



WEST MICHIGAN CORVAIR CLUB

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May 1997

- what's going on -

The next meeting of the WMCC will be Saturday, May 17 at the Car Display and Swap Meet in Bangor, Michigan. This will take the place of our usual Tuesday evening meeting for May.

- Coming Events -

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| May 17 | WMCC Car Display and Swap Meet at Restorations Plus, 59648 M-43, Bangor, Michigan. <i>Note new location.</i> |
| June 1 | Orphan Car Show, Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, Michigan. This show will feature Kaisers, Frazers, Hudsons, Nashes, Packards, Studebakers, Tuckers, and yes, Corvairs. |
| June 17-21 | CORSA International Convention, Lake Placid, New York. |
| June 29 | Corvair Museum Open House, Richmond, Virginia. |
| July 19 | Outing with Michiana Corvair Club. More details later. |
| August 10 | Corvair Museum Open House, Richmond, Virginia. |
| August 14 | WMCC excursion to Whitecaps game. Reserve your tickets now with Dan Konkle. |
| August 23-25 | Corvair Homecoming, Detroit Area Corvair Club. |
| October 12 | Corvair Museum Open House, Richmond, Virginia. |

- For Sale -

64 Spyder Convertible, black with white top. 2nd owner asking \$7000. Chuck Wray, Allegan. (616) 673-6776.

65 Monza Sedan, like new, Powerglide, 65,000 miles, wire wheel covers. Taking offers. Art Michalski, Detroit. (810) 319-7260 (pager).

- wmcc swap meet -

Gather up your spare parts from your garages and basements and shine up those Corvairs, because on Saturday, May 17th, the West Michigan Corvair Club will be holding a swap meet and car show. The festivities will begin at 9 AM and run until 3 PM. Along with the parts, there will be food available to purchase. The event will take place at Restorations Plus, 59648 M-43, Bangor, Michigan (approximately 11 miles east of Interstate 196). If you are interested in helping out with this event, show up early.

- oops -

I received the following story through Virtual Vairs from Bruce Webster of Corsa Ontario. This story was published in Corsa Ontario's newsletter "Corvairiations".

A few years back, my family and I took our first trip to Bryan, Ohio, for the season opener flea market. It was all decided at the last minute... just pack the '65 500 sedan and we're off. The 400 mile trip down from Toronto proved uneventful but we were glad to get there at 1 am. What a great event, great people and even some great bargains. Sunday came too soon and it was back on the turnpike towards home. Even with the extra load (parts purchased) the cruise home was trouble free. Well, almost.

Exiting the freeway a mile from home, we slowed for a red light and psssss the brake pedal goes to the floor. After a brief panic and a re-education in emergency handle driving I managed to limp into the drive. On reflection, I was so thankful that things happened on the 799th mile. I do the hard, harder test more often now. But the story doesn't end there.

Fast forward a couple of days. Good weather finds me about to attempt the repair of the rusted break line. I conveniently pull the Corvair onto a gravel section of my driveway, so as not to stain the pavement. Really stupid thing number 1. I then proceed, using the factory jack, to raise the car and remove the left rear wheel. Really stupid thing number 2. Now don't get too far ahead of me here. No amount of WD40 or heat or swearing is budging the line and as the ends are now permanently rounded, I decide I've had enough. Beaten, I return to the house for a beer and leave the Corvair in the air.

After a couple of pulls on the bottle, my enthusiasm is strengthened sufficiently to make an attempt at another project. That newly purchased radio delete plate sure would look neat in place of the non-functional AM radio. AM stands for "annoying music" in my books, so I set my beer on the roof and start a project I know I can finish. Really stupid thing number 3. As I remove the radio, I can't help but think there's something wrong about this, not at all aware of what will transpire within the next few moments. Here comes really stupid thing number 4... the big one. Dropping from its rear hanger, the radio touches the lighter where the wire connects. The car's interior is immediately filled with smoke as if a canister of tear gas had been lobbed inside. Somewhat alarmed I literally jump from the seat in a frantic attempt to get to the rear of the car and remove the battery cable. The sudden movement send the already shaky scissors jack toppling over and the back of the 500 drops about a foot to the ground. The otherwise bone jarring shock of the rear drum hitting the ground was cushioned by the soft gravel and the can of WD40. Needless to say the resultant spray of lubricant coated everything within a 20 foot radius. Simultaneously, the bottle of Coors rolled rearward across the roof, down the back glass and off the engine lid, sending golden cascades in every direction. The chain of events was so fascinating I almost forgot the still frying wiring harness. I quickly disconnected the ground, amazed at how really stupid I'd been.

Why am I writing this? For your benefit and amusement, maybe. For some type of closure from the degrading shame, more than likely. But while the mixed smell of burning plastic, penetrating fluid and stale brew is fresh in my nostrils, it's most likely to remind me never to let really stupid things happen again.

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