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**Prez Sez** **May 2012**

Hi ACORNS

Well, it looks like summer has arrived. I hope all the hobby cars are out of storage and being readied for the upcoming ACORN events

Several tech sessions have been held in April and May. If you were not able to attend, there should be details of what was accomplished and/or learned in the pages of this newsletter.

Remember, the MG car show we usually take part in has been officially cancelled. The Recall in Syracuse the second weekend in June will be our next event. The ACORNS will attend on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> and I hope to have an official meeting at there.

Both of the Ellis cars are now out of storage. Hefty repairs to the front end of the 63 convertible have been successfully completed and it is purring down the road. After replacing a dead battery on the 64, Dave is now trying to solve what he calls "blah" throttle response.

I am looking forward to the Great American Race along with the expansion of the Transportation Museum in Buffalo. Both Dave and I are hoping many of you will be able to join us in attending this once in a lifetime event.

Finally, I have not heard back from anyone about the Penfield Parade on June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like take part, please let me know by June 1<sup>st</sup> so I can either accept or decline this request. Thank you!!

Stay safe and keep those cars greasy side

down!

*Edie*

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**EVENTS FOR June 2012**  
Tech Session, 140 Engine Build in East Aurora, NY  
 June 2, 2012 Contact Dave Ellis for Details

Central NY Corvair Club "RECALL"  
 June 8-10 Syracuse, NY

Great American Race Come Through Fairport, NY  
 June 28, 2012 Fairport Village, Morning through Early Afternoon

Great American Race & Grand Opening of the Buffalo Transportation Museum  
 June 28, 2012 Contact Chuck Flacklam

Date	Day	Event	Coordination
June 2	Sat.	Tech Session 140 Engine Build	Dave Ellis
June 8-10	T,F,S	Central NY "Recall" Syracuse, NY	CNYCC
June 28	Thru.	Great American Race comes to Fairport, Noon	J. Cleveland
June 28	Thru.	Great American Race/Buffalo Transportation	Chuck Flacklam
July 8	Sun.	Shiners Car Show, Webster, NY	Sam Andolino
July 14	Sat.	Tech Session TBD	Steve Dietrick
July 22/23	TBD	Watkins Glen Annual Track Tour	Jeff Clark
Aug. 5	Sun.	GVACSS Show at Roberts Wesleyan College	Club Event
Aug. 12	Sun.	Seneca Lake Boat Ride	Dave Shoemaker
Aug. 26	Sun.	Toy Town Car Show, E. Aurora, NY	Chuck Flacklam
Sept. 9	Sun.	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.	ACORN Christmas Dinner (Location TBD)	Edie Ellis

**National Collector Car  
Appreciation Day is July 13th**

For the third year in a row, SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, has secured federal acknowledgment of an annual "National Collector Car Appreciation Day." Introduced by Montana's Senator Jon Tester, Senate Resolution 452 was passed on May 9 and states that "the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States."

**Recall schedule of events in Syracuse**  
 Central New York Corvair Club

**Friday**  
 6-PM Cruise at Fast-Trac parking lot. Food available. Valve cover races

**Saturday**  
 8AM pictures taken at Fast-Trac parking lot  
 9AM Registration open  
 9AM - 12PM Concourse and Car display  
 9AM-12PM Model contest  
 1PM Funkhana/ Autocross meeting and event  
 6PM Cocktails and Music by Cobblestone Crossings  
 7PM Awards Banquet

**Sunday**  
 8AM Farewell Breakfast at Hotel

### ACORN Tech Session May 12, 2012 MCC Auto Shop

Pat and Steve Dietrick, Dave Ellis, Clare Willett, Dave Shaffer, Kristy Graves, and I met for breakfast at Jay's Diner before moving on to our May 12th Tech session at the MCC Auto Shop. Four Corvairs showed up for minor maintenance and upgrades for summer 2012 driving reliability.

The use of lifts enabled us to get under for inspection and work. A big benefit to get a look at and work on "the greasy side".

Pat and Steve brought their '63 Monza Convertible for a grease job and front wheel bearing pack.

Clare Willett brought his '64 Monza Convertible and replaced or tightened the back-up switch.

I was able to do an electronic ignition conversion, check the front wheel cylinders for fluid leakage, and tighten a leaky valve cover discovered by Dave Ellis. Dave also checked and adjusted the ignition timing.

Dave Ellis provided his expert guidance and also gave us an update on his front end **rebuild**. Thanks Dave.

A big "THANK YOU" to Kristy and her staff for the access to the excellent facility.

Bill Boudway



Dave Shaffer, Dave Ellis, and Steve Dietrick declare victory



Dave Ellis and Steve Dietrick putting it back together.



Clare Willett and Dave Ellis.



