



# CORVAIR FAN



CENTRAL NEW YORK CORVAIR CLUB  
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### ATTENTION

Since our January meeting falls on New Year's Day we will NOT have a meeting at Denny's. Instead we will have a short meeting after dinner at our After Christmas Dinner on Sunday January 4th.

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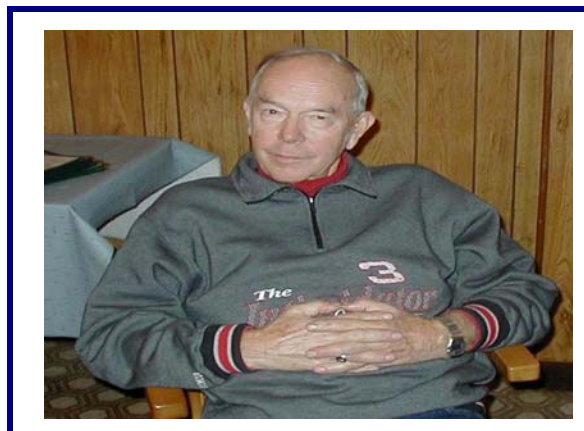
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#### IN MEMORY RON FAUSAK

We're very sorry to have to report the passing of another dear member of our club. Ron was a founding member of the club and served as president for many many years. As president he also arranged most of our tours and events which we all enjoyed. As ill as Ron was in the last several years he always had a smile for us at every meeting and event that he could come to. We offer our sincere sympathy to Gert and Mark and all of his family. He will be sorely missed by all of us,



## PLEASE READ

Our After Christmas dinner is Sunday January 4th at 2:00 at Inn of the Seasons, 4311 W Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse. Gloria HAS TO HAVE reservations for the dinner. Please call her at 492-9553 if you'll be attending. We'll order off the menu and have separate checks.

## GEORGIA ROVING

by Len Smith

Saturday, October 11, brought the last Maysville Cruise-in for the season. At about 5 P.M., we headed to the downtown area of Maysville to see who else showed up. Russ and Leslie were already there with the GTO and we were joined shortly by Richard and "Bullitt". Then Camaro John, wife Phyllis, and their granddaughter showed up. John recently purchased another 68 Camaro with a good body so he can mix and match and build one good car out of the two. We set up our chairs, registered, and conversed. We watched as more cars arrived - a Model A rat-rod pickup with a still in the bed, a couple of early Camaros, a pair of 55 Chevys, some slammed Chevy S-10 pickups, and the beautiful 54 Mercedes Gullwing that had been at the Commerce show several weeks ago. We wandered around, talked to some of the owners, and I took a few pictures, which are on the usual site. As darkness fell, the Top 10 plaques were awarded. Also, since this was the last cruise-in for the year, five of us who had attended a majority of the cruise-ins were each awarded a special plaque to thank us for our faithful attendance and support. That was a nice gesture. Time to fold up the chairs and drive about a mile back home.

On Saturday the 18th we motored through Historic Commerce to attend the fall car show at Goodmark Chevrolet. We arrived to see the 66 GTO convertible of Russ and Leslie and the 68 Mustang of "Bullitt" Richard already there. We were also greeted by several other members of the American Street Rodders, who had brought out their favorite rides. We set up our chairs, registered, and went to check some of the other vehicles. By early afternoon, about 100 cars and trucks had filled the field. We saw the usual assortment of Tri-5 Chevys, Mustangs, Camaros, and Corvettes, which had a special display in front of the dealership's showroom. We also saw a few familiar entrants that we had seen at previous shows, including a 39 Ford four-door convertible, a 52 Packard convertible, a flamed 39 Ford coupe, and a beautiful two-tone 56 Lincoln convertible with a continental kit. Naturally, I snapped a few photos and put them on "Member's Photos". A free lunch of hot dogs, drinks and chips was included in the deal, so lunch was a no-brainer. Goodmark also gives away a 350 Chevy long block to one of the entrants, so this give-away attracts some hopefuls. We didn't have our cars judged and didn't win the engine, so we didn't rush up to the awards area. The weather was warm, sunny, and breezy, and we got to visit with a lot of our friends and fellow club members, so we'd call it a fun day.

