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Members = 42 Corvairs = 59

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- Newsletter Editor - Jim Cleveland
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Thank you, Editor

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Aah, February. I do my best to look on the brighter side, but if there's a worse month for Corvairs, I'll be darned if I can think of it. The best I can do is go out to the garage and pull the cover up (first, I have to move all the snow-removal equipment, not to mention the wood for the fireplace sitting on the luggage rack), and take a peek to make sure the car is still there. Which, of course, it is, but I still can't do anything but peek, and hope for the soon-to-arrive warmer weather that will allow us to once again enjoy our great little cars. Well, "little" in 1960's terms. It amazes me that a *compact* Corvair is about the same overall size as a new Ford Taurus or Five Hundred, cars that are considered at least mid-size in today's market.

Make sure you check out the ACORN's calendar of events that we've scheduled for this year. From tech sessions to tours to the Four Clubs event in September, there's so much for you to enjoy and participate in. I'm really excited about the Four Clubs event we're holding in East Aurora in September; we learned so much from the convention last July that will help us in putting on the BEST Four Clubs event yet. Getting together with fellow Corvair owners is, for me, the best part of belonging to a club like this, and the September event promises to be just that: a rewarding gathering for those of us that happen to own a great little car that raises everyday in value. I'm not talking about monetary value, but the *respect* that the Corvair seems to be garnering outside of our regular circles. I placed a picture of my car next to my computer at work, and I'm so gratified by all the positive comments I get. A few years ago, there would have been a few snide remarks, but not anymore. The Corvair is finally getting the respect it deserves, and I think the future is an exciting one for all of us. Hoping to see you all soon,

Jeff Clark

2007 CALENDAR

NEXT EVENT:

March 10th Barry Brown's Riter Restoration Shop
Tour, East Rochester. 10:00 am Meet at "Take-a-Break" Restaurant at 9:00 (Optional) Details below.

March 2007

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May 2007

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

Question of the month?

What is a '82 Mondial?
What color is it?
Who owns it?
Why?

Stay tuned and our April
Newsletter will have the
answer with full details.

Feb	18 th	Sunday	Valentines Dinner Elmwood Inn, Mt. Hope Ave.	C. & F. Littman
March	10 th	Sat.	Breakfast and tour of Barry Brown's Riter Restoration Shop	J. Cleveland
April	15 th	Sun.	Tour of Medina Railroad Museum Tour	J. Bartasevich
	28 th	Sat.	Tech Session	D. Ellis
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

ACORN Members and Corvairs for 2007

Members = 42
Corvairs = 60

<u>'61</u>		<u>'66</u>	
Lakewood 700	2	Monza Sedan	1
Rampside	1	Monza Convert	2
		Corsa Coupe	4
		Yenko Coupe	1
<u>'62</u>		<u>'67</u>	
Monza Convert	1	Monza Sedan	1
<u>'63</u>		<u>'68</u>	
Monza Coupe	1	Monza Convert	1
Monza Convert	8	Monza Coupe	4
Spyder Convert	1	<u>'69</u>	
<u>'64</u>		Monza Coupe	2
Monza Convert	5	500 Coupe	1
Monza Coupe	6	<u>'65</u>	
Spyder Convert	1	Monza Convert	4
Spyder Coupe	1	Monza sedan	1
Greenbrier	1	Monza Coupe	4
<u>'65</u>		Corsa Coupe	2
Monza Convert	4	Corsa Convert	3
Monza sedan	1	500 Coupe	1
Monza Coupe	4		
Corsa Coupe	2		
Corsa Convert	3		
500 Coupe	1		

March 10th Restoration Shop Tour

9:00 Breakfast

At the "Take-A-Break" restaurant located 349 West Commercial Street (in the Plaza) in East Rochester.

Take the East Rochester exit off Rt. 490 onto West Commercial Street. The Plaza is on your left past Debby Supply.

10:00 Tour

At Barry Brown's Riter Restoration Shop 30 N. Lincoln Road.

From the Plaza turn left toward the village of East Rochester. Turn left at Wendy's onto South Washington Street. Turn right at the light onto Dispatch Drive. Continue down Dispatch Drive to the last street on the right, N. Lincoln Road. Turn right and continue down to the last building on the left, the Restoration Shop.

