

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

Well a 60 degree day in February.... what on earth is going on... This might be just the opportunity you need to work on a Corvair, or at least sit in the garage and look al your ol' pal and dream for some cleaner roads and going for a little rip!

We had our planning meeting back on January 20th and I feel that it was quite a success. Productive conversations were had and plans were made. I'm very excited for this upcoming season and I hope we get some cars out on the road and have some fun!

When I was a teenager, I had grandiose visions of having a fast car. Being older and hopefully somewhat wiser, I feel that my new goals involve having weirder and more unique cars. I think to a lot of people, the unconventional Corvair is a very scary proposition, but it ticks a lot of boxes in the unique, well styled, and interestingly engineered categories. I feel that the Corvairs I owe have expanded my knowledge about cars greatly and have now emboldened me to take another step deeper into the strange. This weekend, I'll be going to pick up a new friend... a Citroen SM. There are a lot of unknowns about the car mechanically, but I feel that with the knowledge I've gained from the Corvair, I'm ready to read more books and manuals and will figure out this car too. Plus, original plans for the Citroen SM called for an air-cooled flat six engine and some would say the engine it did receive is in the car orientation, so it feels somewhat like it belongs.

This serves as a segue to address a topic that came up at the planning meeting. Some members of the club may no longer have a Corvair, or have other cars in addition to Corvairs and were wondering if the club is still open to them. The resounding answer is 100% yes. The folks at the planning meeting believe that this is a club that is focused on the Corvair, but if you don't have one and at least appreciate the Corvair and the company of those in the club, come on down with whatever you want. It is safe to guess that everyone in the club has a wide interest in cars, so we'd love to see whatever you're working on.

It has been decided that we are going to aim to have a club activity the 3rd Saturday of each month, with some wiggle room. We have put together a plan for 2024 events. See later in the issue for the calendar.

Also, the ACORN 50th anniversary is coming up in 2025! Discussions were had regarding a commemorative item, but it was decided we should see if anyone in the membership had any ideas, so please send your ideas along!

Pres Carmo

From the VP's desk:

Hey everybody! We are getting closer all the time to car season, and I am really looking forward to it! We had a really good planning meeting in late January, and I think this will be a good summer for the club. This month will start the 3rd weekend get togethers for the club, and this month will be breakfast at Peppermints on Saturday the 17th at 9am. This Saturday, 2/10, is the annual get together at the invitation of GT Conboy to come on out to his place in Rush. All are welcome. I am looking forward to getting some work done on my van project this May with a club get together out at my shop in Ontario to strip down Scooby of any useful parts for my white van. I am also going to make an effort to get the "64 Monza back on the road. To that end, I have purchased Blue Chip Tool's pushrod tube extraction/installation tool to make seal replacement a little easier. It will be available to club members to borrow if needed. I am enclosing a picture for reference;

That's all for now, be well!! Mark

Treasurer's report:

Things are progressing on the club dues front, albeit a little slow. We've only had 12 members submit their dues for 2024. Please make every effort to get those in to me as soon as possible. One clarification from the planning meeting; We've revised the dues schedule one last time; New members will be able to use the quarterly sliding scale (as outlined in last month's newsletter) as they join.



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

- January through December: \$12
- April through December: \$9
- July through December: \$6
- October through December: \$3

Club funds as of 02/07/2024:

January: \$1885.38 8 additional dues payments: +\$96.00 Food cost, planning meeting: -\$100.00

Total funds as of 02/07/2024: \$1881.38

ACORN January Activity Report

Planning Meeting & Lunch, Rochester Police Locust Club - January 20, 2024

ACORNers attending:

- Brandon Carmo President & ACORNews Editor
- Mark Webster Vice-President & Treasurer
- Dick & Bethel Powers
- Dave Ellis Historian
- Sam & Marissa Andolino Webmaster
- Jim Cleveland
- Jim Bartasevich Secretary & Membership

We reviewed the meeting agenda and discussed a few other things after having pizza and soft drinks provided by the club.

Thanks to President Brandon for obtaining the meeting room!

Meeting Minutes

Old Business

• Officers

The officers remain the same. Mark will continue the dual role of VP & Treasurer while l'llassume the duties of Membership since I'm already the secretary.

• Meeting Dates

For continuity, we decided on the third Saturday of the month with flexible times and locations, coinciding with the events and projects which will be announced in ACORNews. There could be an exception like the upcoming RR & PC Winter Warm-up hosted by George Conboy on February 10 from 10 AM to 1 PM. An RSVP is required for ALL activities and events!

• Winnowing the ACORN parts supply

As of now, we'll be working on the supply at Dave Pulhamus'.We scheduled this for April 20 at 9 AM. We can add the supply at Mark's and at the RR & PC later on. RR & PC will probably be the biggest.

