



ACORNEWS

ACORNS - Association of CORvair NutS
Rochester, NY - Corsa Chapter 148
July 2024 Newsletter

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

Happy July! I hope everyone had a nice July 4th! Summer is in full swing. The big news of the month is that the **MG Car Club** show is on **Sunday, July 21st! Gates open at 9AM!**

I know Jim Bartasevitch and I have registered. I hope some more folks have. **You can register at the gate if you like, as well! It's just \$20.** If you are not able to bring a car, I hope you'll at least stop by to enjoy the day! According to the forecast I've seen, it should be 77 degrees with no rain forecasted! Beautiful!

Some details have been firmed up for our ACORNS end of the season feast at Bella Pasta!
Mark your calendar for 11/9/24!

Our August event, due for the 3rd Saturday of the month (8/17) has not been decided as far as I know. If you have any suggestions or need a tech session, let us know!

Be well!
-Brandon

50th Anniversary Commemorative Mug

I've received requests for 19 total mugs (some members are getting 2). More information will follow for the August issue with regard to pricing.



From the VP's Desk:

Hey all,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and getting out to enjoy the weather! Things have been way too busy on my end, as usual. My time owning a sailboat was very short lived, and has come to an end. The '88 Mustang is on the road, so now I can focus a bit more on combining the vans into one project as well as tinkering with the '64 Monza. If possible I will schedule a Saturday in the fall for a tech session, depending on my crazy work schedule. I need to also look after getting the VW bus going, and make a decision on what to do with the '78 Spitfire. I need to be retired so that I can spend more time in the shop!! Haha! The MG car show is coming up on the 21st, and I think we have two cars registered. Hopefully we can get a few more to the show, and if you can't get a Corvair to the show, I am hoping we can at least make a showing of the club in person. I believe Jim B sent out an email to some other Corvair clubs near by, so hopefully we'll get some response from them as well! See you on the 21st!

Mark

Treasurer's Report

Not much action on the money front this month, and no more dues paid as of 07/07/24. If you are one of the last members who has not paid dues for 2024, please do so ASAP. Thanks in advance.

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 07/07/2024:

Club funds entering June :	\$1724.13
No new income or expenditures :	+ \$0.00
New club total:	\$ 1748.13

That's it!

Best regards,
Mark

ACORN June Activity Report

Ken Emerson Tech Session - 6/22/24

ACORNers attending:

- Ken Emerson
- Jim Bartasevich

At one of our spring breakfasts, Ken mentioned that his '66 Monza coupe began to run roughly when started it following its return from Florida. We set up a session for June 22 at his house to investigate. Besides Ken, I was the only ACORNER who attended.

Before starting it, I checked a number of things that can cause rough running:

- v Loose sparkplug wires at the plug and at the distributor
- v Loose/worn parts under the distributor cap
- v Vacuum leaks: Hoses for the choke pull-offs, balance tube hoses, loose carbs, vacuum advance hose, and missing carb gaskets

There were no problems from these potential sources of rough running.

Next, I pulled the number 1 and number 2 sparkplugs to check for combustion on each side of the engine. Other than wider than spec gaps, they both looked similar so it wasn't a fuel imbalance from the carburetors.

I decided to check all the plugs and found that the sparkplug wire connector inside the boot for number 6 was very rusty. Rusty? I thought those connectors were brass, but it looks like some cost-cutting has been going on in the plug wire industry. They appeared to be brass plated. All the rest of the plugs and boots at the plugs were okay except for the wide plug gaps which I reset to factory specs.

I was going to try to clean up the connector with abrasive paper, but the rust caused it to become stuck in the boot. After squirting some WD-40 inside the boot, and working it a bit, the wire came out. I sanded the inside of the connector with a piece of paper that was rolled up, but it was difficult to get all of the surface because of the configuration of the connector. Because of the rust, I also couldn't determine if the wire was even still connected to the connector. I didn't bring an ohmmeter that could have been used to check continuity.

