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PREZ SEZ Hello Fellow Corvair lovers,

As I sit here thinking about what to say this month, one thought is at the front of my mind. UNCLE! OK winter, You win, I've had enough! Carefree cruising in my Vair with the windows down and warm breezes blowing is but wishful thinking at this point. Old Man Winter isn't letting up his icy grip anytime soon. Be that as it may, we can still be thinking about the upcoming driving season. For me, this means planning the repairs and projects I will undertake this spring.

My big dilemma this year is what to do with my 61 wagon. In the last 4 years, I have driven my 66 Monza almost 30,000 miles. It is still in great shape and runs well, but its in need of some minor repairs and maintenance. My plan is to give it a little rest this year. Not to say I won't drive it, but just drive it less. I would like to have another Corvair for everyday use, to and from work, one that I don't care what happens to. The wagon was to be just for this purpose. I plan on either rebuilding the 80hp engine or putting another used engine in it. My problem going forward is going to be time. Changes in my business mean that I will be working more hours, restricting the time and energy needed to do all that I would like to do on my cars. So, I am also looking for a good "driver" Corvair. One that doesn't need AS much work. So, if anyone knows of one, let me know. Also, if anyone wants a wagon to restore, let me know.

We may not be able to drive or work on our Corvairs, but we can be planning for the upcoming season. Now is the time to plan repairs and projects. We can be reading tech articles in The Corsa Communique as well as on one of several online forums. Now is also a good time to catch up on other car related reading that gets put aside during the warmer months. I encourage all of us to make a list of all the little (or not so little) repairs and projects we would like to get done this year in order of importance. Remember, we have scheduled tech session dates for each month for the upcoming season. Please consider hosting or attending a tech session. This is a great way to accomplish those needed repairs with a little help from other club members. The first session is scheduled for May 3rd at MCC's tech center. Also, May 25th at my place. So please be thinking about what you want to do to your Vair this year. In February we had our annual Valentines dinner at Keenans restaurant in Irondequoit. It was well attended. The food was very good and the service by the staff was excellent. Thanks to all who attended!

That's all to report for now. Stay warm and think warm thoughts. Spring will eventually get here and before you know it we'll be complaining about the heat!

Paul

ACORN 2014 CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT	HOST	STATUS
Jan. 12	Sun.	2014 Planning Meeting	Jeff Clark	Complete
Feb.16	Sun.	Valentine Diner	Sande & Dave Shoemaker	Complete
Mar.16	Sun.	NY Museum of Transportation Rochester	Lew Gurley	RSVP
April 12	Sat.	Strong Museum of Play	Dave Ellis	RSVP
May 03	Sat.	Tech Session @ MCC	Bill Boadway	Tentative
May 17	Sat.	Riter Restoration Shop Tour	Jim Cleveland	RSVP
May 25	Sat.	Tech Session	Paul Abel	TBD
June 6 7 & 8	Fri.- Sun.	Syracuse Recall Event Central New York Corvair Club		
June 15	Sun.	Sonnenberg Gardens Father's Day Car Show – Canandaigua, NY	Edie Ellis	RSVP
June 21	Sat.	Tech Session	Dave Ellis	RSVP
July 4	Fri.	4 th of July Parade – Canandaigua		
July 13	Sun.	Archectural Tour - Buffalo	Jeff Clark	RSVP
July 26	Sun.	Tech Session – need work?		
Aug 17	Sun.	Annual Club Picnic And White Elephant Sale	Pat Dietrick	RSVP
Aug.23	Sat.	Tech Session – need work?		
Sept.06	Sun.	Tech Session – need work?		
Sept.14	Sun.	Corvairs on the Hill	Fred Marsh	RSVP
Oct.12	Sun.	Fall Color Tour	TBD	
Nov.16	Sun.	Holiday/Year End Dinner	Sande & Dave Shoemaker	RSVP

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[Other Events, Cruise Nites, etc.](#)

July 13 MG Car Club of Western NY sports car Festival, Elks Club, Webster
 July 18 – 20 Syracuse Nationals.....State Fairgrounds
 August 10 Shriners Car Show.....Webster, Sam Andolino will provide more information as time grows closer.
 August 21 Silver Lake Super Cruise...Silver Lake Drive-in, Perry
 Tuesday Evenings: Burgundy Basin Inn, Burgundy Basin
 Wednesday Evenings: Log Cabin Restaurant, Macedon
 Thursday Evenings: Wegmans, Canandaigua

Changes and/or corrections to club events calendar

- Annual club picnic and White Elephant Sale will be August 17, 2014
- Central NY Corvair clubs Annual Recall event will be June 6,7 and 8, 2014

NEXT EVENT: NEW YORK MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION

Sunday March 16, 2:00pm

This year's Museum tour will be hosted by Lew Gurley. The NY Museum of Transportation is located at 6393 East River Rd. in Rush, NY. Visit their website for more information <http://nymtmuseum.org>

We will be meeting there at 2:00 for a tour of the museum that should take about 2 hours.

Earlier on Sunday March 16, opening at 10:00am is the Village Gate Toy Show.

Lots of die-cast vehicles at this show. I'll be there at 10 then it's off to the museum.

Village Gate is located at 274 N. Goodman St. Rochester. Admission is free

Club member Mark Chaplin has authored another book

Transcontinent 1910

THE AUTOMOTIVE ADVENTURES OF TWO YOUNG MEN
MARK CHAPLIN, AUTHOR



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ISBN: 978-0-979584114
117+ b/w photos & maps
116 p.; hardcover
8.5x11", \$25

This book is the story of two MIT students who late in their studies embarked on a transcontinental automobile trip from Boston to Portland, Oregon. The story told entirely in one man's letters, photos and journals is a testament to youthful adventure, self-determination, and old-fashioned American ingenuity. The men traveling in their 1909

Oldsmobile endured harsh conditions and traveled to places where most residents had yet to see a machine.

