



ACORNNEWS

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Prez Sez

Hi ACORNS

The attendance was low but the club had a wonderful Valentines dinner at Keenan's Restaurant; our sincere thanks to Betsy Fling for planning this event. Calendar events were discussed and fine-tuned during our meeting after dinner. You will find the details for those discussions in the pages of this newsletter.

Dave and I are really looking forward to the museum trip planned for the 10th of March and hope many club members will be joining us. If you are planning to attend, please respond to Steve Dietrick as soon as you receive this as he needs to get a count in.

A reminder to our members that for an event planned with a restaurant or catered meal, the club has to pay for the number reserved. If you cannot be there after signing up, you will need to reimburse the club for the cost of the meal.

A major event this year will be the "Great Race" stopping in Buffalo at the grand opening of the Buffalo Transportation Museum. Please contact Chuck Flacklam if you would like to volunteer to get involved. It may not take place until the end of June but the planning has been ongoing for awhile already.

On a final note; I hope all of you who like to work on your cars will truly get involved in the many tech sessions planned for this year. These tech sessions help everyone keep their cars running well and hopefully safe.

Stay safe and keep those cars greasy side down!

Edie

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ACORN 2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NEXT EVENTS
Northeast Classic Car Museum Tour
March 10, 2012
Hosted by Steve Dietrick

“See the next page” RSVP by the end of February

Date	Day	Event	Coordination
Feb. 12	Sun.	Valentine's Day Dinner 2pm Keenan's Rochester	Jerry & Betsy Fling
March 10	Sat.	Northeast Classic Car Museum, Norwich, NY (RSVP by the end of February)	Steve Dietrick
March 24	Sat.	Tech Session, 140 Engine Build (E. Aurora, NY)	C. Flacklam & Dave Ellis
April 14	Sat.	Tech Session, Rebuild of the Ellis's '64 front end	Dave Ellis
April 28 TBD	Sat.	Tech Session, Conboy's Trans. Swap	George Conboy
May 5	Sat.	Tech Session, 140 Engine Build (E. Aurora, NY)	Chuck Flacklam, D. Ellis
May 12 (TBD)	Sat.	MCC Tech Session	Bill Boudway
May 19	Sat.	Tech Session, Conboy's '68 Parts Salvage	George Conboy
June 2	Sat.	Tech Session, 140 Engine Build (E. Aurora, NY)	C. Flacklam & Dave Ellis
June 3	Sun.	Auto Festival, Farmington, NY - Largest single day car show in the East	Club Event + Meeting
June 8-10	Thurs., Fri., Sat.	Central NY Corvair Club's Recall Show Event (Syracuse, NY) see page #7	CNYCC
June 28	Thurs.	Great American Race come through Fairport	Dave Ellis & Jim Cleveland
June 28	Thurs.	Grand Opening, Buffalo Transportation Museum Addition and Great American Race , dinner with Race Participants, Tours, Corvair Display and more.	Chuck Flacklam
July 8	Sun.	Shiners Car Show, Webster, NY	Sam Andolino
July 14	Sat.	Tech Session TBD	Steve Dietrick
July 22 or 23	Sat. or Sun.	Watkins Glen Annual Tour TBD	Jeff Clark
July 25-28	Wed. - Sat.	CORSA Nation Convention, Sturbridge, Ma.	Northeast Corvair Council
Aug. 5th	Sun.	Genesee Valley Antique Car Society show at Roberts Wesleyan College, N. Chili, NY New Date and New Location	Club Event
Aug. 12th	Sun.	Seneca Lake Boat Ride, good company and food	Dave Shoemaker
Aug. 26	Sun.	Toy Town Car Show, E. Aurora, NY	Chuck Flacklam
Sept. 9	Sun.	Annual 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 Fingerlakes	Jim & Marlene Bartasevich
Nov. 11	Sun.	Annual ACORN Christmas Dinner (location TBD)	Edie Ellis

Please notify Newsletter editor of any changes to these events. jclevela@rochester.rr.com



ACORNS TRIP TO THE
NORTHEAST CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM
NORWICH, NEW YORK

— SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2012 —

As a group we will be departing from the south/east corner of the East View Mall parking lot (near macy's). Departure time will be 9.00 am. please plan on being at the mall at 8:45 am.

