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Tech Session Coordinator - Open

*Dave Shoemaker takes on
Membership Chair
Position along with
Treasurer.*

*Many Thanks to George
Renz for his years of
service to the Club.*

ACORN 2010 Calendar of Events

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NEXT EVENTS

AACA Eastern National Meet at Finger Lakes Community College (www.GVACS.com)

June 3-5

Contact Bill Boudway
Gnboudway@msn.com

Auto Festival Framington NY June 6th.

RSVP for Glen Track Tour by June 4th

| Date | Day | Event | Host | Comments |
|----------------|---------|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jan 10th | Sun | 2010 Planning Meeting | Jeff and Dave | Complete |
| Feb. 13 | Sat. | Valentines Day Dinner | Pat Masters | Complete |
| Mar. 20th | Sat. | Turbo Motor Build for Buffalo Transportation Museum in East Aurora, NY (Details to follow) | Chuck Facklam | On-Hold |
| April 17th TBD | Sat. | Turbo Motor Build for Buffalo Transportation Museum in East Aurora, NY | Chuck Facklam | On-Hold |
| May 8th | Sat. | Monroe Community College Tech. Session | Paul Masters | Completed |
| May 15th | Sat. | 4-Door Restoration at the Dave Ellis Restoration Shop On Long Pond Road | Dave Ellis | |
| June 3-5 | T, F, S | AACA Eastern National Meet at Finger Lakes Community College (www.GVACS.com) | Bill Boudway | |
| June 3-6 | T,F,S,S | "Recall" Corvair weekend in Syracuse | CNYCC | |
| June 6th | Sunday | Auto Festival in Farmington, NY one day show | MG Car Club | Club Gathering |
| June 19th | Sat. | Watkins Glen Track tour, lunch & Wine Tour See Page #3 RSVP by June 4th | Jeff Clark | This is a Must! |
| July 11th | Sun | Stock Corvair Event (More information to follow) | Chuck Facklam | |
| Aug 8th | Sun | Annual Summer Picnic (inside shelter) Victor, NY | Pat and Steve Dietrick | |
| Aug. TBD | TBD | Turbo Motor build completion | Chuck Facklam | |
| Aug 22nd | Sun | Super Cruise Event - Starts at Bob Johnson Chevy Ridge Road West 10 am to 5 pm | Chuck Facklam | \$5 Reg. @ Bob Johnson Chevy. |
| July 15th | Thurs | Perry NY Super Cruise Drive-in Event | | |
| Sept. 12th | Sun | Tech Session at George Conboy's shop | George Conboy | Date requires confirmation |
| Oct. 17th | Sun | Wine Tour | Jim Bartasevich | |
| Nov. 7th | Sun | Annual Christmas Dinner (Steam Boat Landing) Confirm by Oct. 15th. Order off the menu - 4 Selections | Dave Shoemaker | 4-7 pm |
| As Required | Open | Special Tech Session as needed. Call Paul Masters to Schedule | Pat Masters | As Required |



Please reply to all events/activities that have "RSVP" listed. The host needs to know who and how many will be attending. The hosts are volunteering their time for YOUR club.

“Award Winning” Seneca Lake Wine Event!

We'll meet at the Canandaigua Wegmans (345 Eastern Blvd) at 8:00am, leaving promptly at 8:10. Our first stop will be for breakfast at Veraisons Restaurant, at the beautiful Glenora Vineyards. They serve a full breakfast off their regular menu (\$5-\$10), or a continental breakfast buffet if our group should grow to 20 or more (\$12.95 per person). After breakfast, we'll have enough time to stop at one winery, before heading to Watkins Glen for...

The Thunder Road Tour!