New Business

• Treasurer's Report

From the January, 2024 ACORNews: \$1885.38.The new dues structure is:

- January through December: \$12 [also membership renewal]
- April through December: \$9 [new member]
- July through December: \$6 [new member]
- ·October through December: \$3 [new member]

2024 Meetings

As noted above, under "Old Business," ACORN meetings/activities will be on the third Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted. It was decided to REQUIRE an RSVP for each one so we'll know what to expect, what to plan, etc.

Calendar of Events

February 10:George Conboy. Winter Warm-up at the Rush Rod & Piston Club [RR & PC] 10 AM to 1 PM: Rush Rod & Piston Club, 540 Woodruff Rd., Rush. Winter is cold, boring, and car-deprived, so we're having a Winter Warm-Up on Saturday, Feb 23 from 10 am – 1 pm. Feel free to drop in! We'll have hot chocolate and mulled cider (rumors of brandy are not misplaced). Maybe there will be snacks (anything is possible). It will be a chance to start your car, let it warm up and circulate the fluids, and trade tips & stories with your fellow car enthusiasts. Come see what crazy vehicles have found their way to the RR & PC this winter! Our Winter Warm-Up is a great cold-weather get-together for motor heads to gather and celebrate the midway point of the off season. Hope you can join us – and dress warmly!

February 17: Breakfast Meeting at Peppermint's 9AM, 4870 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY March 16: Breakfast Meeting at Peppermint's 9AM, 4870 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY April 20: ACORN Parts Reduction at Dave Pulhamus' 9 AM May 18: Disassemble a Greenbrier at Mark Webster's 9 AM June 22: Motor trip and meal: TBA July ??: MGCC car show August ??: Joint event with Finger Lakes Region VW Club September 15 [Sunday]: Corvairs on the Hills, Fred Marsh October 19: Fall color tour and meal; TBA November 9 [2nd Saturday]: Year-end dinner, Bella Pasta; Dave & Edie Ellis

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.

Other Notable Items

ACORN 50th Anniversary: In 2025, ACORNs will be 50 years old! Dave Ellis volunteered to coordinate our celebration next year. He'll start by preparing the information and photos from the early years. In addition, we'll be thinking about a commemorative memento, maybe something different instead of a jacket patch or dash plaque. If you have any ideas, please let Dave know.

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!

Submitted by Jim Bartasevich, Secretary & Membership, 01-29-24

ACORNS 50 TH Anniversary

The Leadership Team has concurred that we will be celebrating our 50 Th Anniversary in 2025. That means we will have to be making some decisions and implementing some plans in 2024 to assure we can make sure our 50 th Anniversary events can be effectively implemented and enjoyed by all...

One topic to be discussed is what memorabilia are we going to create?... Three suggestions are currently under consideration,,,,T-Shirts, Dash Plaques, and Patches.....only one item is going to be produced,,,so a decision needs to be made by mid year '24 so that the process of implemention can occur in a timely fashion...The Club would fund about ½ of the cost and the members whom would like to procure whatever the memorabilia item might be would have to place their orders upfront, and cover their portion of cost upfront to assure we have sufficient resources in place to make it happen....

This communication is being created to request your personal input on which of the 3 options presented above would you prefer...or if you have a suggestion for an additional candidate,,,please make it....Feed back should be made directly the Dave Ellis,,,at his cell phone number 585-503-9445...or to his email address dellis1@rochester.rr.com... Please make your inputs by the end of February... Results will be presented at the March Meeting....hopefully the decision will be made and presented in the April issue of the ACORNEWS...

Having an Anniversary Picnic during the Summer or 2025 would be a highlight of the year....Where to hold such an event was discussed at the January planning meeting.....The cost to reserve a shelter at which to hold the event was discussed...and it was decided that the cost to reserve the location could be better spent toward the food and fluids to

be provided at such an event...Our treasury should have sufficient funds to cover the majority of the cost for food and fluids...At worst we might need a few bucks per person....Brandon Carmo has generously offered his home as a potential location...lots of room and we have held successful ACORN events there in previous years...August seems to be a reasonable month to schedule such an event....If you have any reason to suggest an alternative month...again,,,provide your input directly to Dave Ellis..

Looking forward to successful 2024 planning for a very enjoyable 50th Anniversary Year in 2025...

DME out...

Founding Member Profile by Dave Ellis

As a way to look forward to celebrating our 50 TH Anniversary in 2025,,,,it would be a good thing to do to remember the folks who were Founding Members back in 1974/5,,,and are still active members today!!!

This month we are highlighting Fred and Sue Marsh…on another page in this issue of the ACORNEWS, our CLUB HISTORIAN, Dave Ellis has pulled together some "snaps from the past" of Sue and Fred at some our our earliest club events….

Fred was and still is a stellar automotive mechanic...he owned his own SUNOCO station in Gang Mills for many decades.....LOTS of local Corvairs were provided repairs and updates over the years at that location....He was one of the very first shops to open a facility utilizing the latest and greatest laser alignment fixtures/tools to allow he and his team to create "splitters" from two severely damaged unibody cars...the good front half of one vehicle and the good back half of another; and in short order...a solid reliable fully functional "new" vehicle was ready to be sold,,,oh,,along with all the good spare parts that were left over....

