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Wanted:
Club Secretary and Tech. Session
Coordinator

2008 Officers:

President – Paul Masters

Vice President - Jim Bartasevich

Secretary – Open

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
- Tech Session Coordinator - Open

Greeting:

Club members celebrated Valentine's Day at the Elmwood Restaurant, and all who attended, had a good time and a good meal. As usual, we discussed many topics, including "car talk" and the up and coming 4 Club mini convention. Dave Ellis, the convention chair, gives details later in this Newsletter.

We have had to juggle the dates for March activities. Details to follow.

Jim Cleveland was unable to setup the Harwood tour for March, but set it up for April 19th. The outing will include breakfast (8:45), at Charlie's Restaurant, (Route 96 coming into Victor), prior to the tour.

Dave Ellis' game day has been switched from April 20th to March 16th at his house at 2:00 pm.

If you haven't been to Harwood's you are in for a real treat. They buy and sell classic cars as well as doing restoration work. I am sure the tour will be interesting and I hope that all members take advantage of this opportunity – you will not be disappointed.

Paul Masters

Calendar

February 2008

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Newsletter Deadline

Material gladly accepted for publication until the 24th.
jcleve1@rochester.rr.com

Next Event: Meeting and "Game Day" March 16th, 2:00 pm 1460 Long Pond Road

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

March 16th = Meeting and "Game Day"

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

You Must RSVP to Dave and Edie

227-2439

Or

dellis1@rochester.rr.com

Our April 19th tour is at Harwood Enterprises, Classic Vehicle restoration, repair, service, buying and selling. They are located in Victor, NY. We will meet for breakfast prior to visiting Harwood's.

Check out Harwood Enterprises at www.harwood-enterprises.com

January 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes *by Jim Bartasevich*

The meeting was hosted by Betty Smith & Don Vair who supplied delicious chili and fruit of the vine. Several other members brought side dishes.

It was called to order by President Paul Masters around 2:30 PM. [The virtual Secretary, who also happens to be the actual Vice-President, is semi-retired and no longer wears a watch.] Those attending were:

- ❖ Paul Masters – President
- ❖ Betty Smith & Don Vair – Treasurer
- ❖ Dave & Edie Ellis – Historian
- ❖ George Renz – Membership
- ❖ Sam & Marissa Andolino – Webmaster
- ❖ Jim & Marlene Bartasevich – Vice President & Virtual Secretary
- ❖ Chuck & Flo Littman
- ❖ John English
- ❖ Dave Doran
- ❖ Peter Crooker
- ❖ Paul Able
- ❖ Dave Shoemaker
- ❖ Tom Nasman
- ❖ Karen Nostrant & Paul Hendel

The following, in no particular order, is a summation of the various topics that were discussed:

- ❖ **Finances by Don Vair** – ACORNs appear to be solvent for another year; there's about \$2500 in the treasury. Don was going to get up to get the exact dollar balance, but everyone told him not to bother because he looked too comfortable sitting on the stairs.

 - ❖ **2008 Activities Agenda** – The tentative agenda is as follows:
 - **February 17**, Sunday – Valentine Dinner; arranged by Littman
 - **March 1 or 8** [TBD], Saturday – Harwood Industries restoration shop in Victor; arranged by Jim Cleveland; breakfast before arranged by Renz (Date changed to April 19th – (see the club calendar))
 - **April 12**, Saturday TECH – Carb rebuilding at the Ellis'; demo carbs furnished by the Andolinos; bring yours and a rebuild kit if you'd like to do them yourself with "a little help from your friends"
 - **April 20**, Sunday MEETING – Game day; bring your favorite card, board, or whatever game; arranged by Ellis? (Date Changed)
 - **May 10**, Saturday TECH – Brake repair/replacement; arranged by Clark & Doran
 - **May 18**, Sunday – Driving tour to a Finger Lakes Restaurant for lunch; arranged by Bartasevich
 - **June 1**, Sunday MEETING – MGCC Car Show, Farmington
 - **June 14 or 21** [TBD] – CNYCC Recall and/or visit to the Bishop's farm on Keuka Lake for Corvair parts harvest; arranged by Nasman
 - **July 4**, FRIDAY – MEETING; Irondequoit July 4th Parade & lunch after at Sea Breeze; arranged by Littman
 - **July 12**, Saturday TECH – Tentative; paint touch-up; arranged by Masters
 - **July 17**, THURSDAY – Perry Drive In Super Cruise
 - **August 3**, Sunday – Bug Bust Show [tentative]; arranged by Bartasevich
 - **August 10**, Sunday – MEETING; Picnic & White Elephant Auction; arranged by Ellis
 - **September 13**, Saturday TECH – available
 - **September 19, 20, 21** – 4 Clubs in Batavia [TENTATIVE DATES]
 - **October 5**, Sunday – MEETING; driving & winery tour; arranged by Clark & Doran
 - **October 18**, Saturday TECH – available
 - **November 9**, Sunday – MEETING; year-end dinner & election of officers for 2009; arranged by Shoemaker
- It is requested that you reply to any event/activity that has "RSVP" listed so the host will know who and how many will be attending. Please respect the host and respond. They are volunteering their time for YOUR chapter. All activities will have the name, address, and phone number of the host in the ACORNNews as the events occur so you'll know where the event will be.*

