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**The Next ACORN Newsletter
will be March 2008**

2008 Officers:

President – Paul Masters

Vice President - Jim Bartasevich

Secretary – Jim Bartasevich

Treasurer – Don Vair

ACORN Website

www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter148

Members = 39

Corvairs = 58

Appointed Positions:

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

Greeting:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I am very pleased to have been selected as President, and am looking forward to serving the Club in the coming year. A new President and a new year should begin with input from the membership as to what they want the Club to accomplish and what types of activities they would like to see. Therefore, at the January 13th meeting (the home of Don Vairs), the general membership will be discussing the 2008 activities calendar. We would like to encourage all members, and especially the newer members to submit ideas. Please have your suggestions ready for discussion. If you are unable to attend our planning meeting, please feel free to telephone me with your ideas (585-334-9333). In conversations that I have had with some members, they indicated they would like to see more technical/informational sessions. Please keep this in mind.

The “Four Clubs” Regional Convention will be held in September of this year. The Convention Committee is working diligently to confirm location, dates, activities, etc. Great things are in the works.... The Committee hopes that the Convention will be a major happening for our Club, but it will need the cooperation and hardwork of all of our members. Remember, we will be looking for your help to make this a success. A progress update regarding the Regional Convention will be discussed at the activities meeting.

One of my personal goals, as President, is to “grow” our membership, and in order to do that, we encourage all of our members to attend scheduled events and activities and bring along anyone interested in Corvairs.

A Happy New Year to everyone.

Paul Masters

Calendar

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Newsletter Deadline

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

Next Event:

Planning Meeting

January 13, 2008

Jan. 13th Sun Planning Meeting Paul Masters
 Hosted by Don Vair
 218 East Street, Pittsford, NY

RSVP 586-3409

Potential 2008 Events:

- Glen Curtis Museum tour and picnic in Hammondsport, NY
- Harwood Restoration Shop tour in Farmington NY
- Joint event with other Clubs
- Valentine Dinner in February
- Watkins Glen Vintage Race and Fall Festival, September 5th
- MG Car Festival, Farmington, June
- GVAC Car Show at RIT, July
- Cruise Nites in Fairport and at the Log Cabin
- Four Clubs Mini Convention in September
- Tech Sessions
- Auction
- Holiday Dinner



Car Auction in Florida by *Jeff Clark*

Just got back from 2 weeks in Florida, and the first day there I was lucky enough to get invited to an incredible car auction (the Al Wiseman collection). Auction prices were all over the place, but I couldn't believe what a '62 Spyder went for. Here's a link to the auction site; scroll down and click on lot #875, the seventh car from the bottom:

<http://www.rmauctions.com/AuctionResults.cfm?SaleCode=AW07#>

The photos are very professional, and hide the cars flaws quite well. I couldn't hang around to find out who bought it, but I can give you a description of the car based on my own close-up inspection. I'll let you be the judge as to the value.

A decent car, but by no means a gold Concours winner. Engine compartment was dirty, funky fake leather steering-wheel cover. Seats were nice, but rear window was very cloudy, door panels fair. The doorsill plates were dull and worn. An older but only fair repaint, with lots of overspray. My guess would be a high 80s- low 90s in a national concours event. Beautiful wire rims, but of course they weren't original to the car. Other than the paint and the rims, the car appeared to be pretty much original. Dash plate and brief case holding owner's manual said the car once belonged to Barney Smith of Colorado- that name mean anything to anyone? I don't recall hearing of him. Regardless, are early Spyderys in this shape actually bringing over \$25,000?! Incredible...

Product Review by *Jim C.*

What about those GPS units, every store: department, discount, auto and home stores are selling them. My observation is that if you can read a map you may not need one, however! If you love technology and want to avoid being totally lost the GPS units are a must. It is amazing that this thing knows exactly where you are and where you are heading. In my old Navy days we used stars, sun lines and radio waves (LORAN) to aid in determining our approximate location. Only the subs had GPS in those days. If you drive in unfamiliar territory you will want a unit with text to speech so you can keep your eyes on the road and listen for the prompts to get ready for that turn. They also let you know about gas station locations, hotels and food. Like all maps and directions they are not 100% accurate all the time. They will get you where you are going. My guess is that some day all cars will come with them just like a radio. Remember when a radio was an option or you could order the "radio delete" package? Try to get a car today without power windows, you can't.

