

LIFTER NOISE

NEWSLETTER OF THE WEST MICHIGAN CORVAIR CLUB

MAY 2003

What's Going On...

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Bill and Betty Klage's "Poor Man's Car Collection" barn in Saugatuck. Please RSVP to Bill at (269) 857-8390 if you haven't done so already. For directions, see the map in this newsletter. ...The Mad Anthony club is having their show on May 17 and 18. A number of WMCC members are going to make the trek to Fort Wayne for the day on May 17. If you are interested in being part of the Caravan to Fort Wayne, meet at the Shell gas station on the Michigan Ave. exit off of I-69 at 9:00 AM. ... WMCC has a new e-mail address, wmcorvair@comcast.net.

Coming Events...

WMCC/Corvair Events

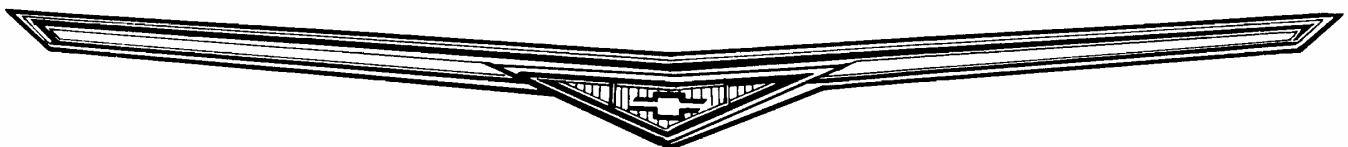
May 17 – 18	Mad Anthony Corvair Club 1 st Annual Corvair Classic, Fort Wayne
May 20	WMCC General Meeting hosted by Bill Klage in Saugatuck
May 31 – June 1	Ypsilanti Orphan Car Show
June 3	WMCC Board Meeting
June 17	WMCC General Meeting hosted by John Cole at Lear
July 15 – 19	CORSA International Convention, Carlisle, Pennsylvania
July 23	WMCC General Meeting at Rosie's Diner in Rockford
August 2	7 th Annual WMCC Car Display, Gilmore Car Museum
August 22 – 24	DACC Corvair Homecoming, Quality Inn, Plymouth

Other Events

May 17	7 th Annual Benefit Car Show & Auction for Burn Survivors, 9 AM – 3 PM, Fifth Third Park, Grand Rapids. For more info call 616-455-4338 or drdesoto@chartermi.net .
June 7	Frosty Boy's Annual Car Show, 5 PM – 9 PM, 5030 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo. For more info call 269-345-5360.
June 7	Rollin' Oldies Classic Car Show and Blood Drive, 10 AM – 3 PM, Michigan Community Blood Centers, 1036 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids. For more info call 233-8524 or 1-866-MIBLOOD.
June 13	Friday Night Classic Car Show, 6 PM – 9 PM, Grand Oldsmobile-Pontiac, 2901 28 th St. SW, Grandville.
June 14	Vicksburg Old Car Festival, 9 AM - ?, Main St. Vicksburg. For more info call 269-649-1312 or VIXOCF@aol.com .
July 12	Kindleberger Festival Car Show, 9 AM – 3:30 PM, Kindleberger Park, Parchment. For more info call 269-349-5559 or 269-342-2879 or festivalcarshow@hotmail.com .
July 26	15 th Annual Wayland Auto Show, 9 AM – 2 PM, Wayland City Park. For more info call 616-792-2915.
July 26	Plainwell Car Show
August 2 – 3	Red Barn Spectacular XXIII, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners.
August 10	Deano's 3 rd Annual Car Show, Noon – 6 PM, 1604 M-40, North Allegan.
August 16	Woodward Dream Cruise, Detroit

Last Month's Meeting...

Last month's meeting was held at Brann's. There were 17 people in attendance and 3 Corvairs. There were three drawings held; Jack Ridderman won the 50/50 raffle, Dave Ziebarth won an assortment of car accessories, and Steve Ridderman won the Vairy 8 Hot Wheels car. Steve Ridderman held a tech session on carburetors. He had many examples of different types of Corvair carbs.



