



ACORNEWS

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

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS,

It's June allegedly! You might be able to put away your winter coats for a couple of days this week thankfully.

It is good wrenching weather as far as I'm concerned. I've been doing an overhaul of the BMW variable timing system, as well as changing plugs, valve cover and spark plug well gaskets, and changing oil. Hopefully this car will be happy for a little while so I can finish up the frunk project on the 67 coupe and put the new door on the Lakewood and re-do a little wiring for the electric fuel pump.

At the last breakfast, the ACORNS attending voted to sponsor a Corvair class at the MG Car Club Show, which will be on Sunday, July 13th. Opens at 9am, judging at 12 noon, awards at 2.

The ACORNS have asked to make our sponsorship in Richard Powers' honor. There are talks of bringing some snacks and beverages in order to make a toast to the gentleman who got us acceptance to the show to begin with and always supported our club greatly.

You can register at: <https://mgcarclub.com/car-show-registration/>

There is a button to select for the Corvair class. We hope to have a nice level of participation similar or greater to last year. It was a lot of fun and a great facility to look around.

The Syracuse Recall is coming up on June 13, 14, and 15th. Information for that is at the end of the issue.

There is also a second installment of RR&PC parts re-organization scheduled for 6/21. I will not be available for most of the beginning of the month, so I will ask that another member takes the lead on communicating the plans for that event.

See you all soon and be well,
-Brandon

From the VP's Desk:

Hi Everyone,

Thank goodness May is behind us, that was not fun. Now we can all get caught up on yard work and get our cars out in the sun(hopefully)! Speaking of our cars, I picked up a Corvair engine converted to run in a VW, from Allan Lesser's friend Jim Carty. It's a 140 with a 4 into 1 intake for a 4bbl carb. I will have to source a carb, but it looks to be quite solid. I even have the instruction manual from Clark's! Jim had it mounted in a '67 bug. My plan is to give my '71 Westfalia a little more oomph! I promised Jim that I would send him updates and pictures as I go along. This should be an adventure!! Thanks again to Allan for the tip! The more pressing issue will be to make a solid effort to get my '64 coupe running in time for the MG car club show on July 13th. We are sponsoring the Corvair class once again, and I am hoping we can get a bunch of Corvairs out there to not only represent the club, but also pay tribute to Dick Powers! Even if you don't have a running car to enter in the show, it would be nice to show up for the club and Dick's memory. On another note, Paul Rader sent me a flyer for the Father's Day Classic Car show in Hilton on June 12th, from 430-700pm, Brandon is going to post the flyer. It might be nice to make a run out there with a few Corvairs as a trial run for the MG show. Speaking of Paul, he has some starting issues, and I think we should schedule a tech session soon to help him figure it out. That's all for now, let's get out there and enjoy our cars!

Mark

Treasurer's Report

Not much happening on the treasury side of the club. We won't have too many big expenses until the club anniversary picnic. As I mentioned above, however, we did pay out \$50.00 to the MG car club to sponsor the Corvair class. Also, once again, I am still waiting for club dues from a number of members. I will be reaching out to those members individually to get caught up. If you know that you have not paid, please do me a favor and send in your dues. I don't believe it's too much to ask that I don't have to hound people six months into the year for dues. Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

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 May :	\$1313.67
MG car show class sponsorship:	- \$50.00
Expenditures:	\$0.00
Income:	\$0.00

Club funds as of 05/08/2025: \$1263.67

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

ACORN May Activity Report

Rush RR&PC Parts Re-org and Peppermints Breakfast, 5/17/25

ACORNers attending:

- Dave Ellis
- George Conboy
- Mark Webster
- Allen Lesser
- Dave Pulhamus
- John Strawway
- Jean Marc Urbain
- Brandon Carmo
- Dave Shaffer
- Richard Gilbert

Friend of ACORNs: Michael Hryhorenko



Breakfast at Peppermints

The day began with a hearty breakfast and chatting at Peppermints. A good time was had by all. A vote was made on whether we would sponsor a Corvair class at the MG Car Club this year. It was a unanimous decision by those in attendance that we would. It was decided that we would ask that our sponsorship of the class would honor Dick Powers. Jean Marc brought up the idea of bringing some snacks and beverages to do a toast. Please make some time in your calendars to attend!

After breakfast, we made our way to George Conboys Rush Rod and Piston Club where everyone put in a lot of work to get things off the shelves, break down the pallet racks, and wrestle the racks back into place. It was a great effort and everyone did an amazing job. I think it was a great day of success for the ACORNs and everyone should be proud. There is still a little organizing to do, but the bulk seems to be done!

