# **ACORN News**



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## Hello fellow Corvair Nuts!

Being March, there have been no Corvair activities to report on. I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm going through some serious Corvair withdrawal. What a difference a year makes. Last year at this time we had some pretty nice weather. I had my Corvair out of storage by the end of March. I don't think I'll be as fortunate this year.

Even though I can't drive my cars, I am planning my Corvair projects for this spring and summer. As some of you know, in October I acquired a 61 Lakewood wagon from Fred Marsh. Fred drove it back in 79-80. I even saw a picture of it in the ACORN photo album from back then. It sat in Fred's garage for the next 2 years. All in all, it is a pretty solid car, but needs lots of cosmetic work. The engine runs good, but needs new rings. I will be doing engine work on it this spring to make it a reliable daily driver. I will also be doing a clutch job on my 66 Monza. That will be the first tech session on April 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be at my house, and I invite everyone to stop by and lend a hand or just observe. We have several open tech sessions so if anyone has a project they need help with, please consider hosting a tech session. Contact myself or Dave Ellis if interested.

I would also like to remind everyone of our tour to the Glenn Curtis Museum on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to see a good turnout for this event so let's all plan on attending.

That's all for now,

Paul.

#### **Did You Know:**

Some 8,000 Corvairs were stockpiled at the GM Milford, MI, Proving Grounds in Preparation for the October 1959 launch; 250 were "swimmers" (caught in a flood) but cleaned up, reupholstered and sold.

#### **ACORN OFFICERS**

President – Abel
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 Cordinator – Open

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## **ACORN 2013 CALENDAR**

DATE	DAY	EVENT	HOST	STATUS
Jan. 20	Sun.	2013 Planning Meeting	Dave & Sande Shoemaker	Complete
Feb.10	Sun.	Valentine Diner	Betsy Fling	Complete
Mar.10	Sun.	Glenn Curtiss Museum Tour Hammondsport, NY	Steve Dietrick	RSVP
Apr. 13	Sat.	Tech Session @ Paul Abel's Garage	Paul Abel & Dave Ellis	
May 11	Sat.	Tech Session @ MCC	Bill Boadway	
May 31 June 1	Fri. Sat.	Syracuse Recall Event Central New York Corvair Club		
June 8	Sat.	Tech Session @ George Conboy's	Dave Ellis	
June 16	Sun.	Sonnenberg Gardens Father's Day Car Show – Canandaigua, NY		
June 30	Sun.	Shriners Car Show – Webster, NY	Sam Andlino	
July 4	Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Canandaigua, NY	Dave Shoemaker	RSVP
July 14	Sun.	Skaneateles Dinner/Boat Cruise	Jeff Clark	
July 20	Sat.	Tech Session – Any Need Work?		
Aug. 11	Sun.	Annual Club Picnic And White Elephant Sale	Pat Dietrick	RSVP
Aug. 15	Thurs	Silver Lake Car Show – 600+ Cars		
Aug. 24	Sat.	Tech Session – Any Need Work?		
Sept 7	Sat.	Tech Session – Any Need Work?		
Sept. 21	Sat.	Batavia Race Track Get Together	Jeff Clark	
Oct.13	Sun.	Southern Tier Fall Tour Could Someone From the Southern Tier, Host this Tour?		
Nov. 17	Sun.	Year End Christmas Dinner	Edie Ellis	

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## Next Event: Glenn Curtiss Museum Tour IN Hammondsport, NY

Sunday, March 10, 2013

We will meet at Eastview Mall at the usual spot outside of Macy's at 10:00am

Pat and I have made a scouting trip to Hammondsport the drive is approx. 1 hour and 15 min. We have made lunch reservations at the Village Tavern Restaurant & Inn for 11:30am

For those of you who may be coming from the Southern Tier, the Village Tavern is on the main square in bustling down town Hammondsport. For all, Please RSVP TO Steve Dietrick (585) 742-8579

sdietrick@frontier.com

## Minutes of the February 10, 2013, Meeting of the ACORNs

#### Attendees

- Dave & Sande Shoemaker
- Jim & Jan Cleveland
- Dave & Edie Ellis
- Lew & Judy Gurley
- Jerry & Betsy Fling
- Jeff Clark & Dave Doran
- Tom & Sylvia Nasman
- Jim & Marlene Bartasevich

#### **Old Business**

- **Discussion of MCC Scholarship & tech session:** It's still on. Christy [forgot her last name] from the MCC auto tech department is checking into the date we requested for the ACORN's use of their facility for the tentative date of May 11. She'll also be checking into the arrangements for choosing the scholarship recipients.
- Treasurer's Report: Dave Shoemaker reported \$734.58 in the bank. The second [and last] notice for 2013 dues were sent out. At this time, we have 28 members. An updated roster will be sent to the members in March. Steve Smith, a new member from Ontario, joined. Welcome Steve!
- CORSA Charge for Non-CORSA Chapter Members: We've been collecting the \$3 extra fee per CORSA's
  requirement, but don't know where it should be sent. A note will be sent to CORSA requesting
  clarification.

