



ACORNEWS

ACORNS - Association of CORvair NutS
Rochester, NY - Corsa Chapter 148
June/July 2026 Newsletter

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

This is the June-July Newsletter. I must apologize for missing the June newsletter at the beginning of the month. Now we are so close to July, it seems that any information for that month should also just be covered here.

June has been a crazy month for me. I have been taking steps to get a pole barn built at my house for the past few months. Things were moving very slowly, then about two weeks ago, things went full speed ahead. I was tasked with cutting down a large willow tree that would be hanging very close to the building. With little notice, this became a solo project, which was quite laborious. Then once I saw the footprint of the building in real life, I realized more trees needed to be trimmed or cut down. Then what to do about all the cutoffs? Here I go into my woods to establish a new yardwaste dumping ground. Then lots of cutting up of the cutoffs and dumping into the woods. So basically, I've been an amateur lumberjack this month. There was a lull in the action while the concrete slab was curing, so I was able to get my wagon started and took the 67 Monza for a few drives. The new building will not be for additional car storage. This will be the future home of my woodworking shop.

Earlier in the month, the ACORNS met up for breakfast at Abe's and then went over to Dave Pulhamus's to look at his cars and drive a Model T. For me, driving the T was a humbling experience. It requires an abandonment of most notions held from driving any more modern car. I most definitely did some stalling, but maybe was sort of getting it by the end of the ride. I hope I didn't stress Dave or the transmissions bands too much, and hopefully will be allowed more reps to better understand the machine.

On Saturday, July 25th, the club will be doing some networking and have been invited to hang out with the **Model A Club**. A follow up reminder email will contain more details as we get closer to the date.

The **MG Car Club Show** is on **Sunday, August 9th!** Pre-registration is open if you go to the MG Car Club site. Registration appears to be online only. If you need assistance, please reach out. Flier at end of issue!

<https://mgcarclub.com/car-show-registration/>

Please stay in touch if you have any questions, want to plan a tech session, or try to arrange anything between planned events.

See you all soon and be well,

-Brandon

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

Hello Everyone,

Summer keeps trying to gain traction, and I think we may finally be there. I hope you are all getting out to enjoy the weather and your cars!! Not much is happening out at the shop on the Corvairs, but the Spitfire may soon be running again after a head gasket replacement. Once that is running, it will go to a new home and I will be able to concentrate on the VW bus and the Corvair projects. As if I needed yet another project, a 1977 Moto Guzzi I-Convert has somehow found its way to the shop. Haha!! It will be an interesting learning curve, to say the least! The shop itself continues to evolve, as I continue to build my tool collection and finish up the office. All in all I am happy with the progress. I am looking forward to the next gathering, Learning to Drive a Model T, with Dave Pulhamus, on the 14th at 9am. That should be a lot of fun! Also, I have spoken with the folks at the MG club, and they are very excited to have us sponsoring a class again this year at their car show. That should be another good outing! That's all for now, stay safe and hope to see you soon!

Mark

Treasurer's Report

Not much news on the treasury front. No additional dues have been paid, and there are still several members who have not yet paid their dues. If you haven't done so, please take a few minutes out of your day to get this done. Thanks in advance.

I sent out the dues this month for our 2026 CORSA membership, so we are all set there. As I stated above, we will be sponsoring a Corvair class at the MG car show this year, so I will keep you posted as to when I take care of that.

Club funds as of 06/08/2026:	\$1022.94
CORSA membership dues:	-\$35.00
Club dues going forward:	\$987.94

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From the Membership corner:

We are all set for continuing to be members of CORSA through 2026.

If anyone knows of a Corvair owner or enthusiast that is not currently a member, please encourage them to join.

ACORN June Activity Report

6/14/26 - Learn to Drive a Model T with Dave Pulhamus

ACORNers attending:

- Dave Schaffer
- Marissa Andolino
- Sam Andolino
- Jean Mark Urbain
- Paul Rader`
- Dave Pulhamus
- Mark Webster - V. P. & Treasurer
- Brandon Carmo - President



The day began with breakfast at Abe's in Spencerport. A delightful breakfast was enjoyed by all. Then we made our way to Dave Pulhamus's to check out his collection, learn some facts about Model T transmission and ignition systems, and get behind the wheel of a T. It was quite fun. I would do it again and recommend it to all.

Meeting Minutes

No Meeting

No Old Business

No New Business



From the Pulhamus Garage...

Corvair no start! After its winter slumber my '64 didn't want to start. Battery was good and charged up (yes, Mark and Brandon I made sure of that. Thanks for checking.). Solenoid was pulling in, still no rotation of the motor! I blocked up the rear, getting ready to remove the starter, which is a pain. I talked with Mark and discussed what to check next. His last word of advice was to whack the starter with a dead blow hammer.

I went out and cleaned contacts, tightened connections and then took a 2x4 piece and struck the starter 3-4 times with the aid of the dead blow. Turned the key and it started right up.

Having owned British vehicles that required routing thumping, I was unaware that GM incorporated this feature into the Corvair.

All is well with the car, now.

Dave

2026 ACORN CALENDAR

(Dates subject to change)

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

Sunday, August 9th: MG Car Club Show

Pre registration is open!

<https://mgcarclub.com/car-show-registration/>

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!

George Conboy is running the Great Race and it looks amazing! We need to get a Corvair out there!





Thursday, July 09, 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 08/13!

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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.

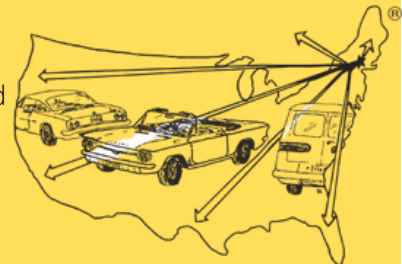
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Thanks, Brandon Carmo

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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:

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- 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

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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

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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.

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

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