Spring Dust-off...

It was a beautiful day on Saturday, May 3; a perfect day for a car show. Eleven Corvairs from WMCC met at Toys 'R Us for the journey to Lansing. John Cole laid out a wonderful route for cruising. We left Grand Rapids around 11:30 and arrived in Lansing just after 1:00 without any mishaps. The Detroit club was already there. Also there were two more Corvairs from the West Michigan club. There were three barns filled with classic cars; most of which were Oldsmobiles. There was also a video of an autocross from one of the CORSA conventions playing on a TV in the office. If you left the show hungry, it was your own fault as there was plenty of food. In all there were 30 Corvairs and approximately 80 people in attendance. A big thanks goes out to our hosts Jim Neal and Norm Witte, who are WMCC members. If you were not able to make it, you missed a wonderful time. Hopefully this will become an annual event. Below are a few pictures of the event. Look for more pictures and a feature on the club's web site soon.



On the road to Lansing. (photo courtesy of John Koning)



From one of the barns. (photo courtesy of John Cole)





Corvairs on display. (photo courtesy of John Koning)



Our hosts: Jim Neal (left) and Norm Witte. (photo courtesy of John Cole)



A 1966 Olds 442 and a 1969 Olds Cutlass.

Membership Info...

If you are interested in receiving an electronic version of the newsletter, you may e-mail Dave Ziebarth at dziebarth2@comcast.net. You will be e-mailed a link that will take you to an online version of the newsletter. Once you sign up for the electronic newsletter, you will no longer receive the snail mail version. For a sample of what the online newsletter looks like, go to <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter495/samplenews.pdf>. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view it. You can download the reader from <http://www.adobe.com>.

Look for the updated membership roster in this issue of *Lifter Noise*.

Treasurer's Report...

APRIL 2003

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$1,991.67
INCOME:	\$67.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$35.07
ENDING BALANCE:	\$2,023.60

Income came from dues and the 50/50 raffle. Disbursements were for the March newsletter.

Board Meeting Minutes...

From May 6, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Ridderman at 8:10

Treasury

There are still four unpaid members, and there will be an updated membership list in the next *Lifter Noise*.

Old Business

People have not been RSVPing Bill Klage for the May meeting at his garage.

July 26 is looking iffy for the proposed get-together at Kalamazoo Speedway - Steve is still working on it.

The ad for our Corvair display at Gilmore is in the Communique.

Ryan continues to work on the club promo flyer, and reminded us of the possibility of meeting at Martin Dragway on a Wednesday night in July.

We discussed going down to the Mad Anthony event in Fort Wayne as a group for one day only and arranged a meeting place for the caravan.

New Business

Bob showed us some large WMCC logo magnetic flexible signs that he had made by a local print shop. We will gauge the interest of the membership in purchasing these signs, which could be used on the cars in parades or while traveling.

In an effort to help get everyone to know each other a little better we will begin to print brief biographies of club members in the newsletter, starting with the president.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

