

LIFTER NOISE

NEWSLETTER OF THE WEST MICHIGAN CORVAIR CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2003

What's Going On...

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvaair Club will be on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM (note the earlier start time). We will be meeting at Dave Teppo's house, 1063 Eastwood Ave. SE, East Grand Rapids. See enclosed map for directions. We will be having a cookout as well as a tech session on front end inspections. ... The annual color tour is scheduled for October 11. We are still in the planning stages, but go ahead and reserve that day. Details will either be in the next newsletter or a special mailing.

Coming Events...

WMCC/Corvaair Events

September 16	WMCC General Meeting hosted by Dave Teppo
September 19 – 21	Hoosier Auto Show and Swap Meet, Indianapolis, Indiana; For more info, contact Phil Riddle at (317) 852-4864.
October 7	WMCC Board Meeting
October 11	WMCC Color Tour
October 21	WMCC General Meeting – nomination of club officers
November 4	WMCC Board Meeting
November 18	WMCC General Meeting – election of club officers
December 2	WMCC Christmas Party
June 15 – 19, 2004	CORSA International Convention, Lexington, Kentucky

Other Events

September 12 – 13	Cruise 'N Car Show '03, Downtown Midland, Michigan
September 12 – 14	Hot Rod Nationals, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

Last Month's Meeting...

Last month's meeting hosted took place at C's drive-in. There were over 20 members in attendance, 11 of whom drove Corvairs. It was nice to see charter member Bob Laubscher at the meeting. He told a couple of stories about a 1966 Coupe that John Cole just purchased from him. There was a very brief business meeting to discuss Corvairs for sale and to mention the club elections. There was also mention of the need for a new newsletter editor for 2004. There was also the usual looking into engine compartments to diagnose problems and the admiring of our cars. Bob Muir did take some ribbing for driving a Mustang.

Membership Info...

John Shipman's phone number is listed incorrectly in the membership roster. It should read (616) 361-6056 (not 5056 as reported last month).

Dan Konkle has a new e-mail address, dankle@comcast.net.

We have had 2 new members join in the last month. Bryan Pulsipher lives in Muskegon and he joined at our last meeting. Ronald Johnson owns a 1962 Monza Convertible and he lives in Vicksburg.

As you see on the schedule of events, October's meeting will have the nomination of club officers. Our current officers have served for two consecutive years. Due to club by-laws, we have to elect a new slate of officers. We will also have two board member positions to fill. Please consider running for one of these positions. Also, we will be looking for a new newsletter editor for 2004. Our current editor will no longer have the time or resources available to put together the newsletter due to job responsibilities.

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. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view it. You can download the reader from <http://www.adobe.com>.

Classified Ads...

Station Wagons – 1961 Lakewood and 1962 Monza. Cars can be seen at George's Transmission on Division in Wyoming. (616) 532-3633.

1962 Corvair - it's been torn apart in hopes of rebuilding. Will sell for parts but would prefer to get rid of the whole thing package deal. Car is located just outside of Zeeland. Ross Zuverink, zuvie45@hotmail.com.

1962 Sedan - Nice shape. I have too many vehicles and need to part with some. I live in Texas, but the car is in Chesaning, near Saginaw. Asking \$2995 cash. The car is at 13201 Frandsche Rd. Chesaning, MI; phone is 989-865-6581 (my father Oscar). Randy Neumeyer, 281-320-8248 (Texas) or randycmu1@pdq.net.

1963 Monza Convertible - White, 4-speed. Project or parts car. Complete, but hasn't run for a while. Price negotiable. John Coon, Mt. Pleasant, MI. (989) 773-3328 or brustock@excite.com.

1963 Convertible - approx 30,000 miles. Brakes, throttle and engine have had some work done. Engine may need more work done. Top is good, body has some rust. \$2500. Jack in Grandville, (616) 538-7476.

1963 Spyder Convertible – have all parts including spinner wheels and Spyder steering wheel. Vassar, MI (989) 823-3217 or gonwaki2@tds.net.

1963 Greenbrier - Stored for years, running when parked, extra parts included. \$1500.00. Anedra or Dennis Lewis, (810) 743-2266 or LewisLeasing@myexcel.com.

1963 Rampside - 38,000 original miles, motor needs new rings. \$2500. John in Lake City, (231) 839-3722.



1964 Coupe – parts car; car was brought up from Austin, Texas in February. No motor, transaxle or interior. Car is located in Brighton. Call Dan at (248) 349-6456 (home), (248) 486-8369 (work), or (248) 755-5766 or send an e-mail to sedanrod@aol.com.



1969 Coupe – beautiful condition inside and out, silver, 110 hp with 35,000 original miles; have original bill of sale from local dealership. Barbie Keiser, Osseo, MI (central Hillsdale County), (517) 523-3026 or dkstuff@frontiernet.net.

