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Driving Tour - Red Newt Cellars for Lunch

The tour was nice, but small. The Masters, Andolinos, Ron Butera [he came with the Andolinos], Marshes [in their Yenke Stinger!], and I were there. It's too bad Ron didn't drive his Stinger!

Jim Bartasevich



The MCC students receiving the 2009 Association of Corvair Nuts \$200.00 scholarship for are:

Zachary Harding
and
Roger Gruschow

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PREZ SAYS

We had a great tech session that was held at Monroe Community College Technology Center, with lift access. We were able to review problems with our newer members, as well as work on cars owned by club members (see Jim B's. report in the newsletter, with pictures). Plan on coming next year for this great opportunity.

The spring driving tour was great, beautifully drive through the country, around Seneca Lake, with lunch at the Red Newt Wine Cellars. Only 4 cars participated, you missed a great outing. The discussions around the lunch table were very interesting, especially with our "old, new Members", Fred Marsh and his wife, Sue. Fred currently owns approximately 20 Corvairs, in various conditions, some driveable, others are parts cars. If you need something for your car, Fred is a good source.

Be sure to put the MGCC car show on your calendar. It will be held at Farmington on June 7th. A general meeting will be held at this show. Please give me a call with any items you would like put on the agenda. The banner celebrating the Corvair's 50th anniversary should be ready to be displayed at the show.

Paul Masters



ACORN 2009 Calendar of Events

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NEXT EVENTS

June 4-7
Central NY Corvair Club
RECALL
www.cnycorvair.com

June 7th.
MGCC Auto Festival
Farmington, NY
see page #6

June 13th
Tech Session @ George
Conboy's Restoration
Shop!
(RSVP)

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

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JUNE 2009

We should have our favorite vehicles out of storage by now...(well most of us). The "Ramp" will come of storage sometime next week, as I've had a lot of things around the house to take care of first.

The MG Car Club/Victor Lions show is coming up real soon, June 7th at the Farmington Town Park. Put that on your schedule and lets make a big club showing.

We have two new members that have joined within the past two months...Chuck Faklam and his wife (no further info received) also Jack Greco and his wife Pat, they reside in Henrietta.

This brings our membership total to 40 members. Let's try to increase that number this year. With your help, we can do it. Be proud to be an ACORN member and tell other Corvair owners about us.

Some cruise nights have already started up...the Log Cabin in Macedon on Wednesdays, in Fairport on Tuesdays (starts up on June 9th), a new one in Webster on Fridays.

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**.


Annual Membership Dues are \$15.00



1966 Chevy Corvair Yenko Stinger Recreation

My favorite Corvair. Always wanted something special.. Not too many of them in Montana.. so I decided to build my own.. many years ago when most people weren't into them.. This is truly our special car.. Could tell you many stories about this one... Steve Geddes (From Jay Leno's Garage web-site)

Looks like this **Classic Auto Show** has a top notch headliner, the **Monza SS Show Car**. How do you like the turbo exhaust exit port? Then there are those great alloy wheels and real knock-off hubs directly off the '66 Corvette.



WHERE THE LEGENDS ROLL

Monza SS - General Motors Design Center Concept Car, designed by Bill Mitchell, circa 1960s
eRoE Essex, OS Peugeot


THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

27th ANNUAL CLASSIC AUTO SHOW & CRUISE-IN
JULY 10th & 11th, 2009

DUBLIN METRO CENTER, DUBLIN OHIO (COLUMBUS AREA)

JULY 10TH — FRIDAY'S CRUISE-IN features more than 1,500 antique cars, street rods, muscle cars, customs and European exotics. Judging continues until 7:30 pm, followed by Mike Albert and the Big "E" band's awe inspiring Ultimate Tribute to Elvis concert! During concert intermission and in keeping with 25 years of tradition, spectacular 8-foot-high trophies are presented to the Top 100 Cruise-In cars. Many specialty awards are also presented.

