



Season's Greetings

from the West Michigan Corvair Club



December 1999/January 2000

- What's Going On -

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 7 at Brann's at 4157 S. Division (between 36th St. and 44th St.). The cost will be \$15.00 per person which includes dinner and five raffle tickets. The menu choices are Sizzler, BBQ Ribs, Chicken Teriyaki, Shrimp, or a Veggie Wrap. Dinner includes salad and potato as well. Beverages other than coffee will cost extra. Festivities will start at 6:30 with a social hour (or ½ hour) and dinner will start at 7:00. Following dinner there will be a white elephant gift exchange.There will be no board meetings in December or January and there will be no general membership meeting until February. There will more than likely not be a newsletter in January. If you don't get one, get this one out and read it again.The parts auction that was held in October netted \$170.00 for the Inner City Christian Federation. If you weren't there, you missed some good deals.We still have some catalogs available from Clark's Corvair Parts and Corvair Underground for \$5.00 each.Look for WMCC's revamped website sometime in January or February.

- Coming Events -

December 7	WMCC Christmas Party
February 15	WMCC General Meeting
March 21	WMCC General Meeting
April 18	WMCC General Meeting
May 20	4 th Annual WMCC Car Display and Swap Meet
July 18 - 22	CORSA International Convention, Daytona Beach, Florida

- Election Results -

At the November meeting, we held our annual club elections. Your officers for 2000 are: President - Dave Ziebarth; Vice-President - Dave Teppo; Secretary/Treasurer - John Cole. Also elected to the Board of Directors were Keith Vander Pol, Bill Wright, and Gary Gruetzmacher.

- Classifieds -

1963 Convertible - automatic, white exterior with some repairable rust, top has been replaced, interior needs to be replaced, engine ran when parked two months ago but now there appears to be an electrical problem. Matthew Frymire, (616) 364-6880 or injest@pathwaynet.com.

1963 Monza Coupe - 70,000 miles, body in very good condition, may need new flywheel. \$1500 OBO. David Hall, Gaylord, (517) 732-1998.

1967 Monza - 110, body all original, has been repainted original color (Granada Gold), new tires with racing rims, do have original hub caps, engine just rebuilt, new parts include clutch cable, alternator, plugs, distributor. Very little rust. Can send pictures. Harvey Atherton, Watervliet, (616) 463-3949 or atherton@andrews.edu.

1967 Corvair - 95 hp motor, floor rough, body in good shape except behind driver side tire, no seats or headliner. Also, parts from 1968 Corvair: doors (VG), hood and engine lid (mint), complete steering column, rear axles, transmission, complete front end, 15-inch rally rims, dash, trim, front and rear sub frames. \$500 takes everything. Willing to part out if need be. Dan Caza, Harrow, Ontario (half-hour from Detroit), (519) 738-6603 or dcaza@hotmail.com.

1968 Corvair - 100 hp, Powerglide, 41,000 miles, some rust, extra parts. \$400.00. John, Youngstown, Ohio, (330) 549-3685.

1965-66 Telescopic Column - has wood steering wheel. There are two cracks in the rim of the wheel, some pitting on center cap. \$100.00 plus shipping. Todd Finison, Lansing, (517) 646-6251 or tpfinison@hotmail.com.

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- WMCC 1996-1999 -

Gary Gruetzmacher was elected president for 1996. There was some talk about the club hosting a CORSA mini-convention in 1997, but it never materialized. Rob Van Sledright and Dan Konkle presented some Corvair slides at one of the meetings. Some other activities were a cookout/tech session at Gary Gruetzmacher's in Bangor, a West Michigan Whitecaps game, a tour of the Kalamazoo Air Zoo with the Michiana Corvair Club, a fall color tour with the West Michigan Pontiac Club, and the annual Christmas party which was held at Old Country Buffet. We also participated in the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Parade and the Celebration on the Grand Parade. Six members of the club also took a trip to the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. As part of the celebration of 100 years of the automobile, Roger Manning's 1964 Monza convertible was on display at Crown Motors in Holland.

Gary Gruetzmacher was re-elected president in 1997. Activities included a Whitecaps game, a tour of the Studebaker Museum in South Bend, Indiana with the Michiana Corvair Club, participating in a cruise-in at Rosie's Diner in Rockford, the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Parade, a fall picnic at Hager Park in Hudsonville, and a Christmas party at Brann's. We also held our 1st Annual Car Display and Swap Meet in Bangor, Michigan at Restorations Plus. We had a turnout of 23 Corvairs (one from every year except 1960 and 1969) and four parts vendors. It was such a success that we have decided to do it every year.

Keith Vander Pol was elected president for 1998. After bouncing around to some different places in 1997, our meetings were held at Brann's starting in 1998. Some meeting topics included a Corvair Trivia Quiz, a discussion of Corvair Internet sites, and a tech session on electronic ignitions given by Gary Gruetzmacher. 1998 saw the debut of the West Michigan Corvair Club website (<http://www.iserv.net/~wmcc>). We have had a number of new members join the club after seeing our website. Other club activities were the annual swap meet and car display in Bangor, Rosie's Diner cruise-in, Whitecaps game, a fall picnic at Hager Park, a fall color tour with the Pontiac club, and the Christmas party was held at Brann's.

Keith Vander Pol was re-elected president in 1999. We also celebrated our club's 25th Anniversary this year. We held our car display again but this time it was at the Don Cleveland Car Museum and Antique Shop outside of Bangor. In June, the month of our anniversary, we held a picnic honoring our charter members who are still with the club: Jack Corcoran, Bob Laubscher, John Shipman, and Rob Van Sledright. Other activities included a West Michigan Whitecaps game, a cruise-in at Rosie's Diner, a color tour with the West Michigan Pontiac Club and Battle Creek GTO Club, and the Christmas party at Brann's. John Cole gave a tech session on a generator to alternator conversion and Dan Konkle and John Cole gave a tech session on distributors. In July, we held a meeting at Dave Teppo's recently completed garage. I think everyone who was there that night was jealous of his huge garage (which includes a lift). The 1998 CORSA Convention from St.

Louis was featured on the TV show "My Classic Car" which airs on The Nashville Network.

I hope you enjoyed reading about the past 25 years of our club. I sure had fun doing the research for these articles every month. If you missed one, they are on our website and I plan on leaving them there through the next year.



- Happy Holidays -

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the members of the West Michigan Corvair Club and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for the year 2000. It looks like it's time to scratch off those 19's that are preprinted on your checks. I am looking forward to serving as club president in 2000 and I hope to see a lot of you at the meetings.



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