No more points here. '64 Monza Coupe



Steve Dietrick and Dave Ellis checking the wheel bearing



Dave Ellis and Steve Dietrick putting it back together. Kristy Graves getting photo evidence

## A Corvair Saga to Learn From...

By Dave Ellis

Yes, Virginia,,,you can get at those bolt heads with the Front Suspension fully assembled!!!

After completely rebuilding the front suspension on the wife's 64 Vert, and putting brand spanking new tires on...I decided it was certainly worthwhile to get a professional alignment done,,,,,as I am sure it was required... I discovered that both the shop and I were not aware that you need to use a bit of imagination to access the heads of the bolts that hold the upper a-arm to the crossmember. Those bolt heads must be held in place, i.e., not allowed to turn; to enable one to loosen the nut on the other end of on those bolts to put in the necessary shims, to get the caster and camber alignment in spec...

This alignment shop's issue was that every GM vehicle they have ever worked on had a knurl on the shank of those bolts, under the head, to secure them in the crossmember from turning.....

Sooo.....I ended up authorizing them to disassemble sufficiently for them to get access to tack-weld the heads of the bolts to the crossmember, reassemble, and move forward with the alignment process...



I got a reply from CLARK's to my asbestos envelope email stating that they have never ever had anyone complain about this issue...that it is "common knowledge" in Corvair shops that you need to have a tool to hold the heads of those bolts and those bolts on Corvair's never had a knurl on them.....

Of course that reply came AFTER I had already had the shop to their thing.....Turns out a 9/16 in box wrench, heated and a 90 degree bend added really close to the box end,,,,,does the trick just fine.....

WOW..... well it ended up costing me only an extra hour of labor per side,,,they were kind to me as their charge out rate was only \$50 per hour.....so an extra \$100 and a bit of stress...

SO.....the whole point in penning this tech topic is to alert all of you folks that, YES...it is possible to access the heads of those bolts with the suspension fully assembled...and make sure the shop that does your alignment knows that going in....

Submitted by more educated, or at least less ignorant Corvair Hobbyist,,,,Dave Ellis

### **The 2012 International Convention**

Corvair Society of America (CORSA) the first one to be held in New England. And Sturbridge is New England at its best!

#### **When:**

The Convention begins with a competitive Autocross on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. Then, the very next day, Thursday, July 26, the Convention gets into full swing at our host hotel and continues through Saturday, July 28, 2012.

#### **Where:**

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center. 366 Main Street (Route 20), Sturbridge, MA 01566.

July 24<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/convention>

## The Great Race Comes to Fairport June 28th.

What a party this will be! As of mid May, 91 cars have registered to participate in the Great Race. Plans have come together for the lunch stop in Fairport.

The committee organizing this event is in need of two kinds of help to make this a really memorable experience for both the racers and the crowd. Main St. in the village will be closed. To make this happen we need volunteer traffic controllers at the North and South ends plus two people at Liftbridge Lane. Shifts will be 90 minutes long and some volunteers have decided they can do a couple shifts with breaks in-between. We are in particular need of people who know their way around Fairport to be able to answer questions about how to get to different places. We also need volunteers to assist with set up or take down, flag distribution, goodie bag distribution and program sales. People interested in volunteering may contact Nancy Hessler at [nhessler@rochester.rr.com](mailto:nhessler@rochester.rr.com) or at 223-2229.

Volunteering is the first way to get involved. The second and also critical way to be involved is to be a Host-a-Racer. Hosts will escort the driver and navigator to the lunch spot on the Colonial Bell, have lunch with them and direct them to restrooms and show them any other things about the village (like the lift bridge- one of a kind). To be a Host-a-Racer one must apply with a \$50 check, information about their shirt size and willingness to extend a great attitude toward the racers and about Fairport. Lunch will be provided as well as a special shirt. Forms for Host-a-Racer can be obtained from RVE bike shop or electronically by contacting Nancy Hessler.

The North end of Main Street will be reserved for folks who want to bring their cars for the show. There will be trophies for various categories of cars. The race cars will be parked on the South end of Main Street. We think it may become the largest car show ever in Fairport!

The party begins at noon with the award winning Fairport Fireman's Band kicking it off at the Gate in the middle of Main St. It won't be hard to find with a huge American flag flying from two ladder trucks over the street. The National organizer and MC for the event will also arrive at noon. The first race cars will be in at 12:30pm. For more details check out this Facebook link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Great-Race-The-Sharp-Team/126937407434310>

Whether you are bringing your car for the car show, volunteering to help out, being a Host-a-Racer or just want to have a once in a lifetime experience, come join the party on June 28th in the village of Fairport.

Don't forget, the Town of Penfield cordially extends this invitation to Assoc. of Corvair Nuts (ACORNS) to participate in their **Annual Independence Day Parade**. The parade is scheduled on Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

This year we will be judging floats - prizes available for Best Patriotic Float. Please contact Edie Ellis for additional information by June 1st.

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