

ACORNEWS

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

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

Happy May! I hope the slightly better weather is finding everyone well.

I've heard that the parts sort at Dave Pulhamus' place went well, which pleases me. If we keep plugging away at these projects, we will get these things in order.

On Saturday, May 17th, we will have part 1 of what may be a multi-phase parts re-org at the Rush Rod and Piston Club. To help fuel us for this task, we will meet at our usual spot, Peppermint's in Henrietta (4870 W. Henrietta Road) at 9am for a breakfast. Please RSVP to me by 5/16 to let me know if you're coming, so we can have the table set appropriately.

I have received some bad news lately. I've received several communications about a Corvair parts stash that has appeared on Facebook Marketplace that appeared to be the Tom Martin stash. The seller contacted me directly and through him, I learned that Tom Martin has passed away. Dave Ellis has written a memorial that will be included later in the newsletter.

I completed a cross-country road trip at the beginning of May. My father needed help transported many car parts, tools, and other housewares from a storage unit in Norther California. One of the items that came back with us was a 65 or 66 (still need to check the numbers) Corvair Monza convertible shell that he purchased from someone whose home was in the line of a forest fire. The car was very solid and rust free when he purchased it 3 or 4 years ago. It has been uncovered for some time and now has some surface rust, but may need some metal work in a couple of places, but still appears to be mostly solid. I need another project like I need a hole in the head, but this does excite me. There also appears to be enough parts for two engines included in the car. There is still a lot of research required to figure out what I even have. Maybe I'll be organizing a parts re-org at my house soon. So many parts, so little time.

Hope to see you all on the 17th!

-Brandon



From the VP's Desk:

Hi Everyone,

Hi All. I first wanted to share that after a number of times trying to contact IMRRC to give a donation in honor of Dick Powers with no success, I decided that the next best thing would be to donate to the Eastman School of Music in his name, as he also loved music, especially Jazz. That is now complete. The club is surely not going to be the same without him. I don't have much to share pertaining to my cars. Between long hours on some large projects at work and working on my uncle's estate, I have not had much time for the shop or the cars. Not sure if I even remember the door opener combo at this point. Hopefully this will change soon. There is a club breakfast on May 17th at Peppermints at 9am, followed by a trip out to George's barn to rearrange the ACORNS stash. Hope to see you there!

Mark

Treasurer's Report

Not much to report on club funds. Only one more member paid dues in April. Please, if you have not paid your 2025 dues yet, I would appreciate it if you got them to me asap.

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

Club funds going in to April : \$1313.67 Expenditures: \$0.00 Income: \$12.00

Club funds as of 05/08/2025: \$1325.67

We also still have \$95.00 in the special funds money.

ACORN April Activity Report Dave Pulhamus Parts Re-org and Abe's Breakfast

ACORNers attending:

- Iim Cleveland
- Dave Ellis
- Dave Pulhamus
- Dave Shaffer
- Chris Grillo
- Jim Bartasevich Secretary & Membership

President Brandon Carmo and V. P. & Treasurer Mark Webster were unable to attend.

We met at Abe's on the Ridge for breakfast before going to Dave Pulahmus' house to start sorting parts and discarding multiples of common ones. Who do you think of for the name "Abe?" Abraham Lincoln, of course! Abe's is a log building with many pieces of Lincoln posters, articles, etc. throughout on the walls.

After breakfast, we went to Dave's to begin the Great Sort. Welcome to one of our new members, Chris Grillo! He has a '64 Monza convertible. We'll be getting together to give him a "tour" of his car and discuss maintenance, repairs, and upgrades.

Meeting Minutes

Old Business

Because Brandon and Mark were unable to attend, we didn't have a meeting.

New Business

• none

IN MEMORIUM....TOM MARTIN,,,,AND ACORN FROM 1974 TO 2024

We were just recently made aware that Tom Martin's journey in this sphere of existence ended late last year.

Tom and his lovely wife Pat were very active ACORNS for many decades, with us from the very inception of our CLUB in the mid 1970's. Pat predeceased Tom by many years...he did his best to move forward, however there no longer was that special glint in his eyes. They opened their home to us for lo those many years to conduct the Dinner Meetings there...Pat's Black Scotties were always present to greet us.