#### **New Business**

- March 10 Meeting: This is planned for the Glenn Curtis museum in Hammondsport:
   http://www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org/
   Lunch arrangements will probably be made to have it catered at the museum instead of us spending time waiting for it at a local restaurant. Steve and Pat Dietrick will provide details in the March issue of the ACORNews.
- July 13 [Saturday] Mail Boat Cruise: This was finalized for a cruise around Skaneateles Lake while they deliver the mail to the lake residents and includes a lunch: <a href="http://www.midlakesnav.com/">http://www.midlakesnav.com/</a> [check out the "Daily Cruises" in the lower RH corner of the first page]. This will be one of the last deliveries because of the decision by the U. S. Postal Service to end Saturday delivery in August. The cost for the three-hour cruise and lunch will be about \$43. The lunch will be at one of Skaneateles' best restaurants, the Sherwood Inn. Jeff Clark will provide details in the next newsletter. Deadline for reservations will be April 1.
- Rochester Street Rods Auto Swap Meet: May 11 from 7 to 12 Noon. Dave Ellis passed out flyers.
- Membership Application on ACORN Website: To whomever has an electronic copy of our current membership application: Please send it to Marissa Andolino, Webmaster, so she can replace the old one which still has George Renz as the treasurer.
- ACORNews Production Software: Editor Steve Dietrick has been close to pulling his hair out while putting the newsletter together. MS Word is a pain in the you-know-what to use for a newsletter. Edie Ellis suggested that Steve check around for some simple to use [and somewhat inexpensive] software for doing a newsletter and let us know what he finds to make doing the ACORNews less, uh, aggravating.
- **50/50 Drawing at Meetings:** Dave Shoemaker [Who else but our treasurer would suggest a chapter treasury booster?] suggested doing a 50/50 cash drawing at the meetings. It was seconded by Dave Ellis.

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• Canandaigua July 4th Parade: Dave Shoemaker is working on this as the details are available. He talked to CNYCC, and they might be interested in attending as well.

- "Go West, young man!" Well, not exactly "young" and only 1/2 is a man, but the Flings, Jerry and Betsy, are about to leave New York for Colorado to be closer to their children. This will likely take place in late spring, around May. They've been regular participants in the ACORN activities over the years, and we'll miss them. They will be selling their '66 Monza convertible, so if you're interested, check with Jerry.
- ACORN Valentine Dinner: Everyone had a enjoyable time [see the photos]. Thanks to the Flings for making the arrangements with the restaurant. Be sure to check Tom Nasman's tie and see if you can tell who *isn't* with their spouse. Also, there is a person attending who apparently thought this was a British car meeting. Hint: Look for a particular glass.
- Membership rooster: Dave Shoemaker will send out updated roosters to all paid members March 1

Respectfully submitted by Jim Bartasevich, Secretary









It looks like everyone had a good time! Pat and Steve are sorry that we missed the event. We went to see 'The Adam's Family' at the Auditorium Theater.

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## <u>Central New York Corvair Club – Recall Event</u>

To be held May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 (ACORNS believes this is only a 2 day event May 31 & June 1 – could someone from CNYCC please clarify)

## **Registration Form**

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Mail c/o Pam O'Kussick, 120 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York 13021

If you are a registered participant of RECALL and have parts to sell, we are offering FREE vendor spaces Saturday. You will need to bring your own tables, tents, tarps, etc. Only Corvair items please.

**Editor's Note:** This month's ACORNews letter came together much quicker than my first two. I thank those who offered encouragement.

### FOR SALE and MARKETPLACE

## For Sale

Marina Blue 1966 Turbo Corvair Coupe - \$19,000
Full Concours restoration. CORSA Concours
d'Elegance Winner. This head turning car is turn key
and just needs to be loved and driven.
Sam & Marissa Andolino
mandolin@rochester.rr.com

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

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#### <u>Looking to Sell or Buy a Corvair?</u>

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

This ad was passed on to the editor by a fellow club member: 1961 Greenbrier **FOR SALE**I have been trying the last few months, to put a van back on the road. It is a '61 eight door delux, with 3 spd./3:27 diffy. 5OK showing on the odo. Originally sold in the Midwest, now in Ohio. A late model motor was transplanted, that I was told was a good motor. Unfortunately, now that it is mechanically assembled, I have discovered that #3 & 5 cylinders have zero compression.

There is no more money or space to invest and I am forced to abandon the project. If anyone has interest in parts or whole, please contact me directly for pics or more info on the van and new parts installed but never used, as I tried to get it road worthy in good faith, - lesson learned. Other, non-FC items were collected along the way. Will be reasonable in an effort to recoup some of my investment. Feel free to contact me: phuel63@yahoo.com Paul

Car broke down? Need to get a car to the shop/ home? Call Dave Shoemaker (585) 393-1912. Dave has a trailer with winch.

## Video's of all car buffs:

1936 Chevrolet Assembly Line – This is awesome footage. A 1936 Chevrolet assembly factory. Note the automation that was already in place, the workers lack of any and all modern safety equipment, glasses and helmets, and they ALL know exactly what to do and its getting done. Note also that when the body comes together with the chassis that it is in full trim, interior, windshield, all glass, etc. is already in place as it is dropped onto the awaiting chassis, "AMAZING". Simplicity at its best. Note that while the metal finishers are checking the sheet metal for minute and tiny flaws and defects that they are wearing heavy leather gloves. How would YOU like that repetitious job of placing 3 rivits in 3 hole on the chassis for about 35 to 40 years.

www.dump.com/assemblyline/

How about a handbuilt dwarf 1949 Mercury. This is a must see!!

www.varietyvideosllc.com/about2.html