



ACORNEWS

ACORNS - Association of CORvair NutS
Rochester, NY - Corsa Chapter 148
February 2026 Newsletter

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

This Pres Says unfortunately carries some bad news with it.

I have received news that our fellow ACORN, Jim Bartasevitch, has been having health issues and has now been moved to hospice. I've known Jim since I got my first Corvair and he has always been a good friend to me. Always willing to talk through problems and projects. I met up with him at the Corvair Convention in Pittsburgh in 2018 and it was a great time! Jim is such a proud Corvair supporter and also of Rochester. At the convention, he was so proud to be representing the city where the carburetors were made. Jim is a great friend.

I'm sorry to have cancelled the planning meeting for January, but it just didn't seem worth it to endanger anyone driving in the mess. As Corvair and classic car drivers, I would say generally we are conscientious drivers, but you never know about the next guy.

The planning meeting is tentatively rescheduled for Sunday, March 1st at 12pm.

It's a little later than usual, but hopefully less of a chance of a winter mess. Fingers crossed because we all know how persistent winter can be here.

January was low key as usual. It was good to see some friends at breakfast before and at the Rush Rod and Piston Club winter warm up.

I hope everyone is staying warm. It's always good to reach out each other, even if there is nothing in particular planned. A text, email, or phone call can go a long way.

See you all soon and be well,

-Brandon

From the VP's Desk:

Hello All,

I had some things in mind for my part of the February newsletter, but they have been overshadowed by some somber news. It has come to our attention that Jim Bartesevich has been moved to hospice care. I knew that he had been having some health issues as of late, but did not realize the seriousness of the situation. Jim has always been a perfect gentleman the entire time I have been involved with the club. He is also a wealth of knowledge about Corvairs. I have heard many stories from other members about the knowledge Jim shared with them to help with projects on their Corvairs. As Brandon said in the email he sent out earlier today, texts to Jim with old pictures of ACORN events and also words of support are encouraged.

In club news, our rescheduled yearly planning meeting has been tentatively set for Sunday, March 1st. Hope to see you there. That's all for now. Stay warm!

Mark

Treasurer's Report

We had four more dues payments submitted in January, so thanks to those who have paid! To those who have not yet paid, please submit your 2026 dues to me as soon as possible. I would really like to get dues settled as quickly as possible. Many thanks in advance.

There was a needed adjustment to the club funds, as, in the process of moving my home office, I discovered \$50 with a note I had written to myself that it came from the sale of a harmonic balancer that Dave P made out of the club stash(summer 2025), that was mixed in with some other car stuff. My apologies for this. The adjusted amount and addition to the funds are below, along with newly paid club dues:

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 January:	\$966.55
Adjustment for sale completed in summer 2025:	+ \$50.00
Club dues paid through January:	+ \$48.00

Club funds as of 2/10/2026: \$1064.55

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

ACORN January Activity Report

January 31st: Breakfast at Peppermints and Rush Rod and Piston Warmup

ACORNers attending:

- Dave Pulhamus
- Chris Grillo
- Dave Shaffer
- Mark Webster - V. P. & Treasurer
- Brandon Carmo - President

Always a good time when having breakfast with ACORNS.

Later we met up with **Allan Lesser, Paul Rader, and George Conboy** at the Rush Rod and Piston Warm-up. It was quite frosty, but we all survived and had a good time ogling the goodies in that garage. It definitely gets my spirits warmed up for car season after spending some time there.

submitted by Brandon Carmo

Meeting Minutes

Old Business

No Meeting

New Business

No Meeting



Paul Rader shared a youtube video that delves in the psychology of a vintage car enthusiast. I watched it and felt there was a lot of truth in there. Check it out by copying and pasting the link below:

The Psychology of People Who Restore Classic Cars

https://youtu.be/ERbTHQy_gOA?si=nziGI0OeB8h187Ee

2026 ACORN CALENDAR

March 1st: Planning Meeting, Locust Club, 1425 Lexington Ave, 1pm.
Please RSVP by 2/27/26.

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, March 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 04/09!

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From the editor...

I'm excited to have the opportunity to work on the ACORNNews! 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.

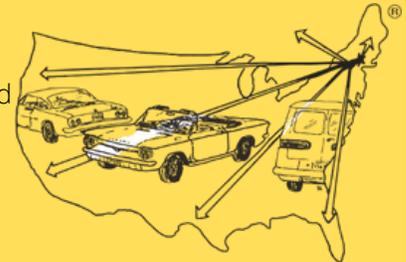
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

Thanks, Brandon Carmo

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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 a 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

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

AIR CLEANERS
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CONV. TOP LATCHES
CYLINDER HEADS
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ENGINE BLOCKS
ENG. LID SUPP.BRKT ASSY
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Contact: Dave Ellis; 585-227-2439; dellis1@rochester.rr.com

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FASTENERS, ALL TYPES
FLYWHEEL RETAIN, RINGS, MAN.
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GLASS,ALL
GLOVE BOX DOORS
HEADLAMP BEZELS, S1&2
HEADLAMP/TURN SIGNAL, FRT
HEATER COMPONENTS
HORNS
HORN BUTTONS, STR COLMN
INSTR/DASH CLUSTERS,S1&2
INTAKE TUBES
INTERIOR TRIM PARTS
"JUGS" S1&S2 ???
LIFTERS, HYDR.

MOTOR MOUNTS, S1&S2
MOTOR MNT TO ENG BRKTS
OIL CLRS, SEVERAL TYPES
OIL FLTR/ALT MOUNT HSNGS
PISTONS W/CON RODS, SI&2-??
POWERGLIDE TRANS
RADIOS
STARTERS
TAILLIGHT/REAR -PARTS-S1&S2
THROTTLE LINKAGES 2 CARBI
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 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!!!



Membership Application

Corvair Society of America

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P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, Minnesota 55356 USA (603) 403-5010
Web site: www.corvair.org Email: 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.

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| <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 Communique*), 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 Communique* 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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Exp. Date (mm yy)

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

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Total Payment Amount: \$ _____ Signature _____



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



DATE: _____

NAME: _____ (MEMBER)

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

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES): _____

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

PHONE #s: 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 CORSA TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ACORNS.
 HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF CORSA, PLEASE CHECK HERE: _____ IF NOT, WE CAN
 PROVIDE AN APPLICATION FOR CORSA.

PLEASE, TELL US ABOUT YOUR CORVAIR(S)

YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE	ENGINE
HP	TRANSMISSION		
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

ANY OTHER HOBBIES OR INTERESTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

 **SAVE THE DATE!**



2026
International Convention
June 22-26
Historic Gettysburg
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.



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!"

