



WEST MICHIGAN CORVAIR CLUB

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### - What's Going On -

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be on Saturday, May 22 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual WMCC Car Display and Swap Meet. The event will take place at Don Cleveland's Antique Auto Museum & Antique Shop, 65215 M-43, Bangor, Michigan from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will have a people's choice car display, swap meet, 50/50 raffle, and food to buy. We will also be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the West Michigan Corvair Club. Remember to bring any old photos of club events or any club memorabilia. If you would like to help set up, you may show up at 8:00 AM. There will be no Tuesday evening meeting this month.

### - Coming Events -

May 22	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual WMCC Car Display and Swap Meet
May 22	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show for Childrens Burn Camp, Old Kent Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 12	Picnic honoring Charter Members at Fallasburg Park
June 13	36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Carnival of Cars, Ford Test Track, Utica, MI
June 15 - 20	CORSA International Convention, Lake Tahoe, Nevada
July 10	GRACC Car Show, 44 <sup>th</sup> and Broadmoor Mr. Fables
July 14	Cruise Night at Rosie's Diner
July 20	WMCC General Meeting at Dave Teppo's
August 17	Whitecaps Game
August 27 - 29	Detroit Area Corvair Club Corvair Homecoming

### - New Members -

We have two more new members to introduce this month. New to the club are Al Stone from Farmington Hills and Joe Parker from Lowell. Welcome to the club.



## - Classifieds -

**1963 Greenbrier** – White with red stripe, partially restored inside, engine partially restored. \$1500 OBO. Scott Pewterbaugh, 9733 Timberlane Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345 or [PEWTERBA@aol.com](mailto:PEWTERBA@aol.com).

**1964 Monza Convertible** - 4 speed, 110 hp, Texas car, white top with new window, black int., aqua ext. \$3000. Roger Manning, Grand Rapids, (616) 455-1185.

**\*1964 Coupe** – 76,000 miles, runs and drives well. Dash is redone, new floors and carpet. Needs some body work. \$1000. Tim Bunker, Waupun, WI, (920) 324-4495 or [tim2@gdinet.com](mailto:tim2@gdinet.com).

**1966 Monza Convertible** – 110/PG. Underbody, trunk, and engine compartment have been sandblasted. Body in very good condition with some minor rust around wheel wells, floorboards are solid with only a few pin holes. Al Heivilin, Three Rivers, (616) 279-9570 or [asheiv@gte.net](mailto:asheiv@gte.net).

**\*1966 Monza Convertible** – 110/4-spd, new brakes, new tires, new exhaust, new floors, new carpet, new upholstery, rebuilt engine, many new parts, indoor storage last five years. \$3000. Ron Baio, East Grand Rapids, (616) 243-5531.

**1968 Monza Coupe** – 140/PG, metallic green interior, wood steering wheel. Some rust but car is solid overall. \$1800. Ed Craft, Dundee, MI (734) 529-3784.

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

**Wanted** – dash pad for a 1964 Monza. John Krenzler, (916) 348-3039.

**Parts for 1960 Monza** – doors, deck lids, NOS rear lid never used. Also 80hp powertrain. Wesley, East Lansing, (517) 351-2541 or [PWCEELEY@aol.com](mailto:PWCEELEY@aol.com).

**Parts Car** – car is in bad shape but there are some good parts on it. The engine and transaxle is there. Parts are located about 30 minutes east of Jackson. Mike, [WhtShrk71@aol.com](mailto:WhtShrk71@aol.com).

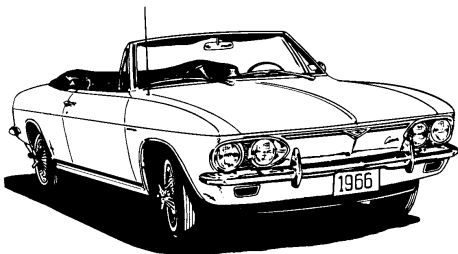
*\* - Editor's Note: I will have pictures of these cars at the swap meet.*

## - Convention Car Raffle -

The car show in Bangor will be your last chance to purchase these raffle tickets. The cost is \$2.00 per ticket. See the person at the registration table to purchase.

## - whitecaps tickets -

We have 30 tickets reserved for the West Michigan Whitecaps game on August 17. The cost is \$6.00 per ticket. Reserve your tickets now with John Cole.



## - WMCC 1982-1983 -

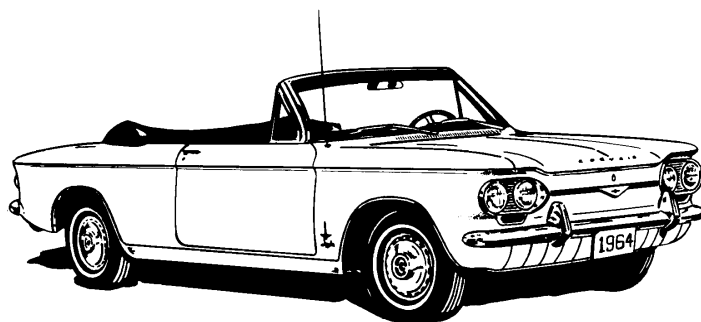
In 1982, Tom Lannon was president of the West Michigan Corvair Club. Participating in parades was a popular club activity. There were two parades on Memorial Day (Standale and Battle Creek) and two parades on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (Grandville and Hudsonville). There was also the Coast Guard Festival Parade in Grand Haven at the end of the summer. Other activities included a mall show at Eastbrook Mall, a picnic with the Grand Rapids Antique Car Club, and the annual color tour. Bill Wright hosted a tech session on how to rebuild a Corvair alternator. John Shipman won a second place trophy at the Gilmore Car Museum car show that took place in August. The big news of 1982 was the announcement from CORSA that the West Michigan Corvair Club would host the 1986 CORSA International Convention. Cliff and Betsy Murphy were named convention chairs.

Tom Lannon continued as club president in 1983. The club was still meeting at the Grand Rapids Public Museum but they were becoming dissatisfied with the accommodations at the museum. There was the usual slate of parades to participate in and a mall show at Rogers Plaza. The club also toured Kent Skills Center. Jackets were ordered for club members to purchase so they could be identified as members of the West Michigan Corvair Club. The jackets were tan and blue with a blue silk-screened WMCC logo on the front. The slogan "Corvairs on the Grand" was adopted for the 1986 convention and preliminary planning for the convention was under way.

## - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -

This month marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Corvair. On May 14, 1969 the last Corvair rolled off the assembly line at the Willow Run plant. By this time the cars were being hand-built on a make-shift assembly line. The last car was an Olympic Gold Monza Coupe with the serial number 105379W706000. This was the 6000<sup>th</sup> Corvair built in 1969. After it rolled off the assembly line, it was photographed by the press and GM and hidden away, never to be seen again. There is much speculation about what happened to this car: it was cut up for scrap metal, it was dumped at the bottom of a lake, it was used in crash testing. Others speculate that GM still has it in their possession. The next-to-last Corvair produced, #5999, can be seen at the Corvair Museum in Richmond, Virginia.

Sources: "The Corvair Decade" by Tony Fiore; *Virtual Vairs*



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