



ACORNEWS

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

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

Spring is here! And all the crazy western New York weather that it brings, but there are some glimmers of the greatness that is coming and the sun feels so good (when it's not raining, or snowing "one last time", or the wind isn't knocking you down).

I received notification from Katie Bartasevich that a date has been confirmed for **Jim's celebration of life**. The event will occur on **Saturday, May 9th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**, and will be held at the **Fallbrook House at the Canandaigua Country Club**. Katie has asked that we RSVP to her or her sister and also send any photos you have to their email. I will send that information under separate cover.

With the emerging better weather, I've officially broken my 67' Monza out. It's received some fresh tires and has been inspected and has been on its first shakedown run of the season. All seems well, but boy could I tell they over inflated the tires at the garage. After bringing the pressures down on the front tires, it finally felt like the car was steering properly.

Another project in progress is the de-fuel injecting of the 1980 Porsche 924. There are so many connections in this system. Banjo bolts, hoses, components that are very difficult to find and replace. I think I will be happier and the car will have more longevity once it is running dual webbers. I'm also excited to hear the new grunt of the intake. I'm saving all the removed components in totes in case the next steward wants to juggle life with that system.

Our April event at Paul Rader's has been postponed, which leaves us with a slot open for April. Does anyone have a project they are interested in working on or need a hand with anything? If so, please let me know and I can put out the call. It also does not need to be on the aforementioned date of 18th/19th, or a weekend even. Many folks are retired and may have a weekday morning available. As an evening shift worker, I do have some free weekday mornings.

See you all soon and be well,

-Brandon

From the VP's Desk/ acting secretary's desk:

Hello All,

I hope everyone is doing well. It looks like the weather is finally breaking and soon we will be able to get our cars out and enjoy them! I am hoping we'll have a good summer and some great get-togethers to share our love of Corvairs and cars in general. Let's build on the good summer we had last year with involvement. Please remember, too, that we don't need to have only scheduled meet-ups, that we can put out an email or make a few phone calls if we want to get together or if someone needs a hand with their car on a project.

Please see Brandon's notes on Jim B's celebration of life. I am still processing that he is no longer with us. He was a great guy, and will be sorely missed.

On a personal note, my shop is coming along rather well, and it's been a great project to slide into retirement on. The office is getting to be a great hangout area, and I am starting to make progress on the project vehicles. The VW bus is almost in running order, and when that is done, the '64 Monza will be next. The '78 spitfire has come to life after many years of sitting, but has emerged with a dead cylinder that will need attention. That project may be going to a friend, so that I can concentrate on my real loves, the air-cooled classics. Cleetus, the '62 van, will be the big project, as I intend to make him the shop truck.

That's all for now, hope to see you out there!

Mark

Treasurer's Report

Not much to report from club funds perspective this month. We had one more member pay dues. There are still a handful of members who have not paid. If you are one of the delinquents, ;), please get your dues to me as soon as possible. As always, your promptness in getting this done is much appreciated.

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 as of 3/10/26:	\$998.94
1 Membership due added:	+ \$12.00
Club funds as of 4/12/2026:	\$1010.94

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

That's it for now, hope to see you out enjoying your cars!

ACORN March Activity Report

3/21/26 - Breakfast at the Bayside

ACORNers attending:

- Dave Schaffer
- Chris Grillo
- Allan Lesser
- Paul Rader
- Mark Webster - V. P. & Treasurer
- Brandon Carmo - President

A casual breakfast was enjoyed with our usual conversations about cars, house projects, and life. The Bayside is now on my radar and likely another place we can add to our breakfast spot list. Chris Grillo brought some good cookies from a bakery in his home town of Bergen, which may be a future breakfast gathering point! I don't remember any particular club related discussions or issues.

Meeting Minutes

No Meeting

No Old Business

No New Business



2026 ACORN CALENDAR

(Dates subject to change)

Saturday, May 9th: Donuts and Coffee, Mark's Shop

Friday-Sunday, June 12-14th: Syracuse Recall

Sunday, June 14th: Driving a Model T with Dave Pulhamus

Monday-Friday, June 22-26th: Corsa Corvair Convention,
Gettysburg, PA

July xx: MG Car Club Show

Saturday, July 25th: Hang out with the Model A club

August xx: Make friends with some VW Club folks

September 26th: Corvairs on the Hill with Fred Marsh

October 10th or 17th: ACORN year end event

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, May 14, 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 06/11!

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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.

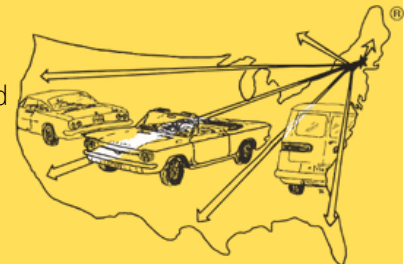
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

Thanks, Brandon Carmo

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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



FOR SALE

ACORN PARTS SUPPLY

CONTACT: Mark Webster: 585-465-1075, mpwebster66@yahoo.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
ALTERNATORS
ARMRESTS
ASHTRAYS
AXLESHAFTS, SII
AXLE,RR,S1,BEARINGS,NOS
BALANCE TUBES
BUCKET SEATS
BUCK.SEAT-CHRM SIDE TRIM
COIL SPRINGS
CONV. TOP LATCHES
CYLINDER HEADS
DIFFERENTIALS
DISTRIBUTORS
DOOR HANDLS-EXTERIOR
ENGINE BLOCKS
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ENG. SHEET METAL PCS
ENG. TOP COVERS, S.M.

Contact: Mark Webster: 585-465-1075, mpwebster66@yahoo.com

EXH.C/O PIPE,84/95/110 NEW
EXH SYSTM,COMPL,USED,84-110
FASTENERS, ALL TYPES
FLYWHEEL RETAIN, RINGS, MAN.
FRT PNL EMBLM-1960 MODEL
FUEL PUMP RODS
FUEL PUMP RETAIN. BOLT ASY.
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

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 Email: corsacluboffice@gmail.com

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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.
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 FIRST TIME MEMBERS/FAMILIES ARE FREE FOR THE FIRST YEAR!
Please make checks or money orders payable to:
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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 HP	MODEL TRANSMISSION	BODY STYLE	ENGINE
_____	_____	_____	_____
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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!"