You can also get to the shop by turning onto South Lincoln Road off of Fairport Road, Rt31F. Then down under the railroad underpass turning left at the first street and then the first left after that.

More Information needed?

Jim Cleveland

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CORSA International Convention, 2007

Dates: **July 24-28, 2007**

Event: **CORSA International Convention in Detroit MI**

Hosted by: **Detroit Area Corvair Club**

Description: Host hotel Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Ave., Sterling Heights MI 48312, 586/979-1400, 800/953-1400, www.sterlinginn.com, mentions Corvair for special \$99+tax room rate.

Contact: Pete Cimbala Address: 5498 Duffield Rd., Swartz Creek MI 48473 Phone: 810/621-9866

Valentine Dinner Report by Jim Bartasevich

We had 12 ACORNers attend the dinner at the Elmwood Inn on Sunday, February 18. Everyone had a good time and good eats. Wintertime boredom was discussed as well as the promising prognostication of Punxatawny Phil [no, not Dr. Phil] of an early spring. In spite of the other patrons requesting that Chuck put on a puppet show with his sock-covered right hand, he declined. The next time you see him, you can ask him about it [his hand that is, not the sock].

Those attending were:

- Sam & Marissa Andolino
- Dave & Edie Ellis
- Chuck & Flo Littman, and Chuck's mother
- Paul Hendel & Karen Nostrant
- Paul & Pat Masters
- Marlene & Jim Bartasevich

No Corvairs were seen in the snowy parking lot.

Some new cars of note that were recent acquisitions by several of our members are:

- Chuck Littman: An Italian version of the Pontiac Fiero; you know, the one with a prancing horse as an emblem. He was moving the real Fiero out of his garage when it snapped at him, which is why he was wearing a sock on his hand.
- Paul Hendel: A '66 Ford dualie with 2200 [no, that's not a typo] miles on it.

We also talked with Chuck's mother [Chuck: Please send Jim your mother's name; I missed it.] who told us about learning to drive on a Model-T Ford [taught by her mother!].

As you can imagine, the conversation was lively!

Laughter is the best Medicine: by George

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he! Didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

MEMBERSHIP



C O R N E R

March, 2007

To all ACORN members,

Well, winter is almost over, I think. Some people living in the Oswego area of upstate New York might not agree with me, as they are digging out from under almost 12 feet of snow. Yes, I said 12 feet of snow.

I am looking forward to getting the Rampside out of storage and putting it back on the road. I'll be doing the usual cruise nights and club functions with it. I hope to see most of the club members out at some of them.

Our club constitution and by-laws state dues are to be paid by the end of January. For those of you that have not paid their dues for this year (2007), this will be **your last** newsletter and your name will be removed from the membership and mailing list.

The notices for dues have been sent out to members and some renewal checks have been received. I extend a big **THANK YOU** for all that have rejoined the club. For those members that have not sent in their renewal checks yet, **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.

I will remind the members, we as Corvair owners are not getting any younger. Our Corvairs are at least 47 years old or close to it. And most of us are in that age range also. **WE** need new, "younger blood" to keep our hobby/interest thriving. So, if you know of any young people male or female, that show interest in older vehicles, steer them towards the Corvair.

Until next month, buckle up and drive safely....

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)

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----- FOR SALE -----

The Club has copies of “**Corvair Basics**” – an introduction to the unique technical and mechanical aspects of 1960 to 1969 Chevrolet Corvairs. CORSA now charges \$25 for the manual and accompanying CD. Our price is only \$20. Call Don Vair at 585.586.3409

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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----- Parts Wanted -----

CLARKS Corvair Parts:

NEW PARTS WE BUY

We often buy new parts, GM NOS or after market, you must send us a detailed list with quantity, brand, part number and description. We will send back a bid on the parts. Please do not list just 1 or 2 items, we prefer quantity buy outs of 20 or more parts with a value in excess of \$100. Email us your list if you prefer clarks@corvair.com

USED PARTS WE BUY

The following are the only used parts that we are buying at this time. (Jan 2007, thru July 2007) **Please do not send more than 4 of any one item** (unless you check with us first) clarks@corvair.com You must pay all shipping costs to us. All parts must be good usable parts, no \$ for junk parts.