Laughter is the best medicine

A young woman, and avid car enthusiast, asked her boyfriend if she could have something that went from 0 to 140 in just a few seconds for Christmas. The boyfriend gave her a scale! They never found his body!

Lost Corvair Found

-Borrowed from the Winter 2007 issue of Hagerty's newsletter.

By Phil Berg

No pain is greater than that of a broken heart. And Craig Pursley can speak from experience.

Pursley and his first true love- a 1964 red Corvair convertible with red interior- began their relationship when he was just 12 years old. His father purchased the little Chevy in 1966. Pursley became its sole driver while he was in high school. However, he was forced to leave his love when he headed off to college. I can remember driving away in a Monte Carlo and looking in the rearview mirror at the Corvair parked at the curb," Pursley recalls. "I was leaving behind so many memories." It was the last time he would see the Corvair for more than three decades, as his father- without Pursley's knowledge- sold the vehicle while he was away at school.

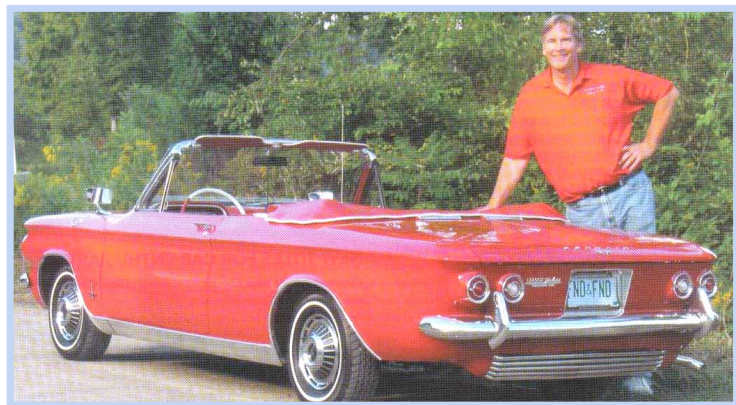
Fast-forward to 1999, when Pursley had settled into an idyllic life in Bath, New Hampshire. Fate intervened when he became friends with the host of a local car show. "The event rekindled my passion for Corvairs," he says. In 2004, Pursley went Corvair shopping.

During his search, he found a two-year-old photograph of a red Corvair on the Internet from an estate auction. The image showed a dent in the driver-side door. "I knew I put that there in 1971 when I missed a stop sign and another car bumped into the door," Pursley says.

He tracked down the owner, who was only 100 miles from his hometown, and paid \$550 for it. And as if finding his Corvair wasn't enough, Pursley was also reunited with guitar picks and a pair of golf shoes, among other things, that he had left in its trunk.

He finished restoring the vehicle last year, but says had he known the expense it would take, he never would have bought it back.

"Really good condition Corvairs go for about \$12,000," Pursley says. "I stopped keeping track after spending \$17,000."



MEMBERSHIP



C O R N E R

January 2008

To all ACORN members,

As I sit here typing this article, I'm looking out of my window at the snow that lies on the ground, and counting the days before it is all gone. I want to get my Rampside outta storage. I missed quite a few cruise nights this past summer and can't wait to start going to them once again. I know, all of us Corvair owners are looking forward to the nice spring weather soon to come our way.

The ACORN's will be hosting the mini convention again this year, as it will be our turn. Think about volunteering at some capacity to help make it another successful event.

Another year is upon us and it is time for club dues to be collected. I have sent each member, a dues notice and they are coming in. If you have not already mailed your check for \$15.00, please do so.

This is what being a member of a car club, such as the ACORN's is all about...helping members working on their vehicles. For the cost of a club membership, the returns are invaluable. So, if you know of any Corvair owners, who are not members of our club, tell them about us...and encourage them to join.

Club events will be scheduled at our first club meeting for the year and we'd like to see many of you attending at least some of them, as your schedule allows. A "Beat the Blah's Breakfast" get together, will be coming up soon, try to attend. Our annual Valentines dinner, will be the club's first event of the year.

My goal this year, will be to attain club membership of 50 members, we are close and with your help again, we can reach and exceed that goal. Be proud to be an **ACORN** member and tell other Corvair owners about us.

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** -----

'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