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Future Corvair Drivers in Jack & Pat Greco's '65

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 Tech Session Coordinator - Open

PREZ SAYS

by Paul Masters

Clean out your cellars and garages – the Club White Elephant sale is fast approaching. Car and non-car related items are welcome, anything you want to sell and/or get rid of. The White Elephant sale is part of our Acorn picnic scheduled for August 9th at the Henrietta Town Party (Veterans Park) on Calkins Road, Henrietta, NY. The park is located just past the Town Hall, between West Henrietta and East Henrietta Roads. Note: Do not go into the Senior Center Road. Our pavilion is the Stevens Pavilion, the first pavilion on your left by the children's play area with bathroom facilities close by. The Club will furnish hots, hamburgs, condiments and rolls. Please bring your own beverages and a dish to pass including a dessert or two so we will have a variety of "goodies" to share. We have the pavilion from 11:00 am to dusk. Please plan on arriving about noon with plans to eat at approximately 1:00.

A short meeting will be held at the Club picnic. A four person nominating committee is needed to select a slate of candidates for Club Officers to run for 2010. The election of officers will be held at our annual holiday dinner scheduled for November. Anyone is welcome to run for office and if you have any ideas, let us know.

There is a tech session scheduled for August 15th which is open. Anyone that has work that needs to be done, or would like to discuss future work on their cars, please give me a call. We could have the tech session at my house. (Paul 334-9333).

ACORN 2009 Calendar of Events

August						
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NEXT EVENTS

**Picnic & Sale
August 9th.**

**Henrietta Park, Steven's Pavilion
at 11:00 A.M.**

**Please RSVP to Dave Ellis
585-227-2439**

**Tech Session
September 15th.
Open**

Date	Day	Event	Host	Complete
Feb. 15th	Sun	Valentine Dinner — Elmwood Inn	C. Littman	Complete
Mar. 15th	Sun	Tech Session at Joe Lo Curto's	P. Masters	Complete
April 11th	Sat.	Tech Session "Preparing for a Show" RSVP	C. Littman	complete
April 18th	Sat.	Harwood Enterprises Restoration Tour RSVP	J. Cleveland	Cancelled
April 25th	Sat.	Nasman's Sale — 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	T. Nasman	complete
May 9th	Sat.	Breakfast at Jay's Dinner, 8:00 a.m. Tour of MCC	Masters Boudway	Completed
May 17th	Sun	Driving Tour — Red Newt Cellars for lunch — RSVP	Bartasevich	complete
June 4-7	F, S, S	Central NY Corvair Club Recall	See Page #8	
June 7th	Sun	Meeting and MGCC Car Show at Farmington	Members	complete
June 13th	Sat.	Tech Session Brake Fluid Flush (Masters) — RSVP	G. Conboy	complete
June 28th	Sun	Finger Lakes Classic Chevy Show, Caledonia, NY	Members	complete
July 4th	Sat.	Meeting and Parade/Lunch, Irondequoit	C. Littman	
July 11th	Sat.	Tech session "Open"	Clark / Doran	
July 16th	Thurs.	Perry Drive-In Super Cruise	Members	
Aug. 9th	Sun.	Meeting / Picnic, White Elephant Auction. Henrietta Park, Steven's Pavilion, 11 am RSVP	Dave Ellis	
Aug 15th	Sat.	Tech Session (What do you need?)	Open	
Aug 20th	Thurs.	Perry Drive-In Super Cruise	Members	
Sept. 12th	Sat.	Tech Session (What do you need?)	Open	
Sept. 19th	Sat.	4-Clubs Event, Auto Cross at Batavia N.Y.	See Page #5	
Oct. 4th	Sun.	Meeting, Finger Lakes driving and wine tour	Open	
Oct. 17th	Sat.	Tech Session (What do you need?)	Open	
Nov. 8th	Sun.	Meeting, Corvair 50th Anniversary Party and Year End Dinner, Officer Elections	Open	



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 ACORN News as the events occur so you'll know where the event will be.

Genesee Valley Antique Car Society Annual R.I.T. Show

It was another great day for this “high class” car show. The sky was partly sunny making the large parking lot a more friendly place to walk and enjoy the cars. The early pre-registration had about 170 cars ready to motor onto the field. Our own Gentlemen George Conboy was again at the mic providing information, prizes and general commentary throughout the day. No wonder the TV stations pick George to do commentary on emerging economic situations.

