



MCC Tech Session 2010

ACORNNEWS

ASSOCIATION OF CORVAIR NUTS

Rochester, New York

CORSA Chapter 148



May 2011

Prez Sez

April 2011

Hi ACORNS

The Town of Penfield cordially extends this invitation to Assoc. of Corvair Nuts (ACORNS) to participate in our Annual Independence Day Parade. The parade is scheduled on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

The 2011 parade route will begin at the Penfield High School on Five Mile Line Road, travel south to Route #441, turn east to Baird Road, turn north and conclude at the Penfield Community Center at 1985 Baird Road. The Recreation Department estimates the parade to be one and one-half hours in duration.

I will not make a commitment to the town unless I receive a commitment for at least 6 cars.

Edie

In Memorial:

Paul Hendel from Byron, NY passed away on 02/17/11. Paul and Karen Nostrant were ACORN members for several years. Paul had been ill for an extended period of time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Karen on her loss.



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ACORN 2011 Calendar

2011 ACORN Officers

President – Edie Ellis
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 Secretary – Jim Bartasevich
 Treasurer – Dave Shoemaker

Appointed Positions:

Newsletter Editor – Jim Cleveland
 Webmaster – Marissa Andolino
 Membership – Dave Shoemaker
 Historian – Dave Ellis
 Tech Session Coordinator - Open

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Date	Day	Event	Host	Status
Jan 16th	Sun	2010 Planning Meeting	Jeff and Dave	Completed
Feb 13th	Sun	Valentine's Day Dinner	Betsy Fling	Completed
Mar. 19th	Sat.	Turbo Display motor assembly Contact Dave Ellis	Chuck Flacklam	Completed
April 2nd	Sat.	Simply Crepes in Canandaigua How to make Crepes ----- See Page #5	Edie Ellis	Canceled
April 9th	Sat	Tech Session Powerglide Diagnosis and repair	Jerry Fling	Completed
April 30th	Sat.	Tech Session at George Conboy's Super Garage 9:30 a.m.	George Conboy	Completed
May 14th		MCC Tech Session Jay's Diner West Henrietta Rd. @ 8:00 am, MCC Auto Tech. @ 9:00 am	Paul Masters	
May 15th	Sun	Car Collection Tour Fairport	CNYCC	
June 5th	Sun	Auto Festival, Farmington, NY	Club Event	
June 10,11,12	Fri. Sat Sun	Central NY Corvair Club Recall Corvair Event	Club Event	
July 17th	Sun	Genesee Valley Antique Car Society Car Show	Club Event	
July	Sun	Watkins Glen Tour and Track	J. Clark	TBD
Aug. 7th	Sun	ACORN Annual Picnic	S. Dietrick	
Oct 9th	Sun	Fall Color & Cheese Tour	J. Bartasevich	
Nov 13th	Sun	Annual Christmas Dinner Steamboat Landing	D. Shoemaker	

NEXT EVENTS

MCC Tech Session

May 14, 2011 MCC Auto Tech Center West Henrietta Rd.1 Breakfast 8:00 a.m. @ Jay's
 Dinner Tech Session Begins at 9:00 a.m.

CAR COLLECTION TOUR - FAIRPORT

Sunday May 15th

See page #3 for details and RSVP requirements



Other Interesting Auto Events:

- Dunkirk Auto Swap Meet & Car Corral, Dunkirk, NY May 20-22

GM Powertrain Open House

Friday, June 17, 2011

Free Admission & Open to Public



Hours: 2995 River Road
Buffalo, New York
Plant 1 & 5 from 12 - 8pm

Walk through our L850 & I 4-5 engine lines.
Watch how our quality engines are built first hand.

Open toe/heel, sandals, high heels are prohibited.



Many vendors will be there including:
Made In America Store, AAA, Don't Text & Drive Vehicle
from Marks Auto Parts, UAW/GM Exhibit, New GM Vehicle Line-up,
Empire State West Chapter Military Vehicle Preservation Assoc., food vendors and much more!

