



WEST MICHIGAN CORVAIR CLUB

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February 1999

- What's Going On -

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Brann's on 4157 S. Division. After the business portion, we will be looking at slides of the 1986 CORSA Convention which took place in Grand Rapids. Also, if you have any other slides that are Corvair related, feel free to bring them to show.

- Coming Events -

February 16	WMCC General Meeting
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April 20	WMCC General Meeting
April 24 - 25	Tri-State Corvairs Swap Meet, Bryan, Ohio
May 22	3 rd Annual WMCC Car Display and Swap Meet
June 12	Picnic honoring Charter Members
June 15 - 20	CORSA International Convention, Lake Tahoe, Nevada
August 17	Whitecaps Game
August 27 - 29	Detroit Area Corvair Club Corvair Homecoming

- Classifieds -

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

1962 700 Coupe - New Mexico car, 3-speed, white with blue interior. Must sell. \$1500 or best offer. Bill, (616) 459-7149.

1965 Convertible - 110, 3 spd., bodywork and paint are 2 years old, needs new top. 44,000 miles. Guy Taylor, Allen Park, (313) 389-1953 or GUYWTAYLOR@aol.com.

Parts for Late Coupe - 2 left doors, 2 right doors, hood, engine lid, windshield, rear window, front bumper, rear bumper. In storage in barn loft in Belding since mid-80's. Joe Malby, home: (616) 454-4552; work: (616) 257-1630.

Parts - 110 engine from a 66 Monza, 2 wheel-well trim molding still in GM wrapper, new lifter rods, new window trim, various gasket kits and other parts. Asking price: FREE. Doug Wood, St. Joseph, (616) 849-2719 after 6:00 PM or dwood@gtm.net.

- 1999 Dues –

It's time to pay your 1999 dues. You can bring your \$12.00 to the February meeting or send it to Gary Gruetzmacher or John Cole.

- My Classic Car –

The 1998 CORSA International Convention is going to be featured on the television show "My Classic Car" on March 6 - 7. This program airs locally on The Nashville Network (Ch. 38 on TCI Cable) on Saturday at 2:30 PM and Sunday at 1:30 PM. Other air dates for this episode are June 5 - 6, September 4 - 5, December 4 - 5.

- Activities for 1999 –

The Board of Directors is in the process of planning activities for 1999. Since this is the 25th anniversary of the West Michigan Corvair Club, we would like to make this a central theme in our activities. In May we have our annual car display and swap meet planned. For June, we are planning a picnic to honor our charter members who are still active in the club. Our annual trip to the West Michigan Whitecaps game is on tap for August. Right now we don't have anything scheduled for July. Is there something that you would like to do as a club? In the past we have gone to car museums, the Kalamazoo Air Museum, and cruise nights at Rosie's Diner. If you have any ideas, you may contact a member of the board or bring them up at the February meeting.

- 3rd annual car display and swap meet –

We have officially set the date of the WMCC 3rd Annual Car Display and Swap Meet to be Saturday, May 22, 9:00 - 3:00. There are two sites in Bangor being considered for the event. We will pass the word once we get the site nailed down. Like last year we will have a people's choice car display and a swap meet with free vendor space. There will be food available to purchase and there will also be a 50/50 raffle. This show will also be a celebration of our 25th anniversary. We would like to set up a display table of WMCC memorabilia. If you have any that you would like to share, please bring it.

- June Picnic –

We would like to have a picnic on June 12 honoring the charter members of the West Michigan Corvair Club who are still active in the club. This date is tentative. We would like to have the picnic at Fallasburg Park in Lowell.

Special note to charter members: We would really like to have all of you there. Could you please reply back to Keith Vander Pol (874-9943) or Dave Ziebarth (281-3183) if you can make it or not or an alternate date we could have the picnic. We would like to have it in June since that was when we were officially chartered as a club. Active charter members are Jack Corcoran, Bob Laubscher, John Shipman, and Rob Van Sledright.

- WMCC 1974-1976 -

In 1974, the president of the West Michigan Corvair Club was Jack Corcoran. The main focus of the group was working on the Constitution and By-Laws so they could be chartered by the state of Michigan. A club logo was also being developed at this time. The monthly club meetings were held in the old Grand Rapids Public Museum and the yearly dues were \$6.00. The entertainment following the meeting was usually a movie or a slide show. The club was officially chartered on June 7, 1974. Some club activities included a summer picnic at Fallasburg Park in Lowell, a trip to a winery in Paw Paw, and a Christmas Party at Fingers Restaurant (Terry Fingers was a member of the club). Wayne Moekel (another club member) had 25 Corvairs for sale for \$2500.

John Shipman took over as president in 1975. The meetings were still held at the museum, with tech sessions having replaced movies as the entertainment. Most of the tech sessions were for minor problems that members would bring up. A couple of bigger tech sessions were a carburetor rebuild and a discussion about drum brakes and disc brakes. Club activities included a trip to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners and a parade of Corvairs at Berlin Raceway during the intermission. One thing that the club wanted to do was purchase license plate frames that would have the club name on them and have an inscription saying "I Love My Corvair". This idea was nixed a month later when it was determined that they were illegal in the state of Michigan.

1976 saw the election of Ron Altman as club president. Discussion was held about how to give the club more exposure in the Grand Rapids area. Some ideas included participation in bicentennial parades and public service projects. The club also took a tour of the Fisher Body plant on Alpine. There was also discussion of having a meeting with the Furrin Group Sports Car Club. The Christmas Party was once again held at Fingers Restaurant.

- wmcc memories -

Is there a particular activity that you remember in the 25 years of the West Michigan Corvair Club? If you would like to write a paragraph or two about your WMCC memories, let me know or just write it down and send it to me.



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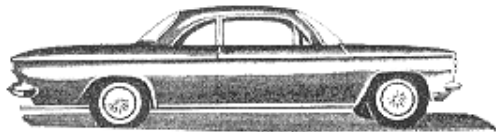
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