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Saturday, March 10th sixteen ACORN Members and guests visited the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, NY. This first class display of over 160 classic cars was amazing. Duesenbergs, Packard's, Franklins, Cords, Stanley Steamers,



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Prez Sez

All who were able to attend enjoyed the trip to the Northeast Classic Car Museum. The weather was very cooperative. A tasty lunch was followed by the opportunity to explore the museum. There was an extraordinary assortment of beautifully restored car models to drool over. These cars spanned over a century of automotive history. Our sincere thanks to Steve Dietrick for all he did to plan this event and insure its success.

We did not hold a formal meeting. All the scheduled events in April and May will be tech sessions so our next official meeting is not until the Recall in Syracuse the second weekend in June. The ACORNS will attend on Saturday the 8th. Yes, this means the MG car show we usually take part in has been officially cancelled.

One of the Ellis cars is already out of storage, sitting on blocks in our garage with the front end completely torn down. If anyone is interested in learning how to put it back together, I'm sure Dave would be glad to teach as you help. The ACORN and Ken Willard scholarships have been awarded. Check out the status report in this newsletter.

Happily, spring is arriving early after an almost none existent winter. Gentleman (and Marisa) get your cars out of storage and please get involved in as many of the upcoming tech sessions as you can. I am very excited about and looking forward to the Great Race Event in Buffalo. We hope to have a large turnout as a club. It is certainly not likely we will have another opportunity like this again.

Both Dave and I wish each of you a blessed Easter and happy spring.

Stay safe and keep those cars greasy side down!

Edie

APRIL EVENTS

TECH SESSION, 140 Engine Build for Buffalo Transportation Museum
Hosted by Chuck Flacklam in East Aurora, NY
April 14, 2012 - Contact Dave Ellis - dellis1@rochester.rr.com

TECH SESSION, Transmission Swap
Hosted by George Conboy April 28, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.
585-820-8530 - gtconboy@brightonsecurities.com
1209 Clover Street, Rochester, NY 14610

ACORN 2012 CALANDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Coordination
April 14	Sat.	Tech Session, Rebuild Ellis's '64 front end	Dave Ellis
April 28	Sat.	Tech Session, Transmission swap at Conboy's	George Conboy
May 5	Sat.	Tech Session, 140 Engine Build (E. Aurora, NY)	Chuck Flacklam & Dave Ellis
May 12	Sat.	MCC Tech Session @ MCC Auto Shop	Bill Boudway
May 19	Sat.	Tech Session, part out '68 for salvage @ Conboy's	George Conboy
June 2	Sat.	Tech Session, 140 Engine Build (E. Aurora, NY)	Chuck Flacklam
June 3	Sun	Auto Festival, Farmington, NY	Cancelled
June 8-10	Wk-end	Central NY "Recall" Show Event, Syracuse, NY	CNYCC
June 28	Thurs.	Great American Race comes Through Fairport, NY	D. Ellis and J. Cleveland
June 28	Thurs.	Great American Race @ Grand Opening Buffalo Transportation Museum. Dinner with Race Participants, Tours and Corvair Display	Chuck Flacklam
July 8	Sun.	Shiners Car Show, Webster, NY	Sam Andolion
July 14	Sat.	Tech Session TBD	Steve Dietrick
July 22 or 23 TBD	TBD	Watkins Glen Annual Tour	Jeff Clark
July 25	Wk-end	CORSA National Convention, Sturbridge, Ma.	Northeast Corvair Council
August 5	Sun.	Genesee Valley Antique Car Society Show at Roberts Wesleyan College, N. Chili, NY	Club Event
Aug. 12	Sun.	Seneca Lake Boat Ride, Great Company and Food	Dave Shoemaker
Aug. 26	Sun.	Toy Town Car Show, E. Aurora, NY	Chuck Flacklam
Sept. 9	Sun.	Annual ACORN Picnic, Victor, NY	Pat Dietrick
Sept. 22	Sat.	Batavia Downs Race Day	Jeff Clark
Oct. 7	Sun.	Fall Color and Cheese Tour of the Finger lakes	Jim & Marlene Bartasevich
Nov. 11	Sun.	Annual ACORN Christmas Dinner (location TBD)	Edie Ellis



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Corvair

Recall



June 8-10, 2012

Come and see these classic cars in action,
or be part of the fun with your Corvair!

