

# ACORNEWS

ACORNS - Association of CORvair NutS Rochester, NY - Corsa Chapter 148 March 2025 Newsletter

#### Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS

We've made it through February and a lot of snow has melted. Hopefully March won't do what it normally and give us that one last winter storm. There are two days in the 50s forecasted for this week, which is giving me the urge to get out there and do some wrenching.

A bit of sad news for this month has to do with the passing of Richard Powers. I feel so happy to have gotten to know Rich these past few years. He was always a class act, positive, loved cars, liked to have fun, supported the ACORNS and always contributed to the club and hoped for its success. I will truly miss his stories and friendship. I know several members attending his services this past week. I made it to the memorial on Saturday. It was well attended and guests shared some memories of Richard, which made for a nice remembrance. I was advised by Dave Ellis that he compiled a series of photos that included Rich and delivered them to Bethel. The club also made a gift to the International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen, which Richard really enjoyed spending time at. I will miss making plans to bump into Richard at the Vintage Grand Prix in Watkins Glen this year.

There will be an ACORN breakfast on this **Saturday**, **3/15**, at 9am at Peppermints in Henrietta. **Please RSVP to me by Friday**, **3/14 at 5pm** so I can give them a headcount of how many to expect. The reservation will be under my name in case anyone gets there before me.

Marissa Andolino has been hard at work and she has done some revamping to the ACORNS website! Check out



**https://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter148/** to see the work she has done! I think it is great!

-Brandon

#### From the VP's Desk:

Hi Everyone,

Thank you all for your patience and support as I have dealt with the loss of two very important men in my life. My Uncle, who was more like a second father to me, passed in late December while I was helping my dad fight off yet another assault from cancer. That fight ended in early February as he finally succumbed after a valiant fight. I am now adjusting to life going forward without two powerful forces present. As I write to you the club is also mourning the loss of Dick Powers, a long time member and a great guy. I only knew him for a relatively short time, but his enthusiasm for life and for all things automotive was infectious. It was a real treat to hear him talk about cars, and it was especially great to see him come out to the MG car show last year, even though he was not in good health. He will surely be missed, and as a tribute to him and to his dedication to both the club and to auto racing in general, I am making a \$100 donation from the club, in his name, to the IMRRC. RIP Dick, you will be missed.

On a personal note pertaining to my cars, I have decided to make my VW bus, Klaus, and my '64 coupe, Betty Sue, my daily driver rotation(if I can indeed make that happen). While my son Jack was fighting Lymphoma and my dad was sick, I leased my Ram pickup so that I didn't have to worry about transportation at all. Well, that lease is up at the end of the summer, and if recent events tell me anything, it's that you never know how much time you have, so enjoy life while you can. In that spirit, I am going to make a childhood dream come true and daily drive my bus. I will also get Betty Sue sorted so that I can drive her on a regular basis as well. I want to feel the same connection to my cars as I did as I kid driving a beat up '67 bug year round with a handy ice scraper on the dash so that I could see out of the windshield in the winter. This should be an adventure! Be well, and go live your dreams!

Mark

#### Treasurer's Report

It's already March, and we still have a number of members who have not paid. If this is you, please get me your dues for 2025 asap, so we can wrap that business up. Many 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 Venmo me at: 607 Winona Blvd @mwebby-1964 Rochester, NY 14617

At the last full count, the club funds stood at \$1510.67. We also still have \$95.00 in the special funds money.

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Transactions from January and February are as follows:

Club funds going in to January: \$1510.67

Nine more members paid dues: +\$108.00

Food cost for the Jan. planning meeting: -\$100.00

Reimbursement to Dave Ellis for printing costs: -\$70.00

Payment to CORSA for yearly dues: -\$35.00

Donation to IMRRC in honor of Dick Powers: -\$100.00

That leaves the club funds at \$1313.67 as of 3/8/2025

#### **ACORN February Activity Report**

#### **ACORNS BREAKFAST AT PEPPERMINTS, FEBRUARY 8TH**

The first activity of the month was breakfast at Peppermints. It was a nice gathering and great to see some folks I haven't seen in a while! **No formal meeting was held**, but we did discuss the future project of the George Conboy Rush Rod and Piston Club part stash reconfiguring.

#### **ACORNS attending:**

- Brandon Carmo President & ACORNews Editor
- Mark Webster
- Dave Pulhamus
- Dave Shaffer
- Iim Cleveland
- Dave Ellis
- Dave Shoemaker
- Bill Boudway
- Dick Gilbert

#### **RUSH ROD AND PISTON CLUB WINTER WARM UP, FEBRUARY 15TH**

It was rather nippy [about 25 degrees] but George had some propane heaters going as well as some "liquid" heaters available. There were additional cars thanks to the addition to the rear of the building. The mystery car was a '65 Corsa convertible which looked to be in really good shape, needing only a new top and having the paint buffed. I didn't find out who owned it. We all enjoyed the lingering eau de unburned hydrocarbons on our clothes after we left!