The Corvair contingent was well represented again this year. Paul Masters took his usual 1st place in class with his '65 Monza Coupe. Now that Chuck littman is minus a Corvair he had to settle for a 2nd place with his Ferrari. No word on what took 1st in his class but it must have been really something! By the way Chuck has not given up on air cooled cars. He just purchased a Porsche 912. Guess he has settled for second best air-cool transportation! *editor*



More Pictures on Page #7

Corvair Car Brakes, 1960-64

When you look at the 1960-64 cars you would assume that the brakes are all the same. You would be wrong:

1960-61 Brakes are the same.

1962 Placement and change of master cylinder. Two different master cylinders: One for regular brake shoes (1" bore) and one for metallic

shoes (7/8" bore). New brake shoes and anchor pins.

1963 Self adjusters were added. New springs and self adjuster parts were added, Brake shoes, wheel cylinders and master cylinders same as 1962

1964 New finned brake drums and backing plates. All parts same as 1963

By changing the anchor pins on the 1960-61 and brake shoes, you can install self adjuster brakes. Look at 1963-64 for a list of parts.

1964 front brake drums only will fit 1964. You could change the front backing plate. 1964 rear brake drums will fit all early cars.

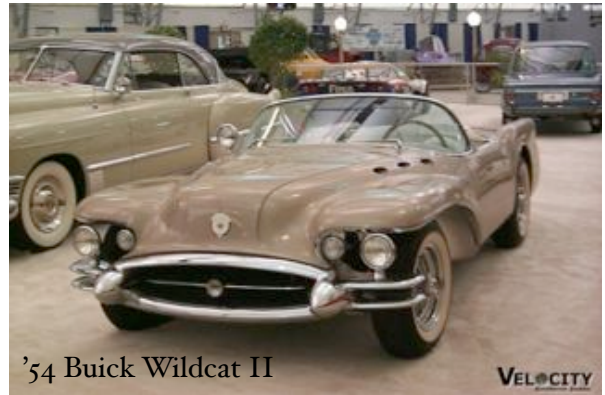
Upgrading master cylinder to dual on 1962-64, kits are available. Thanks to Bob Nichols who helped some change to dual master cylinder.

There are front disc kits available if you want better brakes.

You can install front spindles from 1965-69 if you want bigger brakes. This will also let you add 5 lugs wheels to the front. The rear axles and drums will have to be drilled for 5 lugs.

Reprinted from the Orange County "Vintage Times" News letter

Cars We Will Never See Again From Tom Nasman



'54 Buick Wildcat II



'51 Chrysler K310



'54 Dodge FireArrow

Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival September 11-13, 2009

61 years of Road Racing, featuring the Morgan
Weekend US Vintage Grand Prix
Antique Auto Show

Race reenactment events and exhibits

Visit "Smalley's Garage, the original Tech Inspection
Station located in the village.

Antique Classic Car Show Mendon Fireman's Field Sunday September 13, 2009

Well attended annual event, lots of fun for the
whole family.

7:30 AM to 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
followed by the big show

4 CLUBS FALL AUTOCROSS EVENT

Saturday Sept. 19th

We are joining the local BMW club at their autocross event!! Cost for us non-BMW members is only \$30,

Facility is located north of Interstate 90 in Batavia, NY.

The title of the facility is BIMP, (Batavia International Motorsport Park) Day starts at 8:00 am and runs until 4:00 p.m., if you choose to stay for the entire day. Pre-Registration is recommended, so please do so at *their* Website. Their website is www.gvcmbwcca.org Located on the upper right side of the initial page is a calendar of events, pull the slider down until you see the autocross at BIMP event click on the colored link there, and you will be forwarded to the page for that event.

The registration icon is a yellow rectangular box, all of the micro details concerning the event are there on that webpage, including directions to the BIMP facility.

Corvairs are welcome, as the slides have already been greased with the BMW Folks... and classes for us will be established...

The course is very interesting...very tight turns...PG's can run the whole course in first gear!! Manual shift cars can probably run the whole thing in second???

Should be a fun day, a way to exercise your Corvair and get us familiar with the facility. Maybe we will be able to make this an annual event in the future,,with the whole track to ourselves!!!

