ACORNEWS

ACORNS - Association of CORvair NutS
Rochester, NY - Corsa Chapter 148
October/November 2026 Newsletter

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

It's been a good 2026 folks! It's time for the ACORN holiday/winter pause! At least until our planning meeting, typically held in mid January/early February. I will check the availability of the Locust Club and email later with dates.

In the meantime, if anyone has winter projects they are trying to do, club members may be willing to bundle up, or if you have heat in the garage, they may be even more willing to help turn a wrench. Let me know and I will put out the call.

I feel that the ACORNS have had a pretty good season! We've had some good events and some good breakfasts. Sadly, we came together to pay tribute to our friend Jim Bartasevich, but we also tuned up cars, learned to drive a Model T, a couple of us attended the MG Car Club Show, and had a successful Corvair cruise down to Fred Marsh's place, all of which he would have loved.

I look forward to the upcoming year. Hopefully we can continue to improve our cars and drive them more. Having a convoy of Corvairs together this October was really amazing.

Personally, I'm hoping to give my Lakewood some more love. The old 80hp probably is making about 50 and the cloud out the tailpipe is making me think that the engine is pretty tired. I have a spare motor from the Jim B gold car, so hopefully with a head change, that motor can be up and running again. I also have some new wheels and tires I'd like to fit to that car, and swap in a bench seat and start working on the interior.

I hope everyone has a happy holiday season. Write down your ideas for the planning meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

See you all soon and be well,

-Brandon

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

Hello Everyone,

Another summer and driving season has come and gone. They seem to go by quicker and quicker each year. We had a successful year, with multiple tech sessions, some club breakfasts, some impromptu get togethers, and the culminating event of a club drive down the Fred’s place in October for the annual Corvairs on the Hill. It was a great day. We had perfect weather, took the scenic way down along the lake and through some of the small towns, and a wonderful time with Fred and Sally at their home. It’s always inspiring to me when we are all able to get together and talk shop and enjoy the cars. I am hoping we can get even more cars lined up for next year! I would like to give little shoutout to Paul Rader, who completed his first carb rebuild this summer and also added a new fuel pump to his ’64 convertible. Well done, Paul! My problem child projects sit patiently waiting for me, and hopefully with the slower winter months I can finally make some progress. Jim Bartasevich’s passing was tough to swallow, as he was huge presence and a big part of the club, but he will live on in all our many memories of his impeccable knowledge of all things Corvair, his willingness to go out of his way to help anyone, and his great sense of humor. I am hoping that we can continue the momentum into next year, starting with the yearly planning meeting at the beginning of 2027. We will send out date and time(the meeting will most likely be towards the end of January, early February), so be on the lookout, and please come out and help make the club as fun as it can be. Thanks to all of you for being part of the club, and thanks to those who were able to get out and stretch their cars legs. Let’s try for more cars out and about next summer!That’s all I have. Enjoy the holidays and your loved ones, see you next year!!

Mark

Treasurer’s Report

We close 2026 on a quiet note, with no transactions occurring in October and the first week of November. With that said, I would like to address the dues portion of the club. It seems as though every year I have to repeatedly ask month after month for dues to be turned in. Frankly, it’s gotten quite stale, and is the least enjoyable part of what I do with the club. I realize that it’s not paramount on most people’s agendas, but it helps things run smoothly if I don’t have to nag (and that’s what it feels like) for more than half the year to get dues paid. If you want to get 2027 dues out of the way early, please do so. At the planning meeting this coming year I will propose that we put a deadline on submitting dues, and after that, if not paid, removal from the mailing/contact list, and possibly removal from the club. Please do your best to get dues in as soon as possible, it will be much appreciated. Thank you in advance with your help with this.

Club funds as of 11/10/2026:	$1121.94
No new income/expenditures:	$0.00
Club funds going forward:	$1121.94

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Secretary/membership notes:

No club business to report.

Please spread the word, especially to any younger folks that like cars and might be interested, that ACORNS is always looking for new members

ACORN October Activity Report

Paul Rader Convertible Tune-Up

October 5th, 2026



ACORNers attending:

- Paul Rader
- Mark Webster
- Brandon Carmo

Paul Rader brought his 64 Convertible to Carm's Farms and we had a mini tech session to synch up his cars. Paul rebuilt the carbs well and we were able to get them tuned up nicely. Paul then was able to take the car for a nice cruise that day and then for an almost 4 hour round trip jaunt down to Fred Marsh's.

