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1965 Corsa with a Corvette power plant.

Now this is engineering! To our friends in Ontario, Canada, keep up the good work. Now try to find insurance! (see page #5)



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PREZ SAYS

Spring is finally here and we are looking forward to the May 9th tour and tech session at Monroe Community College. I hope to see a large number of Club cars even if they don't need work done. Anyone who is planning on attending, please contact me so I know who to expect. As you are probably are aware, we have sponsored two student technicians with a scholarship of \$200.00 each. The scholarships went to: Zachary S. Harding and Roger J. Gruschow. At the next meeting, I will detail the selection process.

Clubs are starting to send out information regarding upcoming car shows. The first one received is from Farmington. This is the show that the Corvair Club supports and which has a separate class for Corvairs. There will be a short Club meeting at this show.

I recently had the rear window of my corvair removed and resealed. The work was done by a gentlemen with over 25 years experience in this field. He came to my home with all his equipment and completed the job in an hour and a half. He did an excellent job, and inexpensively. If anyone has need for this type of work, and I will pass on his name and number. *Paul Masters*



ACORN 2009 Calendar of Events

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NEXT EVENTS

May 9th
MCC Tour & Tech.
8:00 Breakfast at Jay's
9:00 MCC tour and Tech
your Corvair.
see page #10 for details

May 17th.
Driving Tour - Red Newt
Cellars for Lunch
RSVP J. Bartasevich
See page #3 for details

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	
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	
May 9th	Sat.	Breakfast at Jay's Dinner, 8:00 a.m. Tour of MCC Auto Tech. Building on West Henrietta Rd. RSVP	Masters Boudway	Special Event
May 17th	Sun	Driving Tour - Red Newt Cellars for lunch RSVP	Bartasevich	
June 4-7	F, S, S	Central NY Corvair Club Recall www.cnycorvair.com	See Page #8	New Event
June 7th	Sun	Meeting and MGCC Car Show at Farmington	Members	
June 13th	Sat.	Tech Session Brake Fluid Flush (Masters) RSVP Turn Signal Repair (Dietrick) O-Rings (LoCurto) What Do You Need?	G. Conboy	New Date
June 28th	Sun	Finger Lakes Classic Chevy Show, Caledonia, NY	Members	
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 18th	Sat.	4 Clubs Mini Convention		Cancelled
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.



ACORN Spring Finger Lakes Tour & Lunch

Sunday, May 17

Red Newt Cellars BISTRO
3675 Tichenor Rd., Hector
607-546-4100



www.rednewt.com

Meet At: Macy's end of Eastview Mall in the parking lot next to NY 96

Time: Departure is at 10 AM, so if you want to chat a bit, arrive earlier. I expect the drive to be about 2 ½ hours because we'll be taking a slightly longer, but more scenic route. The return, taking a more direct route [if you want], is less than 2 hours.

Route: Maps will be provided at departure, and we'll be on paved roads. Hector is on the southeast side of Seneca Lake, north of Watkins Glen.

Lunch: We'll be dining at the Red Newt Bistro for a sit-down lunch. The menu will have lunch selections but we'll also be able to choose from the appetizer menu. You can see what they offer on their website, although their May menu is not posted yet. They change it monthly, but it will be similar.

R. S. V. P.: Jim Bartasevich, 585-425-1335; corvair@frontiernet.net I have to give the restaurant a call of the final number attending **by May 10.**

Speed TV's show "The 101 Cars You Must Drive" has a segment in which the host drives a Corvair. It made the list! Not without a little reservation from a person not real up on Corvair facts! Check it out. *editor*

<http://odeo.com/episodes/23121973-101-Cars-You-Must-Drive-Corvair>

1963 Chevrolet Corvair Monza SS Concept



Written by [Bill Bowman](#)

The 1963 Chevrolet Corvair Monza SS concept car made its public debut at the 1963 New York Auto Show. [Larry Shinoda](#) and [Tony Lapine](#), working under [Bill Mitchell's](#) directions at the GM Design Studio, designed the SS roadster.

The SS was based on a shortened Corvair platform with a fiberglass body. The engine, left in its stock location, behind the transaxle was a six cylinder, air cooled Corvair engine that featured a unique intake manifold fitted with six carburetors and a modified exhaust system that exited through special side outlets. With a wheelbase of just 88-inches, the rear mounted engine helped give this short wheelbase roadster a Comfortable cockpit, featuring fixed seats with adjustable pedals and the added benefit of a small luggage compartment.

The "U"-shaped windshield was five inches high and swept around the entire passenger compartment to the rear of the doors. Headlights were concealed and the rear fin behind the driver included a built-in roll bar. The SS was equipped with four-wheel disc brakes, magnesium wheels and was only 30-inches tall.

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Breakfast and MCC Tour May 9th 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast (if you like) at Jay's Dinner on West Henrietta Rd. followed by a tour of the Monroe Community College Auto Tech. Building. Time and space will be available, including lifts, to work on your cars. The event has been organized by Bill Boudway and Paul Masters in conjunction with the the ACORN Scholarship awards to be given to MCC Auto Tech. students.



