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July 1999

- What's Going On -

We will be meeting twice this month. On Wednesday, July 14, we will be participating in a cruise-in at Rosie's Diner in Rockford. We will meet at Rosie's at 7:00. After looking at the cars for a while, we will caravan over to the Corner Bar for dinner. To get to Rosie's Diner, take U.S. 131 North to the exit for M-57. Go east on M-57 and Rosie's will be on your right. Our second meeting will be on Tuesday, July 20. We will be meeting at Dave Teppo's house (actually in his garage). The meeting will start at 7:30. We will be grilling hot dogs and watching some videos. Dave has also offered the use of his lift for any impromptu tech sessions. Look for a map to Dave's house later in this newsletter. Also, the Grand Rapids Antique Car Club will be holding a car show on July 10 at the Mr. Fables on 44th Street and Broadmoor, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. For more information, contact Ruth Esakson at (616) 677-5816.

- Coming Events -

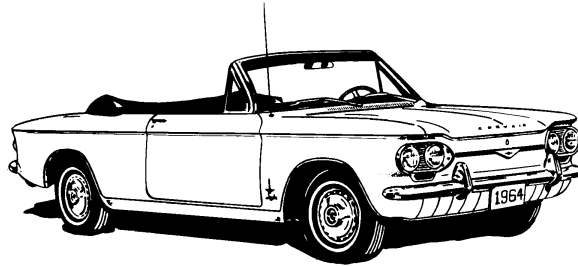
July 10	GRACC Car Show, 44 th and Broadmoor Mr. Fables
July 14	Cruise Night at Rosie's Diner
July 20	WMCC General Meeting at Dave Teppo's
August 7 - 8	Red Barns Spectacular XIX Car Show, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan
August 15	Corvair Museum Open House, Richmond, Virginia
August 17	Whitecaps Game
August 27 - 29	Detroit Area Corvair Club Corvair Homecoming
September 11	Celebration on The Grand Parade
September 17 - 19	Hoosier Auto Show and Swap Meet, Indianapolis
October 10	Corvair Museum Open House, Richmond, Virginia

- Celebration on the Grand -

If you are interested in participating in the Celebration on The Grand Parade, please contact John Cole. We need to have a response back to the parade committee at the end of July as to our participation. I know we have some cars out there that would look nice in a parade.

- Dick Hall -

I am sad to report that WMCC member Dick Hall passed away back in June. Dick was a long time member and past president of our club. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.



- Classifieds -

1961 Sedan - little rust except for floors and left-side rocker. Ran when parked. Bliss Allison, 11523 E. Edgar Rd., Vestaburg, MI. E-mail: balisn@power-net.net.

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 Convertible - original condition, 57,000 miles, powerglide, power top (new), new tires & carpet. Bob Russo, New Jersey, (732) 901-1981 (work).

1964 Monza - and 1968 500. The Monza is rough and the 500 has a 140. Stored since the mid-80's. Need to sell by the end of the month. Jim Conway, Lakeview, conway@pathwaynet.com.

1965 Monzas - Two convertibles that are restorable and three coupes that are parts cars. The convertibles are 110 hp. \$3000 or best offer for all. Lori Hibbs, Mt. Pleasant, (517) 775-8956.

1965 Coupe - with 4x1 induction, modified, has '66 transaxle, stored inside, has not run since 1975, needs bodywork, interior seating removed and replaced with buckets. Some misc. spare parts. Also a 1970 Fiberfab GT-15 kit, apart but complete with engine/'65 drive-train, apart. IECO Weber induction fitted to heads. Other stuff includes IECO headers, center carb induction, extra suspension pieces, gas tank, etc. Chris Krauser, Toledo, (419) 841-7984.

40+ Corvairs - were running when parked. They have been setting for some time on a paved lot. Would like to sell cars whole or as parts. Kenny Gallimore, Hazel, Kentucky, (901) 498-8785.

Manuals - 1961 Corvair and Corvair 95 Shop Manual Supplement and a 1964 Corvair and Corvair 95 Shop Manual. Norm Reitmayer, (810) 286-3777 or Normfran@aol.com.

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

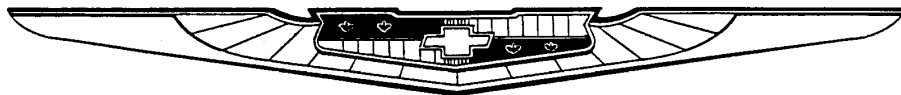
- whitecaps tickets -

Don't forget to reserve your tickets for the Whitecaps game on August 17. Contact John Cole.

