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PREZ SEZ

Greetings ACORN members!

First off, I would like to thank the membership for electing me president for 2013 in a “landslide” election.

It has been a great Corvair season. The weather in 2012 was great if you are a Corvair owner or the owner of any other classic car. Shows and cruise nights were always well attended, Personally, I drove my Corvair more than my “normal” car. As usual, my Vair drew lots of attention at the cruise nights, often more than the fancier more expensive classic parked next to me. I enjoy talking to the many people of all ages who come up to me and ask about my car. I enjoy hearing stories from the older folk about the Corvair they owned back in College or High School. About how their first date was in a Corvair, About the cross country trip they made in their Corvair. Many people walk up and just stare at it, perhaps imagining events of their youth. I enjoy the smiles it evokes in people of my generation and older. I also speak with many young people who are becoming interested in old cars. Their interest is further piqued when I explain that a beautiful Corvair can be had for a fraction of the price of other classic cars. Ours is a car that appeals to people of all ages. At one cruise night, A boy no more than 12 years old came up to me with his Mom close behind him. He began talking about Corvairs, spouting facts and figures, including the correct years of production.

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ACORN OFFICERS

President – Paul Able
 Vice President – Jeff Clark
 Secretary – Jim Bartasevich
 Treasurer – Dave Shoemaker

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Newsletter Editor – Steve Dietrick
 Web Master – Marissa Andolino
 Membership – Dave shoemaker
 Historian – Dave Ellis
 Tech Session Coordinator - Open

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Did You Know:

Chevrolet’s secret of the Corvair was leaked out early, on April 11,1958, when United Auto Workers official Dave Mann Told the press that General Motors would build a small car at the Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

November Meeting Minutes

Twenty-three members of the ACORNs met at The Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua for our annual holiday dinner. This was a great turn-out for the dinner! The meals were liked by all. Many Thanks go out to Edie Ellis for putting this even together! The high number attending was probably the result of the suspense of who [if anyone] would be the president. Well, Bill "The Convincer" Boudway and Dave "The Enforcer" Shoemaker, our nominating committee, exercised enough influence over Paul Able to convince him to "run" for president. The vote was quickly taken before he could change his mind, and we now have an executive committee for 2013:

- President: Paul Able
- Vice-president: Jeff Clark
- Treasurer: Dave Shoemaker
- Secretary: Jim Bartasevich

Outgoing president Edie Ellis, opened the short business meeting to make the transition official. The invocation was given by Bill Boudway.

New Business

- A motion to approve and a vote on the minutes of the last meeting were held and passed.
- The first meeting of the year, our planning meeting, will be January 20 and hosted by Dave and Sande Shoemaker. Details will follow.
- Dave Shoemaker reported that the treasury holds \$510.85. motion was made and approved by vote for the report.
- Thanks were given to outgoing newsletter editor. Jim Cleveland, for all the work he's done to give us an interesting and informative newsletter.
- A welcome was given to incoming newsletter editor, Steve Dietrick. If you have anything to put in the newsletter, want to write a letter to the editor, or write of an experience with your Corvair, just send it to Steve.
- We still need a Historian (taking over for Dave Ellis), Tech Session Coordinator, and Webmaster (taking over for Marissa Andolino). Please volunteer a little of your time for any of these positions.
- Dave Shoemaker announced that 2013 will be his final year as Treasurer. Please think about running for this position next fall if you like the feel of money (I guess it's more like the feel of checks instead of cash). Dave will sending out the 2013 memberships in December, so be sure to send yours back quickly so you do not forget about it because of the Holiday rush (or to much 'eggnog').

Cars and Parts

- Dave Ellis reported that he'll announce when the barn full of parts in Spencerport [formerly belonging to Vito Amorese, I believe] will be open for inspection and purchase.
- Ron Butera reportedly has acquired a "rebodied" Yenke Stinger. I don't know the details. If it doesn't mean anything to you, keep on reading.

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Dinner Attendees

- Chuck & Flo Littman [neither their Porsche or Ferrari attended the meeting; neither did a Corvair, for that matter]
- Lew & Judy Gurley
- Steve & Pat Dietrick
- Paul Able
- Fred & Sue Marsh
- Jim & Jan Cleveland
- Sam & Marissa Andolino
- Dave Doran & Jeff Clark
- Dave & Sande Shoemaker
- Dave & Edie Ellis
- Bill & Grace Boudway
- Jim & Marlene Bartasevich

Happy holidays, everyone!