ACORN Member Bill Boudway's latest purchase. A 1926 Chrysler Model G70 Sport Touring.

All the New York and Pennsylvania car show information you ever wanted:

<http://holtononline.com/topsdown/carshows/shows.html>

Thanks to *Bill Boudway*

Tech Session
by Jim Cleveland

Preparing For a Show

Chuck Littman did an outstanding job explaining general and specific ways to prepare your car for a show. Chuck went over the different types of shows and the specific requirements for each type of show. Chuck had examples of parts before detailing and after books specific to the Corvair and general show books. Club members; Peter Crooker, Paul Masters, Steve Dietrick and Jim Cleveland asked questions and discussed their cars and their experiences. Paul Masters shared his process in winning nine trophies last year from the nine shows he entered.

Chuck has two senior national winning cars. His '63 Corvair convertible and his Ferrari Mondial. Chuck enjoys preparing his cars for the major meets and for the local cruise nights. One of the most interesting tricks Chucks employees for his major show preparation is to remove all the chrome for wax application. Another interesting tip that everyone can use is the two bucket system to wash any car. One bucket for soap and one for rinse water. Why take a dirty wash mitt or sponge and put it in the clean soapy water?

Entering and preparing for shows also requires you budget your time and your money. When you have more than one car to show you need to determine which car needs and/or receives the most attention in work and in dollars.

Chuck says he prefers liquid wax and has not really found what he calls the ultimate wax. Paul Masters uses a special "Banana" wax. (www.automagic.com. 800-826-0828 product number: 73. Quick shine for car shows, (quick touchups), is product number: 49 Bodyshine. Distributor for both products is Superior Lubricants, 32 Ward Road, Buffalo, NY. Rep in Rochester is Tom Springer, at 315-374-7656.)

I never did find out which wax works the best on Duck Tape patches! *editor*

Classic Car Insurance

Excerpts from a letter by Ron Butera

Collectors Insurance Company has refused to insure my 1966 Corvair mid-engine Corsa. This company currently insures my other 6 Corvairs and insures many other Corvairs throughout the country. Upon receiving their refusal to insure my mid-engine Corsa I asked them if they insure Ford GT40's (really a race car) and lamborghini's, and they said yes!

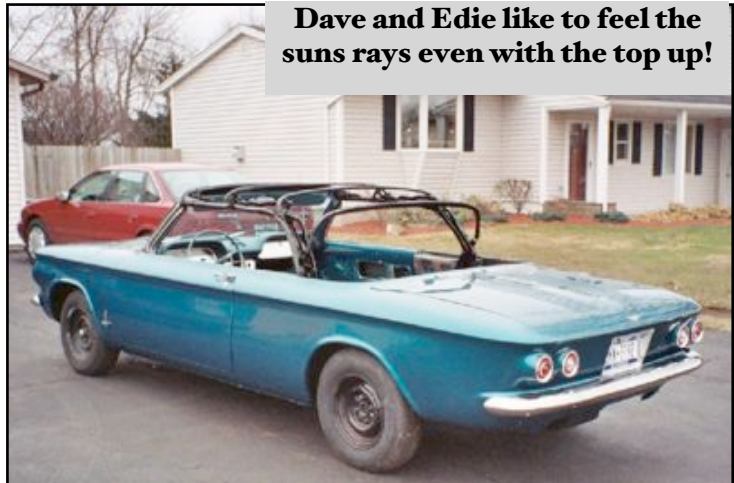
Clarks Corvair Parts carries a half page ad for Collectors Insurance saying they want to insure our Corvairs. I wrote a three page letter to Cal Clark communicating to him the problem with Collectors Insurance. They pick what Corvairs they will and will not insure. They are not the type of company I will engage for any of my auto insurance. They are not the insurance company that any Corvair owner should do business with.

Spread the Corvair Word

Every time I go to a Doctor or Dentist office I take an old copy of the CORSA Communique to leave with the magazines. People get tired of reading year old Time Magazines and hopefully will pick-up and glance through the Communique. Who knows, someone just might get the Corvair bug!

editor

Dave and Edie like to feel the suns rays even with the top up!



Dave and Edie's Baby before completion

***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.***

From Rochester:

Route 96 to Route 332 turn left. Follow 332 for about 1/2 mile to Collett Rd. Turn right on Collett Rd. and proceed approximately 2 miles to County Rd. 8. Watch for show signs.

Via the NYS Thruway, Exit 44 and proceed about 1/4 mile to Collett Rd. (first signal light after the toll booth) Turn left on Collett Rd. and go approximately 2 miles to County Rd. 8.

You can enter to be judged or not to be judged. If your are judged make sure you bring a fire extinguisher.

Last year we had a dozen Corvairs total for both classes. Just about every model was represented. This is the largest one day show east of the Mississippi.

**CORSA International
Convention 2009**

Jacksonville, Florida
July 13-17, 2009

The Convention's host hotel, The Wyndham is ready to accept hotel reservations for the convention. Below is the information for online reservations as well as call in. If you call in, just say it is for Corvair Society.

