

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

I hope you've all got your eclipse glasses, because tomorrow is the big day. Hopefully it isn't overcast.

April is here and it is time to start dusting off cars, doing oil changes, and getting ready to do some driving! I have a bunch of oil filters on order for my stable. Unfortunately, I saw them dumping a bunch of salt after the nor'easter last week, but we should get some rain later this week that will hopefully clean the roads enough! Things are looking up! I'm excited to get the Lakewood out there soon and hopefully I will get the trunk project done on the '67 so I can have two functional Corvairs this season!

I've been doing some parts collecting for the Citroen SM, which involved a trip to north central Maryland and southern PA. I was very close to Corvair Ranch and wish I had a vehicle with more room so I could pick up a bench seat core for the Lakewood, but that was not the case, because it turns out Citroen people are as nice as Corvair people! The gentleman in Maryland that I was buying door panels from, also had two Citroen DS 4 speed transmissions. He couldn't find anyone willing to come get them and was about to scrap them, but it turns out, they would be compatible with my car if I needed them, so he gave me one for an incredibly nice price. Then the gentleman in PA had an entire document he wrote for getting an SM back on the road, but he wrote up a special version for me because mine has the DS engine. We then spent a lot of time going through parts and talking about hydraulics. This was very reminiscent of some of my earliest meetings with ACORN members. Just friendly people who want the new folks to succeed with their cars. I value the ACORN and other Corvair friends I've made along the way who have been so helpful and informative during this journey.

We had another great breakfast at Peppermint's this month. It was nice to see all those who attended. We had enough people to have a meeting and make some decisions on some matters.

- A contact has come forward to help with the possible sale of Tom Martin's cars
- More ideas were passed around for possible 50th Anniversary commemorative items
- End of the year dinner location was discussed. (Likely Bella Pasta in Greece, NY)

Be sure to check out the **Activity Report** for more information on these matters.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A NEW DATE FOR THE DAVE PULHAMUS PARTS MEETING: APRIL 27TH, 9AM (RSVP TO ME BY 4/22)

Be well and happy spring!

From the VP's desk:

Hi All,

Not much to report as far as the shop or my jalopies, as I was on a tear at work with OT on a tough project, including some weekend hours. I am still, however, on track for whoever would like to come out to the shop on May 18th to put together a plan/start parting out Scooby. I will put out a request for an RSVP in early May so that I can have refreshments available. Also note that the date has been changed for the part reduction event at Dave P's from April 20th to April 27th.

We had another good turnout for our breakfast meeting on the 3/16 at Peppermints. The level of engagement so far this year is encouraging. Let's keep it going!

Mark

Treasurer's report:

We are still trudging away at getting dues paid. As of 04/07, we still have 12 members who have not paid. I am asking one more time for folks to please get me your dues in by 04/30/24. If not in by then, we will be reducing the roster.

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:

Club funds entering April

Club funds entering April (including 3 members dues, and 1 for 2025):	\$1953.38
Check for CORSA membership for the club:	- \$35.00
Breakfast meeting @ Peppermints covered by the club(+ tip):	-168.25

New club total: \$1750.13

ACORN March Activity Report

Breakfast at Peppermints Diner - March 16, 2024

ACORNers attending:

- Brandon Carmo President & ACORNews Editor
- Mark Webster Vice-President & Treasurer
- Dick Powers
- Dave Ellis Historian
- Dick Gilbert
- Dave Shaffer
- Jean Marc Urbain
- Jim Bartasevich Secretary & Membership

Again, we had a good turn-out for the breakfast and meeting. Food seems to be a uniting factor for Corvair people! Because we had a meeting, the club paid for breakfast too!

Meeting Minutes

Old Business

• Winnowing the ACORN parts supply

As of now, we'll be working on the supply at Dave Pulhamus'. **We scheduled this for April 27 at 9 AM. Please note the date change.** We can add the supply at Mark's and at the RR & PC later on. RR & PC will probably be the biggest.