- *WJCC* 1986-1987 -

Tom Lannon continued his marathon stint as president in 1986. The two year term limit in the club by-laws was waived during this period to ease planning of the 1986 CORSA Convention that was hosted by the West Michigan Corvair Club. The first part of 1986 was spent planning the convention. Raffles of Corvair items were held at every meeting to raise money for convention expenses. Meetings were still being held at the old Grand Rapids Public Museum. There was some time for other club activities however. Some of these activities included the Festival '86 parade, Hudsonville Car Show, and a halftime parade at the Kalamazoo Speedway. Rob Van Sledright presented a slide show titled "Bring 'em Back Alive" which was described as the Corvair in history, humor, fact, and fiction. The fall color tour was a caravan to the Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek and the annual Christmas Party took place at the Hungry Lion restaurant.

Dick Hall was elected president for 1987. The club newsletter was officially christened *Lifter Noise*. This name was submitted by George Slomp. Some other names that were under consideration were *Blow-bye*, *Oil Sensor*, and *Murphy's Folly*. Bill Wright gave a tech session on a generator rebuild. The club participated in a number of parades including Festival '87, East Grand Rapids July 4th Parade, the Hudsonville Salad Bowl Celebration, and the Kalamazoo Wine & Harvest Festival. Other club activities included a picnic in Douglas Walker Park, a tour of Wes Myrick's Auto Museum in Cannonsburg, and a color tour/road rally. At the 1987 CORSA Convention in Chicago, Pat Murphy won 1st in class in the concours and John Shipman won the People's Choice award.



- Top Ten Reasons for Owning Multiple Corvairs -

by Ken McNichols, Virtual Vairs

10. Weather-appropriate transportation: convertibles are uncomfortable in the winter--cold, drafty, top gets stiff and can't be put down; sedans are no fun in the summer--other convertible drivers pass you by waving merrily
9. Increased esteem among other car club members
8. If you take something apart but can't remember how to put it back together, you can just look at the one in the other car
7. Spare tire fits either car
6. Easier to color-coordinate car with wardrobe
5. If you're in a pinch for a part, you can borrow from other car
4. Continuous Quality Improvement: the cars are in competition--whichever system works best on one car serves as a model for improvement in the other car.
3. Friends more likely to tell you about the car they saw for sale in a field off I-20
2. Appeals to your "Hey kids! Collect 'em all!" mentality
1. Don't have to share garage space with wife

- A Grand Affair -

On July 30, 1986, Corvairs from across the nation invaded Grand Rapids for the 1986 CORSA National Convention. 1,042 people attended the convention that ran until August 2. The main attraction on Wednesday was the Econo Run, chaired by Bob Finch. 51 cars started at the Gerald R. Ford Museum, led by a TV crew from WZZM channel 13. The first leg of the tour took everyone to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners. From there they went over to the Fenn Vineyards for some wine tasting. The tour then went through Sagatuk and Holland before ending near the Ford Museum. After the Econo Run, some people enjoyed a tour of Grand Haven and the Coast Guard Festival.

On Thursday, the rally took place. Dan Konkle was in charge of the rally and based on the article in the September 1986 *Communique*, he did a great job of making it tricky. The course went near the birthplace of Ed Cole and through Michigan apple country. CORSA also held its annual meeting and there was a tour of the Amway Center.

The main event happened on Friday. There were almost 200 Corvairs parked on Calder Plaza for the concours (chaired by Bill Wright) and the People's Choice car display (chaired by Mark Lannon). Eighty of the cars were in the People's Choice car display, which was in its third year as an event. Just about every model and type of Corvair was represented, including an UltraVan, Yenko Stingers, a Fitch Sprint, a Solar Cavalier, a Corvair RV conversion, and a Corvair-engined Fiat 850 racer. I understand that it was quite a sight to see.

The Autocross took place on Saturday out at Grand Valley State College (now Grand Valley State University). Over 70 drivers decided to try their skill on the course laid out by Dan Konkle and the West Michigan chapter of the SCCA. Just as the event got underway, a downpour drenched the course and participants. After an hour delay, the autocross resumed and some impressive runs were posted including Warren LeVeque with a time of 30.84 seconds in his Le Vair Spyder. About 600 people enjoyed the awards banquet where Bill Pursell of Madison, Wisconsin was awarded the Edward N. Cole trophy. He and his wife Deanne drove from Madison in an unrestored 1966 Monza. It was estimated that a total of 350 Corvairs were in Grand Rapids the week of the convention.

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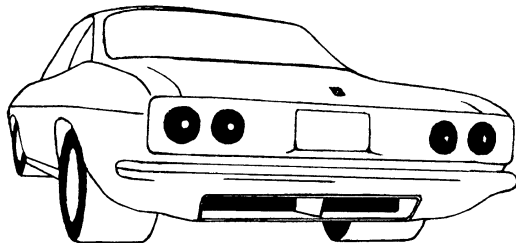
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