

# ACORNNEWS

## ASSOCIATION OF CORVAIR NUTS

Rochester, New York  
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## APRIL 2008

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### 2008 Officers

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Membership Chair - George Renz  
Historian - Dave and Edie Ellis  
Tech Session Coordinator - Open

*Newsletter input date is the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month*

**Delivery Day** brand new '66 Monza, 110 hp, automatic purchased by Evelyn Cleveland from Hallman's Chevrolet in Rochester, NY, April 1966. (My mother had an uncanny ability for picking cars. She traded the Monza in on a brand new '73 Chevy Vega! - *Editor*)

**ACORNNEWS** has a new look! The format has been changed to be more in keeping with standard newsletter design and to allow for easier development.

## Prez Says by *Paul Masters*

Spring has sprung – but the weather has not.

I am sure that everyone is anxious to get there cars ready for the summer season, but the weather is not cooperating. We do have a couple of interesting tech sessions scheduled in April. April 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a tech session held at Dave Ellis's house on how to rebuild a carburetor. April 19<sup>th</sup> we have a breakfast and tour scheduled for Harwood Industries in Victor. The Harwood tour starts at 10:00, with breakfast at 8:45. Please contact Jim Cleveland for further information. Also be sure to check our Club website for a listing of the season's car shows. Dave Ellis will furnish an update of the 4-Club mini convention update of the 4-Club mini convention.

*Paul Masters*

## ACORN Calendar of Events

### March 2008

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### Next Events

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** = Tech Session  
for Carb Re-build

Dave and Edie Ellis, 1460  
Long Pond Road, 2:00 PM

***You Must RSVP  
to Dave and Edie***

227-2439

[dellis1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dellis1@rochester.rr.com)

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** Harwood  
Enterprises Tour

See page #3 for details

<del>March 16<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Sat.</del>	<del>Meeting, Game Day</del>	<del>D. Ellis</del>
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Tech Session, carb re-building	D. Ellis
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Harwood Enterprise Tour And Breakfast ( <a href="#">page #3</a> )	J. Cleveland G. Renz
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Tech Session, Brake Repair	J. Clark & D. Doran
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Driving Tour, Fingerlakes	J. Bartasevich
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Meeting + MGCC Show	Farmington, NY
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	CNYCC Club Recall <a href="#">Alternative?</a>	Syracuse, NY
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Bishops Farm for parts	T. Nasman
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Parade/Lunch/Meeting	C. Littman
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Tech Session, paint touch-up	P. Masters
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thru.	Perry Drive In Super Cruise	Perry NY
Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Bug Bust VW Show	J. Bartasevich
Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Picnic/White Elephant	D. Ellis
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Tech Session - <a href="#">open</a>	<a href="#">Available</a>
Sept. 19-21	Fri.	4-Clubs Mini-Convention	Batavia
Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Drive & Wine Tour	J. Clark & D. Doran
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	Tech Session - <a href="#">open</a>	<a href="#">Available</a>
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Year-end dinner & Officers	D. Shoemaker

### Wanted

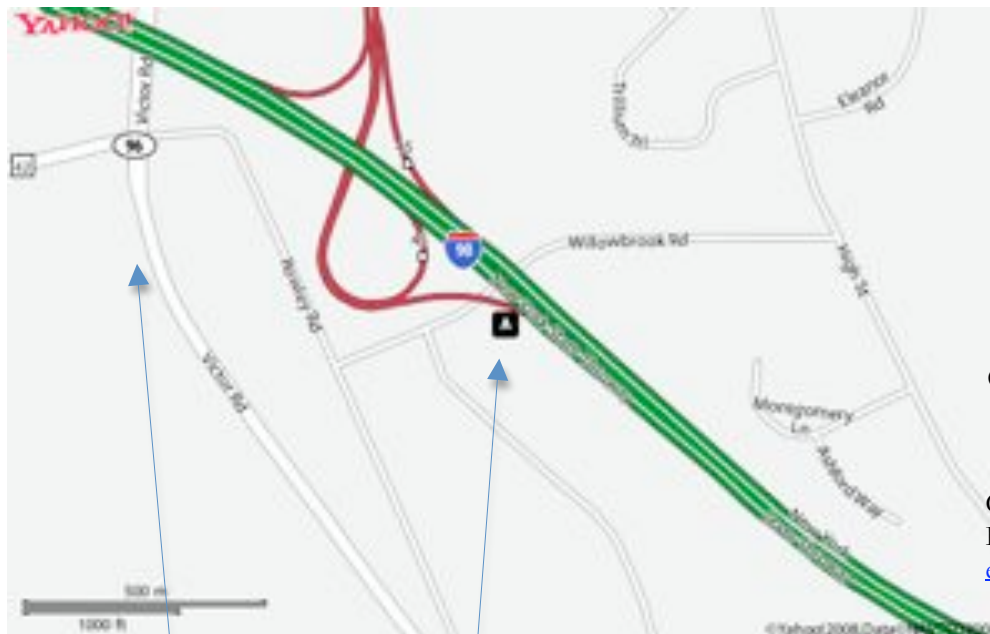
- Club Secretary
- Tech. Session Coordinator