• Tom Martin's Corvairs

It turned out that one of my neighbors knows Tom and spoke to the executor of Tom's estate. The cars are all coupes: '65 with A/C; '64 and '63. All had been running and inspected. They think that the '64 needs a starter. All have been stored indoors under covers. There is also a large amount of parts and ACORN newsletters. My contact's name is Don Coast, 749-2529 [cell]. I told him that I'd be glad to go with him to look over the cars and parts and help with the pricing using the latest Old Cars Price Guide that Dave Ellis provided.

• ACORN 50th Anniversary, 2025

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. Some suggestions have been shirts, jackets, license plate frames, drinking glasses, and window decal. If you have any ideas, please let Dave [dellis1@rochester.rr.com] know.

ACORN March Activity Report (cont.)

• End of Year Dinner

Dave and Edie Ellis have made arrangements to hold our holiday dinner at Bella Pasta in Greece. It will be a buffet and will start at 2 PM. The cost has not been finalized, but the club will pay 1/2 for members.

New Business

• CORSA Annual Chapter Report

This has been completed and sent to CORSA with the \$35 fee because not all of the ACORN members are members of CORSA.

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!

Submitted by Jim Bartasevich, Secretary & Membership, 03-29-24

ACORN 2024 Event Calendar [Subject to change]

April 27: ACORN Parts Reduction at Dave Pulhamus' 9 AM RSVP BY 4/22 TO BWCARMO@GMAIL.COM

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

ACORNS 50TH 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...

ACORN FOUNDING MEMBERS PROFILES- DICK GILBERT

Back in the middle 70's when Ed Sutton began to gather together a group of "CORVAIR NUTS"...

One of those unique folks was Dick Gilbert....His rural home had enough acreage that a whole bunch of Corvairs awaiting parting out could safely be stashed out it the field behind the barn...without garnering the attention of the local code enforcement folks,,,the barn itself could hold a whole bunch of previously harvested spare parts...

I would hazard a guess that MANY dozens of Corvairs were "processed" at that location over the many years that it was used for said activities....With several dozens of very active members at this point in time...all of whom had at least one,,sometimes more than one vehicle in the process of being restored, upgraded, put back on the road...there was a very healthy demand for good quality used, harvested, "inexpensive" spare parts,,,,anything from entire powertrains to and including entire interiors were fare game....doors, hoods, decklids, windshields were considered "easy pickins"!!!

In the years following the ACORNS becoming a certified CORSA CHARTERED entity in 1975,,,they began to be more active in pursuing Corsa Events outside the immediate locale....Weekend runs to Buffalo, Syracuse events became common place.....Week long treks to CORSA NATIONAL Conventions became the highlight of the summers activites,,,Detroit, Syracuse,,,,no big deal,,,ATLANTA Georgia was a bit further afield,,but several folks made it happen,,,,Gilberts and Ellis's in particular, had a wonderful time at that event...once we even made a run and stayed a long weekend at the CLARKS CORVAIR semiannual convention....

For a couple decades, most every weekend, May thru September,,,there were ACORNS gathered at someones place to make a group effort assure a significant or minor repair/restoration activity got successfully completed....or...a run to part out a CORVAIR even a couple hour drive away was commonplace...Dick was personally envolved in toooo many of those events to make a guess at the grand total in which he participated...our record for a team of 8 individuals starting with the vehicle on it's wheels, to back on it's wheels, after receiving a complete clutch/pressure plate, throwout bearing replacement process still stands a 6 hours flat....followed by a really good meal, and several "beverages"!!!

In the 90's, 2000's and 2010's folks either moved away, aged out or have passed on…and our current active membership of folks daily driving, and keeping on the road their Corvairs has significantly decreased....Due in no small part to the entire hobby car process having gotten extremely expensive… I just checked Clark's latest flyer,,,,a brass contact distributor cap that we routinely used to complain about costing \$6 is now \$20!!!! AND..the availability of vendors who are proficient in the skill trades of interior installation, including convertible tops, drivetrain rebuilders etc has eroded to a very few....

However ,,,,in the face of allll of the above...what kept Dick Gilbert busy the last 5 years or so???....