UAW - GM All American Car Show & Auto Expo

Saturday, June 18



9 - 5pm

FREE Admission & OPEN TO PUBLIC

ALL DOMESTIC & CLASSIC VEHICLES INVITED

Car Registration is day of show: 9 - 12pm

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE - \$10

100% proceeds go to the American Cancer Society

AWARDS & PRIZES for those who register a vehicle - free raffle tickets with prizes including a **\$1,000 Cash** prize!
Veterans Ceremony at Noon. Award presentation on stage at 4p.m.

DJ to the Rescue
9 - 1pm



Live on Stage Powerhouse
1 - 4p.m.

UAW-GM Buy American Exhibit
with Radio Controlled Racetrack
NEW GM Car display
GM Engine Build display
Made In America Store
Aramark Food - UpState Ice Cream
Alice's KRichen
Bounce Houses for the kids

GM Ride - and - Drive
Experience driving GM's favorite vehicles



AAA display
Riverside Credit Union
Books R Fun
Don't Text & Drive display
Empire State West Chapter -
Military Vehicle Preservation Assoc.
UAW Committee Tent
and much more!

Cappellino Buick GMC
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Kenner, NY 14217
716-921-5660
PaddockChevrolet.com

Keyser Cadillac
634-4100

Recall the Corvair

Concours judging Autocross racing
Car displays Valve cover races
Funkhana racing

June 10-12, 2011

Come and see these classic cars in action, or be part of the fun with your Corvair!
Free admission for spectators on Saturday June 11 10am-4pm
Events located across from Hilton Garden Inn
6004 Fair Lakes Rd East Syracuse NY 13057

Call Dave 315-454-9439 or Pam 315-252-8185 P08254@msa.com for more info
Visit or register for events at our website cnycorvair.com

Central NY Corvair Club ACORN Inventation

CNYCC will be touring a private collection of cars in Fairport (I don't know who the individual is), and want us to meet up with them in the Macedon Wal-Mart parking lot (corner of Rte. 31 and Wayneport Rd) at 10:30AM on Sunday, May 15th. They expect coffee and donuts to be served during the tour, then would like us to recommend a local site for lunch afterwards.

So that the tour host knows how many people to expect, it's important that we RSVP PDQ to the CNYCC ASAP. Please contact Phil Domser at 315-732-1262, or e-mail him at pdomser1@yahoo.com. This is a great opportunity to re-connect with one of our fellow chapters, so let's make this one of the biggest turnouts of ACORN members ever! Jeff Clark

Tech Session

Jerry Fling's PowerGlide Diagnosis

ACORN Corvair Doctors in attendance; Dave Ellis, Steve Dietrick, Jerry and Jim Bartasevich. Dave checked out all of the hoses, linkages, and connections. Jerry took it out and around his neighborhood. He came back, and it was still acting up [no shifting, shifting seemingly into neutral while still in drive]. Dave and I took it out, and it seemed to run okay except for a few slow 1-2 shifts. Then Jerry took it out again, and it started acting up. In addition, the engine started to act up [the idle dropped way down and it sounded weak]. This seems like an unrelated problem with the fuel system, but we ran out of time to look at it. Both Dave & Jerry were going out of town for a few weeks. Dave will be looking at the car again soon.

Jim B. sent a note to Larry Claypool after looking in the CORSA Tech Guide. As for the transmission, Larry came up with several suggestion to try when (and if!) the weather breaks and everyone is back.

The Last Corvair

Friday, May. 23, 1969 TIME Magazine

When the Chevrolet Corvair was introduced in 1959, its fresh engineering was hailed as the forerunner of a new age of innovation in Detroit. The compact auto, designed to stop the imported car invasion, featured an air-cooled rear engine made largely of aluminum. It was the creation of Chevy General Manager Edward N. Cole, now president of General Motors. But the Corvair's plain Jane appearance did not seduce as many buyers as G.M. had expected. Restyled with bucket seats and a four-on-the-floor shift, the car gained popularity as something of an American sports car. Enthusiasts liked its jaunty look and responsive steering. Corvair owners became Corvair lovers, and they joined more than 140 Corvair clubs.