Parts – Rebuilt 10" generator, \$85.00. Purchased rebuilt and not used Early car rear axles (2) \$75.00 each (good axles). Shocks for early (Underground p/n U3762) 2 pairs new in the box, \$40.00/pair or \$70.00 for set of 4. NOS early voltage regulator, \$35.00. 1962 Car assembly manual (new) \$10.00. Mike Mehl, (269) 345-3811 or mlmehl@parker.com.

Parts - turbo engine, taillights. 1965 and up. Six different bodies in different conditions. Four are convertibles. New parts too numerous to mention. Harry Wright, (606) 768-3226 or rew1@mrtc.com.

Parts - stock tires from a 1965 Corsa mounted on wheels. Brad Waddell darb85@chartermi.net.

Wanted – 65-69 Corvair convertible. Looking for a daily driver. I don't need a show car and don't want a project car. Jim Bogos, home phone 810-632-6145. E-mail address: bogey4277@hotmail.com.

Wanted – Thermister for early model, Bernie Blackmore, (616)678-7207.

WMCC Logo Products...

We now have car magnets with the WMCC logo on it available. These would be good to use at car shows and parades. They are \$40.00 a set. Don't forget that we also have t-shirts (\$12), coffee mugs (\$7), and static cling decals (\$1). Contact Bob Janei if you are interested in the magnets, mugs, or decals. Contact Dave Ziebarth if you are interested in a t-shirt.

Treasurer's Report...

AUGUST 2003

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$1,541.38
INCOME:	\$317.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$277.97
ENDING BALANCE:	\$1,580.41

Income came from dues, 50/50 raffle, car show, and the sales of WMCC logo product. Disbursements were for newsletter expenses and car show expenses.

Board Meeting Minutes...by Dan Konkle

September 2, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Ridderman at 7:30

Old Business

Not having had a board meeting for a while, nobody could think of any old business, so we went right to.....

New Business

The next general meeting will be held at Dave Teppo's garage on the 16th. He has a hoist, so we will put a Corvair up in the air and do a front suspension check/tech sort of thing. No fair peeking at anything else. The meeting will begin a little earlier than usual, at 7:00.

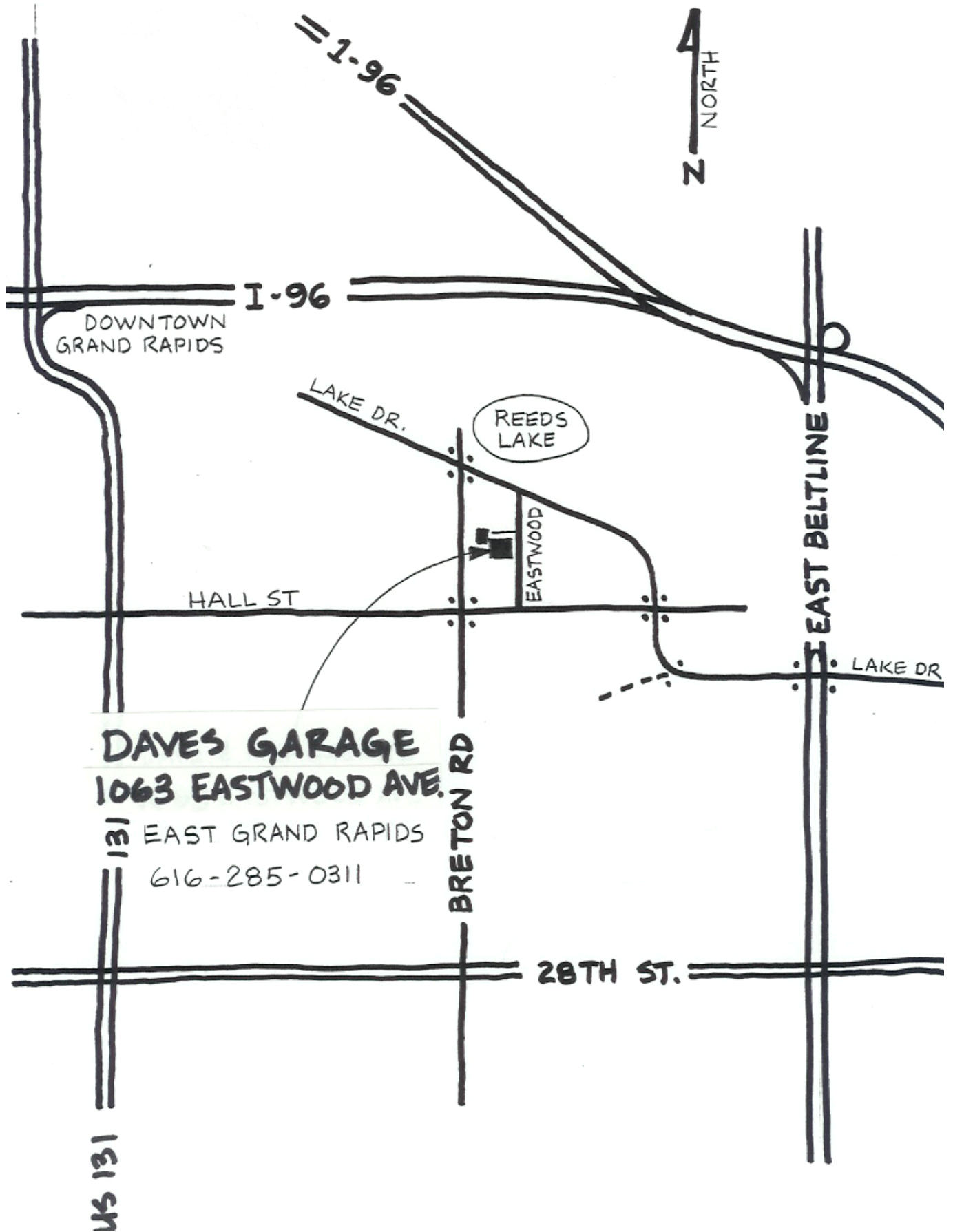
Steve will be organizing a color tour for Saturday, Oct 11. He will have more info at the general meeting. There was some discussion about inviting the DACC or the former members of the Michiana club to participate.