Each driver will have the chance to take three laps of the most historic race track in America, the incomparable Watkins Glen International! While there, we'll have the chance to mingle with members of the Porsche Club of America- Zone 1 (eastern U.S. and Canada), who are hosting the “48 Hours at The Glen” racing and driver-education event. I've been in contact with their organizers, and they're really looking forward to meeting the owners of “the poor man's Porsche!” For those less inclined towards racing, you'll be able to spend a couple hours shopping in the beautiful village of Watkins Glen. (Should the weather make a tour of the track unsafe, a backup plan is in place, which includes stops at a few extra wineries.)

After Watkins Glen, we'll wind our way up the east side of Seneca Lake, where the “award-winning” part of the day takes place. We'll stop at several wineries that have all recently won awards for both their red and white wines. For a late lunch, I'm going to let those club

members attending vote as to where to eat:

The Bistro at Red Newt Wine Cellars,
or
Dano's Heuriger on Seneca

Both are very good, unique and “upper-moderate” in price.

In order to arrange such a tour, it is **IMPERATIVE** that I hear from everyone planning to attend **NO LATER** than **June 4th**. Please e-mail me at carbusersedge@earthlink.net or call me at 585-293-3827, and let me know how many people will be attending, and which restaurant you'd like to have lunch at (both have websites w/ menus). A few details are still being worked out (such as a discount off the regular \$25 for the Thunder Road event, which will depend on the number of cars in our group), so don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

If you've never joined us for one of our previous tours, just ask any club member that has- you'll discover a day filled with good food, world-class wineries, and beautiful scenery, along with some of the nicest people you'll ever meet. I hope to see **ALL** of you on June 19th!

Jeff Clark

**REMEMBER, RSVP by
JUNE 4th**

Carbusersedge@earthlink.net

585-293-3827

This is a page from the 1975 JC Whitney catalog. The ad mentions that “some modifications to the engine compartment” is necessary to fit the Corvaire engine into you VW. (my guess is that would be Major modifications! *Editor*)



CORVAIR to VOLKSWAGEN ENGINE ADAPTER KIT
Adapts any Corvaire Engine to All Volkswagen Transmissions

Increase Power to 100 HP! Make **POWER** to quote by installing a larger, more powerful Corvaire engine in your Volkswagen car, Transporter, Karmann Ghia, or Dune Buggy (using Volkswagen chassis). Precision fit adapter and flywheel makes it easier, less costly to convert your car to a real "beetle." Kit includes adapter, **NEW MODIFIED Volkswagen 1300 Transporter type flywheel** (stronger than passenger car flywheel), all necessary parts, except starter adapter and starter drive kit—see below, grease retainer, bolts and instructions. No exchange necessary on any parts. Some modification to engine compartment is necessary in order and transporter to accept the Corvaire engine. List **\$134.95**
85-0907U—..... 1 kit

STARTER ADAPTER. Permits easy installation of 6 volt, 8 cyl. or 12 volt Chevrolet starter. 12 volt starter may be used to retain original Volkswagen 6 volt system if desired.
85-0908—For 6 volt starter. **\$16.95**
85-0909A—For 12 volt starter. E.P.
Note—For 12 volt systems order 85-0910T below.

STARTER DRIVE KIT. Adapts Corvaire starter to flywheel gear (not shown). Used with 85-0909 adapter for 12 volt systems.
85-0910T—..... 1 kit **\$18.95**

Is the New Castrol GTX High Mileage Motor Oil right for your Corvaire?

Not too long ago Castrol introduced their GTX High Mileage engine oil to the market. This oil is specifically designed for vehicles with mileage of over 75,000 miles, which our Corolla has. Since our car had all the symptoms, such as leaky engine gaskets and seals plus a little exhaust smoke on start-up, it appeared to be the perfect candidate for a test of the GTX High Mileage oil.

Castrol High Mileage GTX is formulated so that it helps dried gaskets and seals in the engine swell or expand slightly to help eliminate leaks. As I mentioned earlier, this is generally caused by vehicles that are inactive and stored in dry garages. The other ingredients inhibit the burning of the oil when it gets into the combustion chamber due to wear or weeping seals within the engine.