- ❖ **ACORN Member Roster** – Membership Chairman George Renz will update this and provide it ONLY to the membership. It will be updated twice a year. It will *not* be placed on our website, so your computer mailbox won't be filled up with ads for investing in vanilla bean futures in Madagascar or miracle drugs for hang nails. *Note: Only about 50% of our membership has paid dues for 2008; please send your check to George ASAP.*
- ❖ **ACORN Website** - Webmaster Marissa Andolino will update the website monthly based on information in the *ACORNNews*. She will also include photos of chapter activities and YOUR projects. This is your chance to show the rest of us the restoration of the transmission from your car as you have it torn apart on the kitchen table. [At least until you're exiled to the garage.]
- ❖ **New Member/Recruiting Package** – The highly successful package developed by Membership Chairman George Renz in 2002 will be updated to include the latest recruiting information from CORSA. Jim Bartasevich will check into the availability of the color CORSA brochure, "The Top Ten Reasons to Own a Corvaair." If it is no longer available, we'll look into having color copies made locally. Jim B. has contacted CORSA to obtain the latest list of CORSA members in our area so we can contact/invite/visit/kidnap them into joining the ACORNs. He has also requested information from CORSA about successful ideas to increase membership. Another suggestion that was not made at the meeting [because I just thought of it] is to hold a "Get to Know Your Corvaair" session for those who've never had a Corvaair before. We can go over their car to show them how things work, how to do minor maintenance, make routine checks, etc. to help them become familiar and more comfortable with it.
- ❖ **4 Clubs Minus One** – Dave Ellis and Sam and Marissa Andolino reported on the status of the event of the year. Here's a summary of the points that were discussed:
 - Tentative Dates: September 19, 20, 21
 - Location: Batavia
 - Autocross: Kelly's Go-Kart Track, which is used for more than go-karts. The driving event will be shared with the BMW Club who regularly use the track and who will also provide assistance. The track is supposedly great fun because of the hills. The Northeast Corvaair Council [NECC] who coordinates a number of Corvaair track events, will probably help as well. Because the CORSA convention will be in California this year, it is expected that a lot of Corvaair racers will come. [Hold it and they will come.]
 - Host Hotel: Holiday Inn at Exit 48 of the NYS Thruway. It is conveniently located next to the exit.
 - Concours & People's Choice: These events will be included as before.
 - Website: The 2006 Buffalo CORSA convention website will be modified for the event.
 - Valve Cover Race/Welcome Party: To be held on Friday evening.
 - Volunteers: NEEDED! Contact Dave Ellis or Jeff Clark. However, DO NOT contact Jeff Clark about a place to park trailers. The primary activities where help will be needed are:
 - Hospitality – Group in charge: ACORNs
 - Valve Cover Races –
 - Concours – Person in charge: Stan East [CORSA Ontario]
 - People's Choice –
 - Autocross – Person in charge: John Dawley [NFCC]
 - Registration – Person in charge: Dave Robinson [CNYCC]
 - Finalization of the arrangements with the hotel should be complete by the time you receive this and will be reported in the next issue of *ACORNNews*. Updates: Dave Ellis and Jeff Clark will provide periodic updates that will be included in each upcoming issue of *ACORNNews*
- ❖ **Needed** – Two positions are open for the ACORNs. This is your opportunity to help out your chapter while having more fun that you can stand.