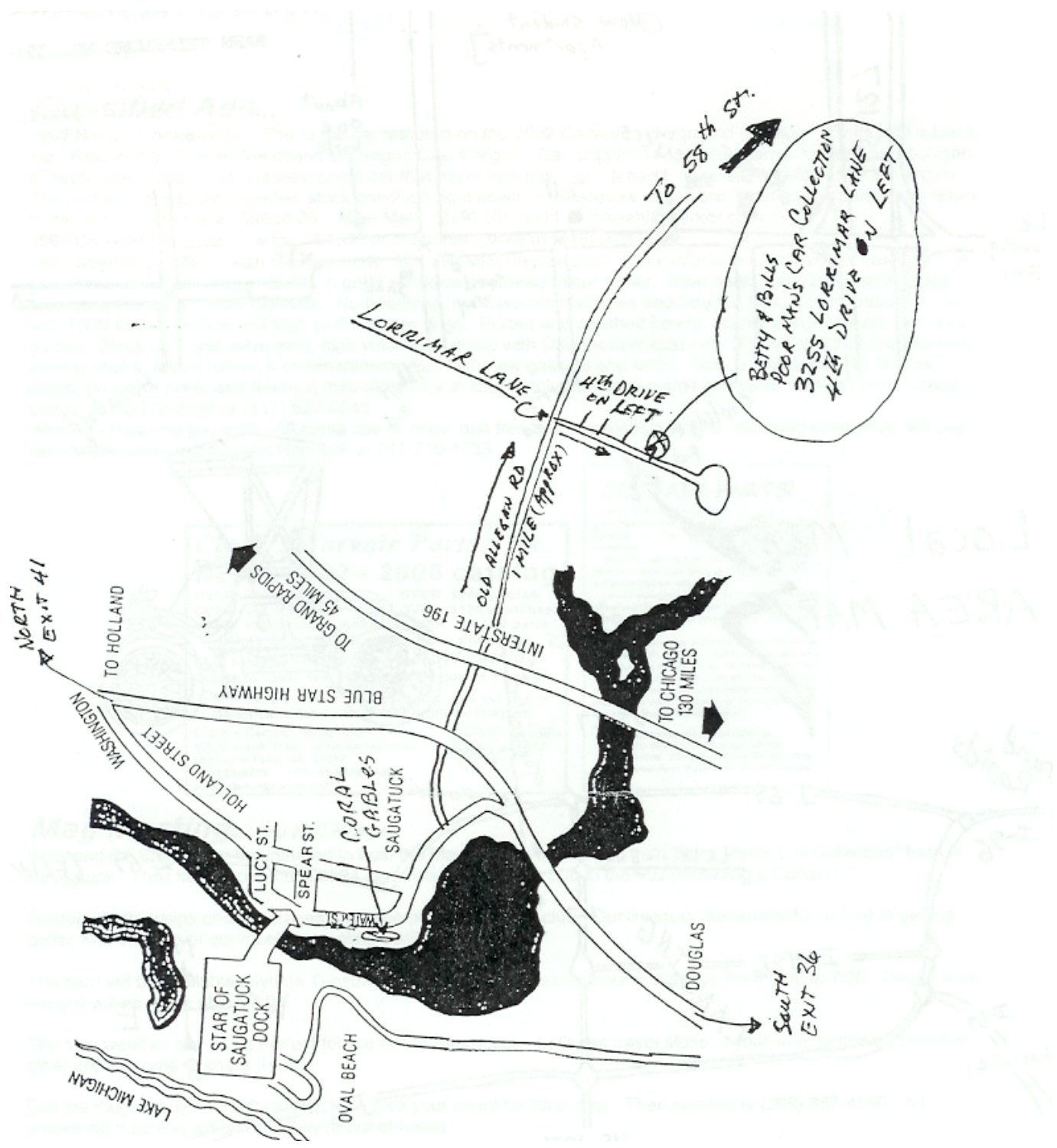
Classified Ads...

1962 Monza Convertible – This is the car featured on the 2002 Corvair Underground Catalog. White with a black top. Restored by Duane Wendtland of Oregon City, Oregon. Car shipped in enclosed carrier to Portage, Michigan in September 2002. This is a west coast car that never had any rust. It has a three speed with a 102 HP engine. The restoration is to a completely stock condition right down to the shocks. If you are looking for a perfect car down to the last detail this is it. \$9850.00. Mike Mehl, (269) 345-3811 or mimehl@parker.com.

Wanted - Ready to buy a 65 - 69 corsa cpe or conv. rust free and in excellent shape, can need cosmetics, will pay reasonable price. call Michael Hancock at 781-710-1733

Map to May Meeting...

Here is a map to the Poor Man's Car Collection, where our May meeting is going to be held. If you haven't RSVP'ed to Bill Klage yet, please do so. He can be reached at (269) 857-4390.



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About the West Michigan Corvair Club...

The West Michigan Corvair Club is chapter #495 of the Corvair Society of America. We typically meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Brann's on 4157 South Division in Wyoming, Michigan. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year. Junior membership dues (age 17 & under) are \$7.50 annually and family dues are \$16.00 annually. Our web site is <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter495/> and our e-mail address is wmcorvair@comcast.net.



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