



WEST MICHIGAN CORVAIR CLUB

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August 1997

- what's going on -

The next meeting of the WMCC will be Thursday, August 14th at the West Michigan Whitecaps game at Old Kent Park. This meeting will take the place of our normal Tuesday meeting.

- Coming Events -

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| August 10 | Corvair Museum Open House, Richmond, Virginia. |
| August 14 | WMCC excursion to Whitecaps game. |
| August 22-24 | Corvair Homecoming, Detroit Area Corvair Club. |
| September 6 | Celebration on the Grand Parade. |
| September 13 | WMCC Picnic at Hagar-Hardwood Park, Hudsonville (28 th Ave. and Bauer Rd.). |
| September 19-21 | Hoosier Auto Show and Swap Meet, Circle City Corvairs. Days Inn at U.S. 31 South and I-465, Indianapolis, Indiana. Show will be at Marion County Fairgrounds, 7300 E. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. |
| October 12 | Corvair Museum Open House, Richmond, Virginia. |
| Jul 28 - Aug 1, '98 | CORSA International Convention, Collinsville, Illinois. |

- For Sale / wanted -

63 Corvair Coupe, tinted windows, stored 25+ years. Texas car, body straight, not running. Extra engine and parts (some new). \$900 or best offer. Derek, (616) 792-9186.

68 Monza Sport Coupe, 110hp, 20,000 original miles. New carpets, muffler, and starter. Florida car. Looks and runs great. Ash Gold Metallac exterior, Green/Gold interior. \$4300 or best offer. Eric Mandt, Grand Haven. (616) 847-3181.

Wanted: Corvair convertible with Powerglide. Frank Hollister, Whitehall. (616) 894-4331.

- Studebaker Museum Tour -

On Saturday, July 19th, the West Michigan Corvair Club along with the Michiana Corvair Club toured the Studebaker Museum in South Bend, Indiana. John Cole, Dan Konkle, Verne Metcalf and his son, and Keith Vander Pol met at the McDonald's in Hudsonville with their Corvairs to start the drive down to South Bend. After a couple of stops, the caravan made it to Howard Park for the cookout. They were met there by Gael and Sharon Hurrell and Rob and Linda Van Sledright. After the cookout, the dozen or so Corvairs lined up to caravan to the Studebaker Museum. After touring the museum, the group headed over to the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Then it was on to Niles. After gassing up, the group went their separate ways.

- Speed Report -

- by Dan Konkle -

After having conflicts with everything on the autocross calendar so far this year, I finally got to run one. The last one I did was Ionia almost two years ago, an event which revealed several problems to be looked at on the Corsa, including carb cutout in the corners, fan belt flipping, and a bad push in the front end.

I finally gave up trying to baffle and vent the carbs and sprung for the Otto Parts carb rotator kit from Clark's. Couldn't be happier. No more stumble in the turns, it still looks sort of stock, and even running on just the primaries the motor is stronger than hog stink. The jury is still out on the fan belt thing, since I couldn't watch the tach through the cones (the belt came off up near 7000 RPM at Ionia), but the belt I got from Larry Claypool stayed on, perhaps because of the Toyota Tercel timing belt idler bearing I installed in place of the upper belt guide, perhaps not. And reducing the caster in the front suspension and toeing out the front tires did wonders for the steering response.

The result of all this was a first in class, although it really wasn't such a big win. They created a modified class out of three cars that had no others in our classes; a Formula Vee, a Beck Porsche 550 Spyder replica, and me. The Porsche had a bad misfire, and the Vee took Fast Time of Day, so I got first in class. Not that the Corvair didn't put on a good show, but there is still development to be done, and I hope to improve.

This event was put on by the Furrin Group, and their next one is September 28 at the West Michigan Auto Auction on South Division. See me (Dan Konkle) for details. The SCCA is said to be putting one on at Grattan on September 1, plus Ionia on October 4 - 5.

- corvair homecoming -

On August 22-24, the Detroit Area Corvair Club will be holding its annual Corvair Homecoming at the Quality Inn, 40455 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan. Vendor space for the swap meet is free. This is an excellent show. The DACC had a good representation at our show in May, so let's return the favor. Here is the schedule of events.

Friday, 8/22

Registration	Noon - 'till Dark
Hospitality Room Open	1 PM - 6 PM
Swap Meet	1 PM - 'till Dark
Marvin's Magical Mystery Tour	2:30 PM - 5 PM
Live bidding auction	7 PM - 11 PM

Saturday, 8/23

Registration	Noon - 1 PM
Hospitality Room Open	11 AM - 5 PM
Shuttle 'Brier to shopping	10 AM - 5 PM
Silent Auction	8 AM - 5 PM
Swap Meet	9 AM - 'till Dark
Corvair Display	9 AM - 2 PM
Poker Run	2 PM - 5 PM
Model Corvair Display and Contest	9 AM - 5 PM
Homecoming Pizza Party	6:30 PM
Awards Presentation	8 PM

Sunday, 8/24

Safety and Performance Check	9 AM - 10:30 AM
Brunch at the Hathaway House	Convoy leaves hotel
- must pre-register	at 10:45 AM

- Time for a Picnic -

On Saturday, September 13, the WMCC meeting will be a picnic at Hagar-Hardwood Park in Hudsonville. Bring a dish to pass. Pop and hot dogs and buns will be provided by the club. Festivities will begin at 1 PM. There will be a map in next month's newsletter.

Note to board members: The next board meeting will be Monday, August 25.

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