Tom's lifelong career as an automotive mechanic served them well. He spent many decades working out of their garage/home complex on Main Street, Newark. He shared his specific deep and wide Corvair expertise with many of us over the decades...

We got the opportunity to share their fellowship at many dozens of Acorn Road trips, including a couple CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTIONS... One of my personal favorites was our ACORN trip to DON SCHNIEDER's "Corvair Heaven" facility in OHIO.... The number of original foundation ACORN members has been steadily decreasing over the past decade,,

We will enjoy the fellowship with those who join us for our 50th ANNIVERSARY Celebration this coming August.

Respectfully submitted by Dave and Edie Ellis...

WHERE WERE CORVAIRS BUILT AND HOW MANY WERE MADE?

The grand total U.S. production number of Corvairs made was 1,786,243 units with most being built at the Willow Run Assembly Plant in Ypsilanti, MI (with a total run of 1,397,698 cars out of the grand total).

Separate from U.S. production numbers, there were 48,297 Corvairs made in Canada. There were six U.S. plants and one Canadian plant (Oshawa, Ontario) that produced Corvairs. Five plants made cars; two plants made the FC trucks. The * below indicates that these were all Chevrolet Assembly Plants with adjacent Fisher Body Plants.

I've included some photo images of some of the plants in this post.

*(W) Willow Run Assembly Plant, Ypsilanti, MI (1960-1969)...where most Corvairs were made with a total run of 1,397,698 cars.

*(O) Oakland Assesmbly, Oakland, CA (1960-1963)

*(L), Van Nuys Assembly, Los Angeles, CA (1963, 1965 & 1966)

(K), Leeds Assembly, Kansas City, MO (1960-1961)

(O), Oshawa Canada Assembly Plant, Oshawa, Ontario, CANADA (1960-1966):

Oshawa Assembly Plant, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada where a total of 48,297 Corvairs were made for model years 1960-1966 (no FC trucks).

All CKD (completely knocked down assembly kits) were made at the Oshawa, Ontario Plant and were shipped (excluding glass, batteries, interiors, and tires due differing standards and saving shipping costs) to various cities including:

Mexico City (1961-63);

Caracas, Venezuela (1960-62);

Bienne, Switzerland (1960-67);

Antwerp, Belgium (1960-67);

Copenhagen, Denmark (1960-61);

Port Elizabeth, S. Africa (1960-62).
*All CKD Plants were operated by GM Overseas Operations (GMOO)

For those who want to figure out where their Corvair was made, look at your VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) and find the following letters to indicate which plant made your car:

W = Willow Run, MI

L = Los Angeles, CA (Van Nuys Plant)

O = Oakland, CA

K = Kansas City, MO

O = Oshawa, Canada

FC Trucks were produced at:

Flint Truck & Bus Assembly, Flint, MI (1961-1964)

St. Louis Truck Assembly, St. Louis, MO (1961-1965)

Look at your VIN and see where your FC was built:

F = Flint, MI

S = St. Louis, MO

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PLANT CODES ON THE BODYTAG INCLUDE:

1962 Plants: OA = Oakland, WR = Willow Run

1963 Plants: OA = Oakland, VN = Van Nuys, WR = Willow Run

1964 Plants: WR = Willow Run (no other plants that year)

1965 Plants: WRN = Willow Run, LOS = Los Angeles (Van Nuys)

1966 Plants: WRN = Willow Run, LOS = Los Angeles (Van Nuys)

1967-69 Plant: WRN = Willow Run (no other plants these years)

By: Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire, Corvair Historian/Creator,
Meet the Makers of the Chevrolet Corvair

2025 ACORN CALENDAR

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!



Thursday, May 8, 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 6/12!

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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.

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FOR SALE

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





180 Turbo Engine for sale

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Parts include:

- Block I0420RL complete w/crank & cam
- Turbo housing complete 3856709
- 180 Distributor 1110329
- Intake crossover
- Set of 110 heads 3878566

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- 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
- 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

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CONTACT: DAVE ELLIS: 585-503-9445, dellis1@rochester.rr.com

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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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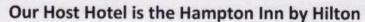
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