



ACORNEWS

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

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

The celebration of life for our friend Jim Bartasevich was held on May 9th. It was very nice to see the support from club members at this event and it meant a lot to Jim's family to have him there. The location Jim's family chose was really beautiful and it was a very nice event. I really enjoyed seeing the pictures of Jim over the years and learning more about his sense of humor and things he enjoyed outside of Corvairs. I wish I hadn't needed to leave early for work, but I'm glad I was able to attend and see friends during this time.

With some turning of weather, I've driven my '67 coupe, the Tom Z car, to work a few times. There were some crisp rides home at night, but with some bundling, I survived. I am curious to see how warm the car could get if the blower motor were working and all the ducting were in place. Hopefully there will be some warm nights soon so I can drive home with the windows down.

Hanging out at Mark's garage was a lot of fun. Some good conversations were had, as well as some good donuts and coffee.

Mark and Dave Pulhamus assisted Allan Lesser with a carb tune-up on his late model convertible a couple of days later. See Mark's write up for more info about that and pictures will be posted later in the issue.

We currently have no other events planned until we are **Driving a Model T on Sunday, 6/14/26 at Dave Pulhamus's house.**

The Syracuse Recall is on 6/12 and 6/13. I was hoping to try and make it this year, but I am scheduled to work, so no fun for me.

If anyone has any other ideas or needs, let Mark Webster and I know. We can see who is available, even on a weekday.

See you all soon and be well,

-Brandon

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

Hello All,

While we've had some decent weather days, someday soon the cold and rain will end for a longer period and we can get out and enjoy the summer and our cars, I promise! Hopefully you are making plans and getting your cars ready to enjoy the summer. We've had a few small get togethers already this season. There was a nice turnout for donuts and coffee at my shop in Ontario a few Saturdays back, and Allan Lesser brought his car out to the shop on a crisp Monday morning, and Dave Pulhamus came out to do some syncing of Allan's carbs and adjust the idle. It was a good morning, and from what Allan says, the car is running much smoother than it was. On the 9th of May we had Jim Bartasevich's celebration of life at the Canandaigua Country Club. It was a fine tribute for a fine gentleman, and I was very proud of the turnout from the club. We learned a lot about Jim, his family, and his sense of humor, and the family was grateful for our attendance. Many thanks to all that attended.

I continue to sort out my misfit projects at the shop. The triumph project moves along as the head is out to be machined. Once that is back and reinstalled, hopefully we will have a running spitfire. Once running, that will leave the shop so that I can concentrate on the VW bus and the '64 coupe, although I may have to pull the motor on the bus to replace the sending unit, as I have been successful in solving the electrical issue, but have a fuel delivery problem. I have the punch list on the '64 to put together as well. This should all keep me out of trouble for a while!! Oh, I will also be deciding on either a dune buggy or sandrail project to use the modified 140 motor converted to use in a VW that I have on hand. That will be cool!

Please check the calendar for upcoming scheduled events. Of note, The Corvair recall in Syracuse is coming up in June(12th-14th), as well as the "learn to drive a model T" out at Dave Pulhamus's on the 14th. This year's MG Car Club show is not in July, but is scheduled for Sunday, August 9th. We are again going to sponsor a Corvair class, and it is a designated class on their registration page. I am hoping we can have a good showing in honor of both Dick Powers and Jim Bartasevich!! As we've said before, we don't have to have only formally scheduled meet-ups. If anyone wants to get together, call us or put out an email! That's all for now, hope you are all well!

Mark

Treasurer's Report

Not much happening in the Treasury Dept. We had one more member pay dues this past month. Please make the effort to pay your dues if you have not already done so. Your attention to this matter 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 Venmo me at:
607 Winona Blvd @mwebby-1964
Rochester, NY 14617

Club funds in April:	\$1010.94
1 Membership due added:	+ \$12.00
Club funds as of 5/14/2026:	\$1022.94

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

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

Allen Lesser Carb Tune-up



ACORN May Activity Report

5/2/26 - Coffee and Donuts at Mark's

ACORNers attending:

- Dave Schaffer
- Chris Grillo
- Allan Lesser
- Marissa Andolino
- Sam Andolino
- Mark Webster - V. P. & Treasurer
- Brandon Carmo - President

Who doesn't love a Ridge Donut and coffee? It's a great way to start the day, or any time of day really. We gathered at Marks place to look at Corvairs, VWs, Triumphs and discuss life and plans. A nice casual gathering.

Meeting Minutes

No Meeting

No Old Business

No New Business



2026 ACORN CALENDAR

(Dates subject to change)

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

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

Sunday, August 9th: MG Car Club Show

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, June 11, 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 07/09!

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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.

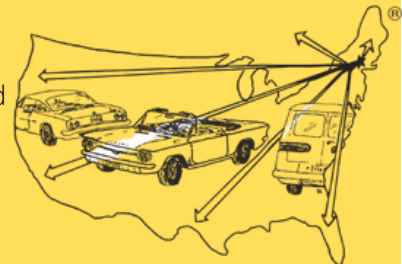
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

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
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CYLINDER HEADS
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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???
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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!!!



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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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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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 _____

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Please make checks or money orders payable to:
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 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		
_____	_____	_____	_____
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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!"