The "Cruise The Smokies Cherokee Rod Run" drew us up to North Carolina on November 8. Pam, Jody, Sher, and I made our way north on a sunny and mild Fall day. The hundred-mile two-hour drive presented us with brightly colored leaves and mountains ahead in the distance. We arrived about 11:30 and entered the show to look for Pam's son-in-law Earl, who had brought his 64 Impala to the show. He was there with his wife and two boys, so the ladies set up their chairs to chat, while the guys checked out the flea market and other vendors. We found a few tools and parts that we wanted, so we opened our wallets. We then cruised the show area to check out the vehicles. There were about 200 cars of all sorts, and many of them were cars that we didn't see down in our area. We found 3 Studebakers - 2 thirties street rods and 1 60s pickup, a Terraplane, a 40 Ford coupe modified into a 3-window coupe, several rat rods, a blinged-out Schwinn bicycle, a nice Karmann-Ghia with a color-coordinated engine compartment, a bunch of 30s Fords and a 60 Rambler Ambassador survivor with a New York license plate. Oddly, there were no Pontiacs, including GTOs, and, of course, no Corvairs. We took a break for lunch with Earl and his family and returned to continue our tour of the show. We left about 4 P.M. and were back home shortly after dark. We had a great time. Check out my photos.

## THE PREZ SEZ, December 2014

Winter is here, if you don't believe me, give a phone call to our Corvair friends out in Buffalo NY. The snow they received was measured in feet. Here in Utica NY, a mere 180 miles east of Buffalo, we received an inch of snow, an inch of snow too much. Today it is sunny, beautiful day for November 24th, three days before Thanksgiving Day. So much for the weather report.

Once again I am running late for my Presidential Words to our members of the CNY Corvair Club. I have just tucked away my Corvairs for the winter. Tim has my loadside pickup for some mechanical work. After Tim gets done, it will be shipped to Groton NY, where Dave, his sons Paul and Matthew will do their magic with a fresh restoration of the body. Hopefully when everyone is done I can get the truck back by June, that is June of 2017. Can't rush great work, THANKS to all who have worked on this project.

December will be here, no monthly meeting. Our next get together will be in January for our annual After Christmas, Christmas party. We had a great meal at Tabatha's for our annual Club Thanksgiving meal, Thank You Rita for another great job of making all arrangements for this yearly event. In conclusion, have a great turkey day with your families and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you all next year. Phil CNYCC

## HELP !!!

We need someone to take over planning events for our club activities. If someone is creative and has time to plan events and tours it would be great — however it also could be rotated throughout the club members so that, first of all, no one gets burned out but also that we may get to see some interesting things in other areas that we may not even be aware of. I'll be happy to keep the information updated on the net and , of course, in the Fan . Six of the months have events in place each year. We need events or tours for the months of February, March, April, May, August and October for each year. Please think about it and let us know at the next meeting. Thank you!

## ACTIVITIES

Business meetings are held at Denny's Restaurant, 201 Lawrence Rd ( corner of Lawrence Rd and South Bay Rd ) in N Syracuse. The meeting will start at 7:00 but our waitress is available at 5:30 so you can have something to eat before the meeting if you'd like. Meetings are in the back room, we're given separate checks and if you have an AARP card you can get a 20% discount on your meal.

December — no meeting or event.  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**OUR MEETING DAY FALLS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY — THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AT DENNY'S. WE'LL INSTEAD HAVE A SHORT MEETING AFTER DINNER AT THE AFTER CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JAN 4TH**

Jan4th — After Christmas dinner party. Inn of the Seasons, 4311 W Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse. Dinner served at 2:00 and we'll be ordering off the menu. GLORIA NEEDS RESERVATIONS FOR THIS EVENT. PLEASE LET HER KNOW E MAIL [globug39@aol.com](mailto:globug39@aol.com) or call 492-9553

Feb 5th — Regular business meeting Denny's  
March 5th — Regular business meeting Denny's  
April 2nd — Regular business meeting Denny's

May 3rd — AN EVENT! Yippee! Lew and Clara are organizing a tour to a Cortland Factory. Meet and leave McD's in LaFayette at 10:00. That's leave at 10:00. Dave McCarty will arrange lunch for us at a local restaurant after the tour.

