



CORSA CHAPTER 130

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"The Prez Says"

We've been having a good run of events lately, and it's great to see Corvairs out and about representing the club.

We had a great time at the Wampsville show, with a total of six Corvairs in attendance. It's always nice to see that kind of turnout and spend time with fellow Corvair enthusiasts.

The Jordan show was another good one, although the weather decided to make things a little interesting. We had three Corvairs there, with Tim, Kevin, and me bringing our cars. The rain made for a somewhat wet day, but it didn't stop us from having a good time. I was also happy to bring home 2nd place in my class, so the rain didn't completely dampen the day!

Meanwhile, preparations for Recall are moving right along. One important step is now complete, as the contract with the Hampton Inn has been signed. There's still plenty to do, but it's good to see things coming together.

Overall, we're doing well. The club is active, our cars are getting out there, and there's plenty happening. Thanks to everyone who continues to participate, support the club, and help make these events enjoyable.

See you at the next event!

Lew

Meetings are the first Thursday of each month. Come early to eat and socialize!

Next meeting is October 1

6:30 p.m.

Jake's Grub and Grog.



<https://www.grubandgrog.com>





September Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on September 3, 2026

- Attendance: Lee E., Corina + Billie, Lanny + Linda, Melanie + George, Wayne + Lynn, Tim, Kevin, Neil, Mike F., Lew, Dave + Marge, Mike + Lee H. +guest Cathy L.
- Meeting called to order at: 6:28PM by Lew
- 50/50 drawing prize \$48.00 was won by Lew.
- Treasurer's report was given by Kevin.
- Secretary's notes- Motion to dispense with reading - 1st Corina, 2nd Lee E. Motion carried.
- Our beloved club member and friend Bruce Brooks has passed away. He was always a smiling, warm and loving presence wherever he went and an enthusiastic member of our group. Our condolences to his daughter Laura and to all of Bruce's family and friends.

Old Business

- The annual picnic was a big success. Nice location, delicious food and friendship. A very big thank you to Diane and Robin and all who contributed their time and talents to make the day great!
- Thank you to all who attended recent car shows with their vehicles. There were 8 of our Corvairs at the Scriba show, 1 at Volney, and 3 at Kruisin Knights.

New Business

- We voted unanimously to have our 2027 Recall car show at Hampton Inn Syracuse Clay.
- Rebecca with the hotel has agreed to let us use the same yard area for our Corvairs next year and will let us set up our raffle event in the hotels breakfast / lounge area which is larger than the hospitality room.
- The hotel has temporarily reserved availability of a block of 15 rooms for the Recall.
- Neil has printed business cards for the club. If you would like to have some to hand out to people or businesses who show an interest in our organization please see Neil.
- Our next meeting will be on Thurs. October 1st 6:30PM.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm Motion Corina, 2nd Mike W. Motion carried.





From the Editor's Garage

The End of Another Car Show Season

Well, it looks like another car show season is winding down. As I sit here looking at the calendar, I can see only two shows left on my schedule, the Bridgewater Just Cruise In and the Paris Hill Fall Harvest. It's hard to believe that it's already time to start thinking about putting the Corvairs away for the winter.

Overall, it was a pretty good season. One of the highlights was attending the CORSA International Convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We also had plenty of local shows and cruise-ins to keep us busy, although Mother Nature followed her usual tradition and managed to wash out a number of them.

Speaking of CORSA, the October issue of the CORSA Communique has six pages dedicated to a recap of the 2026 CNY Corvair Recall. It's pretty exciting to see our event get that kind of coverage in the national Corvair magazine. If you're not currently a CORSA member, I encourage you to check out what CORSA has to offer. The Communique has several other interesting articles in this issue, and it's a great way to stay connected to the larger Corvair hobby.

The Rampside had a pretty good year too. At the Cruisin into Waterville show, it brought home third place in the Driver's Choice award. But the trophy isn't really the reason I enjoy taking the Rampside to shows. The real entertainment is watching people discover what it is.

At one point in Waterville, I counted 17 people standing around the truck looking at it. It really is a magnet. Eventually, someone will ask the inevitable questions, "Where's the engine?" and "What is this thing?"

For those of us who know Corvairs, the answers seem pretty obvious. But for someone seeing a Rampside for the first time, it can be a bit of a head-scratcher.

Then there are the people who look at the ramp and assume someone got creative with a Sawzall and a welding torch. At least four people at the Waterville show asked me who modified the truck to add the ramp to the bed.

Their expressions were priceless when I told them nobody modified it. That's the way Chevrolet built it!

Yes, the Rampside was a factory production model, and trucks like mine actually rolled off the assembly line with that side-loading ramp. Sometimes the best conversation starter at a car show is simply showing people something they never knew existed.

There were also two other Corvairs at the Waterville show, a 1965 Monza convertible and a 1965 Corsa convertible. The Corsa was actually owned by me at one time, and the current owner is now looking to sell it. It's a very nice car, with a new convertible top, and it runs great. If you're interested in adding a blue 1965 Corsa convertible to your garage, let me know and I can put you in touch with the owner.

