

November 1998

# - What's Going On -

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Brann's on 4157 S. Division. During this meeting we will be holding elections for club officers for 1999. Also, Gary Gruetzmacher will be giving a tech session on electronic ignitions.

# - Coming Events -

November 17	WMCC General Meeting – Election of club officers
December 8	WMCC Christmas Party
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February 16 WMCC General Meeting
March 16 WMCC General Meeting
April 20 WMCC General Meeting

May 15 or 22 3rd Annual WMCC Car Display and Swap Meet

June 15 – 20 CORSA International Convention, Lake Tahoe, Nevada

#### - 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.

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

**2 Corvairs** – 1964 Coupe and 1964 Convertible. \$500 for both. Larry KeDuy, (616) 767-8320.





#### - Club Officers -

During the November meeting, we will be holding elections for club officers. The nominations are as follows: President – Keith Vander Pol; Vice-President – Dave Ziebarth; Secretary/Treasurer – Gary Gruetzmacher. These are all one-year terms. The nominations for the three board positions are: Dan Konkle, Bruce Mulder, and Dave Teppo. These are two-year terms. We will be accepting additional nominations before the voting takes place.

### - Christmas Party -

The annual Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday, December 8 at Brann's on Division. The festivities will start at 6:00 with dinner starting at 6:30. Following dinner there will be a raffle and a White Elephant gift exchange. The cost for the evening will be \$15.00 which includes dinner, gratuity, and five raffle tickets. The dinner choices are as follows: Sizzler, Chicken Teriyaki, Jumbo Shrimp, BBQ Pork Ribs, or a Vegatable Wrap. Dinner includes one entrée plus salad and coffee. Other beverages will cost extra.

#### - new toys -

I received a message from the Virtual Vairs e-mail list reporting that there is are two new Corvair toys on the market. Racing Champions has added a 1960 Monza Coupe to their "Stock Rods" line. It is painted to resemble Terry Labonte's #5 Fruit Loops stock car (issue 119). There is also a police car (issue 49). It is reported that you should be able to find them at Toys 'R Us and Target.

# I got My Kicks (1)

There have been songs, books, and even a television show about it. Old Route 66 was the main corridor between Chicago and Los Angeles for almost sixty years. Officially called U.S. 66 in 1926, it ran through parts of eight states – Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. My wife and I recently took a vacation and traveled Route 66. We started in downtown Chicago and drove most of the old highway out to San Bernardino, California. At that point we got on the interstate and drove out to the Santa Monica Pier. Most of the old highway is driveable, but there are some parts that are pretty rough. There are even some stretches of the original highway alignment that are now dirt roads. A good portion of the highway is marked with "Historic Route 66" signs, but in some cases these become souvenirs for unscrupulous individuals. Along the old highway there are a number of abandoned gas stations, hotels, and restaurants. Even entire towns have seemed to disappear. On the other hand, there are a number of cities that are still thriving, courting to the travelers that travel the old road. Also, a number of Route 66 attractions are still open and there are a number of Route 66 associations and museums dedicated to preserving this piece of Americana.

The last stretch of Route 66 was bypassed by the interstate in 1985. At this time, U.S. 66 was no more, replaced by five different interstate highways. If you ever find yourself driving out west on the interstate and you see a sign that says "Historic Route 66 Next Exit", treat yourself to a nice relaxing drive on Old U.S. 66 and enjoy a slice of the past. "Get your kicks" on Route 66.









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