



# ACORNEWS

ACORNS - Association of CORvair NutS

Rochester, NY - Corsa Chapter 148

January 2026 Newsletter

## Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

### HAPPY NEW YEAR ACORNS!

I was thinking about how often I talk about how fast time seems to be flying and that maybe I should make it my New Year's Resolution to stop thinking about that, but then I realized that a lot of times these resolutions end up going by the way side, so I might as well do it now...

Wow was that a fast holiday season!

I hope everyone had a nice holiday, although it seems like there are always some challenges that come up. We all have to do our best with these challenges. It is also a time to start fresh and maybe leave behind some of the nonsense from the past year in the past. I think it's always important to keep hope that things can be better and aim for that.

And speaking of new starts and fresh paths forward, the **ACORN PLANNING MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, at 12 noon. The meeting will be held at the Locust Club at 1425 Lexington Ave, Rochester, NY.** All are welcome. I've heard of from about six people, but if you are able to attend, please **RSVP by Friday, 1/23/26** so we can plan for food.

**Also on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am to 1pm-ish** is the Rush Rod and Piston Club Warm-Up!

For most of us, it is not classic car driving season, so I have to get my fill by watching vintage racing footage. I recently watched a video of the first 24 Hours of Daytona race and was surprised to see a Yenko Corvair in the mix! Look for it in the following YouTube video at 9:34 <https://youtu.be/wXq8mHqFUqM?si=DW65vdPva6Y3r8Lr>

See you all soon and  
be well,

-Brandon

## From the VP's Desk:

Hello All,

I hope you all had a great holiday season! The new year is here, and I am excited for great year of wrenching and driving our cars and getting together! I am hoping we continue the positive trend of more participation from the group, as well. My shop is getting situated nicely, and the plan is to get the VW bus running, then the '64 Monza back on the road. Once those tasks are completed, I can tackle the Corvans. The white one, Cleetus, will be designated as the shop truck, and Scooby will be a long term project to save. Brandon is putting together the yearly planning meeting, which will be held towards the end of the month. Keep a lookout for details, and hope to see you there so that we can lay out some plans for the summer. Even if you just want to hang out with everyone and get a bite to eat, please come! That's all for now, stay warm, and see you soon!

Mark

## Treasurer's Report

Not much happening through the holidays, treasury wise, but it is that time again for dues to be paid. We've had seven members pay their 2026 dues so far, with one member paying for 2027 as well. Please make every effort to get the dues paid as soon as possible, it will be much appreciated. Looking forward, the only expenditure currently slated will be the refreshments for the yearly planning meeting. Thanks!

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	Venmo me at:
607 Winona Blvd	@mwebby-1964
Rochester, NY 14617	

Club funds going in to October:	\$870.55
Dues paid through 1/7/26:	+ \$96.00

**Club funds as of 11/9/2025:                   \$966.55**

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

# ACORN November/December Activity Report

November 15th: Breakfast at Peppermints

December: No event

## ACORNers attending:

- Dave Ellis
- Dave Pulhamus
- Bill Boudway
- Dick Gilbert
- Chris Grillo
- Allan Lesser
- Dave Shaffer
- Jim Cleveland
- Mark Webster - V. P. & Treasurer
- Brandon Carmo - President - '61 Lakewood

Another great ACORN breakfast gathering was had. Great turnout! Lots of good conversations!

See the attached photos.

submitted by Brandon Carmo

## Meeting Minutes

### Old Business

No Meeting

### New Business

No Meeting



# 2026 ACORN CALENDAR

**January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Planning Meeting, Locust Club, 1425 Lexington Ave, 1pm. Please RSVP by 1/23/26.

**January 31, 10am - 1pm-ish:** Rush Rod and Piston Club Winter Warmup

**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, February 12, 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 03/12!

## ACORN OFFICERS

President/Editor: Brandon Carmo

Vice President/Treasurer: Mark Webster

Secretary: Jim Bartasevich

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### Central Contact:

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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.

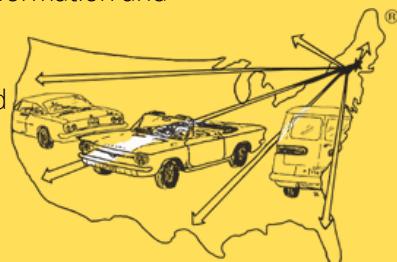
Submissions can be sent to [bwcarmo@gmail.com](mailto:bwcarmo@gmail.com)

Thanks, Brandon Carmo

## Clark's Corvair Parts®

Our catalog lists over 15,000 parts for your Corvair. We carry engine parts, body panels, upholstery and much more! There are 1,000's of reproduced items available, pages of technical information and lots of other helpful hints.

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## 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

Got news of an early model convertible project for sale down state toward New York City. If anyone is looking for project, let me know. I have no photos or other information, but if you're interested, let me know and I will forward you the phone number.