Folks at the local auto auctions came to understand why Fred was buying all of those "totaled unibody cars"...Sue made sure the household was running on all cylinders...Fred has always and continues to this day to provide assistance to his fellow ACORN members.....Way back when,,,in the 1976 timeframe, he provided Dave Ellis his first project car,,,a 1960 500 4door, PG, that needed a lot of tlc...but the price was right.."Dave yas gotta have a Corvair to wrench on,,,just come down here and tow this one home!!!" Thus started a 4 year restoration project that resulted in THE RED ROCKET being created...

His most recent adventure is when he successfully assisted Paul Abel put the powertrain into Paul's last project car in Fred's garage up on the hill in Presho....four plus decades later...

For many years "Fred and Sue have sponsored CORVAIRS ON THE HILL as the ACORNS September event...Sue made sure there was plenty of food and fluids so that everyone had plenty to eat and drink...One of many Corvairs Fred has restored over the years is his own personal, original owner 1965 Silver CORSA Turbo Convertible...Just completed in the past year or so, Assuredly it runs better now than the day he took delivery!!!

Fred and Sue,,,thanks for helping the ACORNS to create lots of wonderful memories....





Thursday, March 14, 10:00 at The Bay Front Restaurant 1075 Empire Boulevard, Rochester (585) 482-2247 We'd love you to join us 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 for us all to sit together....and LOTS of parking!! hope to see you soon!...Annabelle

ACORN 2024 Event Calendar [Subject to change]

SEE ACTIVITY REPORT, THIS SPACE WILL BE POPULATED NEXT MONTH

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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.

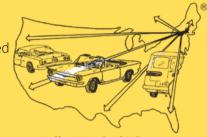
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

Thanks, Brandon Carmo

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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

For sale: 1964 Corvair Spyder coupe. Black with white Clark's interior. Engine, trans. and diff. were gone through in early 2000's. Rear suspension bushings replaced. Runs well. Extra parts included. Car located in Oswego, NY. **Asking \$8,000.**

Dave Baker Home: 315-342-5495 <u>dbvair@yahoo.com</u>

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

From the desk of Dave Pulhamus

The Ellis 64 Monza Convertible is going on the block. Great car! Only issue is with the paint wanting its freedom from the primer. Also needs encouragement to start if left sitting for a time. \$5000 for Club members and you get some spares! Dave Pulhamus 352-0149 or dmpul80@gmail.com

From the desk of Sam and Marissa Andolino

email mandolin@rochester.rr.com for further

- Early model (1960 – 1964) Corvair Monza windshield

- ORIGINAL PF4 Oil Filters

The following car is for sale by Fred Marsh [607-937-5223]:

'60 Monza - Restored, like new. Asking \$9000



AVAILABLE PARTS FROM THE BARTASEVITCH PARTS STASH

- I FC 4 speed inst. cluster [it has the shift points on the speedo]
- 2 FC glove box doors
- 1 Early car glove box door [don't know the year]
- 1 Late Delco AM push button radio
- 1 Early [I think] Motorola AM push button radio [a button is broken]
- 1 Corsa inst. cluster & glove box door [dusty]
- 1 Corsa inst. cluster used as a parts donor
- 1 Corsa air cleaner with carb cross-over
- 2 Starters
- 1 Alternator
- 2 '65-'66 "A" pillar interior trim
- 1 NAPA Belden plug wire set [NOS?] but in the box for a while
- 1 Late power convertible top switch & bracket
- 4 Wiper/washer units
- 1 Washer jug and bracket [rust on bracket]
- 1 Washer bottle bracket [some rust]
- 6 wiper arms
- 1 NOS '65-'69 clutch rod

- 3 Clark's C2754 rear wheel cyl. rebuilding kits
- 3 Clark's C2745 front wheel cyl. rebuilding kits
- Multiple stainless steel headlight rings [they hold the headlight to the light unit]
- 1 late headlight unit
- 1 FC headlight unit
- 2 magnesium cooling fans; 1 for a '64, 1 for '65-'69 [both have surface corrosion]
- 5 Various oil coolers; low to high HP
- 2 Front hubs [I think for an FC]
- 2 Early rear car shocks, used but work okay
- 5 Early & late gen. & alt./oil fill/oil filter castings
- Multiple fan idler pulleys
- 1 '62 80 HP PG distributor
- 2 '63 102 HP distributors
- 2 '64-'68 110 HP distributors
- 1 '69 95 PG distributor
- Multiple clamps for ignition coils
- Multiple '62 stop light lenses
- Multiple '65 stop light lenses
- Multiple '66-'69 stop light lenses

FOR SALE

ACORN PARTS SUPPLY

CONTACT: DAVE ELLIS: 585-503-9445, dellis1@rochester.rr.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	Contact: Dave Ellis; 585-227-24	39; dellis1@rochester.rr.com
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 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!!!

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