After reinstalling the wire in the boot and then on to the plug, Ken started the car. However, the rough running [miss] was still there, so the wire needed to be replaced. I suggested to Ken that he contact Clark's to see if they sold single plug wires and showed him how to replace it.

While looking around for vacuum leaks, I noticed that there was a Rube Goldberg arrangement for the crankcase vent. Whoever worked on the engine at one time apparently didn't have the correct vent tube. I suggested to Ken that he check with the ACORN parts supply to see if we have a vent tube for his engine. He also needs the small, steel tube that runs from the PG vacuum modulator to the balance tube. Rube struck again when someone used a piece of vinyl hose instead of the steel tube with a rubber hose connector at each end. This hose was becoming kinked and hard from the heat.

The remaining mystery is how the end of that sparkplug wire connector became as rusty as it was. All of the other wires were okay.

Jim Bartasevich

Meeting Minutes

Old Business

- No business discussed

New Business

- No business discussed

ACORNS 50TH Anniversary

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 2024 Event Calendar [Subject to change]

July 21: MGCC car show, Museum of Transportation, 6393 E River Rd, West Henrietta, NY 14586

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

MG Car Club Car Show

The MG Car Club Car Show will be July 21st at the New York Museum of Transportation. The ACORNS will be sponsoring a Corvair class there this year.

We did this last year, but no one made it, which is a shame. Let's not do this twice.

go to mgcarclub.com to register!

Only one trophy will be given for the class like they did last year and owners of either Alfa or Corvair will have the \$10 early registration cost extended to Day of Show registration.

If you have any questions, the new show chair is

Leon Zak: leon@zaks.com

Please contact him if you have any questions.

The museum is located at
6393 E River Rd,
West Henrietta, NY 14586

51st MGCC CAR SHOW JULY 21st, 2024

New Location:

NY Museum of Transportation
East River Rd, Rush NY

Trolley Rides, Indoor & Outdoor Exhibits
Boy Scout breakfast & chicken BBQ
Lions Club hots, burgers, sausage
(*& hopefully Ice Cream!*)

\$3 Parking fee, lots of space

Flyers & Show Car Registration soon

2024 CRUIZE'N TIME CAR SHOW SCHEDULE



5/27 Memorial Day Car Show at The Windmill Penn Yan NY	8/1 Next Level Open House AND Car Show Dansville NY
6/1 Dairy Festival Car Show Steuben County Fairgrounds, Bath NY	8/11 Springwater Gala Car Show Springwater NY
6/8 Crazee Daze Car Show Canisteo NY	8/17 Wallace Fun Fest Car Show Wallace NY
6/15 Minnehans Spring Car Show Lakeville NY	8/31 Prattsburgh Old Home Days Car Show Prattsburgh NY
7/6 Hammondsport Fireman's Carnival Show Hammondsport NY	9/14 Howard Old Home Days Car Show Howard NY
7/22 Steuben Center FREE CRUISE IN Bath NY	9/28 Fall Windmill Car Show Penn Yan NY
	10/6 Cohocton Fall Festival Car Show Cohocton NY



Thursday, August 8, 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

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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.

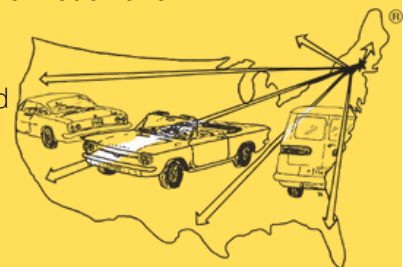
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

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

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

dbvair@yahoo.com

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 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

- ❖ 1 - 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

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ENGINE BLOCKS
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Contact: Dave Ellis; 585-227-2439; dellis1@rochester.rr.com

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FUEL PUMP RETAIN. BOLT ASY.
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HEADLAMP/TURN SIGNAL, FRT
HEATER COMPONENTS
HORNS
HORN BUTTONS, STR COLMN
INSTR/DASH CLUSTERS,S1&2
INTAKE TUBES
INTERIOR TRIM PARTS
"JUGS" S1&S2 ???
LIFTERS, HYDR.

