

NEWSLETTER OF THE WEST MICHIGAN CORVAIR CLUB

June 1974

It's official. We are now legally chartered by the State of Michigan as the West Michigan Corvair Club. Our club president, Jack Corcoran, believes that we are the first club to be chartered independently in Michigan. Our club emblem was shown at the May meeting. We are not officially affiliated with CORSA yet. That is being looked into by the board. A copy of the Club Constitution will be available at a later date.

Our next meeting will be June 18th at 8:15 p.m. It will be held in the East Building of the Grand Rapids Public Museum. On the agenda will be a discussion of the Sandy Pines Campers Resort Tour and the CORSA Convention, which will be in Chicago on August 16-18. Following the meeting we will be watching the movie "Merrily We Roll Along".

We had a good turnout at the Fallsburg Park Picnic. There was a total of 21 people in attendance and 8 Corvairs. A good time was had by all.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$119.25.

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- Happy 25th Anniversary WMCC -

1999 marks the 25th anniversary of the West Michigan Corvaair Club. It all started in 1973 when a group of Corvaair enthusiasts started meeting. They decided that it would be a good idea to be chartered by the State of Michigan for liability purposes when holding events. The West Michigan Corvaair Club was officially chartered by the State of Michigan on June 7, 1974. Our first president was Jack Corcoran (although Greg Cox served as "President" in 1973, before the club was chartered). The earliest membership list (from November, 1973) shows 18 members (in 1999 we have just over 40 members). Dues were \$6.00 per year (compared to \$12.00 in 1999). The meetings in 1974 were held in the Grand Rapids Public Museum. There was a business meeting usually followed by refreshments and a movie. Some of the activities of the West Michigan Corvaair Club in 1974 included a picnic at Fallsburg Park, a weekend retreat at Sandy Pines, going to the CORSA convention in Chicago, and a trip to a wine festival in Paw Paw. Look for articles in future newsletters about the past 25 years.

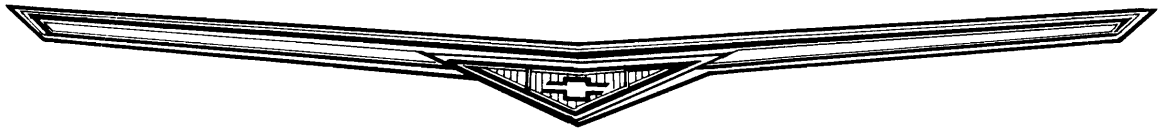
- The WMCC Emblem -

The emblem of the West Michigan Corvaair Club was designed by the Board of Directors in 1974. The two arced arrows are modeled after the "Turbo-Charged" emblem from a 1964 Spyder. The crest inside of the lower peninsula of Michigan is a Monza emblem (circa 1966 - 1969). The two dots represent Grand Rapids and Detroit. The official colors are silver for the arced arrows and lower peninsula, red for the circle inside of the arced arrows, and black for the lettering, Monza emblem, and the two dots. For our 25th anniversary, a black outer circle was added with the text "25th Anniversary" and "1974 - 1999" printed in silver.



- Our Club Name -

How would you like to be a member of the Grand Valley Monza Club? How about the Kent Korvair Klub or RACE (Rapid Area Corvair Club)? Or you could be in COMA (Corvairs of Michigan Association). These were some of the names for our club under consideration by the membership in late 1973. Some other names nominated were: Woodland Corvair Club, Corvairs of Wolverine State (COWS), West Michigan Monza Club, Grand Rapids Area Corvair Enthusiasts (GRACE), and Corvair Owners of Lower Michigan (COOLM). A couple of the more colorful names were Michigan's Only Nader Zinger Association (MONZA) and Corvair Club in the City of the Dutch. West Michigan Corvair Club was the overwhelming favorite of the membership and was adopted as the club name in December 1973. Also voted on that night was a club motto. Jack Konkle came up with the phrase "You're ahead with an engine behind!" The membership came up with a few others but Jack's idea was voted as the official club motto.



- Back to 1999 -

There will be no meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club in January. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 PM. It will be held at Brann's on Division (between 36th St. and 44th St.). Following the meeting we will be showing slides from the 1986 CORSA Convention that was held in Grand Rapids. Also, it is time to pay dues for 1999. Dues are \$12.00 and can be paid at the February meeting or mailed to Gary Gruetzmacher.

- Classifieds -

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

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