Secretary: You would be writing this now rather than me if you were the secretary. Actually, what I've done here is the most work all year, so all you have to do is report on the activities for the *ACORNNews* the rest of the year. Here's the position description from our constitution:

The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the chapter meetings, and in general serve as the "keeper of the records" of the chapter. The Secretary shall also be the news reporter with CORSA publications and other chapters with whom we establish regular contact. As Secretary, this person shall carry out communications as directed, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the same in any other organization

Tech Session Coordinator: Never heard of this one? It's because this position is new. It was suggested by President Masters at the planning meeting. Because of the popularity of our tech sessions, it was decided that a Tech Session Coordinator would be helpful. No formal position description was developed [you can develop it as you go along], but this member would contact the people who have volunteered to hold the tech sessions to confirm what is going to be done in more detail, send out an e-mail reminder to the membership, and also plan activities for the available session dates. What could be easier?

Please contact President Masters and tell him, "Yes! Yes! I want to be Secretary!" Or "Tech Session Coordinator? Wow! I've always wanted to be one. Sign me up!"

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bartasevich, Vice President & Virtual Secretary

Krause Old Car Price Data *by Dave Ellis*

Howdy!!!It is March again. Every couple years or so I have been evaluating/analyzing the Corvair price data as presented in this publication...and passing along the results of those observations in the ACORNEWS. This year the news is "status quo"...essentially no significant movement in either direction across all models, all years, all conditions. Last year I published an excel spreadsheet that illustrated that 90% of the increases in Covair "price guide" values had occurred between 1975 and 1995. Only about 10% of that total increase occurred between 1995 and 2005. We say a slight decrease from 2005 to 2007. The percentages above are the average across all models/years/conditions. As one would expect, the most desirable vehicles in the best conditions started out with higher "base" price guide values in 1975; and have experienced slightly smaller percentage increases in their value. Conversely, the more plain jane, poorer conditioned vehicles started with much lower "base" price guide values in 1975; and have experienced higher percentage increases in the price guide values. For example...from 1975 to 2005 a 196 Class 4,ie needs everything, 700, 4 Door Sedan, PG, saw a Price Guide value increase of 1500%. However, conversely,a 1969 Class 1, Museum quality, Monza Convertible, 140 HP 4speed only saw a Price Guide value increase of 420%. For reference...the average Price Guide percentage increase across all models, all years, and all conditions for the timeframe 1975 to 2005 was around 700%. dme out...

March 2008...Status Notes on 2008 4CLUBS Convention *by Dave Ellis*

OK..We are locked and loaded for the third weekend in September....Core days of the Event are Fri/Sat/Sun Sept 19/20/21...We have a block of rooms, 55, reserved for the Event.....can increase as required...Those contacting the Batavia Holiday Inn for reservations should please refer to the "Corvair Car Convention" and use the word "4CLUBS"...and you will get nto our block of rooms at the discounted \$69 per nite rate.....room rate is good Thurs thru Monday, for folks who wish to extend there stay in the area...LOTS of local services available in the immediate area... The schedule of events might be finalized and approved by the Convention Committee in time for the March ACORNEWS...in case they are not...basically we hope to have some Tours lined up during the day Friday, Car Corral and Outdoor Swap Meet, Welcome Party and Valve Cover Races on Fri eve. (Of course Registration) On Saturday the biggie offsite is the Slalom Event at the Kelly GoCart Track...

Saturday Morning is Classification for Concours...(Again Registration) For those who stay onsite, potentially Tech Sessions, the Car Corral, Outdoor Swap Meet, and possibly the Peoples Choice event....and again we hope to have some Tours. Saturday Eve outing is to the Batavia Trotter Race Track just down the road from the Holiday Inn..... Gaming and Horse Racing available....plus a superb restaurant is also located close by for those who would like to check it out...Sunday morning is the Concours, followed by a Banquet Brunch and Awards Presentations....

We still need a few Event Chairs....following slots are open.... Welcome Party, Car Corral, OutDoor Swap Meet, Trophies/DashPlaques, and Batavia Downs Outing... Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.... dme out...