SYRACUSE "RECALL" CONCOURS RESULTS

Early Open

1st Jerry Moyer 64 Monza
2nd Kevin Fear 63 Monza
3rd Jane Lombardo 64 Spyder

Early Closed

1st Ron Fausak 62 Spyder
2nd Len Smith 64 Monza

Late Open

1st Bill Meyer 65 Corsa
2nd Todd Brown 66 Monza

Late Closed

1st Bud Kaiser 65 Corsa
2nd Dave Robinson 66 Monza
3rd Shirley Menzies Sport sedan

Modified Open

1st Gloria Fear 64 Monza
2nd Barb Reed 62 Monza

Forward Control

1st Phil Domser Beatrice

Best of Show Jerry Moyer

Peoples' Choice Beatrice (Red Panel Delivery)

**CORVAIR LAMP
CHARTS**

Decoding the Corvair VIN

Model years -1960-1964

<u>Digit Position</u>	<u>Represents</u>
#1-----	Year-0=1960, 1=1961, 2=1962, 3=1963, 4=1964
#2 & #3-----	Trim-05=500, 07=700, 09=900 06=Spyder
#4 & #5-----	Model-27=Coupe 35=Station Wagon 67=Convertible 69=Sedan
#6-----	Plant-W= Willow Run K= Kansas City, MO O= Oakland, CA L= Los Angeles, CA
#7 - #12-----	Sequential Production Number

Model years- 1965-1969

#1-----	Make- 1= Chevrolet
#2 & 3-----	Trim-01=500 -05=Monza -07=Corsa
#4 & 5-----	Model-37=Coupe -39=Sedan -67=Convertible
#6-----	Year-5=1965,6=1966,7=1967 8=1968,9=1969
#7-----	Plant-W= Willow Run -K= Kansas City -o= Oakland -L= Los Angeles
#8 - #13-----	Sequential Production No.

1965 & 1966 Chevrolet Corvairs

Low beam headlamp	H5006
High beam headlamp.....	H5001
Parking light.....	1157, 1157LL
Front turn signal.....	1157, 1157LL
Rear turn signal	1157, 1157LL
Tail light	1157, 1157LL
Stop light.....	1157, 1157LL
License plate.....	1155
Back up light	1156, 1156LL

Glove box.....	1895
Map light	211-2
Dome light.....	211-2
Step/Courtesy light	631
Trunk/Cargo area.....	1003, 1003LL
Under hood light	93
Instrument-general.....	1445, 1895, 57
Brake warning.....	57
Automatic transmission indicator	1445
Clock.....	631
Directional signal indicator	1445
Ignition switch	1895
Radio dial.....	1893

1964 Chevrolet Corvair

Low beam headlamp.....	H5006
High beam headlamp.....	H5001
Parking light	1157, 1157LL
Front turn signal	1157, 1157LL
Rear turn signal.....	1157, 1157LL
Tail light.....	1157, 1157LL
Stop light	1157, 1157LL
License plate.....	1155
Back up light	1156, 1156LL
Ash tray.....	1895
Glove box.....	1895
Map light	211-2
Dome light.....	211-2
Step/Courtesy light.....	631
Trunk/Cargo area.....	1003, 1003LL
Under hood light.....	93
Instrument-general.....	1816, 1895, 57
Brake warning.....	57
Automatic transmission indicator	1445
Clock.....	1895
Directional signal indicator	1895
Ignition switch	1895
Radio dial	1893

Happy 50th to the Chevy Corvair

A celebration to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Chevrolet Corvair.

The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF), in cooperation with the Corvair Society of America (CORSAs), launched a year-long celebration with a special series of historical articles and events recognizing the Corvair's development, production planning, inaugural advertising, publicity, and dealer announcements. The CPF is the non-profit affiliate of CORSA, the Corvair Society of America, an international organization of almost 5,000 Corvair enthusiasts.

"We're excited about this opportunity to showcase the Corvair throughout the automotive world, by remembering the historic events that led to its introduction fifty years ago. We hope that people will not only see and appreciate how terrific these vehicles actually are, but also understand the passion and enthusiasm of Corvair owners today. The affordability of driving and restoring Corvairs, as well as the support network available to Corvair owners, makes the car one of the easiest and most enjoyable collector cars to own," said Dave Newell, CPF Historian.

The 2009 International CORSA Convention, which was held in Jacksonville, FL, on July 13 - 17, 2009, officially kick-off the year-long celebration. It will continue through the 2010 CORSA convention in Iowa, with local Corvair clubs and enthusiast groups hosting special shows and driving events throughout the year.

Some of the Corvair's 50th anniversary highlights include:

- The earliest known available Corvair (serial #407) will be on display at the Jacksonville CORSA Convention on the 50th Anniversary of the day they were built, July 13th.
- Original Corvair Advertising Art Director Harry Borgman will participate in a presentation at the Jacksonville convention about the original advertising efforts that led up to the Corvair's debut.
- The CPF will release a Corvair 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin on October 2, 2009.
- October 2, 2009 has been officially designated by CORSA as national "Drive Your Corvair Day" with special events hosted by CORSA chapters around the country.