## Harwood Enterprises tour April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Harwood Enterprises LLC mission is to provide the discriminating classic, late model, and exotic car buyer with a variety of exceptionally managed and professionally delivered products including sales, service, and restoration.

### Schedule:

- 8:45 am                      Breakfast at Charlie's, 7457 Route 96 in Victor (see Map)
- 10:00 am                      Tour of Harwood Enterprises, 7385 Willowbrook Rd. Victor, NY 14564



Charlie's

Harwood's

### April 19<sup>th</sup> = Harwood Enterprises Tour

Jim Cleveland

**Please RSVP to Jim, 223-3968**

[jclevela@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jclevela@rochester.rr.com)

Or George Renz, 425-2279

[GFrenzie@aol.com](mailto:GFrenzie@aol.com)

Check out Harwood Enterprises at [www.harwood-enterprises.com](http://www.harwood-enterprises.com)

**To Charlie's:** Take I-490 East to Exit # 29. Bear right on exit to Route 96 South. Continue on Route 96 South past the 1<sup>st</sup> traffic light. Charlie's is on your right.

**To Harwoods:** Take I-490 East to Exit #29. Bear right on exit to Route 96 South until 1st traffic light. Turn left at light onto Rowley Road (by Burger King). Continue on Rowley Rd approx 1/2 mile until Willowbrook Road. Turn left on Willowbrook Road. Harwood Enterprises is the 3rd building on the right, just before the tunnel underpass.

**From the NY State Thruway,** take exit #45 then south on Route 96



## C O R N E R MEMBERSHIP

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April 2008

To all ACORN members,  
I think spring has finally arrived....as I look out the window I see the grass turning green. Oh, oh...what is that white stuff I see coming down, could it be SNOW....Well, we'll have to wait a few more days. I am real anxious to get the Rampside out of storage and start putting some miles on it going to cruise nights and club events.

The club will hold its first tour of the year, scheduled this month to be held at Harwoods' Restoration on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Preceding the tour, breakfast will be offered at "Charlie's" (formerly De-De's) at 8:45. After breakfast, approx. an hour or so, we'll head over to Harwood's, about a 5 minute drive. For the club members that are not familiar with the area, Charlie's is just east approx 1 mile from thruway exit 45 (towards Victor) on route 96. Please call George by the 17<sup>th</sup> at 425-2279 and let him know you are attending.

Don't forget the Four Clubs event this summer and volunteer to help where you can. Dave and Jeff will be asking for help real soon for various committees.

I recently received a list of potential members from CORSA and I am generating an "introduction" letter to send to each of them. Let's hope they join our ever-growing club.

Club dues are now being collected. All members have been sent dues notices. If you have not already mailed your check for \$15.00, please do so.  
Be proud to be an **ACORN** member and tell other Corvair owners about us.  
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

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

For ACORN members who love automobiles and have a great sense of humor (guess just having a Corvair says you qualify) try watching the British car show "Top Gear". This show is only for those who can receive cable channel 326. It could be on Dish, but I don't know. The show is extremely funny as the three hosts do all sorts of fun things with all types of motor vehicles. Typical to the English they pull no punches and call it as they see it. They dyno tested a new Mustang Shelby 500 GT and only got 460 HP so they marked on the car in black marker pencil "ALMOST" after the 500 logo. The show is Monday evenings and plays several times more each week.

### Consectetur:

Sed venenatis, augue non varius tempus, metus nibh mollis erat, a tempus neque ipsum sit amet nisi. Donec elementum, justo eu pulvinar tincidunt, mauris nunc consectetur mi, eu ornare augue ligula a nibh.

## Product Review by *Paul Williams*

I was recently sent me a pair of **Rain-X Latitude Wiper Blades** to try out on my car. According to the manufacturer, they feature an "ice resistant frame that prevents ice and snow build-up."