Online reservations:

1. www.wyndhamjacksonville.com
2. Click on rates & reservations
3. Enter dates of arrival/departure
4. Scroll down to Group Code
5. Enter Code: 0719886CO
6. Your Group information will appear
7. Click on the rate & room type
8. Complete registration information
9. Click "confirm reservation" Dial 1-800-996-3426.

**2009 CORSA Raffle
CORSA Convention,
Jacksonville, Fl,**

July 13-17

1964 Monza Sport Coupe
110, 4-speed, under 20k miles, Black with
Red

Tickets \$5.00 each, 5 for \$20, 13 for \$50 or 27 for \$100.

Check out <http://conventions.corvair.org/2009/raffle.html>

Send checks to:
Central Florida Corvairs
12 Pine Trail
Ormond Beach, Fl 32174

Tail Light Grounding R. Stolzmann



The first thing to do when you add a ground wire to your taillights is to use a pair of needle nose pliers to remove the center. Then decide which of the prongs are to be soldered to. It will be on the outside like on the picture.

It will have to be scraped clean with a knife or fine sand paper. Tin it with solder. then solder the prepared wire to it.

Next drill a hole in the housing. Make sure you drill the right side. One prong is larger in width than the other, and be



sure to select the right size drill so the wire and insulation will pass through the hole. This will have to be done before the ring terminal is crimped to the end of the wire in the car.

(NOTE) Before you push the center in now is a good time to clean the contacts with a pencil eraser or by scrapping lightly with a small screwdriver. Push the wire through the hole and use needle nose pliers to push the center back in to the housing. It will take extra pressure to insert the center back in the housing. You did note the position of the center before you removed it??? Push it in so it is the same depth before removal.

Now that you have housing and ground wire installed you can install a ring terminal. The size of the ring is determined by where you will ground it. The preferred method is to drill a hole in a convenient place on the side frame. The second method is to use a larger terminal and put it on the bolt that holds the taillight in using a star washer first then another nut. Drilling a hole in the frame requires a sheet metal screw with a star washer against the frame to bite into the metal. Check and make sure the bulb glows brightly before inserting the socket in the housing. Now you shouldn't have a problem with intermittent tail lights. The front directional lights can be done the same way.



They are easier, as the center is protruding and all that has to be done is solder a wire with a terminal to it and drill a hole in a convenient place for the terminal, screw and star washer.



This article 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 1

Dave Asmuth

While trying to occupy my time this winter with something constructive and educational, I decided to visit George Haynes, Gil Langswager, and Dick Powers at George's garage in Webster for their Morgan project.

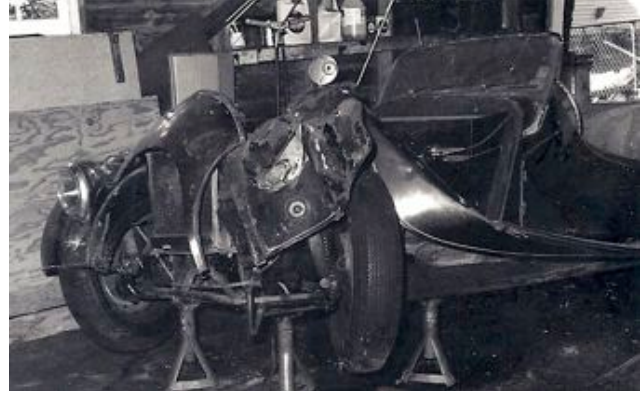
Dick's 1958 (maybe 1957) had been in storage and was purchased some 30 years ago. It should be noted that this car had been wrecked and was in bad shape. You should also understand that no two Morgans are alike even if they come off the assembly line a few hours apart. Remember this is not a car you can say "let's order a shop manual for a 1958 Morgan"

Starting with a new frame Dick had obtained, the project began. For the next few months I tried to stop at least once a week to check on the process, watching George & Gil assembling this car piece by piece with new, used, rebuilt, homemade, and a few "I think this will work" parts.

They assembled and dismantled the car over and over again to obtain the proper fit and alignment. Many hours were spent grinding, drilling, sawing, welding, sanding, and filing in an effort to get this car together and ready for the paint shop. Finally the car took shape and at the MGCC meeting on Feb. 19th Dick Powers informed me that the car was headed to the paint booth.

In the coming months I'll be writing Part II of this article "After the Paint Job".

—reprinted from Spokes MGCCWNY



The Morgan after the accident August 28, 1978



Rachel and Andrew with Morgan pieces



New wood in the rear fender wells



George and Gil fit engine into new frame



New wood and metal, October 12, 2008



Body restoration nearing completion

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1962 4 door for sale. It was painted its original color about 3 year ago. New brake shoes, and hoses, new seat vinyl, new tires, new window rubber (front and rear) Rebuilt trans, Runs good. Located in NY city.
Thanks, James L Kistler

'68 Corvair 500 for sale on 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

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.