Meeting Minutes

Old Business

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New Business

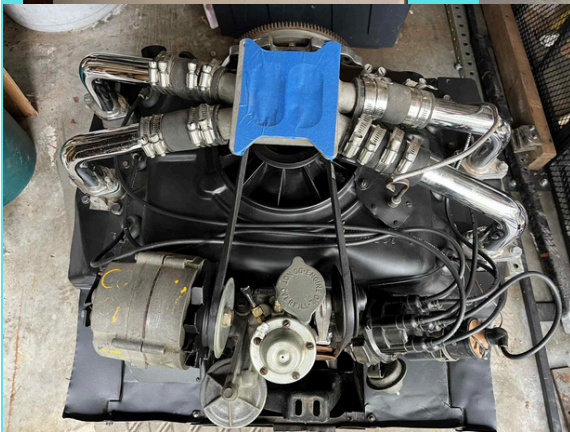
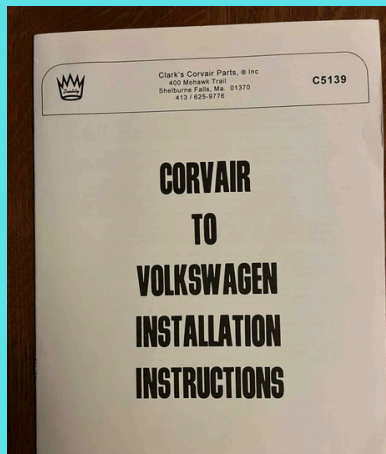
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A Corvair heart transplant for the marque that helped inspire it

Mark Webster got a line on a Corvair engine that had been prepared and living life in a VW that was now for sale while at the ACORN breakfast and a deal was made. His VW bus now has a new heart! This will be the subject of an upcoming tech session!



In Memorium

CORSA Founder Richard M. Langworth CBE, 1941-2025

Richard Langworth, founder of the Corvair Society of America, passed away on February 20, 2025. Many years ago, in 1969, he ran an ad in Car & Driver magazine, asking readers who were interested in forming a Corvair club to get in contact with him. The response was overwhelming. Soon after, in March 1970, he chaired the CORSA's first organizational meeting at his home in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

After CORSA got up and running, Mr. Langworth went on to other pursuits involving different car clubs and a became a distinguished author, having written at least 45 books (not counting magazine and journal contributions), including several about the life and times of Winston Churchill.

RIP Richard Langworth



2025 ACORN CALENDAR

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

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

July 13, 9-4: 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 have a picnic with catering on **Saturday, August 16th!** The picnic will be held at my house, as I have enough land for people to park their cars and also have an area to set up lunch! Mark your calendars.

Details to follow!



Thursday, June 12, 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 7/10!

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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.

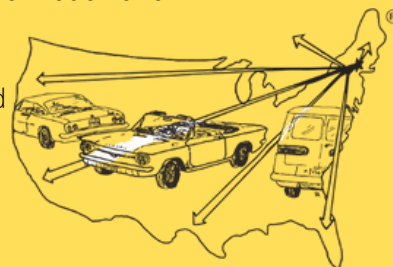
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

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

140hp Series II Convertible Corvair for sale, needs starter

Contact Will Seymour for details/pricing: 585-281-1706,
wseymour@rochester.rr.com



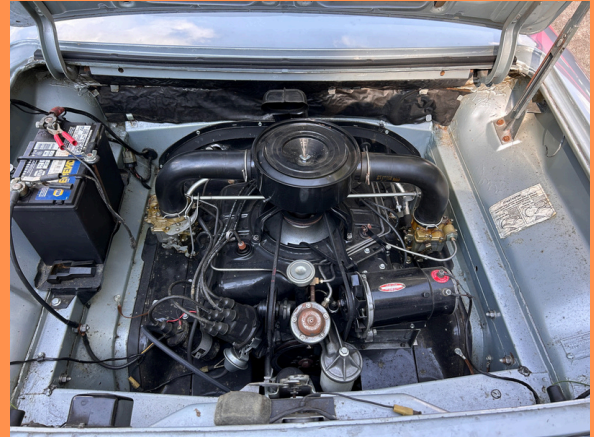
180 Turbo Engine for sale

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



**'60 Monza -
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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 |
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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

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Chapters. CORSA has over 100 chapters throughout the world. We encourage CORSA members to join a local chapter. Check this box if you want us to provide contact information for chapters in your area: ☐

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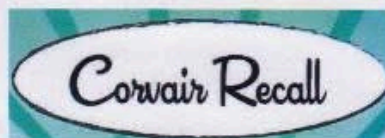
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ANY OTHER HOBBIES OR INTERESTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?



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New York
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Club*

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June 13-14-15, 2025

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Ice Cream Cruise on Friday night

Saturday AM Judged Car Show
Awards

Valve Cover Races

Banquet Saturday Night at Jakes
Grub & Grog

Sunday Farewell breakfast

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