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Thank you, Editor
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It occurred to some of us ACORNs that, if we were to follow the standard rotation for hosting the annual Four Clubs gathering, it would be our turn to put on the event this year. Having just expended so much time and effort on the National, I can tell you that few (if any!) of us were looking forward to working on another large event, at least so soon. Well, the good news: NFCC has volunteered to have the 2007 Four Clubs event in the Buffalo area. Members from both the Buffalo and Rochester chapters are now looking at various sites for a suitable host hotel. Better yet, as the convention's road rally started at a park in East Aurora (and everyone loved the route), it's a cinch to reproduce it for our own use. This means we get to move our next host date to September, 2008. Although NFCC will be handling most of the preparation work, there will still be a need for us to help out with hospitality, the rally, valve-cover race and so forth. Still, this is a big load off our shoulders for the new year.

We had a great calendar-planning meeting this past Sunday, hosted by Don Vair and Betty Smith. My thanks again to everyone that attended, and a big thank you to Don and Betty for being such gracious hosts and putting on that great lunch.

Jeff Clark

TONAWANDA ENGINE PLANT, ALWAYS BUILDING THE BEST!

You may have read that the Tonawanda Engine Plant will undergo a major retooling to build the GM "luxury V8". These V8 engines will be double overhead cam and will utilize the latest technology producing the smoothest, quietest, most fuel efficient and environmentally friendly V8 of any manufacturer. Other than a few *minor* differences it sounds like the press release for the Corvair engine! That plant just keeps on getting the best engines to build!

2007 CALENDAR

NEXT EVENT:

Feb. 18th Valentine Dinner, Elmwood Inn, Mt. Hope Ave. at 1:00 PM, RSVP to Chuck by Feb. 13th. chuckandflo@frontiernet.net

January 2007

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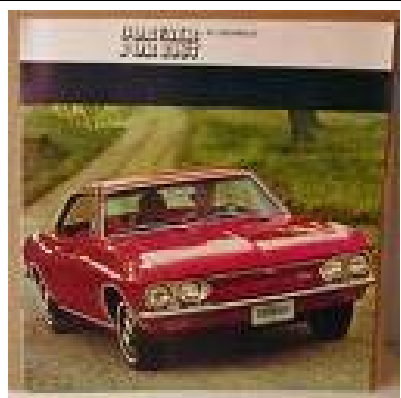
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Treasurers Report: **Don Vair**
\$2,376.94



Feb	18 th	Sunday	Valentines Dinner Elmwood Inn, Mt. Hope Ave.	C. & F. Littman
March	10 th	Sat.	Breakfast and Restoration Shop Tour	J. Cleveland
April	15 th	Sun.	Tour of Medina Railroad Museum Tour	J. Bartasevich
	28 th	Sat. D. Ellis	Tech Session	
May	12 th	Sat.	Tech Session	J. Fling
	20 th	Sun.	Branch Port Tour Lunch at Esperanza Mansion	J. Bartasevich
June	1-3 rd	Fri.-Sun.	Syracuse Recall	Everyone
	3 rd	Sun.	Auto Festival, Farmington	Everyone
	16 th	Sat.	Tech Session	Open
	20 th	Wed.	Cruise Night, Log Cabin	G. Renz
July	4 th	Wed.	Parade	C. Littman
	14 th	Sat.	Tech Session (pre-Detroit)	J. Clark
	24-28 th	Tues.-Sat.	National Convention (Detroit)	Everyone
	29 th	Sun	RIT Car Show (GVAC)	Everyone
Aug.	5 th	Sun	Bug Bust Show	J. Bartasevich
	11 th	Sat.	Tech Session	Open
	19 th	Sun	Picnic/White Elephant Sale Greece Canal Park Tow Path Shelter	E. Ellis
Sept.	7-9	Fri.-Sun.	4-Clubs Mini-Convention Buffalo, NY	Everyone
	15 th or 16 th		Progressive Dinner	TBD
	22 nd	Sat.	Tech Session	J. Bartasevich
Oct.	14 th	Sun	Fall Tour, Leaves and Wine	D&E Ellis
	20 th	Sat	Tech Session – Prepare for winter storage	D. Ellis
Nov.	11 th	Sun	Holiday Dinner	TBD

Meeting Minutes January 21, 2007 Meeting ...

The meeting was held at Betty Smith and Don Vair's home in Pittsford. Thanks to Betty and Don for being excellent hosts and sharing their warm and welcoming home with club members.

Attendees:

Sam & Marissa Andolino, Jim & Marlene Bartasevich, Jeff Clark, Dave & Edie Ellis, Chuck & Flo Littman, George Renz, Don Vair & Betty Smith, Paul Masters, Betsy and Jerry Fling, Jim Cleveland.

