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Officers:

President – Jeff Clark

Vice President - Jim Bartasevich

Secretary – Paul Masters

Treasurer – Don Vair

ACORN Website

www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter148

Members = 39

Corvairs = 58

ACORN, Member of "4 Clubs, Inc."

Appointed Positions:

- Newsletter Editor – Jim Cleveland
- Webmaster – Marissa Andolino
- Membership Chair – George Renz
- Historian – Dave and Edie Ellis

HOLIDAY DINNER

NOVEMBER 11TH.

RSVP

PAUL MASTERS

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2007 Calendar

Next Event:

Nov. 11th, Holiday Dinner

Paul Masters, Host

October 2007

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Newsletter Deadline

Material gladly accepted for publication until the 24th.
jclevela@rochester.rr.com

Officers Wanted

It is time to think about being a club officer in 2008. We have openings for new talent and new ideas. The appointed positions are also open!

Feb	18 th	Sunday	Valentines Dinner	C. & F. Littman
			Elmwood Inn, Mt. Hope Ave.	
March	10 th	Sat.	Breakfast and tour of Barry	J. Cleveland
			Brown's Riter Restoration Shop	
April	15 th	Sun.	Tour of Medina Railroad	J. Bartasevich
			Museum Tour	
	21 th	Sat.	Tech Session	D. Ellis
May	12 th	Sat.	Tech Session	J. Fling
	20 th	Sun.	Branch Port Tour	J. Bartasevich
			Lunch at Esperanza Mansion	
June	3 rd	Sun.	Auto Festival, Farmington	Everyone
	9-10 th	Fri. Sun.	Syracuse Recall	Everyone
	16 th	Sat.	Tech Session	C. Littman
	20 th	Wed.	Cruise Night, Log Cabin	G. Renz
July	4 th	Wed.	Parade	C. Littman
	15 th	Sun.	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	E. Ellis
			Greece Canal Park	
			Tow Path Shelter	
Sept.	7-9	Fri. Sun.	4 Clubs Mini-Convention	Everyone
			Buffalo, NY	
	15 th or 16 th		Progressive Dinner	Cancelled
	22 nd	Sat.	Tech Session	J. Bartasevich
Oct.	14 th	Sun	Fall Tour (Page 6)	D&E Ellis
	20 th	Sat	Tech Session Prepare for	D. Ellis
			Winter storage	
Nov.	11 th	Sun	Holiday Dinner (Page 3)	Paul Masters

RSVP for all ACORN Events

November Event:

Holiday Dinner, November 11th
RSVP to Paul Masters
Phone: 334-3393

Holiday Dinner

Paul Masters has agreed to host the November 11th Holiday Dinner this year. We need the entire club to support Paul in this activity. Please RSVP to Paul if you will or will not be able to attend to help him plan the event.
Phone: 334-3393
Email: pmasters1@rochester.rr.com

Shirley and Tom Nasman Update 10/25/07

Shirley is at Rochester General Hospital. We went there Tuesday and again Wednesday and she was admitted Wednesday. Tests show multiple blood clots, one in the right leg and multiple clots in the lungs. She has more tests today and she will remain there until she is therapeutic with blood thinners. She is holding up OK. She is in Room 5520. She needs prayer for strength to endure and for healing.

On the home restoration front, the furnace is running and the construction folks are making preparations to begin, once they get the town's approval. We figure late March before it is ready to be occupied.

Thanks for all you do, for prayers, cards, etc. Our phone # is 1-585-617-4226. *Tom & Shirley*

Meeting Report...2007 Fall Color Tour... by Dave Ellis

The weather did not particularly co-operate. At least it did not rain on us all day, but the overcast did not allow the color that was there to POP...

We started off with five cars...lets see...the Ellis's, Don Vair and Betty Smith, Jim Bartasevich, George Renz, and Paul Hendel with Daren Nostrant.....

Jim and Don were the only ones who were brave enough to take Corvairs....Don Even arrived with the top down.....something that had to be changed was the ambient temps were just a bit toooooo chilly for making the entire run that way!!!

We had Sam and Marissa Andolino meet us at Dansville, as they were on their way North, back from a trip to Hershey show.....we had the Bakers meet us for dinner in Canandagua on their way back from visiting family in Toronto.....