Since we had just changed the oil about a week and a half before we received our test oil and the Corolla was already down a about a qt. due to a couple of long trips, I calculated the car to be using about a qt. every 300 to 400 miles, depending on how hard it was being driven. By just adding one qt. of High Mileage oil I found the car would run another 400 to 500 miles before being down a qt., a slight improvement.

Until the next oil change things stayed between 400 and 500 miles per qt.. When it came time to change the oil we changed the filter and added the required amount of High Mileage to the engine. Having the High Mileage oil in the engine improved things so that we only needed to add a qt. around 600 to 700 miles.

Things seemed to be the same for the first 800 to 900 miles and then the lengths between adding oil became greater and greater. With no change of drivers and the same repeated trips I found that I was getting about close to 900 km before adding a qt. of oil.

I have to admit I am quite pleased with the results with the GTX High Mileage oil. As this type of gasket leak won't go away, short of doing major work to the engine, I never bothered going back to regular motor oil. You will find that the High Mileage oil is a bit more expensive than its regular counterpart, but to me it adds a little piece of mind that I am getting more than double the distance between adding oil to the engine. So, by cutting my oil consumption I am saving in the long run.

Castrol GTX High Mileage comes in two grades 5W30 and 10W30 and for our test we used the 5W30, as it is a little better in colder weather. Note that Castrol GTX High Mileage oil will not cure well-worn seals and gaskets; they will still need to be replaced to keep your engine running well.

*This review article, **title modified**, was published by the "CanadianDriver.com" web site. eidtor*

AACA National Event

FLCC in Canandaigua

June 3-5

“50th Anniversary”

CORVAIR

ACORN Booth needs staffing

Chuck Facklam is setting up a really neat booth with banners, displays, etc at the AACA National Event in Canandaigua at FLCC on June 4th and 5th, those are a Friday and a Saturday...ACORNS are asked to assist!!!

Dave Ellis and Jim Bartasevich have already volunteered to help on Friday and Saturday respectively, but they can not be there alllll day,,,so additional staffing support is needed.

SO..if you would like to “staff” the booth for a few hours on either Friday or Saturday,,,,hours running from around 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. please contact Dave Ellis as he will be keeping “the schedule”..., the biggest staffing assistance need is required on Saturday, as Chuck will be off Judging....

The Setup effort on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m., and the Teardown effort Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. will be the activities were the most additional sets of hands would be greatly appreciated...

Those whom would like to volunteer...please contact Dave Ellis at 227-2439, or [email.... dellis1@rochester.rr.com...](mailto:dellis1@rochester.rr.com)

Spring is about to get sprung...time to get them Vairs out of hibernation and ready to “rock and roll” for the driving season!!!

Dave Ellis

SEMA SECURES U.S. SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY 9th AS “COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY”

*Lawmakers Acknowledge Importance
of Collection and Restoration of Historic
and Classic Cars*

(Washington, D.C. - May 7, 2010) The United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 513 (S. Res. 513) at the request of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) and the Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO) Council designating July 9, 2010 as “Collector Car Appreciation Day.” The resolution was the result of an effort undertaken by ARMO as a means to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

S. Res. 513 was sponsored by Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus members Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) and Senator Richard Burr (R-NC). Senators Tester and Burr have been strong advocates for the automotive hobby in Washington, and S. Res. 513 reaffirms their understanding of the cultural importance of collector cars. The Caucus is an informal, non-partisan group that pays tribute to America’s ever growing love affair with the car and motorsports. The Caucus recognizes the integral role collector cars have played in fostering our nation’s appreciation for motorsports.