Jim Bartasevich

Secretary



ACORNS New President Paul Able and outgoing President Edie Ellis

ACORN 2013 Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Jan. 20	Sun.	2013 Planning Meeting	Dave & Sande Shoemaker	RSVP

JANUARY						
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Next event: 2013 Planning Meeting
 January 20, 2013, 2:00 PM
 Dave and Sande Shoemakers home in Canandaigua, NY
 Dave and Sande are planning a 'Picnic in January' with burgers
 And Hot's on the menu. Please RSPV (585) 393-1912



2013 Corvair only Calendar Offers

<http://www.allesee.com/calenders> This calendar features the top 25 people's choice winners from the Detroit Area Corvair Club annual Homecoming held every August. \$10.00 each including postage.

Vintage Corsa of Orange County California is pleased to make Available a Corvair only 2013 calendar. Supplies are limited and available for \$15.00 postage paid. If you any questions please direct them to vintagecorsa@hotmail.com

The Corvair Skinny...

- Built by Chevy 1960-1969 -
- 1960 Motor Trend "Car of the Year" -
- Almost 2M Vehicles Made -
- Models included sedans, coupes, convertibles, wagons, pickups, and vans
- Advanced engineering offered affordable performance and sports car-like handling
 - Early safety concerns all proven unfounded
- Considered one of the world's most attractive and affordable collector's cars

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I was dumbfounded. I told him that he must be surfing the internet, he said "no. I read a lot of books." I looked at his Mother and she just shrugged her shoulders and smiled, I got a real kick out of that exchange. It occurred to me as I look around the shows and cruise in's that most of the cars I see are cars that people dreamed of owning, or currently can only dream of owning. The Corvair is a car that many people actually owned and drove through some of the best years of their lives. That is why I get so many great stories and emotional responses to my car. This is what makes owning and driving a Corvair unique and so much fun.

As winter approaches and we put our Corvairs away for the winter, now is the time to think not only about what repairs, maintenance and projects we need to perform on our cars, but also about the future of our hobby in general and our club in particular. For me, I will be planning the resurrection of my newly acquired '61 Lakewood wagon as well as some needed repairs to my '66 Monza. However I will be reading my CORSA Communique as well as lurking on and participating in a couple of the online forums, primarily Corvair Center. I will be looking forward to next Spring when I can get my cars out again and begin another Corvair season. I will also look forward to participating in ACORN activities as President.

In closing, my request to the membership for the coming year is this: Consider the importance of our club and plan to participate in as many meetings and activities as you can. Even though many of us are technically challenged with computers, make it a point to visit the on line forums such as corvairstcenter.com and corvairstforum.com These forums are where the experts hang out. The wealth of knowledge and camaraderie to be found there is enormous. Lastly, DRIVE your Corvairs! Get them out where people can see them up close and personal. Make it a goal this upcoming season to promote our car to young and old alike. Get out to a cruise night or two. I am always surprised to hear people say that they never see any Corvairs around when I know there are at least 35-40 of them in our club alone. Get them out in Public!

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. See you in the Spring!

Paul

FOR SALE and MARKETPLACE

For Sale: 1964 Corvair coupe , project car..\$800, OBO
Recent carb's and mufflers. Contact:

N2VZD@aol.com

Car is located in Canastota, NY



WANTED: NOS or show quality, rocker panel trim to fit 1963 Monza convertible.

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Looking to Sell or Buy a Corvair?

Perhaps you have parts to sell or you are looking for that one part that completes your restoration. Place an ad in our newsletter. This newsletter is seen by many other Corvair clubs around the country. Send your ad to sdietrick@frontier.com



Reminder. 2012 club membership expires on December 31 and despite the Mayan calendar predicting the end of the world, we are still here. It is now safe to send your dues for 2013. Dues for the year is \$15.00, includes spouse (an additional \$3.00 if you are not a CORSA member.) Our membership chairman Dave Shoemaker asks that everyone complete a membership application so as his records can be kept up to date. Thanks

A friendly tip passed on by our club member Bill Boadway

I have a friend who used her solar lights inside at night when her electric power was off during a hurricane. She put them in a jar or bottle and said they gave off plenty of 'free light'. She put one in each room and would put them back outside in the daytime and bring them inside at night as long as the power was off. They are safe to use and cheaper than batteries. Bring in a solar light one night and test it.

Corvair Specific Web Sites:

corvaircenter.com As Paul mentioned in his Prez Sez this is a forum where the 'experts' hang out. A lot of 'how to' here.

corvairforum.com lots of information here including photos, cars for sale.

corvairsforsale.com A short cut to all Corvairs for sale on ebay

corvair.org CORSA Corvair Society of America

I have been unsuccessful in locating our ACORN club site other than through the CORSA web site, we are in need of updating. Any volunteers?