



ACORN News

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May 2017 Newsletter

Prez Says...

Greetings ACORNs,

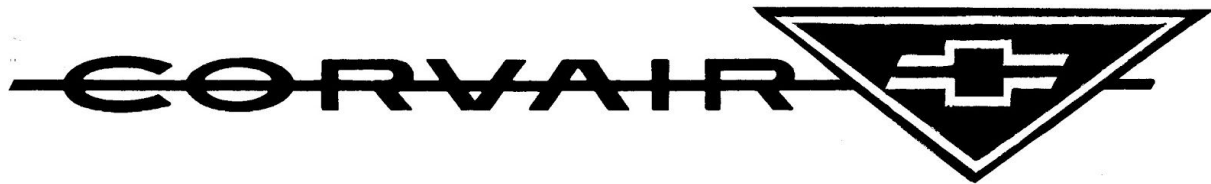
I think I can safely say that I hope by now we all have our cars out of winter hibernation. I've been driving both of mine for most of April. I am reminded how important it is to have a working heater as it is still rather chilly. Unfortunately, both of mine have non-working heat at the present time. Those are on my "to do" list for this season.

There were two events scheduled in April. First, on the 21st was the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society's April meeting. We were invited to attend and view their presentation on the history of John Willys and the Willys auto company. Very interesting and well done presentation by the president (I think) of the Ontario County Historical Society. Thanks to Bill Boudway for setting this up for us. In addition to Bill, Dick Powers and his wife, as well as myself represented ACORNs.

The second event was a tech session held at George Conboy's garage in Rush. The main entertainment was witnessing Dave Ellis changing the blower bearing and top crankcase cover on his 64 Monza convertible. Dave had a minor setback in the process and unfortunately I had to leave before he buttoned it all up. I trust he completed the task successfully. George was hard at work installing new wooden slats in the bed of his 29 Ford Model A pickup truck. It is a very handsome truck that I'm sure will make the perfect manure hauler :) In attendance were George Conboy, Dave Ellis, Brandon Carmo, Tom Nasman and yours truly. Please consult the club calendar for info on May's tech session.

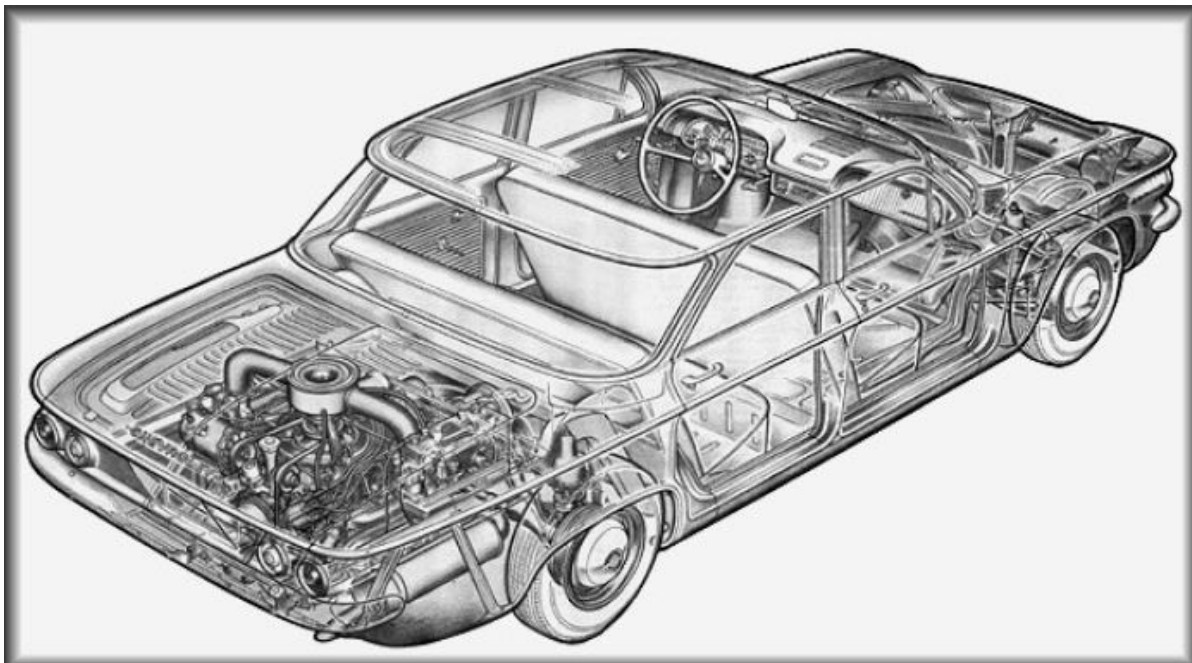
So as usual, get out and drive your Corvaairs. I know for a fact that Dave Schaffer is. My brother ran into him at the Brockport Tim Hortons driving his sleek black 62 coupe. Way to go Dave!