Meeting Minutes

No Meeting

No Old Business

No New Business







ACORN October Activity Report

Corvairs on the Hill, hosted by Fred Marsh

October 11, 2026



ACORNers attending:

- Paul Rader, ‘64 Vert
- Jean-Marc Urbain, ‘65 Coupe
- Chris Grillo, ‘64 Vert
- Dave Pulhamus, ‘64 Vert
- Dave Ellis, The Trusty Honda
- Jim Cleveland, The Trusty GTI
- Mark Webster, Navigator of the ‘67 Coupe
- Brandon Carmo, ‘67 Coupe
- Fred and Sally

There was a great turnout for the drive down to Corvairs on the Hill! A caravan of 6 Vairs and some modern machinery just in case there were any issues, however there were no issues and it was just a great day! It’s always fun to see all of Fred’s collection and it was very nice to meet Sally! Excellent hosts! Can’t wait to do it again!

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2027 ACORN CALENDAR

(Dates subject to change)

Jan/Feb TBA: 2027 Planning Meeting

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, December, 10th 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 1/14!

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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.

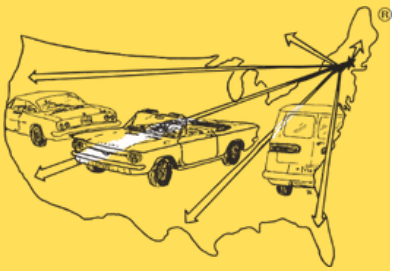
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

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

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

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AIR CLEANERS	EXH.C/O PIPE,84/95/110 NEW	MOTOR MOUNTS, S1&S2
ALTERNATORS	EXH SYSTM,COMPL,USED,84-110	MOTOR MNT TO ENG BRKTS
ARMRESTS	FASTENERS, ALL TYPES	OIL CLRS, SEVERAL TYPES
ASHTRAYS	FLYWHEEL RETAIN, RINGS, MAN.	OIL FLTR/ALT MOUNT HSNGS
AXLESHAFTS, SII	FRT PNL EMBLM-1960 MODEL	PISTONS W/CON RODS, SI&2-??
AXLE,RR,S1,BEARINGS,NOS	FUEL PUMP RODS	POWERGLIDE TRANS
BALANCE TUBES	FUEL PUMP RETAIN. BOLT ASY.	RADIOS
BUCKET SEATS	GLASS,ALL	STARTERS
BUCK.SEAT-CHRM SIDE TRIM	GLOVE BOX DOORS	TAILLGHT/REAR -PARTS-S1&S2
COIL SPRINGS	HEADLAMP BEZELS, S1&2	THROTTLE LINKAGES 2 CARB!
CONV. TOP LATCHES	HEADLAMP/TURN SIGNAL, FRT	TURBO EMBLEMS
CYLINDER HEADS	HEATER COMPONENTS	VALVE CVR H.D. BRACKETS
DIFFERENTIALS	HORNS	VISORS,,,S1/2???
DISTRIBUTORS	HORN BUTTONS, STR COLMN	WHEEL COVERS- SERIES 1
DOOR HANDLS-EXTERIOR	INSTR/DASH CLUSTERS,S1&2	WHEEL COVERS - SERIE 2
ENGINE BLOCKS	INTAKE TUBES	W.S. WSHR PARTS
ENG. LID SUPP.BRKT ASSY	INTERIOR TRIM PARTS	WINDOW HNDLS, INTERIOR
ENG. SHEET METAL PCS	"JUGS" S1&S2 ???	WIPER ARMS, S1&2??
ENG. TOP COVERS, S.M.	LIFTERS, HYDR.	

ACORN CLUB TOOL CRIB

All tools are currently available at Mark Webter's Shop, Contact Mark 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

☐ 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.

☐	12-Month US Full Membership	$60	
☐	26-Month US Full Membership	$120	
☐	12-Month Canadian Full Membership	$75	
☐	26-Month Canadian Full Membership	$150	
☐	12-Month Paper Outside US & Canada	$80	
☐	26-Month Paper Outside US & Canada	$160	
☐	12-Month Virtual Membership	$40	
☐	26-Month Virtual Membership	$80	
☐	CORSA Donation	$_____	
☐	Corvair Preservation Fund Donation.	$_____	
☐	Corvair Racing Fund Donation	$_____	

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)

Exp. Date (mm yy) | | | | Security Code Amex – 4-digit. All others – 3 digit | | | |

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:

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E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES):

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(*ACORNews*, 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:
Mark Webster
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Rochester, NY 14617

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PLEASE, TELL US ABOUT YOUR CORVAIR(S)

YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE	ENGINE
HP	TRANSMISSION		
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ANY OTHER HOBBYIES OR INTERESTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

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