The museum is about a 2 1/2 hour drive from the mall putting our arrival at the museum at about 11:30 - 12 noon

Lunch will be served upon our arrival at the Museum, we will be having mixed sandwiches including:

Chicken Bennington (chicken salad with cranberries)
Tuna Salad w/lettuce, tomato on a kaiser roll
Roast Beef w/lettuce, tomato and cheese on assorted breads

Soup of the day will be - Minestrone

Beverages are Coffee, ice tea and water

Deserts are assorted cookies, brownies and muffins

The museum is open until 5:00, we can stay as long as we like. There are approx. 150 classic cars and other unique items to view. The museum's web site is www.classiccarmuseum.org

price of admission is: \$8 (group rate)
cost of lunch is \$11.50

Please RSVP before the end of February to Steven Dietrick
telephone (585) 742-8579 or email: sdietrick@frontier.com

For those in the Southern tier or out towards Oswego, you are welcome to meet us at the museum, please let me know if you will be attending.

**CORSA
CONVENTION
2013**

The 2013 CORSA International convention was awarded to the Western Michigan Corvair club. The convention will be held in Kalamazoo Michigan in late July 2013.



You Are Invited!

The members of the Northeast Corvair Council are your hosts for the 2012 Corvair Society of America's International Convention in Southbridge, Massachusetts and you are invited! This is the 42nd annual CORSA Convention but the first one to be held in New England. And Southbridge is New England at its best! Join us for the 2012 CORSA International Convention in Southbridge. There is so much for you to enjoy here!

Who: All CORSA members are welcome to participate, and the public is invited to see the Corvairs that will be on display throughout the event.

What: The 2012 Convention will include a full menu of meetings and events for every kind of Corvair enthusiast, including: Concours d; Elegance, Car Display, Road Rally, Auctions, Valve Cover Racing, Special Interest Group Meetings, General Membership Meeting, Tech Sessions, Swap Meet, Parts Vendors, and more. And there will be activities for other members of the family, too, including a Bus Tour, Crafter Exhibits, New England Style Clam Bake, and a big Model Car Contest. The entire Convention will be capped off with a grand Awards Banquet on Saturday night with a special Guest Speaker.

When: The Convention begins with a competitive Auction 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.

Sex, Lies, and Dancing Elephants

What's the story behind the Pierce-Arrow archer? Did you know that the symbol for Mercedes wasn't always a three-point star? From the secret love that helped inspire "The Spirit of Ecstasy" to a poignant bit of trivia that explains why a Bugatti Royale wears a dancing elephant on the hood, check out the back stories behind some of the most iconic hood ornaments in history.



During "The Golden Age of The Automobile," the hood ornament was an intricate piece of artistic expression that identified a vehicle's make or defined a car's style. From the late 1920s until after the Second World War, hood ornaments mostly took the shape of flying ladies, graceful birds, and fleet-footed animals. The 1950s saw a general trend toward steely, abstract renditions of torpedoes, rockets, and jet planes. Hood ornaments all but disappeared by the 1960s and, today, these attention-grabbing pieces of automotive eye candy are now highly prized by collectors. Some like Desoto's "Spanish conquistador" and Pontiac's early use of running Indian braves compliment the name of the maker and, thus, make complete and elegant sense. Others, however, beg the

question: Just how did they think of that?

The 2012 Great Race Event in Buffalo

The 2012 Great Race will be making Buffalo one of its major stops. The cars will be arriving in Buffalo mid afternoon of Thursday, June the 28th, and parking in front of the Buffalo Transportation Museum. They will stay there for public exhibit until at least 9:00 PM. We are incorporating the Grand Opening of the newly constructed addition to the Buffalo Transportation museum that day. This will undoubtedly be a major publicity event.

I am recruiting automotive enthusiasts who would like to be a part of this event. (I am inviting ACORN members first!) I need volunteers who will be willing to man the finish line and help park the race cars as they come in. Some crowd control will probably be included. I expect we will need to be there mid-morning to assist in setup. Anyone volunteering for these duties will be VIPs and be able to mingle with the race participants and there teams. We will also have the opportunity to dine with the drivers and support teams at the special dinner that will be provide for them which will not be open to the public! Given we have a sufficient number of Corvairs show up, I will provide a front row area to park them.

Please email me your information ASAP so I can put together a volunteer list. I will need your full name, phone number and email address for each attending.

Thanks, Chuck Facklam cfacklam@roadrunner.com

GREAT AMERICAN RACE 2012

The 2012 version of the Great AmTerican Race will be winding its way through Western, NY in June 2012. On Thursday, June 28th. Their daily travels will start from Watertown, NY, with Lunch in Fairport. The Village of Fairport will be inviting car clubs to lineup through the center of town like a giant Cruse Night. Many special activities are being planned.