[acorns.rochester@gmail.com](mailto:acorns.rochester@gmail.com)

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## 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

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**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](mailto: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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ 1 - FC 4 speed inst. cluster [it has the shift points on the speedo]</li><li>❖ 2 - FC glove box doors</li><li>❖ 1 - Early car glove box door [don't know the year]</li><li>❖ 1 - Late Delco AM push button radio</li><li>❖ 1 - Early [I think] Motorola AM push button radio [a button is broken]</li><li>❖ 1 - Corsa inst. cluster &amp; glove box door [dusty]</li><li>❖ 1 - Corsa inst. cluster used as a parts donor</li><li>❖ 1 - Corsa air cleaner with carb cross-over</li><li>❖ 2 - Starters</li><li>❖ 1 - Alternator</li><li>❖ 2 - '65-'66 "A" pillar interior trim</li><li>❖ 1 - NAPA Belden plug wire set [NOS?] but in the box for a while</li><li>❖ 1 - Late power convertible top switch &amp; bracket</li><li>❖ 4 - Wiper/washer units</li><li>❖ 1 - Washer jug and bracket [rust on bracket]</li><li>❖ 1 - Washer bottle bracket [some rust]</li><li>❖ 6 - wiper arms</li><li>❖ 1 - NOS '65-'69 clutch rod</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ 3 - Clark's C2754 rear wheel cyl. rebuilding kits</li><li>❖ 3 - Clark's C2745 front wheel cyl. rebuilding kits</li><li>❖ Multiple stainless steel headlight rings [they hold the headlight to the light unit]</li><li>❖ 1 - late headlight unit</li><li>❖ 1 - FC headlight unit</li><li>❖ 2 - magnesium cooling fans; 1 for a '64, 1 for '65-'69 [both have surface corrosion]</li><li>❖ 5 - Various oil coolers; low to high HP</li><li>❖ 2 - Front hubs [I think for an FC]</li><li>❖ 2 - Early rear car shocks, used but work okay</li><li>❖ 5 - Early &amp; late gen. &amp; alt./oil fill/oil filter castings</li><li>❖ Multiple fan idler pulleys</li><li>❖ 1 - '62 80 HP PG distributor</li><li>❖ 2 - '63 102 HP distributors</li><li>❖ 2 - '64-'68 110 HP distributors</li><li>❖ 1 - '69 95 PG distributor</li><li>❖ Multiple clamps for ignition coils</li><li>❖ Multiple '62 stop light lenses</li><li>❖ Multiple '65 stop light lenses</li><li>❖ Multiple '66-'69 stop light lenses</li></ul>
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# 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

	Contact: Dave Ellis; 585-227-2439; dellis1@rochester.rr.com
AIR CLEANERS	EXH.C/O PIPE,84/95/110 NEW
ALTERNATORS	EXH SYSTM,COMPL,USED,84-110
ARMRESTS	FASTENERS, ALL TYPES
ASHTRAYS	FLYWHEEL RETAIN, RINGS, MAN.
AXLESHAFTS, SII	FRT PNL EMBLM-1960 MODEL
AXLE,RR,S1,BEARINGS,NOS	FUEL PUMP RODS
BALANCE TUBES	FUEL PUMP RETAIN. BOLT ASY.
BUCKET SEATS	GLASS,ALL
BUCK.SEAT-CHRM SIDE TRIM	GLOVE BOX DOORS
COIL SPRINGS	HEADLAMP BEZELS, S1&2
CONV. TOP LATCHES	HEADLAMP/TURN SIGNAL, FRT
CYLINDER HEADS	HEATER COMPONENTS
DIFFERENTIALS	HORNS
DISTRIBUTORS	HORN BUTTONS, STR COLMN
DOOR HANDLS-EXTERIOR	INSTR/DASH CLUSTERS,S1&2
ENGINE BLOCKS	INTAKE TUBES
ENG. LID SUPP.BRKT ASSY	INTERIOR TRIM PARTS
ENG. SHEET METAL PCS	"JUGS" S1&S2 ???
ENG. TOP COVERS, S.M.	LIFTERS, HYDR.
	MOTOR MOUNTS, S1&S2
	MOTOR MNT TO ENG BRKTS
	OIL CLRS, SEVERAL TYPES
	OIL FLTR/ALT MOUNT HSNGS
	PISTONS W/CON RODS, S1&2-??
	POWERGLIDE TRANS
	RADIOS
	STARTERS
	TAILGLHT/REAR -PARTS-S1&S2
	THROTTLE LINKAGES 2 CARB
	TURBO EMBLEMS
	VALVE CVR H.D. BRACKETS
	VISORS,,,S1/2???
	WHEEL COVERS- SERIES 1
	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 they 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!!!