May 7th — Regular business meeting Denny's

June NO BUSINESS MEETING due to Recall

June 5.6.7 — Recall at Hilton Garden Hotel

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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## Kitchen Corner

By Rita

### Prime Rib with Horseradish Sauce

1 bone in 4 to 5 lb rib roast  
 1 Tbl olive oil  
 1 to 2 tsp coarsely ground pepper  
 Brush roast with oil; rub with pepper.  
 Place roast on rack in roasting pan. Bake  
 At 450 for 15 mins. Reduce to 325 and  
 bake for 2 ¾ hours or until meat reaches  
 desired doneness ( med rare 145; med 160 )  
 basting with drippings every 30 mins. Let stand  
 15 mins before slicing.

### Baked Cauliflower

1 head cauliflower, cut into bite sized pieces  
 1 c dry bread crumbs  
 ½ c parmesan cheese  
 1/8 tsp each salt & pepper  
 1/8 tsp onion salt  
 ¼ tsp garlic, minced  
 ½ c butter, melted  
 Cook cauliflower in salted boiling water  
 Till tender. Drain and spoon into a greased  
 1 ½ qt casserole. Combine remaining  
 ingredients except butter and sprinkle over  
 cauliflower. Drizzle melted butter over top.  
 Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 30 mins.

### Chocolate Pecan Pie

1 deep dish unbaked pie crust.  
 4 eggs  
 1 c light corn syrup  
 6 Tbl butter, melted  
 ½ c sugar  
 ¼ c brown sugar  
 1 Tbl vanilla  
 1 c coarsely chopped pecans  
 1 c chocolate chips  
 hot fudge topping, warmed  
 whipped cream ( or cool whip )  
 Whisk eggs and next 5 ingredients until  
 Smooth; stir in pecans and chocolate chips.  
 Pour into pie crust. Bake on lowest oven  
 Rack at 350 for 1 hour. Drizzle each serving  
 with hot fudge sauce and a dollop of whipped  
 cream.



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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

President Phil Domser called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Secretary's report- Motion made by Lew and seconded by Clara to approve as printed in the fan. Motion approved.

Treasures report- Kevin stated the balance for the checking account. Motion made by Dave and seconded by Clara to approve the balance of the account as reported by Kevin. Motion approved.

### Old Business-

Door Prizes- We need to continue to work on getting door prizes.

Recall- Hotel is all set and across the street at the Fast Track is all set as far as the reservations.

Recall Dates are scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Recall Menu is not finalized yet- Phil added he would like cottage cheese added to the menu. It was also asked if a new menu is possible.

Recall Cake- Clara asked about a picture for the cake for Recall.

Recall Games- The question was brought up again about possible games for the day of Recall. Dave Robinson stated that he has a lot of puzzles, Crayons and coloring books that he could bring for the kids. Everyone please keep thinking about games that could be brought to add to the day for added fun and excitement.

### New Business-

Lew brought up a Museum that he and Clara visited in the Homer-Cortland area that he felt would be either a good trip for the day of Recall or a trip for the Club to take. It was discussed and a motion was made by Dave and seconded by Doug that the club will plan a group tour to the Museum possibly May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The group will meet at the Lafayette McDonalds at 10:00 but more to follow as time gets near. Dave McCarty will plan on what the group will do about lunch for that day.

It was discussed that a donation of \$100.00 would be donated for Ron's headstone, motion made by Lew and seconded by Dave. Motion was passed.

It was brought to everyone's attention that Ron did a lot as far as getting a lot of ads for our Recall booklet and that we will all need to pitch in and help out with filling in with getting more ad's and trophy sponcers.

It was discussed and decided that we should have a memorial trophy in memory of Ron Fausak for Recall. Motion was approved by all.

50/50 raffle was drawn and the winner was Doug Dunlap in the amount of \$25.00.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Tim and seconded by Tina and the motion to adjourn at 7:42 was passed.

Respectfully Submitted.

