 Tech Session: Powertrain Removal & Clutch

ACORN Picnic

ACORNers attending:

- Jim Cleveland
- Allan Lesser - '65 Corsa convertible
- Brandon Carmo - President - '61 Lakewood
- Dave & Edie Ellis
- Dave Pulhamus - '64 Monza convertible
- Sam & Marissa Andolino - '69 Pontiac Firebird
- Mark Webster - V. P. & Treasurer
- Bill & Grace Boudway
- Paul Rader & friend Whynn
- Jeff Clark & friend Jim
- Jean Marc Urbain - '65 Monza coupe [all the way from Montreal!]
- Jim Bartasevich - Secretary & Membership



From what I saw, everyone had a great time! As it usually is with events like this, I didn't get a chance to talk with everyone. The meal from the caterer that Brandon used was delicious. He set up some canopies around his yard for more shade in addition to the trees. Jean Marc brought some Canadian bagels. Thanks, Jean Marc!

Dave and Edie brought photos and other items documenting the ACORN's history. After everyone looked over the Corvairs in attendance, the big draw was Brandon's Citroen SM. That car is SO different!

Thanks to President Brandon for hosting and making most of the arrangements!

See the attached photos.
submitted by Jim Bartasevich

Meeting Minutes

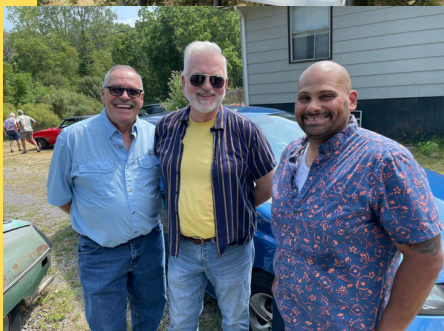
Old Business

No Meeting

New Business

No Meeting





Tech Session

The tech session was held at George's Rush Rod & Piston Club. The main event was to replace the clutch and related components on George's '64 convertible. Those in attendance were:

- George Conboy - '60 700 sedan
- Dave Pulhamus
- Dave Ellis
- Paul Rader
- John Strawway
- Mark Webster
- Brandon Carmo - '61 Lakewood
- Walt O'Brien - '65 Corsa coupe
- Dick Gilbert - '64 Monza convertible
- Jim Bartasevich - '64 Spyder convertible



We had enough chefs to spoil the soup, but that didn't happen. Everything went smoothly with no problems. George [and maybe a few others; I don't know] put the powertrain back together and in the car. There are only a few odds and ends to button up.

An additional mini tech session was held to help Walt with a loud noise coming from the engine of his Corsa. He started it, and I noticed that #4 spark plug was laying between the two carburetors! After the engine cooled, he reinstalled the plug. Walt, if it happens again, we'll need to install an insert for the plug. The aluminum may have stripped out.

See the attached photos.



2025 ACORN CALENDAR

October 18: Fall color tour and meal; Let's go visit Fred Marsh again! Meeting place TBA. Keep an eye on your email!

November 15: Year-end dinner or breakfast

NOTE: If you have something you want to do to maintain or repair or just have questions about your Corvair, contact us! You don't have to wait for a date on the calendar above.

Car Nuts Breakfast: A group of car nuts meets for breakfast the second Thursday of the month at Bay Front Restaurant, 1075 Empire Blvd. Some of our members have attended, including me. You'll be with about 40 other car nuts. You know what that means: Talking about cars, of course! In good weather, it's almost like a mini car show in the parking lot too. It's a good time, so come on out!



Thursday, October 9, 9:30 at
The Bay Front Restaurant
1075 Empire Boulevard, Rochester
(585) 482-2247

Not an official club event, but a casual meeting of car enthusiasts. Join in if you have the time, want a good, no-frills breakfast and enjoy plenty of car talk. No RSVP needed, just show up, the Bay Front has room to find seating....and LOTS of parking!! hope to see you soon!...Annabelle

Next one should be 11/13!

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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.

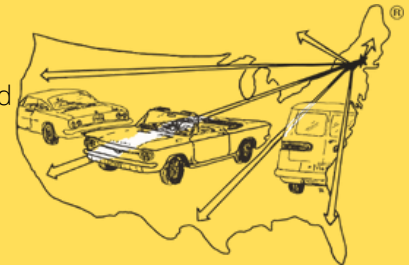
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

Thanks, Brandon Carmo

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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

140hp Series II Convertible Corvair for sale, needs starter

Contact Will Seymour for details/pricing: 585-281-1706,

wseymour@rochester.rr.com



180 Turbo Engine for sale

call Jim Mruk 585-889-4587 for details

Parts include:

- Block I0420RL complete w/crank & cam
- Turbo housing complete 3856709
- 180 Distributor 1110329
- Intake crossover
- Set of 110 heads 3878566
- Turbo head 3856762
- Carter YH carb
- Air cleaner housing
- Misc. brackets & Tubing
- Series 2 Engine sheet metal parts

Dean LoBrutto has some parts that he is looking to move along.

Shoot him an email if you're interested.