JULY 11TH — SATURDAY'S SHOW is a Concours format with 47 separate classes. We will be celebrating Anniversaries for our 2009 featured marques which are **Lincoln, Mustang** and **Mini Cooper**. There will be at least three awards for every class. Also, the Mustang Club of Ohio will present a specially featured **Fox-body Mustang Reunion** with multiple Fox-body Mustang classes. Judging takes place in the afternoon with a spectacular awards parade at 4:30 pm. At 7:30 pm, thousands of older fans will celebrate the 50's, 60's and 70's at our fabulous Phil Dirt and The Dozers concert! Be a part of history at the Arthritis Foundation's Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In — **WHERE THE LEGENDS WILL ROLL AGAIN!**



FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION, PLEASE VISIT: ARTHRTISAUTOSHOW.COM OR CONTACT:
The Arthritis Foundation Central Ohio Chapter / 5540 Dodge Hill Drive / Hilliard, Ohio 43006
phone: 614.875.8500 / email: classicautoshow@arthritis.org

***Sports Car and Vintage Auto
Festival XXXVIII***

**June 7, 2009
9 AM to 5 PM rain or shine**

Register On-line at WWW.mgcarclub.com
Obtain your hard copy registration at the above site.

Pre-registration is \$10.00, day of show is \$20.00

Corvair Class Codes

COA Corvair 1960 -1964
COB Corvair 1965 - 1969

Cars for sale will be in the Car Corral only

***Farmington Town Park located on the corner of
Collett Rd. and County Rd 8. In the town of
Farmington.***



The British TV Show, "Fifth Gear"

Named our Corvair #3 in the top 50 Automotive Flops. The #1 car was the Edsel and #2 was the European 1971 Chrysler 180. Just for reference, the Ford Pinto was #9.

Corvair History:

Disclosure of plans for the compact GM auto, to be called the Corvair, was made at the 51st annual General Motors stockholders' meeting.

At the conclusion of testing (after Nader's book was published), the NHTSA released its 134 page report. It exonerated the Corvair from Nader's charges, and said things such as: "The 1960-63 Corvair compares favorably with contemporary vehicles used in the tests," and, "The handling and stability performance of the 1960-63 Corvair does not result in an abnormal potential for loss of control or rollover, and it is at least as good as the performance of some contemporary vehicles both foreign and domestic." The complete report, PB 211-015, can be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS)*.

In their report, an independent Panel drew even stronger conclusions in support of the Corvair than the NHTSA. They said, "It is the opinion of the panel that the Corvair quantitatively meets or exceeds the standards set by contemporary cars in stability tests, cornering tests, and rollover tests," and, "for this reason the panel concluded that the 1960-63 Corvair does not have a safety defect, and is not more unstable or more likely to roll over than contemporary cars."

Reproduction Parts Update

By Mike Dawson (Northern Virginia Corvairs)

Be aware of the following reproduced parts problems that have been noted recently.

1. Pilot bushing noise; new bushings can make the usual squealing noise when using the clutch – maybe this is from not being oil impregnated to the same extent that the original bushings were. Try soaking them in clean oil as soon as you get one or maybe using some grease in the cavity and on the bushing.
2. Vacuum modulators may cause occasional cold up shift slipping when installed on some transmissions. Replacement with NOS or NORS parts cures the problem.
3. Shifter shaft seal leakage on manual transmissions. Only slight leakage but persistent with subsequent seal replacements on different cars. This is after making sure the pin hole doesn't have a sharp edge that cuts the seal lip.
4. Choke pull off diaphragm leaks: they work fine in service but will show slight leakage when you test them.
5. Gas caps for cars and FC models are listed in catalogs as the proper application but they have a pressure valve installed. The caps are fine but you must remove the pressure valve or your engine will starve or flood depending on the circumstance.
Corvairs must have a vented cap.

