



# CORVAIR FAN



CENTRAL NEW YORK CORVAIR CLUB  
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### The Prez Sez,

Well, another month has fallen by the wayside. Christmas will be here before we know it and 2011 will be history. The club had a great year this starting out with the after Christmas party, workshops, car shows, cruise in’s, Our recall, and ending up with our Thanksgiving get together at Tabatha’s. I hope everyone enjoyed their turkey dinner, I had a previous commitment and could not attend ( Phil Jr's birthday party ).

I have working on the baby whale (526) and it’s coming along slowly. Starter was sent out to be rebuilt, carburetor will be next. New tires will be coming in the near future and the wheel bearings will be next on the agenda. Remember, Rome wasn't built in a day. Tim is still working on the Loadside, a few more odds and end to put together.

The weather today is great about 60 degrees, had a couple of inches of snow last week, just over Deerfield hill in Holland Patent they had 10 to 12 inches of the white stuff. Hope this great weather continues.

I am closing by sending out a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our members, hope to see you all at our January meeting and our after Christmas party.  
Phil CNYCC



We are featuring it here because the owner of this Rampside expects to have it, fully restored, at the 2012 CORSA Convention in Sturbridge. Plan to come see the finished product!

What makes it somewhat unusual? Well, for one, the original orange paint that you see here is a fleet color. But more interesting is that this truck belongs to and is being restored by Cal Clark of Clark's Corvair Parts in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts.

Cal has owned this particular truck for more than 28 years now. Persons with long memories (and copies of old Clark's Corvair Parts catalogs) may remember this truck appearing in one of the catalog photos depicting the construction of one of the Quonset hut-style buildings for the business many years ago.

In the weeks to come we will be adding more photos of this project to this blog. In truth, as we write this in October, 2011, the truck has already progressed quite a bit further than this photo shows. It is being restored to stock configuration but the original fleet color will not remain – Cal is painting the truck a deep red, a color preferred by his wife, Joan. Smart man!

How about *your* Corvair restoration? If you are preparing a Corvair for the 2012 CORSA Convention in Sturbridge, send us some photos and tell us about it – we might feature it here on the blog!





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December

No meeting or event. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

January 5<sup>th</sup>

Business meeting Denny's

January 8th

Our After Christmas Party at Tassone's, Baldwinsville. Menu is printed in this month's Fan

If you have any ideas please let us know. Everything is always subject to change. If there's subjects or projects you'd like covered at tech sessions, please let Tim know so we can plan that too. This all takes advance planning so please try to let us know early enough so we can make our events what you'd like.

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### Sunday Baked Round Steak

- 2 lb round steak, 1" thick**
- flour to dredge**
- 1 large onion**
- 1 green pepper**
- 4 stalks celery**
- 3 lrg carrots**
- 1 ( 28 oz ) can tomatoes**
- 1/3 c catsup**
- 1 ( 8oz ) can tomato sauce**
- 2 tsp horseradish**
- 1 Tbl Worcestershire sauce**
- salt and pepper to taste**

**Dredge meat in flour and brown in fat in skillet. Place in a large, deep baking dish. Cut onion, pepper, celery and carrots into large pieces and add to steak. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over the steak. Bake, covered for 2 to 2 ½ at 325°**

### Baked Squash and Apples

- 1lb butternut squash, cut in pieces**
- 2 apples, sliced**
- ½ c brown sugar**
- ¼ c cold butter**
- 1 Tbl flour**
- ¼ tsp cinnamon**
- ¼ tsp nutmeg**

**Put squash and apples in a 7 x 11 baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients till crumbly and put over squash. Cover and bake at 350° for 50 mins.**



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## 2011 CNYCC OFFICERS



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

President Phil Domser called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Secretary's report- motion made by Rita and seconded by Dave to approve as printed in the fan. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report- Kevin states the balance for the checking account motion made by Lew and seconded by Clara to approve Kevin's report of the balances. Motion approved.

Old Business- Recall- The Saturday night dinner will now have Fried Chicken served.

Door Prizes- Currently Barb has twelve door prizes.

New Business-

Money Donation- Think about good causes that we might donate to- Phil presented the fact that many of the members are Diabetic and that maybe we should consider donating to the local American Diabetes Association- motion made by Lew and seconded by Rita it was then voted on and approved. \$100.00 donation will be made to the Diabetes Association.

Corsa Website- Tim states that the website for Corsa is running well.

Corsa Convention- If planning on attending make hotel reservations soon rooms are filling up quickly.

Thanksgiving and after Christmas Dinner- Rita mentioned that we need at least 19 people for the reservation at Tabitha's November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00. Also it was discussed that we will extend the invitation again for Jim and Barbara Smith to attend both dinners.

Going away dinner- the dinner for Len and Sherry was excellent and a big Thank you for Gloria for setting it all up.

50/50 raffle- Winner Dave in the amount of \$10.50.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Lew and seconded by Clara, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted.

Pam O'Kussick

Secretary

Those attending the November meeting: Dave and Barb Robinson, Pete and Pam O'Kussick, Phil and Martha Domser, Lew and Clara Halstead, Tim and Rita Colson, Kevin and Gloria Fear.

## RECALL 2012

It's hard to believe we're talking Recall already but it'll be here before we know it. Last month I included lots of information about valve cover racers. I hope we can plan a tech session this winter for making them so we can have a big showing this year. Hopefully we'll be able to have them indoors at our Friday night cruise in so it'll be a "go" no matter what the weather may be. In addition to that please be thinking of other activities that can make our Recall one heck of a good time for all our guests. Also, don't forget Barb is in charge of collecting door prize donations. Now's a great time to be picking up some super bargains. We won't be having a meeting in December but maybe we can toss some ideas around for January. Think on it guys — it'll be here before we know it.



