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PREZ SAYS

If you did not attend the Club picnic, you missed a terrific monsoon.....howling winds, sideways rain, blowing debris, including auction items – we had it all. But, we still enjoyed the food and the company or our fellow Acorns. We did not have a quorum for an official meeting, so no Club business was discussed. However, we did setup a nominating committee for our November election. Dave Ellis, Chick Littman and Steve Dietrick volunteered to serve on the committee. Please consider running for an office. New and fresh ideas are always welcome and needed.

The tech session scheduled for August 15th, was cancelled due to lack of interest. The September 12th tech session is currently being planned.

September 19th is the date for the Batavia track race. Please contact Dave Ellis for details, or check this Newsletter issue.

Coming event – the October 4th Finger Lakes Drive and Wine Tour. A chairperson is needed. If you are interested in chairing this event, please give me a call. *Paul Masters*

ACORN 2009 Calendar of Events

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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NEXT EVENTS

**Tech Session
September 12th.
Still Open, stay tuned!**

**4-Club Event Auto-Cross
Batavia, NY**

see page #3

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 MCG	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	Flooded!
Aug 15th	Sat.	Tech Session (What do you need?)	Open	Cancelled
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 #3	
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.



4CLUBS 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 pm, if you choose to stay for the entire day.

Pre-Registration is recommended, so please do so at *their* Website. gvcbmwcca.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!!! See you there.....!!!

4CLUBS Room Rate at the Batavia Holiday Inn..

We have setup a small block of rooms at the Batavia Holiday Inn.

It is located quite close to the AutoCross site.

We have been given a discounted rate of \$89 a nite, for the eves of Sept 18,19 and 20...

The block is for 12 rooms maximum. Since this is the first year of this Autocross

Event, it is unlikely that we will need more than that many.

Please call 585-344-2100 for making reservations...

Please refer to the group code "4CLUBS" whilst making your reservations to assure you get our rate, and to use rooms from our block of rooms. Convention Manager Sue Monde has again taken good care of us.

Any unregistered rooms from the block will be returned to the general population as of 09/04/2009; so please make your reservation calls prior to that date to assure you get our rate.

Dinner at the DOWNS.....SEPT 19, 2009 7:00PM...

As a way to put icing on the cake...ie the day of autocrossing...Jeff Clark has made arrangements for us to partake of the wonderful Buffet at Batavia Downs....\$24.95 per person...total, including tax and gratuity...you can arrive earlier if you choose, Post Time is 7 pm...we get a \$5 token for the slots,,and the food is really worth the price of entry; we really got our moneys worth last year...besides you get seating in the special buffet area to watch the races...we will have our own specific race.... we get to pose with the winner... those who attended this shindig last year as part of the MiniConvention are looking forward to doing it again....this year we will not be parking our Vairs on infield...as they are raffling off a new car and it takes center stage that eve...

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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

Oil Pressure Sending Unit ALERT!!!

Ok folks....here is a heads up....if you have not replaced the Oil Pressure Sending Unit on your Corvail motor anytime in recent memory.....or never... PLEASE....DO IT NOW!!!!..

I just left Jerry Fling and his Convert after a roadside emergency repair session...he experienced a real blessing....tossed a fan belt just as the oil pressure sending unit (OPSU) was about to fail/"puke".... after replacing the belt, whilst we attempted to re-fire the motor; I saw the large copious flow out of the plastic "top" of that OPSU...("Jerry stop cranking NOW!!!!)....and that huge flow occurred at just the engine cranking speed!!!!

Fortunately, I did have a spare OPSU in the Roadside Repair Toolbox,,and was able to replace it on the spot...this job does, however, require the loosening of the alternator hold down, and the two bolts underneath to allow the alternator need to be loosened about 3/8 of an inch,,and then the alternator, and thus its interfering pulley can be moved to the left just enough to get a socket on the OPSU to remove it.... That socket is the special one from CLARKS..OR....yep a standard 12 point 26 mm socket works just fine a tight fit....just need to push down the electrical contact on the top of the OPSU just a bit....

IF...the OPSU had blown out whilst Jerry was blasting along Rte 490 at 60 mph.... he would have completely filled the engine compartment with 5w30 before he could have pulled off to the side of the road!!!! That is a real mess to clean up...

Once we had the alternator back in place, belt back in place...a jump from the Ole Rondo provided some additional poop to the starter,,and "barroom" ..she fired up...a couple lifters clattered for a couple seconds....and the idle screws needed about ½ a turn to keep the motor idling...but SUCCESS!!! One lifter was still a bit noisy ..but that might clear by the time Jerry got home.....Maybe a carb sync is in order...

Anyhow...I was motivated to get this note out.....the OPSU, new from Clarks is an under \$7 part.....it is very cheap insurance to make sure you have a new one on your motor...and thus you will never need worry about that particular failure mode ever again....

Respectfully submitted *Dave Ellis*

Reprinted from the July 2009 *Dryspot*, the newsletter of the Corvair Society of Baltimore
For those members that might want to give our membership in the NECC a try at the next racing event.

Shoulder Harness in a Stock Corvair

Al Lacki

From time to time, owners of stock Corvairs have shied away from time trials because of the shoulder harness requirement. I too, am an owner of a stock Corvair, and I have had to deal with this requirement.