Automodello
DREAMS ENGAGED™

Fitch Phoenix Founders Edition

Signed by John Fitch, designer of the Fitch Phoenix
192 Serialized Units – Pre-Order for September 2010

The Fitch Phoenix is a classic example of the "whole" exceeding the sum of its parts as the power train, suspension and brakes were sourced from Chevrolet's innovative Corvair. The purpose-built chassis—which rode on a 12-inch shorter, 95-inch wheelbase and weighed dramatically less than the Corvair's—yielded true sports car performance to match its graceful shape. Handling refinement benefited greatly from Fitch's extensive racing experience whilst its interior featured luxury appointments.

Elegantly crafted, thoroughly engineered sports car, the Fitch Phoenix surely would have spawned an enthusiastic following. Except the Corvair was as of just as John Fitch was ramping up to build 500 units. As it happened, John Fitch still gasms—and enthusiastically drives—the lone prototype. It stands as a reminder to what could have—should have—been.

Body Shape is the 1st step in building the 1:43 Fitch Phoenix. Eyeballing by John Fitch and the Automodello™ design team yields shape accuracy and contours for the model!

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AM-FIT-PHX-FE | \$194.95 for Fitch Phoenix Founders Edition
AM-FIT-PHX-XE | \$299.95 for Fitch Phoenix Exploded Edition
No more than 66 Exploded Editions ever produced (not pictured).

Reservations for Exploded Edition close on July 4th 2010. Diecasm donates 15% to Corvair Preservation Foundation for each Fitch ordered and 10% for all other products. Free shipping in continental US for orders placed by June 30th 2010 with CDPSA10 coupon code. Sales Tax on IL orders only.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

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Enthusiasts
Welcome!

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benefit
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Hilton Apple Festival

October 2, 2010

&

Car Show

Same Day as "Corvair Heritage Day"

A Brief History of Valve Stem Dust Covers **Courtesy of Coker Tire**

Dust covers and valve stem caps were, and are, used to keep dirt and debris from causing damage to the core of a valve stem, as well as dressing up the tire.

Brass dust covers were used from 1903 through 1915 on vehicles that were trimmed in brass (head lights, radiators, etc.). If the vehicle's trim was painted, then nickel dust covers were used. The length of the dust covers depended on the type of valve stem used, which was determined by the type of wheel used.

Starting in 1916, the nickel dust cover was the primary cover used. This continued until the end of 1929. In 1930, vehicle manufactures began using a nickel lock nut at the base of the valve stem along with a nickel "prong" valve cap on the tip. The "prong" cap could be used to remove the valve core for faster tire servicing.

During the same time, 1930 through 1933, Ford Motor Co. Continued to offer a full-length dust cover on certain models. From 1920 to 1933, vehicles with solid disc wheels and certain types of wire spoke wheels, used a valve stem with a 90-degree bend to allow easier access. This valve stem used the nickel lock nut and the nickel "prong" valve cap.

In 1934 the rubber valve stem became the standard in the industry. The valve cap took the basic shape of what is still used today. The dust cover and the lock nut were no longer needed with rubber valve stem.



FOR SALE & MARKET PLACE

'64 Corvair, 2 door, 3 speed, baby blue color decent shape. Asking \$2500. Also has 2, 55' Chevys for sale. phone (585)727-4890

Submitted by Dave Shoemaker.

'63 Monza 900 convertible located in Rochester. The phone number listed is 585.342.6299 and the person is Joe.

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'63 2-door hardtop model in good shape, with title. \$1500, located in Deming, NM. Bonnie Johansson musicalbonnie@gmail.com

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR FORWARD CONTROL PARTS

Forward Control Parts for sale:

2 motors ('64 110 auto and '63 102 standard) they both run.

The pictures show most of the mechanical stuff. In the boxes are dashes and other stuff. There are rear shafts all with good bearings, we have repacked a few of them. There are 8 brake drums. There are 2 steering boxes and columns. I want \$250 for the the mechanical stuff, \$100/ motor, and \$15/per door.

Also 7 doors used and mostly straight.

Tom Nasman tnasman@rochester.rr.com

585-293-7083