Contact him at 585-899-0867 or dean_afs@yahoo.com

Nice set of dog dish hubcaps for Vairs: \$80



Wanted to buy: 140 hp Corvair engine for Stinger replica project

Contact: Scott Banner
email: Bighobbies@aol.com
phone: 585-507-3045



AVAILABLE PARTS FROM THE BARTASEVICH PARTS STASH

- ❖ 1 - FC 4 speed inst. cluster [it has the shift points on the speedo]
- ❖ 2 - FC glove box doors
- ❖ 1 - Early car glove box door [don't know the year]
- ❖ 1 - Late Delco AM push button radio
- ❖ 1 - Early [I think] Motorola AM push button radio [a button is broken]
- ❖ 1 - Corsa inst. cluster & glove box door [dusty]
- ❖ 1 - Corsa inst. cluster used as a parts donor
- ❖ 1 - Corsa air cleaner with carb cross-over
- ❖ 2 - Starters
- ❖ 1 - Alternator
- ❖ 2 - '65-'66 "A" pillar interior trim
- ❖ 1 - NAPA Belden plug wire set [NOS?] but in the box for a while
- ❖ 1 - Late power convertible top switch & bracket
- ❖ 4 - Wiper/washer units
- ❖ 1 - Washer jug and bracket [rust on bracket]
- ❖ 1 - Washer bottle bracket [some rust]
- ❖ 6 - wiper arms
- ❖ 1 - NOS '65-'69 clutch rod
- ❖ 3 - Clark's C2754 rear wheel cyl. rebuilding kits
- ❖ 3 - Clark's C2745 front wheel cyl. rebuilding kits
- ❖ Multiple stainless steel headlight rings [they hold the headlight to the light unit]
- ❖ 1 - late headlight unit
- ❖ 1 - FC headlight unit
- ❖ 2 - magnesium cooling fans; 1 for a '64, 1 for '65-'69 [both have surface corrosion]
- ❖ 5 - Various oil coolers; low to high HP
- ❖ 2 - Front hubs [I think for an FC]
- ❖ 2 - Early rear car shocks, used but work okay
- ❖ 5 - Early & late gen. & alt./oil fill/oil filter castings
- ❖ Multiple fan idler pulleys
- ❖ 1 - '62 80 HP PG distributor
- ❖ 2 - '63 102 HP distributors
- ❖ 2 - '64-'68 110 HP distributors
- ❖ 1 - '69 95 PG distributor
- ❖ Multiple clamps for ignition coils
- ❖ Multiple '62 stop light lenses
- ❖ Multiple '65 stop light lenses
- ❖ Multiple '66-'69 stop light lenses

FOR SALE

ACORN PARTS SUPPLY

CONTACT: DAVE ELLIS: 585-503-9445, dellis1@rochester.rr.com

Fastener boxes now located at Mark Webster's shop containing items such as 1/4-20 bolts, top shroud bolts, distributor hold down brackets, u-joint keepers, and other specialty items

ACORN Parts Supply

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"JUGS" S1&S2 ???
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THROTTLE LINKAGES 2 CARBI
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VALVE CVR H.D. BRACKETS
VISORS,,,S1/2???
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WHEEL COVERS - SERIE 2
W.S. WSHR PARTS
WINDOW HNDLS, INTERIOR
WIPER ARMS, S1&2??

ACORN CLUB TOOL CRIB

All tools are currently available at Mark Webster's Shop, Contact Dave Ellis to coordinate.

Tools are signed out when the leave, and are signed back in when they are returned. "If you break it, you replace it"
Below are the tools available in the CRIB, as of 11/1/2018

-(3 Available)- Hot "Valve Lash Adjustment Valve Covers", have 6 holes in the appropriate places for socket access

-Coil Spring Compressors (pair)

-UNISYNC- Carb Balancing Tool

-(3 Available)- Series 1, AXLE York Removal Tools, you will need a MAPP gas torch,,,and a big hammer too,....

-Oil Pressure Tester, Oil Filter Bolt fitted with flexible tubing to an Oil Pressure Gage...great to check/assure oil pressure when first firing up a brand newly rebuilt motor.....

-Grease Gun Adapter- for greasing HD Universal Joints that have grease fittings in place...

-(2 Available)- Steering Wheel Pullers

-Harmonic Balancer Pulley Removal Tool...works with the engine in normal position,,,just remove the Oil Filter...

-Valve Guide Removal Punch

-Wire Brush Reamer - to clean out cross-drilled holes in Crankshaft during a rebuild -Differential Side Gear Adjuster tool

-Piston Ring(s) Compressor, used when installing a Piston/Con Rod Assy into Jug, then attaching con rod to crankshaft

-Fan Bearing Greasing Tool

-(2 Sets Avail.)-12 tubes-(Enough for one side of the Motor)- to hold JUGS in place whilst installing Piston/Com Rod Assys into the jugs, and bolting up the connecting rod cap around the appropriate Crankshaft Journal...VERY helpful!!!



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PLEASE, TELL US ABOUT YOUR CORVAIR(S)

YEAR HP	MODEL TRANSMISSION	BODY STYLE	ENGINE
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ANY OTHER HOBBIES OR INTERESTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?



SAVE THE DATE!



The 2026 CORSA Convention is being presented by four clubs:

- Mid-Maryland Corvair Club
- Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club
- Group Corvair
- Northern Virginia Corvairs

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What's the schedule of events? Take a look at what we have planned:

- Monday, June 22nd: Welcome Party
- Tuesday, June 23rd: Concourse
- Wednesday, June 24th: Road Rally
- Thursday, June 25th: Autocross
- Friday, June 26th: Econo-Run
- Friday, June 26th: Banquet and Awards



Tours, technical sessions, and other fun and exciting activities and events are in the works!

Mark your calendars and start planning to

"See You There in Your 'Vair!"