#### **ACORNS attending:**

- George Conboy (host)
- Dave Pulhamus
- Dave Shaffer
- Allan Lesser [arriving in his Mini with the top down!]
- Jim Cleveland
- Jim Bartasevich

#### **No Meeting Held**

# February ACORN Breakfast

Courtesy of Bill Boudway







## Rush Rod and Piston Club Winter Warm-up

Courtesy of Jim Bartasevich









#### **2025 ACORN CALENDAR**

March 15: Breakfast Meeting at Peppermint's 9AM, 4870 W. Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY RSVP to Brandon

April 26: ACORN Parts Reduction at Dave Pulhamus' after breakfast at Abe's on the Ridge, 5232 W Ridge Rd, Spencerport; 9 AM; RSVP dmpul80@gmail.com

**May 17:** ACORN Parts Reduction at RR & PC after breakfast at Peppermints; 9 AM; Parts will be sorted section by section. NFCC and CNYCC will be notified of the sale of our excess parts after the sorting is done. RSVP to Brandon

June 13, 14, 15: Central NY Corvair Club Recall [see brochure elsewhere]

June 21: ACORN Parts Reduction at RR & PC; time TBD

July ??: MGCC Car Show @ NY Museum of Transportation [There's a Corvair class. It was a great time in 2024 so mark your calendars!], Rush The New York Museum of Transportation Train Rides Rochester (nymtmuseum.org)

#### **August 16: ACORN 50th Anniversary Picnic!**

Hosted by Pres Brandon [more details are on their way]; Historian Dave Ellis is preparing a retrospective look at the club.

**September 14 [Sunday]:** Corvairs on the Hills, Fred Marsh [tentative]

October 18: Fall color tour and meal; TBA

November 15: Year-end dinner or breakfast

**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!

#### **ACORNS 50TH Anniversary**

We have made it to the 50th anniversary of the ACORNS! To celebrate we will having a picnic with catering on **Saturday, August 16th!** The picnic will be held at my house, as I have enought land for people to park their cars and also have an area to set up lunch! Mark your calendars.

Details to follow!

#### In Memorium...Richard Powers... By Dave Ellis March 8, 2025

Today was the Memorial Service for Richard Powers. We will miss Richard's being one of us... Richard led a VERY active and diverse life...husband, father, grandfather, UR Medical guru, Stromberg-Carlson Radio collector and expert, accomplished musician, quite successful Sports Car builder and racer, he even has a plaque in the sidewalk of fame at the Watkins Glen Racing Museum...Located a couple steps from another Rochester area racing legacy,,,Gary Morgan,,,,and with all of that, he found room for our humble CORVAIR in his quite extensive stable of hobby/racing cars...

Richard got us hooked up with the ANNUAL MG CAR CLUB Show,,,initially held at the Victor High School complex...At some point the "bug" bit,,,and Richard had a raging case of "Corvairitis... 1966 CORSA TURBO COUPE, Aztec Bronze in and out...this was the one he most enjoyed,,,and also caused him the most heartache...He restored his first one top to bottom,,,,easily a 90 point car at a CORSA National Concourse...that was until

the huge tree branch fell on it in his yard in Irondequoit...

But,, I get ahead of myself.....My favorite Richard Powers story?? Summer of 1995, Acorns got an opportunity to do a "tour" of the Watkins Glen "long course"....we had about a dozen members bring out their cars to participate....We set up a photo op on the starting grid....Richard was positioned on the inside front row,, Dave Ellis and his recently restored 1966 Monza, 110 hp, PG Convert was right next to Richard.....We had a Track official lead us around a couple low speed "pace laps"...THEN,.. the pace car fellow told us he had to go to lunch,,,allowing us to take a couple laps on our own,,,and then, exit the track at the iconic pit entrance....WELLLLL,,, you can imagine... it got a bit exciting.....I was on a tight left hander on the back side of the course,,, executing a perfect, counter steered broadslide; with the PG maxed out in first gear,,,hitting the apex of the turn perfectly,,,when out of the corner of my right eye,,,,l spot Richard passing me on OUTSIDE!!! ....screaming the turbo at redline in second gear,....moved past me at an amazing pace....I heard him upshift into 3rd as he passed me ""and also head the distinctive whap whap of the fanbelt exiting its pulleys.....this was our last lap,,,so everyone calmly took the pit ramp and gathered together....Fortunately, I had my trusty KODAK snapshot camera closeby...I captured Richard standing behind his Coupe,,,deck lid raised,,,and holding the errant fanbelt up in his left hand... an ICONIC image...one that I passed onto Richard a couple years ago,,,as I was collating the ACORN PHOTO Archives...oh,,,to close the story...Richard put the same belt back on,,,set the tension,,,and successfully made the run back to Rochester from the Glen without incident!!!

Moving on,,,A couple months after the unibody crushing tree branch incident, Tom Nasman was able to supply Richard with a very solid California Corsa,,,IDENTICAL to the one that got crushed....Both vehicles patiently awaited their turn to receive the significant effort necessary to make one quality CORSA Turbo coupe from the two cars...However, life got in the way,,,and a couple decades passed as Richard procured allIIIII of the best quality components needed to accomplish the restoration...

I had the opportunity to spend an amazing visit with Richard about a month ago.... He volunteered to see if the VHS Cassettes the Acorns were gifted by Tom Martin were worth getting converted to SVD disk...I was delivering them to their new lovely home,,, with lots of garage space out back,, on Brighton,,, This turned out to be the last time I saw Richard,,,, and it was soooo special.... I only wish I had been able to assist in the project of getting the restoration of his 1966 Corsa Turbo Coupe, Aztec Bronze in and out,,, brought to completion,,,,,

Respectfully submitted,,,DME....



Thursday, March 13, 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 4/10!

#### **ACORN OFFICERS**

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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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**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.** 

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

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- 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

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







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#### **AVAILABLE PARTS FROM THE BARTASEVICH 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
- 4 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
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- ♦ 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**

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#### 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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June 13-14-15, 2025



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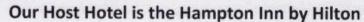
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