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- What's Going On -

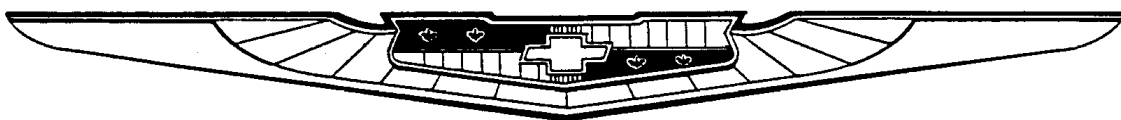
The West Michigan Corvaair Club has two events scheduled for the month of October. The annual color tour will take place on SUNDAY, October 11 at 1:00 PM (*note corrected date*). We will meet at Allendale Township Park. Contact John Cole if you need more information. On Tuesday, October 20, we will be having a general meeting at Brann's on 4157 S. Division at 7:30 PM. We will be accepting nominations for club officers at this meeting. Also, Rob Van Sledright will have tips on storing your car for the winter.

- Coming Events -

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| October 9 - 11 | Corvaair Club of Cincinnati 25 th Anniversary Celebration, Comfort Inn, Sharonville, Ohio |
| October 11 | WMCC Fall Color Tour |
| October 11 | Corvaair Museum Open House, Richmond, Virginia |
| October 20 | WMCC General Meeting - Nominations for club officers |
| November 17 | WMCC General Meeting - Election of club officers |
| December 8 | WMCC Christmas Party |
| June 15 - 20, 1999 | CORSA International Convention, Lake Tahoe, Nevada |

- Fall Color Tour -

This year's color tour will take place on Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 PM. *Note that this is the correct date. An incorrect date appeared on a separate mailing.* We will be meeting the West Michigan Pontiac Club at Allendale Township Park. Please bring a dish to pass along with your own table service and beverage. WMCC will provide hot dogs.



- SCCA Solo II at Grattan -

by Dan Konkle

This is the second year that the SCCA has held an autocross on a real racetrack, and my first time there. The basic problem is to keep speeds down, since Solo II is supposed to be a low speed contest of driving skill open to anyone with a pulse, and toward that end pylons were placed at critical areas. Using the west half of the track, the curvyswoopy part, the organizers had intended to provide a right jolly time of four runs counterclockwise (opposite to the flow of normal racing) and then four more in the other direction, but an entry of over 100 drivers forced a change of plans to just three runs.

This event was about as unlike my last competition, Gateway, as could be. Track time was the greatest thing about Gateway, with the NECC granting about an hour of pylon-free ratriacing. At Grattan, there was no practice, just the three timed runs. At Gateway the track was very wide and you could always see what was coming. Grattan is a narrow track with elevation changes, and it takes a while to build enough confidence to know that you can keep the pedal down over the crest of a hill or through the blind corners. My times improved by about five seconds through my runs, and I felt I could have put together a killer lap with just a bit more practice (me and everyone else). As it was my Corsa finished about tenth or twelfth quickest out of the 105 entries, six seconds back of fast time. It's hard to be sure; the SCCA isn't good at mailing event results to non-members.

Ironically, the pylon-dampened Grattan track produced more off track excursions than the open track at Gateway, where, not counting what happened in the rain, I know of only three spins. The SCCA should be able to hold more Solos at Grattan as long as nothing terrible happens, and I highly recommend this event for everyone, even at only three runs.



- Classifieds -

64 Monza Convertible - 4 speed, 110 hp, Texas car, white top with new window, black int., aqua ext. Roger Manning, Grand Rapids, (616) 455-1185.

64 Corvair - 2-door, auto, white/blk., 22K actual miles, original spare tire, no rust, NOS floor mats, new springs & shocks, outstanding original, located in SE Michigan. \$4200 or best offer. Call Kevin (248) 486-4785 or (800) 670-5697 pager or (734) 953-7731 office.

67 Monza Coupe - 15,000 original miles, perfect interior and mechanicals, great body, white ext., black int. \$4600. Peter Gardner, Chicago, (847) 869-2824.

Corvair engine - 110 HP, 6 cylinder, about 1964 vintage. Tom Wilkinson, (616) 984-2017, or htw@pathwaynet.com.

Wanted - Clean, nice running, 4-speed 1961 - 64 Monza Coupe or Convertible. Tom Greco, Holland, (616) 786-3176.

Winter Storage - \$150 for the 1998 - 1999 season. Call Paul Huizingh, evenings. (616) 452-4605.

- Club Officers -

During the October meeting, we will be holding nominations for club officers. The offices we need to fill are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These are all one-year terms. We will also be accepting nominations for three positions on the board. These are two-year terms. Elections for these posts will be held at the November general meeting. If you feel so inclined, you may nominate yourself.

- A Request -

Does anyone in the club have a copy of the original club by-laws that I can borrow? I am in the process of consolidating all of the amendments and original by-laws into one book and I don't have a copy of the original by-laws. If you can help, call Dave Ziebarth at 281-3183. Thank you.

- West Michigan Corvair Club Officers -

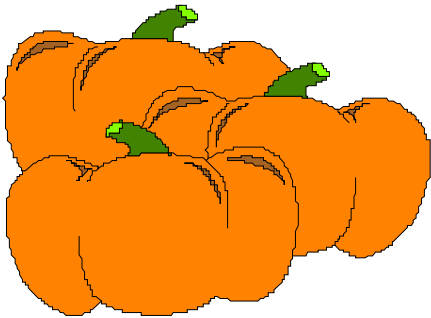
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