Interested enthusiasts are encouraged to contact their local Corvair club regarding local events being planned, and can also visit www.CORVAIR.org/csaindex.php?csaact=cpf for more information.

About The Chevrolet Corvair

Almost 2 million Corvairs were made by Chevrolet during its 1960-69 run, including 2-door & 4-door models, convertibles, station wagons, pick-ups, and passenger vans. The brainchild of Chevrolet General Manager and former Chief Engineer Ed Cole, the Corvair's advanced engineering and bold departure from other cars of the period led *Motor Trend* magazine to name it "Car of the Year" in 1960.

Corvair is the first and only mass produced American vehicle to feature an air-cooled rear engine design, unit-body construction, factory turbocharging, and 4-wheel independent suspension. In fact, the 150 HP 1962 Corvair Spyder (along with the 1962 Oldsmobile F-85 Jetfire) was America's first factory-built turbo-charged vehicle. Originally touted as an economy car, drivers quickly discovered Corvair's sports car-like handling and dubbed it the "poor man's Porsche". The 9-passenger Corvair Greenbrier van, produced from 1961 through early 1965, was originally classified as a station wagon and is widely considered to be the forerunner of the modern American minivan, complete with an optional left-side passenger door.

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More From the GVACS Show

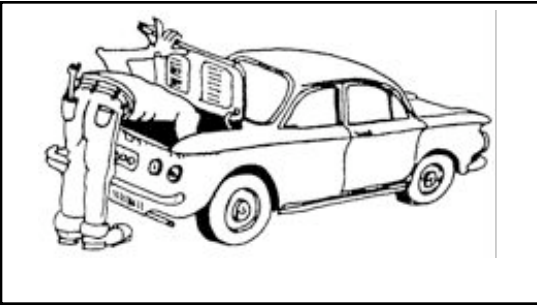


Do We Believe Everything We See On The Internet?



John Fitch Modified Corvair Wagon

FOR SALE & MARKET PLACE



1964 Rampside Deluxe 4-spd. First of only 94 known, 4R124S100130. Eagle Alloys 17x8 with 245/45/17. Grant steering wheel, Spyder dash. Bucket seats. Chrome bumpers. Good glass. Smooth running 180 engine w/2 new carbs, internal alternator, fuel pump, plugs. Rust areas. Cruised I-10 from Jacksonville to Santa Monica, 2400 miles in 72 hours, 24 mpg without incident. \$5,000 before e-bay. Photos. Jack Pinard, corvairjack@yahoo.com, 805 340-6533.

'68 Corvair 500

Boyce Rd. in Corfu. Scrape on drivers side, looks pretty solid overall. Radio delete, rubber floor mat, 2-door, bench seat, automatic 49,000 miles and still has the A.I.R. equipment. Asking \$2000. In Gasport is a '66 Monza 4-speed, White, Ford Probe seats (power), Pontiac rims, mechanically perfect, worked on this one myself for the owner, nice looking turn key car, \$4,800. *From* Gary Swiatowy at www.garyswiatowy@sumitlubricants.com

"'66 Monza Convertible

This came to us via our website. I know nothing else about the car. It looks like it's been repainted. The engine looks clean. However, note the chock behind the rear wheel.

Mary Petrocci
mailto:mpetrocc@twcny.rr.com

It needs front seat upholstery, carpet and rubber door gaskets. The paint needs some touch-up. The car will be in Solvay outside Syracuse. *Call Bill Petrocci at 315-877-2772 to make arrangements to see it.* editor

'64 Corvair 500

64,000 original miles 3-Speed Robin's egg blue Body and Interior in good condition All Chrome in good shape New Brakes and tires Fresh Tune-up \$3,000.00 or B/O Rob 585-545-0509

'62 Corvair

Black/Red with 64,700 miles Stored in '79, all receipts Contact Ron Zimmerman 7446 Canadice Rd. 585-669-2642
donnadlzim@aol.com \$5500.00



Dave Ellis in the Empty Corn Crib!

Dave helped Tom Nasman clean out Corvair Parts, Corn Crib and at Nasman's back barn...took 6 hours over two days to move all of the boxes of stuff out onto the main floor of the barn....LOTS of good rust free engine sheet metal, etc.

Tons of Vair parts are now out in the open at Nasmans for our gang to go peruse and procure...sounds like a plan to me..... When the first frost of fall arrives.....so do the trucks from Union Processing to take away anything that has not yet been procured by corvair folks...

Send "For Sale" items, news and items of interest to Jim Cleveland,
jcleve1a@rohester.rr.com.

Items "For Sale" will be placed for two months unless the editor is notified otherwise.