Vice President Jim Bartasevich (with the Prez's help) the meeting called to order:

- The 4-Clubs 2007 Mini-Convention's sponsoring club has been changed from the ACORNS to the Buffalo Club. Plans are currently being developed using lessons learned from the National Convention last year. It appears the most likely location for the September event will be the Clarion Hotel in Blasdell, NY off the Thruway at exit #58. Confirmation information will be provided as it is released.
- The Syracuse Club is again planning to sponsor their annual "Recall" Corvair event on the first weekend in June. The new club president, Dave Robinson, is developing the base plan with location and details to follow. Keeping with the 4-Club spirit of Corvair support the Acorn's will provide support as required.
- The Acorn's will develop and host the 2008 4-Clubs Mini-Convention in Rochester. Dave Ellis has submitted a draft of the key milestones and time lines to make this activity as seamless as possible. George Renz suggested we utilize the Rochester Convention Bureau to support this activity. They can be helpful in locating hotel, other facilities and publicity. The organizing committee will be formed in the near future. We are looking for ACORN club members to help in this process. The task will be made easier based on the experience from the National Convention last year. Dave has agreed to manage the Valve Cover Race.
- Dave Ellis distributed a detailed trend analysis of Corvair prices from the 2005 to 2007 time frame. The summary is reproduced on pages 4 and 5 of this issue. It was noted that Mr. Jackson of the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction Company has stated that the Corvair is under valued and he sees tremendous growth potential for the Corvair in the future.

2007 Planning/Activities development:

Please see the detailed calendar on page 2.

Corvaair Pricing History: by Dave Ellis

Thanks to Dave and his excellent Industrial Engineering Skills (lots of work)

as of 2/2007 **CORVAIR PRICING DATA OVER THE DECADES....**
SUMMARY OF MAJOR RESULTS.... compiled by Dave Ellis

Percentage	Growth	Between	1976 and	2007	Year
YEAR	Class "4"	Class "3"	Class "2"	Class "1"	Avg.
1960	679%	581%	595%	577%	608%
1961	705%	765%	702%	739%	728%
1962	584%	646%	774%	666%	668%
1963	679%	752%	747%	690%	717%
1964	599%	655%	658%	648%	640%
Series I,avg	649.2%	679.8%	695.2%	664.0%	672.1%
1965	636%	731%	657%	658%	671%
1966	642%	750%	700%	703%	699%
1967	611%	687%	666%	683%	662%
1968	779%	694%	546%	537%	639%
1969	720%	530%	445%	544%	560%
Series II,avg	677.6%	678.4%	602.8%	625.0%	646.0%
OVERALL, avg	663.4%	679.1%	649.0%	644.5%	659.0%

Percentage	Growth	Between	1995 and	2007	Year
YEAR	Class "4"	Class "3"	Class "2"	Class "1"	Avg.
1960	60%	84%	61%	61%	67%
1961	66%	87%	66%	67%	72%
1962	63%	87%	67%	64%	70%
1963	63%	86%	67%	60%	69%
1964	62%	84%	66%	64%	69%
Series I,avg	62.8%	85.6%	65.4%	63.2%	69.3%
1965	63%	83%	63%	66%	69%
1966	61%	81%	62%	64%	67%
1967	62%	83%	63%	65%	68%
1968	70%	92%	71%	72%	76%
1969	68%	87%	70%	68%	73%
Series II,avg	64.8%	85.2%	65.8%	67.0%	70.7%
OVERALL, avg	63.8%	85.4%	65.6%	65.1%	70.0%

Percentage	Growth Class	<u>Summary Data</u>				Year Avg.
		Between Class "3"	2005 and Class "2"	2007 Class "1"		
YEAR	"4"	"3"	"2"	Class "1"		
1960	-17%	-6%	-17%	0%	-10%	
1961	-16%	-6%	-17%	0%	-10%	
1962	-8%	4%	-10%	7%	-2%	
1963	-7%	5%	-5%	7%	0%	
1964	-13%	-4%	-13%	0%	-8%	
Series I	-12.2%	-1.4%	-12.4%	2.8%	-5.8%	
1965	-14%	-4%	-15%	1%	-8%	
1966	-15%	-4%	-15%	0%	-9%	
1967	-16%	-5%	-15%	0%	-9%	
1968	-11%	0%	-9%	3%	-4%	
1969	-9%	4%	-10%	1%	-4%	
Series II	-13.0%	-1.8%	-12.8%	1.0%	-6.7%	
OVERALL	-12.6%	-1.6%	-12.6%	1.9%	-6.2%	

Saratoga Auto Museum by Jim C.