This turned out to be a timely package to receive, because the factory wiper blades on my car were giving me nothing but grief. The problem, even though they look to be a complex piece of engineering, is that when they freeze, the middle part of the blade lifts up from the windshield. And not just a little. The solution thus far has been to stop the car, get out, bend them back into shape (you can hear the ice crunching when you do this), then try again.

The Rain-X Latitude blades don't have the same kind of frame; at least not in the conventional sense. They have a curved blade that's attached to a thin frame encased in rubber. There's a built-in spoiler to prevent wind lift, and this feature is also designed to reduce chatter (on the windshield, not in the car!).

The blade itself is made from chloroprene rubber, which is described by Rain-X as being, "harder, stronger, more durable and more thermal resistant than natural rubber." The key here is that it's a synthetic rubber, designed with special properties, and it's also coated with graphite to reduce friction and increase adhesion to the windshield.

But getting to the point, do the Rain-X Latitude wipers work any better than my clunky original equipment blades. Well, yes they do. First of all, they don't freeze up and warp out of shape. We've had temperatures down to minus-25 Celsius (-11 F) in Ottawa lately, and the Rain-X wipers have held their shape.

They also don't chatter at speed, although I have heard from some colleagues that similar designs do. These seem fine.

They also don't get packed with snow and ice, and should, therefore, obviate the need for purchasing winter blades.

On the downside, there's about a three-inch patch at the far end of the passenger wiper that won't contact the windshield. This is only evident when the wipers are parked. When you turn on the wipers, that patch gets smaller and disappears as it travels through its arc. But that patch of unwiped glass is always there at the bottom corner of the windshield.

True, the old blade didn't leave such a patch, but that was about the only place it did make contact in subzero weather.

So I can recommend the Rain-X Latitude wiper blades as a significant improvement over my original equipment blades. In my experience, they are a major safety enhancement.

*Paul Williams is an Ottawa-based freelance automotive writer and senior writer for CanadianDriver.*

## Web-sites

Check out the Keystone Corvair Club's web-site at <http://keystonecorvairclub.tripod.com>

Check "You Tube" videos <http://video.google.com> and search for Corvair. You will find video of the Buffalo Convention, running variable valve timing engines, auto cross and much, much more.

<http://www.cnycorvair.com>  
CNYCorvair

## For Sale

**1965 Corvair MID ENGINE** small block Chevy - \$3800 Reply to: [592766122@craigslist.org](mailto:592766122@craigslist.org) This is a mid engine Corvair with the V8 crown conversion kit. The complete rear suspension and frame has been removed and painted in black urethane. The interior is very nice with the optional seating and engine cover package. Corvette rally wheels. The car comes with everything but an engine to put it back on the road. The four speed trans and bell housing as well as linkage are in place. All linkage, hoses, new custom stainless steel water transport tubes and mounts come with the car to install an engine. The car comes with all the trim and many extra parts.

### **'67 Monza Convertible**

Running well, recently licensed, can be driven as-is or restore. \$1499 firm. Tom Nasman, 293-3717, or [tnasman@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tnasman@rochester.rr.com)

**'64 Corvair Convertible** Runs great and is solid. New tires and brakes, front end gone over and aligned in June or July. Asking \$3,800, negotiable, inspected.

Pete 724-331-8433

Jeannette, PA (Keystone Corvair Club)

### **Parts you need or think you need.**

Call Tom Nasman 293-3717 or [tnasman@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tnasman@rochester.rr.com)

## Pictures of the Month



Some people really love open-air motoring!



Is this another Ferrari in Chuck's collection? No it is a Corvair, a Kelmark GT Ferrari Dino replica. So Chuck, you can have the best of both!

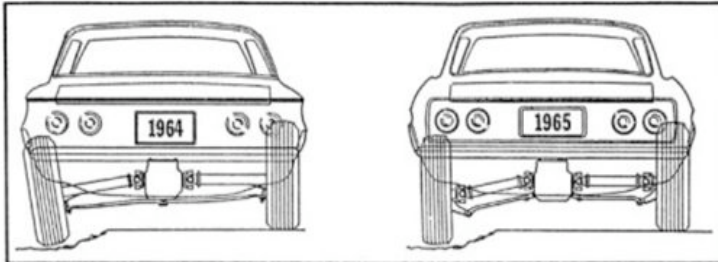


Now this is too pretty to hide in the engine compartment!

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## Association of Corvair Nuts, Rochester, New York

Lets take a look at some Corvair suspensions, early with a transverse leaf spring and the late with more modern fully independent set-up. (Utilizing Corvette half-shafts)



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### ACORNNEWS LETTER

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