The drive was enjoyable...vistas were good,,not fantastic,,as we just have not had enough cold nights to cause color to change, and the dry summer did not help either....

Great fellowship was had by all!!!

OCTOBER FALL COLOR TOUR by Jim Bartasevich

The weather wasn't as nice as last year's tour, but it didn't rain, except for a few sprinkles here and there. The trees were so-so; some areas were "out" more than others, but the dry summer may have had something to do with it, according to reports in the papers.

We met at the old Mel's Diner in Henrietta where Dave and Edie let off on a "blistering" pace. Or so said the speedometer in my Lakewood. I asked several other members of our group how fast they were going when we made a stop. The answers I received indicated that either I was going as fast as I thought I was or was going slower. Anyway, it was good to take the Lakewood out; I hadn't had it out all summer except for the state inspection. I was driving the 500 to most events this past summer because it hadn't been on the road in several years.

The Lakewood was somewhat "floaty" which I think might be the front adjustable shocks that are probably set to "normal" instead of the "extra firm" that I like. It doesn't have any anti-roll bars, so that can make a difference too. I'm planning on correcting both of those deficiencies.

After we got on the state roads, I was really beginning to enjoy the "early model boogie" around the curves. If you know what over steer is like and know how to handle it, driving an early-early like my Lakewood is entertaining. The 140/4 speed helps too. I don't think it would have been as much of a hoot as it was if it had the stock 80/PG. It was also fun in the parking lots where we stopped. When making low speed turns, I would spin the steering wheel like a ship's wheel for turns. It has over 4 turns lock to lock. Boy, a suicide knob would have been perfect! [Can you even buy those any more?]

The end of our 235 mile tour was at a restaurant in Canandaigua. By the way, only Don Vair and Betty Smith and I had Corvairs. They had their Monza convertible which had the top down at the start, but they put it up before leaving because of the uncertain sky and they didn't wear their down parkas [but they had winter gloves]. Here's the list of excuses by the attendees:

Dave & Edie Ellis: Dave had just polished their two Corvairs and didn't want to take the chance of them getting wet and dirty if it rained. C'mon, Dave! You're retired! You have LOTS of time to rewash and repolish them!

George Renz & Sheila [sorry, I didn't get her last name]: The Rampside needs to have the oil pressure-sending unit replaced. Corvairs drip enough oil without having to recreate the Exxon Valdez disaster.

Karen VanNostrand & Paul Hendl **[Please check on the spelling, Jim]**: They had the tunnel pan and heater duct out of their Corsa for cleaning up after a family of mice. Turning out a family of mice just before winter! You guys are *cruel*.

. But I think they should have brought back some *Corvair* Sam & Marissa Andolino: They were on their way back from the Hershey swap meet and met us in Bath. They are excused from not driving one of their 'Vairs parts rather than a Quatrajet carburetor.

Dave & Sue Baker: They were on their way back from Toronto and hoped to meet us at the start, but got stuck at the border in Niagara Falls. They were going to go to Canandaigua at the end of the tour to meet the rest of us. Obviously, they weren't driving their Spyder. Corvairs are *always* waved through customs without delay.

Almost time to put our cars in hibernation. Thanks, Dave and Edie, for one last fling with the Corvairs. AND, don't forget to contact Paul Masters about the ACORN year-end dinner at Delmonico's.

Plan ahead to 2010

The Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts have been given the privilege □ to host the 2010 convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Many plans are in the □ works for the 50th anniversary of our favorite car. We invite everyone to □ come and enjoy our state and your convention.

Product Review by Jim C.

“Forever Black”

This product is designed to bring black plastic trim and bumpers back to their original look. I saw a review of this product on the www.canidiandriverr.com web site. The product comes with a cleaner/conditioner and the black dye. I applied the product to the plastic below the windshield (modern cars) and along the rocker panels. I have used other products that require reapplication monthly, this product worked great and still looks good after three months. I could not find the product at our local auto parts stores so I purchased it on line through Amazon.com. The actual retailer was www.forevercarcareproducts.com out of Florida.

Laughter is the best medicine, By George

The United Way realized that it had never received a donation from the city's most successful lawyer. So a United Way volunteer paid the lawyer a visit in his lavish office.