Free admission for spectators on
Saturday June 9 10am-4pm

Events located across from Hilton Garden Inn
6004 Fair Lakes Rd East Syracuse NY 13057

Presented by the Central New York Corvair Club
Contact Dave 315-656-9639 or Pam 315-252-8105 POKUS4@msn.com for more info

Visit or register for events at our website:



MCC Scholarship Recipients Selected

On March 8th Bill Boudway, Dave Ellis and Jim Cleveland met with Kristy Mooney of MCC Automotive Technology to review and select scholarship recipients. Kristy reviewed the six candidates selected by members of the faculty and Kristy.

This year we have three scholarships as we voted to create a third scholarship in honor of Ken Willard and his generous donations to the club.

Daniel Krueger - In honor of Ken Willard, WWII Veteran.
Apprentice Automotive Major -
Employed at Honeoye Falls
Lima School Garage

Brandon Dantini -
Toyota/Scion/Lexus Major -
Employed at Dorschel Lexus

Matthew Stahl - General Motors
Major - Employed by Seasonal
Automotive in Henrietta, an
ACDelco Specific Shop



Dave's Restoration Garage, next he will attach the snow blower (left) to the front of his latest project!



Corvair Trivia

Early model Corvairs have holes in the underside of front and rear bumpers that were to accommodate a bumper jack which had a lifting arm that fit into the hole. That idea was revised to the final design of a scissor jack but the holes were continued. The 1960 New Product Information booklet had a description and drawings of the bumper jack procedure.

Beginning in 1966 the Corvair shop manual recommended that cars with wire wheel covers be balanced with the wheel covers in place.

The Spyder dashboard introduced in the spring of 1962 was also originally designed to be installed in all Monza models, including the wagon. Non-turbo dashboards would have had a clock instead of a tachometer and an oil pressure gage instead of a vacuum gauge. Look at the back of any Spyder dash and you will see the casting block outs for the Powerglide shifter and if you check the assembly manual in the accessory section, it lists the clock and pressure gage. The Monza application was officially dropped in December of 1961.

Despite what many of us thought over the years, all Corvair manual transmissions were built at the GM Saginaw Michigan plant. There was no "Muncie" assembled 4-speed. The Corvair utilized a Dana Positraction unit while other GM cars were equipped with Eaton Positraction units.

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The 2012 Great Race Event in Buffalo

The 2012 Great Race will be making Buffalo one of its major stops. The cars will be arriving in Buffalo mid afternoon of Thursday, June the 28th, and parking in front of the Buffalo Transportation Museum. They will stay there for public exhibit until at least 9:00 PM. We are incorporating the Grand Opening of the newly constructed addition to the Buffalo Transportation museum that day. This will undoubtedly be a major publicity event.

I am recruiting automotive enthusiasts who would like to be a part of this event. (I am inviting ACORN members first!) I need volunteers who will be willing to man the finish line and help park the racecars as they come in. Some crowd control will probably be included. I expect we will need to be there mid-morning to assist in setup.

Anyone volunteering for these duties will be VIPs and be able to mingle with the race participants and their teams. We will also have the opportunity to dine with the drivers and support teams at the special dinner that will be provided. Given we have a sufficient number of Corvairs show up, I will provide. Please email me your information ASAP so I can put together a volunteer list. I will need your full name, phone number and email address for each attending.

Thanks, Chuck Facklam
cfacklam@roadrunner.com

Howard and Doug Sharp of Fairport, NY Graduate to Grand

This year's Gra Champions, another father/son team, **Howard and Doug Sharp**, are graduating to run with the big boys in Grand Championship Division in their future Great Race competition. They have been awarded the coveted Car # 1 for 2012 competition, and will be the first team to take the Green Flag at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 23, on Front Street in Traverse City, Michigan, to kick off the Official Start of the 2012 Hemmings Motor News Great Race.

ACORN Members will remember Howard Sharp for the great tour he gave us along with the Central NY Corvair Club last summer



Howard and Doug Sharp in Howard's 1911 Velie