TIM'S TECH TIME AND RAMBLIN'S

GREETINGS AGAIN, from my little shop in Memphis, NY.

This time of year has always been tough on me , getting ready for winter etc. I had thought it would be a lot easier after our downsize and move , no more big boat to deal with , and no outdoor water supply issues BUT it is still a lot of hard work. It was a hard job for me just getting the mower deck cleaned up , painted , blades sharpened , serviced , and stored . Then I temporarily hung 2 replacement doors on the “crampside” (trashed the junk doors that came with it) and put it where the mower is usually stored for summer , to get it out of my way for winter. I cant wait to drive it around more , it is a strange thing to handle. It fits in such a small space. It is only 12ft long , bumper to bumper! Not too much longer than the lawn mower. All summer I have been stashing away some very exciting parts and ideas for the future construction of this “rat rod” project. I want to thank Ron for supplying a lot of neat stuff from the Buick Riv he junked out. Great supply of electronic toys to play with. The 64 greenbrier I am parting out , in spite of being the worst by far vehicle I have ever parted out (over 150!) has yielded me a lot of valuable (to me) parts. BUT it has been a very hard job so far. Things I have never seen rusted beyond use before , caught me by surprise. The gas tank fell out on the ride home (on a flat bed truck). I also found the motor hanging by the axles! , both forward motor mounts rusted out of the rear crossmember ( a sponge like the front one ). I hope to save all window and door actuators , because it was a deluxe with the upholstery in it (longer shafts for the handles). I found out the door glass fits my sandblast cabinet, so that's a savings of @\$25 each time I need glass change (often). I am now in love with that new huge parts washer I bought on sale at tractor supply , bigger than anything they sell at other such stores. Only problem now , is the cost of solvent. .and on that note , I just got the new price on replacing my large pot of Carb Cleaner... Talk about costing money to have fun..

Another side note , I am hearing several fire calls to do with small engines catching fire . They say the problems are related to the present junk gas . Be sure you are careful trying to get such stuff running , and away from buildings! I have helped a few out by soaking carbs and blowing the green junk out of them. I even had trouble getting my blower running , and it was (I thought!) properly stored!. It had the blue storex in it , but they say the blue startron or lucas product is better. Ask me about the old bad gas in Phil's loadside, it caused me GREAT grief! Now I will be changing the tank! Just be real careful working with this stuff , life is sure different these days.

Looks like my winter will be mostly the rampside , with finishing touches on Phil's Loadside worked in (along with my busy ham radio “responsibilities”). I have a huge wish list to get done this winter!. Most of the things I want to get done MUST somehow be done before recall. I also will try to work in a tech session sometime this winter , on valve cover racers , and maybe automotive electronics again. Electronics and carbs seem to be the most questions I get , so maybe I can dream up some way of showing you what it is all about quickly. I am also setting aside valve covers that are not really good enough for car use , but would be fine for racers. SO , do your homework , and save your ideas to use at a session. I will try to have a short section of track to play on. Also , I am going to rebuild my distributor machine , in hopes of building some for my project cars , and a few to resell. When you come here , you will see a few of my ongoing projects , such as 2 new motors , and some electronic upgrades for my Corvairs. THIS is the winter to really work on MY dreams that have been piling up for several years now!

Have you made plans to go to the nationals next year? Word has it , you waited almost too long to make reservations at the host hotel , but do your homework , because there are many other nice places to stay nearby. This area is a fabulous plase for summer explorations!. Check out all the web sites, and DON'T WAIT!! (he who hesitates....)

looking forward to an exciting winter of “ accomplishments!”

See you all at the traditional After Christmas dinner at Tassones, do not forget to call in SOON , please.

I hope I covered everything properly ! Be sure to visit our fine website often, there are constant upgrades. <http://www.cnycorvair.com/>

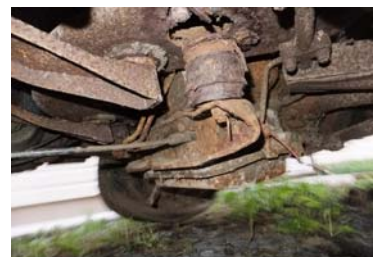
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**PLEASE RESIST TEMPTATION TO “REPLY ALL “ TO ANY OF MY POSTS! Thank you.**

Regards, HAPPY HOLIDAYS Tim Colson



1964 Greenbrier deluxe , after sitting in a shaded spot since the early 80's In spite of this , I have managed (with a lot of very hard work) to save more parts than I thought I could so far. Any interest in the 2 roll bars? I hope to save steering linkage and gearbox , only @53,000 miles! More on this project soon.



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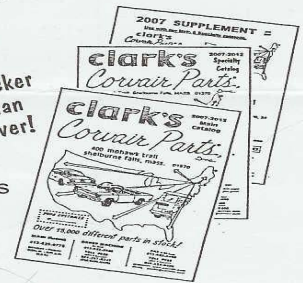
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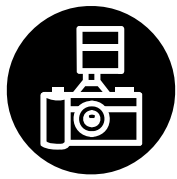


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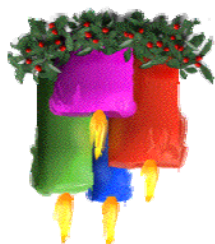
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