Of course, all good things must eventually come to an end, and that includes car show season. I've already ordered the oil, so October will be the month for oil changes and getting the cars ready for their annual winter hibernation.

I suppose "hibernation" sounds better than "putting the cars away because it's too cold to work on them."

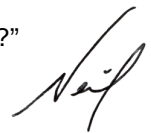
My big winter project will be the Corsa. The plan is to spend some quality time underneath the car improving the undercarriage. The goal is to improve its concours score at the next CORSA International Convention in Tennessee.

So, while everyone else is spending the winter watching football, going hunting, or finding ways to stay warm, I'll be spending some time in the garage working on the Corsa. Hopefully, a few winter hours spent cleaning up and improving the undercarriage will pay off when it's time to put the car back on the show field. I have a feeling that by spring, I'll have a whole new appreciation for just how much work goes into chasing those extra points.

But that's the hobby. There is always another part to clean, another detail to improve, and another Corvair story waiting to happen.

For now, though, I still have two shows left. So before the cars go into hibernation, I'm going to enjoy those last few opportunities to get them out, talk Corvairs, and answer the question I'm sure I'll hear at least a few more times:

"Where's the engine?"



Kitchen Corner

By Rita, kc2gft

Chicken-Cauliflower Casserole

Ingredients



- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped cauliflower
- 1/2 Cup coarsely chopped onion
- 1/2 Cup water
- 1 Cup skim milk
- 1 Tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 Teaspoon low-sodium chicken-flavored bouillon granules
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 1/4 Cup (1 ounce) shredded low-fat process American cheese
- 1 Cup chopped cooked chicken (skinned before cooking and cooked without salt)
- 1 (4ounce) jar diced pimiento, drained
- Vegetable cooking spray.

Instructions



- Combine cauliflower, onion, and water in a medium saucepan; cover and bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
- Drain well, and set aside.
- Add milk, cornstarch, bouillon granules and salt to saucepan, stirring with a wire whisk.
- Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly.
- Add cheese: stir with wire whisk until cheese melts.
- Remove from heat. Add cauliflower mixture, chicken, and pimiento to cheese sauce.
- Spoon mixture into a 1-1/2-quart casserole coated with cooking spray.
- Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

Calendar of Events

June 2027

June 11 - 13 - Central New York Corvair Recall

Location: Hampton Inn Syracuse Clay, 3948 State Route 31, Liverpool, NY 13090.

Additional information: <https://www.cnycorvair.com/Recall2027.php>

July 2027

July 12 - 15 - CORSA International Convention

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel Franklin, TN



Internet Pit Stop



The mid-engine V8 car that GM should have made



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tj7nFu153I&list=WL&index=23>

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'Vair Fair

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cny.corvair.fan@gmail.com

Classifieds are run for two issues unless the seller
requests additional time.

1965 Corsa Convertible

Asking price is \$16,000

Contact nseries@gmail.com for more information



Online Memberships Now Available

We're excited to announce that the club now accepts
online payments! A new, easy-to-use online form
collects all of your membership information, making it
simple to renew your membership from the
convenience of your computer or phone.

Of course, members can still renew using the traditional
printed membership form if they prefer.

We hope this new option makes renewing your
membership easier and more convenient!





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JUNE 11 - 12 - 13, 2027

HOSTED BY

Central New York Corvair Club



LOCATION

Hampton Inn - Clay, NY

**SHOW EVENTS****FRIDAY**

Registration
Friday Evening



Ice Cream Social
Cruise
Cars & cones on the road,
Friday Evening

**ALL
AIR-COOLED
VEHICLES
WELCOME**

SATURDAY

Registration
Saturday Morning



Car Show
Show off your air-cooled ride



Fan Belt Toss
Try for a ringer



Food Truck
On-site eats



Valve Cover Racing
Gravity-powered excitement



Raffles
Saturday Afternoon



Awards Banquet
Saturday Evening

SUNDAY

Farewell Breakfast
A farewell send-off before
the road home



Hotel Reservation

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<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/thecnycorvairclub2027/>

Discounted rates valid until May 11!



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Contact cny.corvair.fan@gmail.com

2026 BEST IN SHOW

See You at the 51st Recall!Full schedule and registration at cnycorvair.com

CENTRAL NEW YORK CORVAIR CLUB - CORSA CHAPTER 130





Central New York Corvair Club
Membership Form
www.cnycorvair.com



Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Monthly newsletter and other
updates are delivered via e-mail.

Are you a member of CORSA? Yes / No.

Do you own a Corvair? Yes / No. How many? _____

Do you have Corvair Parts? Yes / No

What got you interested in the Corvair hobby? _____

Club membership dues are \$25.00 per year. Please remit form and dues to:

Central New York Corvair Club
Kevin Fear
P.O. Box 616
Jamesville, NY 13078

Corvair Fans come join the Central New York Corvair Club. We are a fun group that meets at least once a month. We are a very social group and welcome new members and new ideas!



Online Membership Form
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