## Membership Application

### Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who appreciate the Corvair automobile  
P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, Minnesota 55356 USA (603) 403-5010  
Web site: [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) Email: [corsacluboffice@gmail.com](mailto:corsacluboffice@gmail.com)

New Member

Renewal

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or Post Office Box \_\_\_\_\_

City (Primary) \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your membership option by checking the appropriate box. For donations, specify the \$ amount.

<input type="checkbox"/> 12-Month US Full Membership .....	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-Month Virtual Membership .....	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> 26-Month US Full Membership .....	\$120	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-Month Virtual Membership .....	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> 12-Month Canadian Full Membership	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/> CORSA Donation .....	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 26-Month Canadian Full Membership	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/> Corvair Preservation Fund Donation.	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 12-Month Paper Outside US & Canada	\$80	<input type="checkbox"/> Corvair Racing Fund Donation .....	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 26-Month Paper Outside US & Canada	\$160		

Full Membership benefits include access to the members-only area of our website, online and mailed versions of our magazine, (the *CORSA Communiqué*), and the right to attend our Annual International Convention. There may be a four-to-six-week delay before you receive your first magazine by mail.

Virtual Membership includes all the benefits of Full Membership, except the *CORSA Communiqué* is available only online. The virtual membership price is the same worldwide. All prices are in US funds.

Chapters. CORSA has over 100 chapters throughout the world. We encourage membership in our local chapters. However, there is no requirement for you to do so.

Do NOT contact a CORSA chapter on my behalf. I already belong to CORSA Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

Roster. Member information is available on the website so members can reach out to each other. It is never sold. You have the option to exclude your information from other members.

Do NOT include my contact information in the membership roster.

If paying by credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Discover (fill-in account # below)

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Security Code Amex – 4-digit. All others – 3 digit

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**Association of Corvair Nuts**  
APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP to JOIN ACORN  
"A C O R N" is CHAPTER #148 of the  
CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA" (COSA)



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (MEMBER)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER, CHILDREN, etc.)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES): \_\_\_\_\_

(ACORNnews, the club's monthly newsletter will be sent via email unless requested otherwise.)

PHONE #: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_  
[optional] \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES FOR ACORN MEMBERSHIP IS \$12, DUE IN JANUARY.  
AFTER JANUARY, DUES ARE REDUCED BY \$1 A MONTH  
FIRST TIME MEMBERS/FAMILIES ARE FREE FOR THE FIRST YEAR!

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

Mark Webster  
607 Winona Blvd  
Rochester, NY 14617

IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO BE A MEMBER OF COSA TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ACORNS.  
HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF COSA, PLEASE CHECK HERE: \_\_\_\_\_ IF NOT, WE CAN  
PROVIDE AN APPLICATION FOR COSA.

PLEASE, TELL US ABOUT YOUR CORVAIR(S)

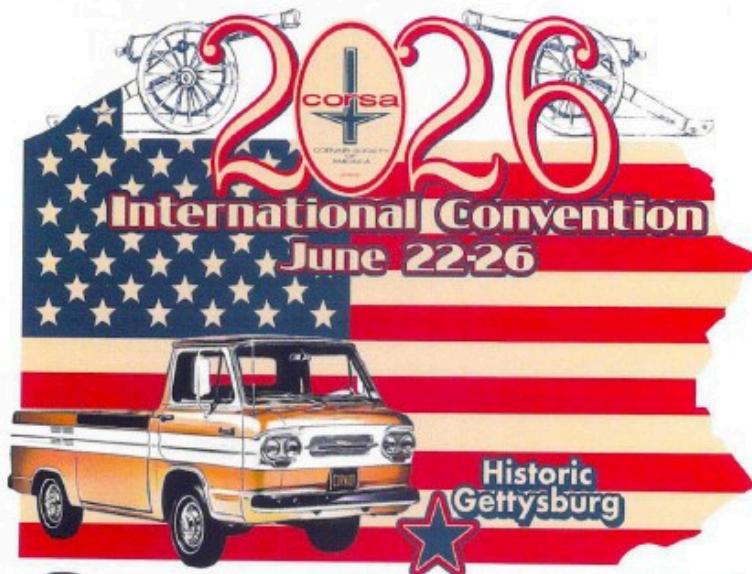
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ANY OTHER HOBBIES OR INTERESTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

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**SAVE THE DATE!**



**See you there in your Vair!**



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!"**



The 2026 CORSA Convention is being presented by four clubs:

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

We hope that you will join us for what is gearing up to be the biggest and best convention to be held on the East Coast! Come join in the fun and the history of Gettysburg- tour the battlefields, take a ghost tour, and dine at historic restaurants!

You can even visit wineries, tour car museums, and even spend time at the world-famous Hershey chocolate factory and the fun-filled HersheyPark.

Like the country life? Gettysburg is a short hour drive from the heart of the Amish communities in Lancaster PA where you'll find fantastic dining and shopping.