All for now,
Paul.



May 2017 Events

- 5/6/17 @ 1pm - John Fitch Presentation @ Int'l Motor Racing Research Center, 610 South Decatur St, Watkins Glen, NY
 - Sports car racing legend, engineer and innovator John Cooper Fitch will be the subject of a Center Conversations talk at the International Motor Racing Research Center. Fitch historian and archivist Lawrence W. Berman and Fitch friend Bob Sirna will make the presentation. The presentation is open to the public. A \$5 donation for admission is requested to help defray costs. The talk will be live-streamed on YouTube and via the IMRRC website, www.racingarchives.org
- 5/13/17 @ 10 AM - Tech Session @ Boudways, Canandaigua
 - Address information to follow in email



ACORN April, 2017 Activity Report & Meeting Minutes

APRIL 8TH - PULHAMUS PARTS SUPPLY RE-ORG

Several of us met at Dave Pulhamus' to sort and re-box the spare parts supply available for our members. Those attending:

- v Dave Pulhamus
- v Tom Nasman
- v Jim Cleveland
- v Dave Ellis
- v Jim Bartasevich

Tom Zimmerman, a former ACORNER also attended.

The parts were in corrugated paper boxes, many of which were deteriorating. Also, they were not organized for easy searching. Dave Ellis previously bought some plastic totes which will last a lot longer than paper boxes [and probably, most of us]. The general categories of parts sorted and labeled are:

- v Engine Sheet Metal
- v Wiring Harnesses
- v Heater Ducts & Blowers
- v Pushrods, Pushrod Tubes, & Valves
- v Fuel Tank Filler Necks
- v Headlight Units & Bezels
- v NOS Early Front Repair Panel [below the front bumper]
- v Flywheel[s?]

If you need any parts, please contact Dave Ellis to arrange to buy them. They will be *very* reasonably priced. Several photos are attached.

I believe a similar event to sort parts at the ACORN Parts Depot 2 [George Conboy's Rush Rod & Piston Club] will be scheduled for the future.

Jim Bartasevich
ACORN Secretary

Pulhamus' Part Supply Re-Org



April 22nd, ACORN TECH SESSION at George Conboy's RR&P Facility in Rush, NY....

Dave Ellis and Tom Nasman arrived first to discover George C hard at work refurbishing the bed of his latest acquisition, a 1929 Ford Model A Pickup Truck...open cab model...Wow...George traded his late 1960's Ford F-100 for a 1929, he really is bitten by the old car bug....

Dave E started on removing the oil pan on his vert to see if he could locate the chunk of gasket that fell down into the abyss the other day....Tom Nasman was providing the role of supervisor for the activities taking place...

Prez Paul Abel was the next to arrive, he immediately provided assistance to George C on the pickup bed restoration on the 29 Ford....

Shortly after that Brandon Carmo showed up in his newest acquisition. He now owns the ZimmermanMobile....

Club provided coffee and donuts for all...

George made fantastic progress on the truck as the extra hands made the job a breeze...Dave Ellis was muttering under his breath, as he could not find that chunk of gasket anywhere...not in the oil pan, not stuck to the side of the crank....not anywhere....last member to make an appearance was Dick Powers.... It turned out that whilst showing off his newest ride to Dave Ellis, the ZimmermanMobile quit on Brandon C, and did not want to start...up on the lift it went and George C went into diagnosis mode....

Dave E is still muttering to himself about that *&(^\$\$\$ chunk of gasket,,,where could it possibly have gone!!!

George C's diagnostic skills prevailed, he discovered a non-stock UNVENTED gas tank cap in place (emergency Autozone purchase by Brandon). Once removed, the fuel pump was not drawing against a vacuum, the car fired right up....

