



ACORNEWS

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

Pres Says by Brandon Carmo

Hello ACORNS!

The heat of summer is here! A great thing if you like summer or have a nice pool or air conditioning to relax in. I'm back from France. Le Mans was a great time. There were several rear-engined cars in attendance, but I didn't see any Corvairs! The new Aston Martin V-12 prototypes do sound quite nice. Some good wine was had, good food, good laughs, and good memories. I can't wait to go back.

The MG Car Club Show is this Sunday, July 13th !!!

We have sponsored a Corvair class again this year and we hope to see as many ACORNS there as possible. Gates open at 9am, judging at 12 noon, awards at 2. The ACORNS have asked to make our sponsorship in Richard Powers' honor.

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.

I have been working on the replacement driver's door for my Lakewood after last year's mishap where it rolled roll off my parking pad, causing the door to catch on one of the uprights of the canopy, which then bent the door backwards on itself. Luckily I have a replacement door and have been cleaning it up and freeing up mechanisms. I also need to splice in my electric fuel pump controller, but that shouldn't take too long. I'm hoping I will be ready on time! I registered, so I gave myself a deadline!

I hope everyone has been getting their cars ready and hopefully the weather will hold out, so we can have a nice day!

Also, the RSVP date for the ACORN 50th Anniversary Picnic is **Thursday, July 17th**! I need a headcount in order to determine our food needs. See the attached notice below for more info!

See you all soon and be well,
-Brandon

From the VP's Desk:

Hi Everyone,

Summer is in full swing, and I hope you are all enjoying the weather and your cars!! June was a busy month for a few people, as there were some tech sessions held. First off was Allan Lesser visiting Dave Ellis to go over some issues with his '65 convertible. From what I understand, it was a successful outing. Next up was a trip out to Chris Grillo's to work on his '64 convertible. Dave Ellis and I went out to Chris's dad's house to give him a hand. An inspection was done and all steering components seemed to be in good working order. We then focused on the timing and syncing of the carbs, as well as setting the idle. Chris had previously set the timing in an effort to get it running well and it was pretty advanced. Dave prescribed moving it back towards the factory settings, which was done. We also synced the carbs and set the idle around 500rpms. Dave had to leave, so we took it for a test run and to gas it up. It bogged heavily coming off a shift but would settle in nicely. At Idle however, it wanted to die out. When we got back to the house, we advanced the timing to around 16 and upped the idle a bit. It ran a little better, but still bogged at times coming off a shift. Chris drove it for a while and ended up coming out to my house last Saturday. We decided to advance the timing a touch, re-checked and tweaked the syncing of the carbs, and got the idle to about 550rpm. We put some fuel additive in to clean out the system and also cleaned up the carbs a bit. The result? Chris says it's running better than it has since he got it. The only bug left is a slight bit of bog going from 1st to 2nd, but Chris says it's much better than it was. Paul Rader is also working on his convertible, putting in an electronic fuel pump. That's it for now, looking forward to next weekend and seeing a bunch of you at the MG show!

Mark

Treasurer's Report

Not much movement during June, although we did pick up payment of dues from two members. There are STILL a handful of members that have not paid for 2025. Please do so asap. July doesn't look like there will be much activity on the money side, hoping to wrap up dues this month. Next month will be a big money month, as we celebrate the club's 50th anniversary! Really looking forward to it!

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 :	\$1263.67
Expenditures:	\$0.00
Income (Dues - two members):	\$24.00

Club funds as of 07/03/2025: \$1287.67

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

ACORN June Activity Report

Tech Sessions and Parts Re-orgs!

ACORNers attending:

- Dave Ellis
- Mark Webster
- Allan Lesser
- Chris Grillo

The ACORNS were active this June! I was away, but I heard that ACORNS were helping each other out with their cars and that is a beautiful thing! Sometimes it is hard to do an mass tech session, but if a couple of us can get together when time allows, it will go a long way to keeping this club moving forward and these cars rolling down the road!

From what I've heard Dave Ellis and Allan Lesser got together to work on Allan's convertible on one occasion. Then on a separate occasion Dave Ellis, Mark Webster, and Chris Grillo got together to work on Chris Grillo's car! I'm happy to hear about these comings together!

Meeting Minutes

Old Business

- none

New Business

- none



ACORNS 50TH Anniversary Picnic

The ACORNS 50th Anniversary Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th, 2025, at 1pm.

In order to plan for food and seating at this event, it will be necessary to have a headcount confirmed by Thursday, 7/17/25.

Please RSVP to me at bwcarmo@gmail.com, or call me at 585-797-7274.

The event will be held at my house, as there is plenty of room to park cars on my lawn, and the meal will be served outdoors. My house is located at 3248 Hulberton Rd, Holley, NY 14470.