Pam O'Kussick

Secretary

Those attending the November meeting: Dave McCarty, Dave Robinson, Dick & Tina Gaffney, Doug Dunlap, Kevin & Gloria Fear, Pete & Pam O'Kussick, Phil & Martha Domser, Lew & Clara Halstead, Tim & Rita Colson.

## TIM'S TECH TIME AND RAMBLIN'S

HI THERE , it sure is hard to believe another month has gone by already!

Well , remember the comment I made last month about things starting off slow in my shop?? That was a joke on me. I now have a 63 rampy parked behind my brown one in the shop. It was towed here by AAA , dumped off in front of the shop. Well here I am alone and figuring out how to get a non running vehicle into the shop. It had an electric fuel pump on it. When I turned on the switch gas was going at least 6 inches into the air from both carbs!. It was here for a "carb rebuild and tune up". I gave each carb a couple taps on top of the needle / seats , and lucky me , things sort of settled down enough to get it running almost good enough to back it into the shop. So I took the carbs apart thinking I would rebuild them. Well both bowls were about 1/4 inch deep with something related to concrete. So (not like me!) I gave up on them and built a pair of late style carbs with power enrichment circuits. Now on to other things that I could SEE wrong. I pulled the plugs (wrong style wires) and the plugs were so long they almost touched the pistons. Also looking down into the heads thru the plug holes in the shrouds , I could see wet black traces around 3 cylinders , 2 on one side , one on the other. It is sort of odd to see these on the top of the head area. Most of the time you see them on the bottom after removing the lower shrouds. So after removing the lower shrouds , I found a real mess. So after calling the owner , I continued on to find a lot of MAJOR work to do. The block was so damaged around some of the upper studs , such as thread repairs pulled out and a super oversize stud in one hole , it may be impossible to save. It is a shame because it is factory marked as a rare RX block with marked top cover . I may be able to have my expert welder repair it someday. So I am building a very nice 110hp with .060 full fin cylinders and other nice upgrades. Now to check the differential. Well one look under the cover told me it was best to replace it also. The gears are chewed up because of a failed side carrier bearing and who knows what else. Now on to the powerglide. I figured it would need a cleaning inside and out. Well true to form , I found trash in the pan and filter from failed clutch disks. Upon disassembly, I found one missing drive pin , a clutch disk broken into 4 pieces (never saw that before!) and a servo cover domed and cracked from excessive pressures. So I just finished rebuilding it, replacing all seals and clutches , and painting the cleaned up case. I hope it works as good as it looks. Next I will put the motor together , clean up the motor compartment , repaint all shrouding , rebuild the wire harness , and convert to alternator. I have other work on doors and ramp latches to make it more useable. I forgot to mention how this rampside appeared at my shop. About a year or more ago , I received a call from the "new owner" looking for help and advice pertaining to a 63 Rampside he just bought. The reason they bought it was they saw ours going down the road , and his wife said to him , "we need one of those"...so I took a quick look at it on a trailer , long enough to know it needed a lot of work , but I was way to busy to take it on. This time , I am still busy , but decided to try hard to work it in. This was of course , before I found out how much work it really has to have. So now I am in a big scramble , with Phil waiting , and my rampy trapped until this one is running.

When I get done with that one , Phil's loadside is patiently waiting for a different (140 this time ) motor. Then I hope to finish more of my 10 or more year dream list on the brown rampy. I hope to drive it to the Clark's show next year in better looking condition than it is now. Wish me luck!

**Add** a complete 180 HP RL motor from a core I am building for Phil "in my spare time". This is also a large job, including having the turbo and carb rebuilt.

So the results I am hoping to accomplish are getting the newbie up and running so they can drive and enjoy the truck , with them becoming members of our C N Y Corvaair club soon ,Phil getting his truck going faster , and maybe my truck in better shape with more of my dream options installed. At least I was able to shuffle vehicles around enough to all be inside !

So much work in so little time!

Hope you all have wonderful holidays,  
Regards , Tim Colson

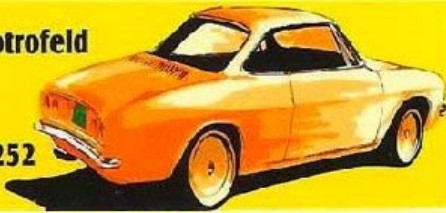


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