Engine Cleaning

*How to get 40 years of gunk off an engine
By Greg Renfro (Mid Continent Corvair Association)*

While working on my son's Corvair I came across a dilemma. We needed to rebuild the engine and therefore need to clean up all the parts for the build. For a while I scraped and scrubbed with rags and solvents and steel wool but still it just wasn't quite clean. Becoming tired of the process I started asking some of the more experienced members of the local Corvair club how to go about getting this stuff clean. One suggestion that seemed to make sense was using Simple Green in a 5 gallon bucket. I thought about it and that made great sense for the smaller parts but what to do with the block? Here is the solution I came up with along with the recipe I used to do the job. First I went to my local Home Depot and picked up two 2 liter bottles of Simple Green and a tote tub large enough to hold the block halves. Grand total about \$17.00. So far so good. I figured if it doesn't get the parts clean at least they will smell good. First I put my part in the tub and poured in the Simple Green. Next I filled the tub with just enough water to cover the block half. I wanted the mixture to be as strong as possible. I could see the solution churning so I knew it was starting to work on the dirt and grime. The next day I checked on the progress. Although it was starting to work, it wasn't as good as I had hoped for. So, I put the lid back on and left it for another day. After day 2 I looked at the part and noticed a significant improvement in the cleanliness of the part. I took a small stiff brush and brushed away almost all of the grime with very little effort. I took the part out and hit it with my pressure washer but it made almost no difference. I would not recommend using the pressure washer as it was a waste of time. I touched up a couple spots with the Dremel and a wire wheel. Next I took some PB Blaster and sprayed it on some 000 steel wool and cleaned the studs. I used some carb cleaner in an aerosol can for the final cleaning touch up.

Hearing Aids and my Corvair

Late last fall I became the proud owner of a pair of the latest technology digital hearing instruments. You see I suffer from the typical old age mail hearing loss in the higher ranges (and for women's voices!). These instruments are truly wonderful. They are "Blue Tooth" connected so I receive true stereo and directional sound. I have several programs to chose from depending on the conditions around me. I can also hear my cell phone via the hands free Blue Tooth connection. I had not driven the Corsa since the addition of my new hearing abilities. I picked up the Corsa from the barn without the aids. I drove it a few times and did the normal spring service also without the aids inserted in my ears. This morning I decided to drive the Corsa to church. I started it up and "what is that noise"? I had my hearing aids on, something maybe I should not do. I heard all these strange sounds, is that a lifter, maybe a valve seat? Does the right bank have a miss? Has the steering wheel always made that squeak? Jan says, sounds like it always has! So maybe I don't want to wear the hearing aids while driving the Corvair!

Jim Cleveland

This article is from the MG Car Club of Western NY tells about Dick Power's Morgan. You may remember Dick from his days as an ACORN member. Dick races a vintage MGA, has restored an Alfa and is the only guy I know that tossed a fan belt on the Watkins Glen track in his Corsa Turbo. He also is the only guy I know that had a tree fall on a Corsa!

The Rebirth of a Morgan, Part 2

By Dave Armuth, photos by Dick Powers

As I stated at the end of Part I of this article the main body components of the Morgan, fend scuttle, running boards, fire wall, trunk and spare tire panel, etc. were sent to C.A.R.S Plus, Inc. for sanding, priming and painting. New hood panels were being shipped in from California to be refurbished with the remaining body parts. The frame made a stop at Millers Sand Blasting and then was repainted before returning to George's shop where Gill started installing the rear end, springs, shocks and brake assemblies.

While all this was going forward the engine had been disassembled and was being re-sleeved at T&G Speed Shop. It was then returned to George's shop for reassembling (new pistons, bearings, rings, etc.). At the time of my last visit the engine transmission and drive shaft had been installed and temporary hook ups for fuel and water in place for the test firing that will soon take place.

Coming soon, Part III "Let's Test the Engine and Put This Car Back Together." ♦

—reprinted from Spokes MGCCWNY



Gil assembles rear axle



Frame going to Miller's Sandblasting



Body delivered to CARS Plus



Ron Lindemann, reskined the doors in aluminum



Body in primer



Modification to left front fender



Frame & other parts after painting



Dave checks out the transmission



Bottom end of the Triumph engine



Top end of the Triumph engine

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64,000 original miles
3-Speed
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Body and Interior in good condition
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Rob 585-545-0509

'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

NOS AC spark plugs 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 & 47 FF, these are NOT "F" these ARE "FF" plugs. The odd #'s (43, 45 & 47) are extremely limited. These are still in the box. I do have a few R44FF also. If you want some for that SHOW ride, get them now! \$3.00 each. Don Richmond, 8220 Florcita Drive, Pensacola, FL 32534, email: flatsix145@yahoo.com phone: 850-380-7053 leave a message.

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