In years past, I took the easy way out. I drove my Mazda instead of my Corvair at NECC time trials! And yes, you can run a non-Corvair at the NECC / SECC time trials at Roebing Road. You're not restricted to running a Corvair at the time trials. But with this event so close to the Convention, I'm sure most folks would prefer to bring your Corvair to the time trials. And it would be nice to see more

stock or near-stock Corvairs on the track. Here are some thoughts on how to contend with the shoulder harness requirement without butchering your stock Corvair.

Alternative 1.

This year, I drove my Corvair at BeaveRun. My Corvair is a stock 1966 Corvair Monza coupe. I met the shoulder harness requirement by installing a Schroth shoulder harness system - the kind that Rick Stansbury used to sell on his website. I anchored the Schroth lap belts to the original factory mounting holes for the factory lap belts. And I anchored the shoulder harness straps to the factory rear seat belt mounting holes, located in the floor, behind the bottom cushion of the rear seat. Then, to gain a better angle of attack for the shoulder harness straps, I ran the shoulder harness straps over the rear seat, with the rear seat in the folded-down position. The angle of attack is an important to prevent spinal compression in the event of a crash.

Tim Schwartz runs a similar setup in his stock 1965 Corvair. Of course, to make it work, it helps to have a Corvair that is equipped with rear seat belt anchors, pre-drilled and tapped by the factory. Pre-'65 Corvairs probably don't have factory anchor points for rear seat belts. An owner of an older Corvair would have to drill his own and then reinforce the holes with bar stock or very large washers.

Alternative 2.

Many guys mount their shoulder harnesses to the rear firewall. That's exactly what Tom Hughes did to his stock '63 Corvair coupe for BeaveRun. His Simpson shoulder belts are anchored to the rear firewall, right below the rear window. To do this, you would need to cut up the cardboard panel behind the rear seat, but Clark's will be happy to sell you a replacement cardboard panel if you decide to remove the harnesses at a later date. I have seen several other Corvairs set up this way, both earlies and lates.

TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL

AUTUMN SPORTS CLASSIC



CAR SHOW & FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th 2009

COMO LAKE PARK AT THE CASINO

Lancaster, NY

- REFRESHMENTS
- CHINESE AUCTION
- PINE CAR RACES
- FUN & GAMES

NEW CLASSES

A. MIDGET	L. EURO SEDAN
B. MGB & GT CHROME	M. VW
C. MGB & GT RUBBER	N. CORVETTE
D. MGA	O. CORVAIR
E. MGC	P. MIATA
F. MGST	Q. ASIAN SPORTS
G. BRITISH OTHER	R. DOMESTIC STOCK
H. TRIUMPH	S. DOMESTIC-MODIFIED
I. JAGUAR	T. SPECIAL INTEREST/ KIT CAR
J. AUSTIN HEALEY	U. DATSUN
K. EURO SPORTS	

RULES OF THE SHOW

- Fire extinguisher mandatory in all vehicles
- Buffalo Octagon Association will not be responsible for any & all damages or losses
- All cars must be driven on & off the field.
- No FOR SALE signs larger than 3x5 inches
- **No Glass Containers**
- The BOA reserves the right to add or subtract classes
- **No trophies will be mailed**

Field Opens at 9am Judging at Noon

DIRECTIONS: From Rochester & Erie PA, Exit Thruway at Walden Ave, Exit 52 E.- Right on Union Road (RT.277) - Left on Como Park Blvd. continue to Park Entrance - follow signs into park

A portion of the proceeds will benefit local charities

REGISTRATION FORM

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO
BUFFALO OCTAGON ASSOCIATION
8617 Denview Terrace, Williamsville, NY 14221

I have read & accept the rules of the show

Name.....
 Address.....
 City/State..... Zip.....
 Make of Car..... Color..... Year.....
 Model..... Class.....
 Club Affiliation, if any.....

MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO:
BUFFALO OCTAGON
ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
AUGUST 29,2009

- \$10.00 PRE-REGISTRATION
 \$15.00 DAY OF SHOW
 (US FUNDS ONLY)
 INFORMATION -632-9001
www.buffalomag.com/carshow



Dave Says'

"You never can have too many fans or too many air cleaners"

Tom Nasman has just what you need, should have, or maybe just want to have!

Picture your garage with a collection of fans on the wall. Better still what about your family room wall!

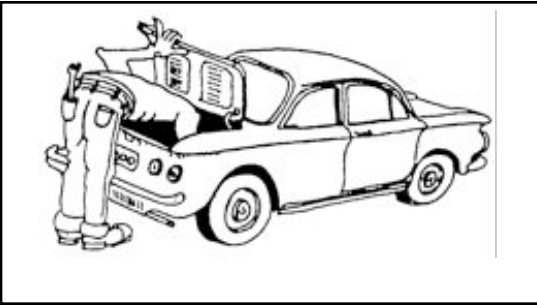
VALUES

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	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>
1965 Convertible	\$2,500	\$6,000	\$12,500
1965 Sport Coupe	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$9,500
1966 Convertible	\$2,500	\$6,500	\$13,000
1966 Sport Coupe	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$10,000

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,
jcleavela@rohester.rr.com.

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