MOTOR MOUNTS, S1&S2
MOTOR MNT TO ENG BRKTS
OIL CLRS, SEVERAL TYPES
OIL FLTR/ALT MOUNT HSNGS
PISTONS W/CON RODS, SI&2-??
POWERGLIDE TRANS
RADIOS
STARTERS
TAILLIGHT/REAR -PARTS-S1&S2
THROTTLE LINKAGES 2 CARBI
TURBO EMBLEMS
VALVE CVR H.D. BRACKETS
VISORS,,,S1/2???
WHEEL COVERS- SERIES 1
WHEEL COVERS - SERIE 2
W.S. WSHR PARTS
WINDOW HNDLS, INTERIOR
WIPER ARMS, S1&2??

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!!!

The MG Car Club

in cooperation with the

New York Museum of Transportation

present the

SPORTS CAR FESTIVAL 2024



Sunday July 21st
9am to 4pm

Pre-Registration \$10
at [MGCARCLUB.COM](https://mgcarclub.com)



NEW LOCATION New York Museum
6393 East River Rd of Transportation
Rush, NY

The **MG Car Club Sports Car Festival**
(formerly called the Victor Car Show)
will be held at the **New York Museum of Transportation**



Pre-Registration is \$10
don't miss the pre-reg
cutoff date for more
info <https://mgcarclub.com>

Trolley Rides have **special event pricing of \$5 per person**

Specatator parking is \$3 per car - includes admittance to the car show field and admittance to NYMT Museum

Boy Scout Troop 243 of Chili
will have a chicken BBQ



Pete's Street Meat -
hots, burgers, sausage, fixins,
breakfast sandwich on DiPalo roll

Sponsor an engraved Class award for your club or business - \$50.

American car classes expanded
All makes & types of vehicles welcome

Contact us info@mgcarclub.com

Creamcredibile will
be providing their
home made ice cream



NYMT has antique train displays, trolley cars, fire truck, ambulance and more on display. The **Midtown Plaza Monorail** is on display. Huge HO train setup - 3 running trains, a trolley and an N gauge **Rochester Subway layout**. The trolley car from the Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant is open for display.



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New Member Renewal

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- 12 month US Full Membership \$45
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- 12 month Canadian Full Membership \$49
- 26 month Canadian Full Membership \$98
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- 26 month overseas Full Membership \$118
- 12 month Virtual Membership \$37
- 26 month Virtual Membership \$74
- _____ CORSA donation min. \$1
- _____ Corvaair Preservation Foundation donation . min. \$1
- _____ Racing Fund donation min. \$1

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Racing Fund

Provides cash incentives to winning Corvaairs entered in national racing

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CORSA currently has over 120 chapters throughout the world. We encourage membership in our local chapters.

Please do not contact a CORSA chapter on my behalf. I belong to CORSA chapter # _____.

We respect your privacy. CORSA publishes a member roster as a benefit of membership.

I do NOT want the following published in the roster: Telephone number E-mail address Any personal information

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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: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES): _____

(ACORN News, the club's monthly newsletter will be sent via email unless requested otherwise.)

PHONE #s: HOME _____ WORK _____
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ANNUAL DUES FOR ACORN MEMBERSHIP IS \$12, DUE IN JANUARY.
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Rochester, NY 14617

IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO BE A MEMBER OF CORSA TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ACORNS.
 HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF CORSA, PLEASE CHECK HERE: _____ IF NOT, WE CAN
 PROVIDE AN APPLICATION FOR CORSA.

PLEASE, TELL US ABOUT YOUR CORVAIR(S)

YEAR HP	MODEL TRANSMISSION	BODY STYLE	ENGINE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

ANY OTHER HOBBIES OR INTERESTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