I should be able to borrow folding chairs and tables from work, but feel free to bring your own camp chair if you prefer the comfort they provide.

If anyone has a pop-up canopy they can share to provide shade, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know when you RSVP.

As we get closer to the event, if weather appears to be an issue, I will attempt to secure an alternate indoor location.

Food and drink will be provided by the club.

The plan as of now is to get BBQ catering from 58 Main in Brockport. The exact menu will depend on how many attendees we have. It is likely that there will be pulled pork and BBQ chicken, with sides! You can see the menu by following the link below or clicking the attachment:

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

2025 ACORN CALENDAR

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; Historian Dave Ellis is preparing a retrospective look at the club. See details on previous page!

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!



Thursday, July 10, 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 8/14!

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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.

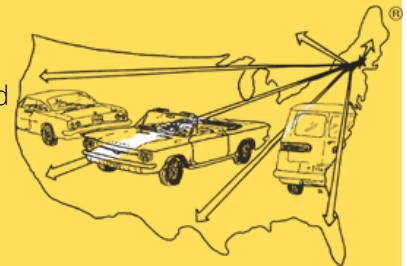
Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

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



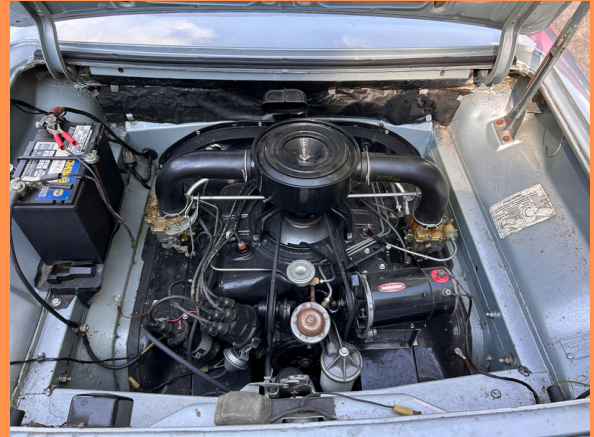
180 Turbo Engine for sale

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 -
Restored,
like new.
Asking
\$9000**



AVAILABLE PARTS FROM THE BARTASEVICH PARTS STASH

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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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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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ASHTRAYS
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AXLE,RR,S1,BEARINGS,NOS
BALANCE TUBES
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CONV. TOP LATCHES
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FUEL PUMP RETAIN. BOLT ASY.
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HEADLAMP BEZELS, S1&2
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!!!



Membership Application

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P.O. Box 68, Long Lake, Minnesota 55356 USA (603) 403-5010

Web site: www.corvaire.org Email: corvairecluboffice@gmail.com

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| ☐ 12-Month Paper Option USA \$45 | ☐ 12-Month eMember Option \$37 |
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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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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^{ews}, the club's monthly newsletter will be sent via email unless requested otherwise.)

PHONE #s: HOME _____ WORK _____
[optional] _____ CELL _____

ANNUAL DUES FOR ACORN MEMBERSHIP IS \$12, DUE IN JANUARY.
AFTER JANUARY, DUES ARE REDUCED BY \$1 A MONTH
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Please make checks or money orders payable to:

**Mark Webster
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Rochester, NY 14617**

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PLEASE, TELL US ABOUT YOUR CORVAIR(S)

YEAR HP	MODEL TRANSMISSION	BODY STYLE	ENGINE
_____	_____	_____	_____
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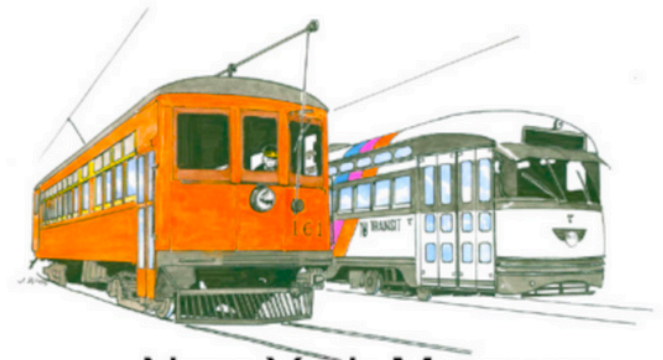
ANY OTHER HOBBIES OR INTERESTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

The MG Car Club

in cooperation with the

New York Museum of Transportation
presents the

SPORTS CAR FESTIVAL 2025



New York Museum
of Transportation

Sunday July 13th 9am to 4pm

6393 East River Rd, Rush, NY

Trolley Rides - special event pricing

EXPANDED SHOWFIELD

New - Special Interest Class

Basket Auction

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Pre-Registration is \$10
<https://mgcarclub.com>
for more information

Pete's Street Meat -

hots, burgers, sausage, fixins,
breakfast sandwich on DiPalo roll