Product Review by *Jim C.*

More on a GPS for you car:

Jan and I just returned from a vacation in Florida. Why we came back at the end of February is a statement to our lack of foresight! Anyway, prior to leaving we determined that our eight-year-old Honda Odyssey van was still well enough to make the trip, however a new one would be even better. We found a new 2007 still on the lot with all the bells and whistles. The built-in GPS with the 9" screen was my favorite bell? The system proved to be wonderful once we figured it out. (I am still reading the book) We found motels and restaurants with ease and were told when and where to make the next turn. We still recommend taking a map and if you have a special route different than the recommend one you can change the route and have the system recalculate. Compared to a Corvair the learning curve on modern cars is almost vertical. The built-in GPS is a wonderful safety feature since it is also has a rearview camera for backing.

Extended Warranty on your new vehicle:

So now we have this new car with five computers, what happens if something breaks? The power train warranty on a Honda is 7 years or 70k miles. The rest, including computers, is 3 years or 36k miles. The dealer wanted \$1500 plus tax for an 8 year 80k mile warranty on the entire vehicle. This is a "Honda Care" factory warranty with zero deductible. My negotiation skills only got us down to \$1400 plus tax. Maybe worth it but a little high since we just put down big bucks for the Odyssey. Making a long story short, I contacted a major Honda dealer in Mass. and got the exact same "Honda Care" warranty for a total of \$745. Same 8 years or 80k miles with zero deductible, roadside assistance and Motor Club support. It pays to shop around!

Laughter by *George*

A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I would like to buy some cyanide."

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?"

The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he exclaimed, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband. That's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You **CANNOT** have any cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "Well now, that's different. You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

Yenko of a Different Breed by *Jim C.*



This car is actually a copy or "clone" of a '69 Yenko Camaro. A real Yenko Camaro (200 built) would sell for over \$300,000 today. This clone was built with all the right parts down to the correct numbered 427 motor. This car was just sold by the Classic Collectors store in Tarpon Springs Florida. The sale price was not listed but based on the other cars in the show room my guess would be close to \$100,000.

MEMBERSHIP



C O R N E R

March 2008

To all ACORN members,

Will it ever end?...This cold weather has been around way to long, don't you agree?...Well, April isn't that far away and by then, winter should be over with. I think we can last that long....

The Four Clubs committee is looking for ACORN members to represent our club at this years' event...anyone who is interested, please step forward and volunteer to help wherever it is needed....Contact either member Jeff Clark or Dave Ellis.

I recently received a flyer for a car show Father's Day weekend at Darien Lake Theme Park, the weekend of June 14-15th. For a \$25.00 registration fee, you and a guest will receive admission to the park, live entertainment and the awards ceremony. Optional passes can be obtained for \$20.00 each. I have attended on two previous occasions and found it to be very interesting.

The notices for dues have been sent out to all members and most of the 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. A real deal, in my book, for all the help and knowledge we can share from each other keeping our Corvairs running.

Cruise nights will be soon scheduled, we'll be getting our vehicles out of storage and be doing what we all enjoy...driving our favorite marque...**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)

Jim Bartasevich's garage, if he had MG's!



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

'64 Corvair Convertible It runs great and is solid. New tires and brakes and also front end gone over and aligned in June or July. Im asking \$3,800 and Im just a little negotiable. I found another one in Ohio and I really cant use two right now, inspected. Thanks, Pete Phone 724-331-8433 Jeannette, PA (From the Keystone Corvair Club)

62 Monza Corvair convertible project car Reply to: sale-566611818@craigslist.org Date: 2008-02-07, 1962 Corvair 110 Monza with perfect seats blue with lots of parts. My number is (513)-313-7212 it would be best to call me be cause I am switching Internet providers. Location: Bethel Ohio <http://cincinnati.craigslist.org/car/566611818.html>

'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 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. Contact Brad at 585-426-1728

1966 Corsa 140 Some rust, not a lot, needs everything but a good, solid, original car. Runs like a bat out of Hell (Michigan?) . Yes this car was for sale a couple years ago but then a bad wheel bearing got in the way. Said bearing is replaced now and I just don't have time for the car. I'm in the Atlanta area. Give me a shout with questions. Don't have pictures yet, it looks like a Corvair. I can get digital pictures of any area. Price is negotiable; \$2000 is a good starting point. Thanks much. Mike Clark Stockbridge, Georgia N2VZD@aol.com