The December 2006 issue of the Corsa Communiqué had an excellent article about the Fitch Exhibit held last summer at the Saratoga Auto Museum. If you are looking for an enjoyable trip, winter or summer, take a ride to Saratoga, New York and take in the wonderful sights. The City of Saratoga takes you back in time to an era when wealthy New York City people came to play in this upstate community. The horse race track, the arts and the marvelous homes are examples of these long ago times. One of the downtown hotels has maintained all the glory of the 1930's (with all the modern conveniences added). The elegant mansions with carriage houses, iron gates and vast gardens present a picture of silent movie days. Some streets are lined with carriage houses separated from the main house so the sight of these majestic homes would not be cluttered with mundane facilities. Today many of these carriage houses have been converted to wonderful and expensive homes. The Auto Museum resides in the same 2,500 acre park that is the home of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. This is the summer home for the NY City Ballet and the Performance Shell, (This venue is at least twice as large as the remodeled Canandaigua Performance Center). The park is the home of the famous mineral springs and spas built in the 20's and 30's. You can still swim in the public mineral spring pool and enjoy the continually flowing spring water. If golf is your game, the park offers one of the most eye-catching courses in the northeast. Hotels and motels are numerous with the Gideon Putnam Resort & Spa located in the park; one of the oldest and well maintained lodge style hotels in the region.

This summer the Saratoga Auto Museum will run an exhibit called "Barn Finds".

You can check the auto museum schedule at <http://www.saratogaautomuseum.org>

MEMBERSHIP



C O R N E R

January 2007

To all ACORN members,

Well, there is no doubt that winter is here...in Rochester. It has been so cold lately. The calendar says spring is only two months away.... Let's hope it arrives sooner than that. Think positive thoughts such as driving our favorite vehicles with either the top down or the windows open, attending cruise nights and acknowledging all the "thumbs up" we receive from people that see us driving our Corvairs.

The notice for dues was sent out to all members and the checks have been coming in. Please consider rejoining the club and keeping our membership and interest in Corvairs alive and well. The dues are still \$15.00 for a year. A real deal, in my book, for all the help and knowledge we can share from each other keeping our Corvairs running.

Over the winter, we had another Corvair owner join the Acorn's. Please welcome David & Sandie Shoemaker...they reside in Canandaigua, NY...and own a '63 Monza convertible.

The ACORN'S held their planning meeting today, hosted by Betty Smith/Don Vair. Thanks are given out to both of them for hosting the meeting. I believe the head count showed 16 members were in attendance. The meeting went very well and it looks like the club has some very interesting events on the calendar for this year. I know people have their priorities, but try to make as many as you can....after all it is **YOUR** club.

I'd like to remind our membership again, **to keep me in the loop** as far as your changing email accounts and addresses. Some members have not been receiving their newsletters/email notices because **I do not** have their current email addresses.

| Regards,
George (GFrenzie@aol.com) 585-425-2279
Membership Chairperson

Membership information: If you have an address, phone number, or E-mail address change, please notify the current **Membership Chairperson**.

Membership Dues

January to December.....\$15.00
July to December \$7.50 (new members only)

I brought this salad to the January planning meeting, and several people asked for the recipe. The key to this salad is the freshness of the ingredients; I've tried substituting reconstituted lemon juice, pre-ground pepper, store-bought croutons etc..., and it just isn't the same. I've been told that this is the recipe for the original Caesar salad, as served at Caesar's Restaurant in Mexico City in the 1920's. So, the Caesar salad is actually a Mexican dish! It was NOT invented by Julius Caesar, nor was it first prepared by Imogene Coca and served to Sid Caesar backstage on Your Show of Shows. Aah, urban legends...

The Original Caesar Salad

1 clove each of garlic and shallot, pressed
1/3 cup olive oil
8 anchovy fillets cut up, or equivalent amount anchovy paste
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp dry mustard
½ tsp fresh ground pepper
Juice of fresh, ½ lemon
1/2 cup grated cheese, preferably blend of Parmesan and Romano
Yolk of 1 coddled egg
1 large bunch of fresh romaine lettuce, broken into bite-size pieces
Homemade garlic croutons (see below)

Combine garlic, shallot, olive oil, anchovy, Worcestershire sauce, salt, dry mustard, and pepper in the bottom of large bowl. Add romaine pieces and toss. Combine coddled egg yolk and lemon juice, then pour over lettuce and toss again. Add half the grated cheese and toss again. Add croutons and toss once more, then sprinkle remaining cheese over top of salad and serve.

Garlic croutons:

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Trim crusts from 4 bread slices, then cut each slice into approx. 1-inch square cubes and place on cookie sheet. Sprinkle bread cubes with garlic powder and grated cheese. Melt 1/3 cup of butter or margarine till liquid, and pour evenly over bread cubes. Bake for 8-9 minutes, turn bread cubes over and bake for another 5-6 minutes. Allow croutons to cool on cookie sheet, uncovered, for at least one hour before serving.

Jeff Clark

Laughter is the best Medicine: by George

An elderly gentleman... had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet.

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

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New Old Stock (not Delco) points, rotors and condensers.

We found a person who has discovered a large supply of these parts. They should fit most Corvairs. He also has a gear puller that appears to be for removing universal joints.

If you have any interest contact :

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