He just completed a significant restoration of a '64 Monza, 4 spd, Convert...it looks wonderful...OH by the way....we need to put a plan together to replace a failing pressure plate,,,at least that is the majority opinion at this point...let's see if we can make that happen soon???...so that he can drive the wheels of his VERT this summer!!!!

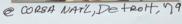
Created and input by Dave Ellis.....



ANNUOL SPARING SWAP Met EDick PROBABLY 1977?











DICK Gilbert - The EARLy Yrans', 77-87





Thursday, April 11, 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 OFFICERS

President/Editor: Brandon Carmo	obwcarmo@gmail.com
Vice President: Mark Webster	mpwebster66@yahoo.com
Secretary: Jim Bartasevich	_corvair@frontiernet.net
Treasurer: Mark Webster	_mpwebster66@yahoo.com
Webmaster [.] Marissa Andolino	mandolin@rochester rr com

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

Clark's Corvair Parts®

Our catalog lists over 15,000 parts for your Corvair. We carry engine parts, body panels, upholstery and much more! There are 1,000's of reproduced items available, pages of technical information and lots of other helpful hints.

Check us out at www.corvair.com or call today to order a copy of our printed catalog. You will quickly see why we are the world's largest supplier of parts and all your other Corvair needs. Clark's - More than Parts!

Clark's Corvair Parts® (413)625-9776 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370 www.corvair.com email: clarks@corvair.com

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

140hp Series II Convertible Corvair for sale, needs starter Contact Will Seymour for details/pricing: 585-281-1706, wseymour@rochester.rr.com



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!!!

		P.O. Box 68 • Ma	orvair Automobile ple Plain MN 55359 • 630/403-5010 valr.org • E-mail: corsa @ corvair.org
	Nembership /		
New Member Renewa			
First Name		Last Name	
	State/Draw	Zin Code	Country
	State/PT0V.		Country
 12 month Canadian Full Mer 28 month Canadian Full Mer 12 month overseas Full Men 26 month overseas Full Men 12 month Virtual Membershi 26 month Virtual Membershi 	nbership	Racing Fund	ve historic Corvairs and memorabila ng Corvairs entered in national racing ders payable to CORSA.
Corvair Preservation Fi Bacing Fund donation Will Membership benefits includine CORSA <i>Communique</i> , and eceive your first magazine by m intual Membership includes all CORSA currently has over 120 Please do not contact a COR Ve respect your privacy. CORS do NOT want the following put	min. S1 e access to the members-only the right to attend our Internati nail. the benefits of Full Membershi chapters throughout the world. ISA chapter on my behalf. If A publishes a member roster a	onal Convention. There may be p, except the CORSA Commun. We encourage membership in belong to CORSA chapter # as a benefit of membership, sphone number ⊐ E-mail addr	I mailed versions of our magazine, a four to six week delay before yo ique is available online only. our local chapters.

ŝ

Corvair R	Association of Corvair Nu APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP to JOIN "A C O R N" is CHAPTER #148 of CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA" (C	N ACORN
DATE:		
	(MEMBER)	
NAME:	(SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT	OTHER, CHILDREN, etc.)
ADDRESS:		
E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES):	
(ACORNews, the club's	monthly newsletter will be sent via email unless	requested otherwise.)
PHONE #s: HOME [optional]	WORK	
[optionini]		
	R JANUARY, DUES ARE REDUCED E MEMBERS/FAMILIES ARE FREE F Please make checks or money orders p Mark Wabatar	FOR THE FIRST YEAR!
	E MEMBERS/FAMILIES ARE FREE F	FOR THE FIRST YEAR!
FIRST TIM FIRST TIM IT IS NOT A REQUIRI HOWEVER, IF YOU A PROVIDE AN APPLIC PLEASE, TELL US AE YEAR	E MEMBERS/FAMILIES ARE FREE F Please make checks or money orders p Mark Webster 607 Winona Blvd Rochester, NY 14617 EMENT TO BE A MEMBER OF CORSA TO BI ARE A MEMBER OF CORSA, PLEASE CHECK	FOR THE FIRST YEAR! ayable to: E A MEMBER OF THE ACORNS. K HERE: IF NOT, WE CAN