The volunteer opened the meeting by saying, "Our research shows that even though your annual income is over two million dollars, you don't give a penny to charity. Wouldn't you like to give something back to your community through the United Way?"

The lawyer thinks for a minute and says, "First, did your research also show you that my mother is dying after a long, painful illness, and she has huge medical bills that are far beyond her ability to pay?" Embarrassed, the United Way rep mumbles, "Uh... no, I didn't know that."

"Secondly," says the lawyer, "my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and is unable to support his wife and six children."

The stricken United Way rep begins to stammer an apology, but is cut off again.

"Thirdly, did your research also show you that my sister's husband died in a dreadful car accident, leaving her penniless with a mortgage and three children, one of whom is disabled and another that has learning disabilities requiring a huge array of private tutors?"

The humiliated United Way rep, completely beaten, says, "I'm so sorry, I had no idea."

And the lawyer says, "So...if I didn't give any money to them, what makes you think I'd give any to you?"

Tech Tip of the Month

Have you ever had trouble getting to a nut or bold? When every wrench or socket set is too big and every wench is too long or too wide or too fat? Now thanks to George Renz we have a potential fix. What about a “basin wrench” This tool is designed to go up under a sink to access those hard to see or feel faucet hold down nuts. This tool is especially helpful for the removal of oil sending units from a Rampside. Nice job George!

MEMBERSHIP



C O R N E R

November 2007

Well, the leaves are on the ground and the air has been quite warm, lately. This has been the warmest October in twenty years and it looks as if winter doesn't want to come here. But, alas, soon, snow will be on the ground and we'll be shoveling out our driveways....what a thought...ugh!

On October 14th, 11 "Acorn's" showed up at Mel's Diner (no longer Mel's) for our "Fall Tour"...Dave & Edie Ellis, Don Vair/Betty Smith, Dave and Sue Baker, Sam & Marissa Andolina, Jim Bartasevich and yours truly and Sheila...though the weather was favorable, the leaves had decided to hold off changing their colors for at least another couple of weeks. The weather had been too warm for the color to show up in our region, tho I have heard the leaves were at full color in the Adirondacks. The route instructions were handed out and we started off from the parking lot. Along the way, we saw leaves that were not at their peak, many farms and beautiful country side...typical of upstate New York. At the end of the tour, in Canandaigua, we stopped off at the Steamboat Landing for dinner. Everyone enjoyed their meal and plenty of conversation followed. Personally, I have saved the route instructions to be used for a day trip at another time. A tip of the hat goes out to Dave/Edie for taking time for planning this tour.

The cruise night at the Log Cabin is still underway, but with the daylight fading fast, not many vehicles are showing up. Soon, it will be over for another year. I believe it is the last one to close down for the season.

Notices for club dues for the year 2008 will be sent out soon by either email, for those of you who are on the Internet or by "snail mail" for others. 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.

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

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)

----- **FOR SALE** -----



1965 Corsa Convertible

140, 4-speed, AM/FM Radio, Luggage rack, new Clark's interior, all new front suspension, new universal joints, four rebuilt carbs, Top has only been down twice.

Email Jeff Sisson
jsisson1@rochester.rr.com

Used Parts, NOS parts, at discount prices. I am going to liquidate, no date yet, but soon. Get it while you can. Tom Nasman, 293-3717, or at tnasman@rochester.rr.com

'67 Monza Convertible

Running well, recently licensed, can be driven as-is or restore. \$1499 firm.
Tom Nasman, 293-3717, or at tnasman@rochester.rr.com

1966 Chevy Corvair Monza, 4-door, 110hp, white w/very nice aqua interior, over 68,000 original miles, automatic. Likely needs some mechanical work. Good condition with some bubble-type corrosion at base of side windows. Work needed on windshield, driver's side. I had been asking \$2,400 and reduced it to \$1,800, although price is negotiable.

Contact: Linda
lindaharvey@myfam.com

1966 Corvair Monza

Red convertible 4 speed standard. Contact Don at 585-247-6195. Asking \$3,000.00 or best offer.

Also

1973 MFG 17' Gypsy

Rebuilt 129 HP I/O, rebuilt carburetor, new water pumps and ignition, new tires, axle, rollers on trailer
Asking \$2,000.00 or best offer
Contact Brad at 585-426-1728