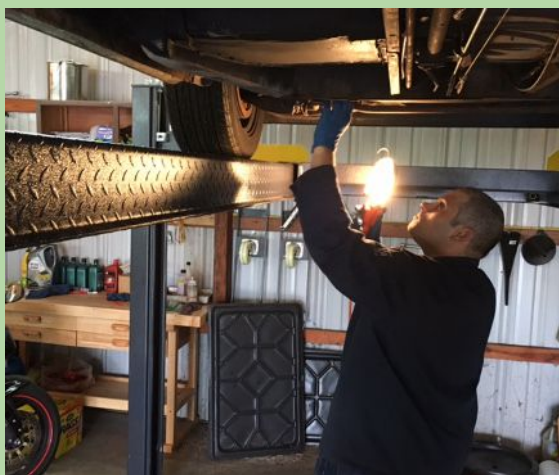
SO the learning of the day....don't use a NONVENTED gas cap on your Vair!!!

Dave E finally gave up on looking for that dastardly chunk of gasket,,,put the oil pan back on the bottom side and prepared the blower housing for installation. OK, now, where the heck are the 20 special fasteners/bolts that hold the blower housing onto the top of the engine block? Unfortunately for Dave E, today was NOT HIS DAY...those 20 bolts could not be located anywhere. Definitely time to toss in the towel and call it quits...

So by around 2 p.m. or so, we all were on our way homeward...another eventful ACORN activity concluded....

Submitted by an appropriately subdued DME...out...

ACORN TECH SESSION @ CONBOY'S



ACORN 2016 Event Calendar

- **January:** Planning meeting
- **February 19:** Valentine's dinner at Keenan's
- **March 18:** Informal brunch, story-swapping, problem-solving, whatever. Peppermint's on West Henrietta Rd. 10 AM
- **April 22:** Tech session at George Conboy's Rush Rod & Piston Club. 10 AM Engine top cover [fan bearing] replacement & what ever else you need to be done] Coffee & donuts will be provided. Dave Ellis
- **May 13:** Tech session at Bill Boudway's to adjust the rebuilt carbs and tune up Grace's Monza. Club will cover coffee and donuts. RSVP to Bill at 394-6172
- **June 9 - 11:** Recall hosted by Central NY Corvair Club. We've caravanned over in the past, so keep that in mind. cnycorvair.com; Dave 315-656-9639, kb2hba@twcnny.rr.com
- **June 10?:** Tech session RR & PC; Paul Able & Dave Ellis; work on Paul's convertible; snacks provided; 9 AM
- **July 4 [Tuesday]:** Canandaigua July 4th Parade. Organized by Bill Boudway. Details TBA in *ACORN*News. Post-parade picnic hosted by Bill & Grace, funded by ACORNs
- **August 13:** Summer picnic & auction so bring "stuff" [car and non-car] you want to donate to the auction to benefit our chapter.; The Lodge at Victor Park; setup at noon. More details to follow. Dave Ellis
- **September 10 [tentative]:** Corvairs on the Hills, hosted by Fred and Sue Marsh.
- **October 15?:** Fall tour organized by Steve Smith
- **November 12:** Holiday dinner. Details to follow.

From the editor...

I'm excited to have the opportunity to work on the ACORNews!

I am looking for tech article suggestions, as well as listings for parts or cars for sale. I am also interested in photos of member cars, ACORN outings, or photos and descriptions of any project car updates you may want to share.

Submissions can be sent to bwcarmo@gmail.com

MAY TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the last report, the treasury has funded Coffee and Donuts for two events at \$25 each.

To provide additional totes for the Pulhamus Stash organizing event, \$100 was spent.

Thus bringing our current treasury balance to \$535.45...

Membership dues for 2017 are fully paid for current members. Some additional inbound cash flow should occur from the White Elephant Sale which will be held at the August Picnic event, and if any new memberships occur...

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CLASSIFIEDS

● 1962 SPYDER COUPE

- Black with red interior, 4-speed, new tires. Car is in very good condition. Motor has no oil leaks, all extra parts and car cover go with car.
- Asking \$8500.
- Special price for first time buyer.
- Dave Shoemaker, Canandaigua, NY 14424
- 585-393-1912, cell 585-773-0168

● WANTED TO BUY

- Early model Bench Seat, any condition
- Lakewood/wagon thermostat shrouds
- Contact Brandon Carmo, bwcarmo@gmail.com