The telling of this story by Joe Fuller, one of the MIT students, enlightens the reader to the great revolution of innovation occurring in America at the dawn of the 20th century. Their 1909 Oldsmobile was put through abuse probably far exceeding its engineered tolerances. The men's ability to repair the machine on their own without nearby repair facilities is quite remarkable.

The tenacity required to get their overloaded car across the country through extreme conditions is mind boggling. After then shipping the car to Omaha, they drove it back to Boston!

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Tech Session Cordinator – Open

Lew Gurley came upon a video that should be of interest of our club members. The video is titled
Chevrolet Corvair Yenko Stinger visits Jay Leno's Garage

http://www.motorauthority.com/news/1090578_chevrolet-corvair-yenko-stinger-visits-jay-lenos-garage-video

Valentine's Dinner report and meeting Minutes

Valentine's Dinner meeting held at Keenan's Restaurant in the Georgetown Plaza, Irondequoit on February 16th at 1:30 p.m. Following members were present: Paul Able, Sam and Marissa Andolino, Jim Bartasevich, Pat and Steve Dietrick, Dave and Edie Ellis, Lew and Judy Gurley, Tom and Sylvia Nasman and Dave and Sande Shoemaker. We all had a nice dinner and pleasant conversations with other friends attending.

Meeting called to order at 3:41 pm by President Paul Abel. There was no Treasurer's report. Minutes of last meeting approved as appeared in the Newsletter. A motion was made and passed to run a free ad for Clark Corvair on our website. Discussion about our next planned event at the NY Museum of Transportation at 6393 E. River Road in Henrietta on March 16th. Details to follow. Lew and Judy Gurley are in charge of this event.

Next, we discussed the trip to the Strong Museum of Play on April 12th. If we have 20 or more we can save \$2 per person. Details to follow by the Ellis's. The Sonnenberg Gardens Father's day car show needs a chairman. Dave Ellis is going to contact Bill Boudway to see if he will take charge of this event for us. meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm/

Valentine's Dinner Event Chrmn. Dave and Sande Shoemaker



Gas Attack

By Eric Schakel, Rocky Mountain Corsa

As Corvair owners, many of us remember driving up to gas pumps and telling the uniformed person who appeared to service our cars, "Fill it up with ethyl." You might have called it "high-test" instead, or perhaps "premium ", but you didn't worry about the stability of your gasoline, the particular seasonal blend, or the ethanol content. Never mind the fact that you didn't even have to pump the gas yourself...

The clock has shifted forward a few decades, and we personally fuel our cars with volatile, lead-free gasoline that is typically 10% ethanol, and (if the ethanol companies and EPA are successful) may soon be 15% ethanol. The auto manufacturers have long since moved away from reinforced rubber fuel and emission hoses, now preferring blended nylon/PTFE hose for the very high pressures modern fuel injection systems employ. Metal fittings, when used, are typically specified in stainless steel by GM.

Corvairs are much simpler, which is probably why we don't flambé a couple each month: With fuel going to either one sidedraft Carter, two Rochester H, or four Rochesters at 4-5 pounds per square inch, the mechanical load on the fuel lines is quite low. And thankfully, General Motors equipped our Corvairs with metal fuel lines, exposing only small connections of rubber hose to modern gasoline blends.

But those connections are going to be trouble at some point. It's also possible a previous owner replaced lengths of metal line with rubber hose on your pride and joy - flex hose eases installation of electric fuel pumps, and makes it a snap to replace corroded or crushed OEM metal lines. Even the highest quality flexible hoses of the last century will have a limited life with today's fuels.

Fuel Injection Hose to the Rescue!

Fortunately, the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) has developed new low

pressure fuel hose standards. To ensure your Corvair's flexible fuel lines will survive, request hose marked SAE J30R7, or SAE J30R9. The J30R7 hose is rated to 50 PSI, not approved for fuel injection. J30R9 is a fuel injection hose, rated to 100 PSI, and may be more likely to be in stock at a local parts store. Either will be compatible with ethanol-blended gasoline, and may be referred to as "fuel injection hose" or "barrier hose" by the counter person.

It's a System, Not Just Lines

When replacing your flexible fuel hoses, take extra care to ensure a leak-free system. The special polymer inner lining of the new SAE-rated hoses is very thin, so take extra care not to damage the interior during installation. Also, outer layers may be traditional rubber blends, perhaps coated with Hypalon for additional protection. So, while the inside of your new SAE-rated hose resists ethanol-blend fuels, the exterior does not!

Why does the exterior matter, you may ask? Your author experienced a J30R9 hose failure in less than three months: The exterior rubber cracked and disintegrated from the outside due to gasoline saturation from a leaking fuel filter. The seal between the two metal halves of the Fram filter had dissolved, possibly from ethanol exposure, allowing fuel to seep from the filter body.

If you are one of the hardy souls still using a Corvair mechanical fuel pump, you either have a pump that has been rebuilt with ethanol-tolerant diaphragms, or you will be purchasing one soon if you drive the car regularly. Ethanol affects every component of the fuel system, so don't take anything for granted.

To enjoy your Corvair safely, keep an eye (and nose!) on the fuel system. It takes a little more awareness and care to get the right stuff for ethanol-laced modern gas, but it's out there and ready to keep your Corvair alive for another half-cen

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