The racers day will end at the Buffalo transportation Museum. On Friday, June 29th. They will leave the Museum and head into PA. For anyone interested, this would be a great time to check out the museum, and the cars entered in the Great Race 2012. Look for more information in the news or at the Buffalo Transportation website as the time nears.

Howard and Doug Sharp of Fairport, NY Graduate to Grand Championship Division

This years's Grand Champions, another father/son team, **Howard and Doug Sharp**, are graduating to run with the big boys in Grand Championship Division in their future Great Race competition. They have been awarded the coveted Car # 1 for next year's competition, and will be the first team the take the Green Flag at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 23, on Front Street in Traverse City, Michigan, to kick off the Official Start of the 2012 Hemmings Motor News Great Race.

ACORN Members will remember Howard Sharp for the great tour he gave us along with the Central NY Corvair Club last summer.



Looks like a project for Dave Ellis!
editor





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Motor Trend's 1960 Car of the Year

SPARE FUEL

If your Corvair has a puzzling gas gauge this may be something you need to carry with you.

A company has come out with a product called SPARE FUEL. This 1/2 gallon container is safe to carry in you car (non-flammable), has a shelf life of 10 years with a 91 octane level. The price is \$22.95.

I have only seen it available on-line.

<http://sparefuel.net/blog/ten-essential-items-to-keep-in-your-trunk/>

editor

Corvair, Noted as a Favorite Chevy from the Past 100 Years

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Corvair Internet Resource List

A place to share your favorite links with the rest of the CA family! The **Corvair Society Of America**: <http://www.corvair.org/>

Clark's Corvair Parts: <http://www.corvair.com>

Corvair Underground on the web: <http://www.corvairunderground.com> and their eBay store: <http://stores.ebay.com/corvairunderground>

Gary Aube's fantastic Corvair site: <http://www.corvaircorsa.com/index.html>

Jay Leno's Garage 1966 Corsa: <http://www.jaylenosgarage.com/cars/chevrolet/1966-chevrolet-corvair-corsa/index.shtml#item=117034> 1961 Rampside: <http://www.jaylenosgarage.com/trucks/1961-chevrolet-corvair-95-rampside/index.shtml#item=72514>

John Miller & Teresa Rolling (JTvairs) have a great Corvair web site: <http://www.jtvairs.com>

Kent Sullivan's extensive **Corvair Kid** web site: <http://www.corvairkid.com/>

Reprinted from "The Connecting Rod", Corvair Atlanta Ga.

One more, a site that features the original factory brochures for nearly every American car.

www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html

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Recall

June 8-10, 2012

Come and see these classic cars in action, or be part of the fun with your Corvair!

Free admission for spectators on Saturday June 9 10am-4pm

Events located across from Hilton Garden Inn
8064 Fair Lakes Rd East Syracuse NY 13857

Provided by the central auto club, Corvair club
Contact Dave 315-438-4000 Ext. 703-CEV@CDA 315-438-4000 Dave@corvair.com

Visit us again at www.corvair.com



Photo's of Shawn Sirna's Engine from the Western Canada Corsa Club's Web Site

http://www.westerncanadacorsa.com/wcc_news.htm



FOR SALE & MARKET PLACE



1965 Corvair Corsa Convertible

Excellent condition, runs strong Red With White top w/ Snap on deck cover White Naugahyde upholstery Red dash and carpet, New top of the line shocks, Custom Pin Stripping, New rubber bushings for Torsion Bar, Newly rebuilt 140 engine, less than 600 miles, 4 Speed Stick shift, New Holley four barrel carburetor.

Seen on e-Bay motors
Located in AZ.



1964 Spyder Turbo convertible

Turbo has been taken out and auto transmission put in. Still have Turbo and all parts. Four new tires. Manual top. No dents. Glass good. Interior excellent. Have repaired some rust spots. Will sell for what I paid for it, \$3000. Arnold Wallace, car is in Ga. Corvair65@windstream.net



For Sale

Two 110 heads completely restored by the Corvair Ranch. Complete rebuild runs \$ 800 Willing to sell for \$600

Sam & Marissa Andolion mandolin@rochester.rr.com



FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair Monza with 457XX miles. Excellent body, good glass, lots of chrome. Recent tune-up including new distributor and valve adjustment \$400. Complete new front end \$1000+. Good tires, Runs and drives excellent. \$3000 Firm. Contact David_Bas- tion@oxy.com

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