The object of their affection turned out to be fatally fickle. Because of Corvair's heavy tail and its unique rear suspension system, critics charged that its rear wheels sometimes "tucked under" on corners, causing an alarming tendency for the car to roll over. The car was also vulnerable to side winds that caused unexpected sashays on the road. A redesign of the rear axle and other modifications fixed those failings in 1964. More than 150 lawsuits were filed for more than \$25 million in damages.

G.M. won four of the suits, had many dismissed and settled 47 out of court for a total of \$340,000; nearly 60 are still pending. All this attracted the attention of Ralph Nader, the one-man consumers' lobby. He devoted the first chapter of his book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*, to an attack on the Corvair. During a series of congressional hearings, Nader followed up by calling the Corvair "the leading candidate for the un-safest-car title." The assault was lethal; sales plummeted from 220,000 in 1965 to 14,800 last year.

G.M. did not want to drop the car while it was under attack, but Corvair's days were obviously numbered. Last week, as the 1,710,018th Corvair rolled off the line, the company halted production. Mourned by its many loyal admirers, the model has now joined Edsel, De Soto, La Salle and some 3,000 others in the great auto graveyard.

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2011 KSK Car Show
"Good Rides, Good Food, Good People, Good Times"
NEWARK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
625 PEIRSON AVENUE
NEWARK, NY 14513

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Lots of Food including Chicken & Rib BBQ Dinners (presale available)♦Pizza♦Festival Foods
 Swap Meet♦Car Corral♦Sponsorship Showcase♦DJ Services by Cassinova Sound

"Goodie" Bags to all Participants from our Sponsors♦50/50 Raffles Beginning at 12:00
 Judging From 1:00pm-3:00pm♦Awards Presentation at 3:30pm. Cruise to Tom Wahl's

Restaurant at 4:00pm **For more information, please visit: www.KSKCarShow.com**

Call 315-332-3326, or E-Mail: jhamelinck@newark.k12.ny.us

Sunday May 22, 2011

Registration Starts at 9 a.m. Show is 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Star-Tron Product Review
 By Paul Cuiiperski

Ethanol has been a small engines nightmare since it was introduced. Ethanol absorbs water and hangs onto it through condensation which is caused by temperature swings (i.e. warm or hot days, then cool nights).

On small engines such as those in lawn mowers, snowblowers, etc., water concentration becomes so great, it will not ignite. The small amounts of gasoline in their 1 or 2 gallon tanks will go bad in as little as 30 days. I experience this with the repairs and tune-ups I do. Any equipment that is brought to me for a tune-up, my first step is to drain the gas from the tank, the carbs, and the bowls...

There is a product which I use in my fuel called Star-tron. This fuel additive is a stabilizer, and it controls enzymes that build up in fuels and disperses moisture. Star-Tron has a website: www.starttron.com that explains problems, answer questions and give

reviews from those who have used their product.

The people that have used Star-tron in their cars, motorcycles, power equipment, and boat motors have noticed improved performance results.

Perhaps Corvair owners should take this product into consideration. Some inexpensive insurance at \$8 per bottle that treats 48 gallons of gasoline.

ETHANOL 101


THE 4 MAIN PROBLEMS CAUSED BY E10/ETHANOL FUEL

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1965 Corsa Convertible, 4 speed resto mod. I have spent \$28,000 on this car in the last five years. This includes \$15,000+ with Cotofelds in the last two years. Every system was replaced and updated on the car. This car looks original to non Corvair people but here is the list of things that you will notice. Color is 1961 Chevy Corvair ROMAN red. The interior is Clarks custom two tone bright red and bright white. Wheels are real knockoffs with 14" up front and 15" in the rear. Much custom chrome and billet work on the motor including a custom air cleaner package that I just spent \$500 on 9 months ago. Recent job loss (seven months ago) and lack of a new job are forcing me to make the hard choice of selling. Please feel free to email me with any questions. Price is \$17,500 OBO by 4/15/11.

Jim Scheibe
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jim.scheibe@comcast.net



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