The Christmas party will be either Dec 2nd or 9th, and several board members volunteered to scrounge up some door prizes from local businesses. The club secretary has been threatening for some time to inflict a slide show upon the membership, and it was decided that the Christmas party would be a good time to do this. The show will feature not just personal stuff, but unusual Corvairs from the 70s and 80s, vintage Grand Rapids area racing, and more.

Dave Ziebarth will not be able to continue as editor of the Lifter Noise, but will be maintaining the WMCC website. A new editor has not been determined, although Ryan Counterman and John Cole are possible candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

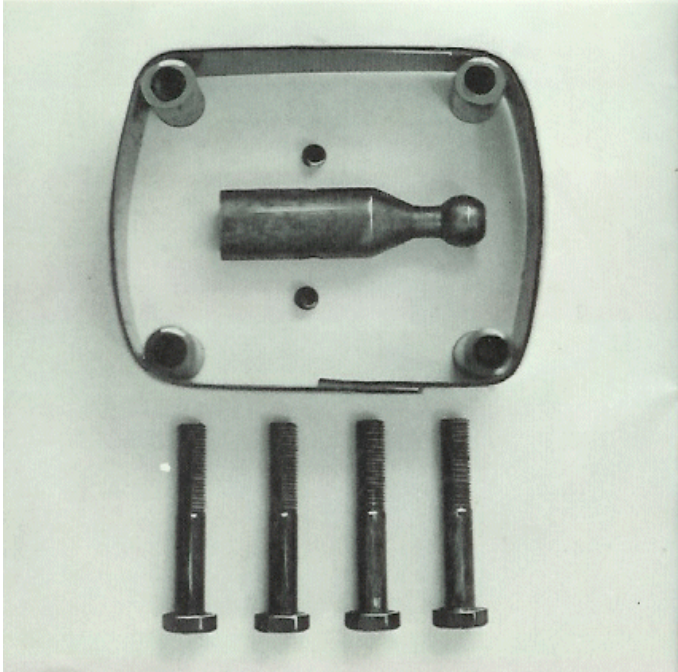
Map to Dave Teppo's...



Blast from the Past...

Here are some scans from an old IECO catalog which I believe is from the early 1970's. IECO was based out of Los Angeles and sold aftermarket Corvair parts. A hardtop for your convertible? How about a quick shift kit for \$7.95? Clark's gets \$36.60 for theirs. Shipping costs for the quick shift kit would be a whopping 75 cents.

No. 202 Quick-Shift • Most sports cars are equipped with a short, close-coupled gear selector that makes gear changing an effortless function. The IECO Quick-Shift is a simple modification that will put that sports-car-feel into any 3- or 4-speed Corvair. Quick-Shift raises the gear shift knob an inch, putting it nearer the driver. The shift pattern is reduced by 50%, and a close-coupled hand travel pattern means more efficient gear selection. Changes can be made in crisp, short moves that get you in the right slot fast and keep both hands on the wheel. You can install a Quick-Shift in as little as 15 minutes with simple hand tools.
Complete kit\$7.95



No. 28 IECO Corvair Hardtop • Corvair owners can now give their cars a "dual personality" treatment that used to be enjoyed only by drivers of specially personalized cars and imports. Here's a way you can turn your convertible into a snug, airtight closed car. Distinctive styling and all-weather protection add to your car's utility. The top can be removed or replaced in just minutes by two people easily. Ordinary convertible latches secure it in the front, and special clamp attachments in the rear. The exterior is finished in black or white leather grained material, and the interior is finished in star-pointed "naugahyde". The rear window features safety plate glass for your security. For those who are interested, please write for detailed information.
Price (1962-64 only)\$279.00



No. 1 NGK Spark Plugs • The finest spark plugs in the world. These imported wide-range plugs are just what you need to get the best performance and mileage from your engine. Sure quick starts and long life • Town and Slow Driving B-6H • Highway and Hard Driving B-7H.
Special introductory Price.....\$1.00 each

Spyder

No. 504 Spyder Name Plate • After you have installed IECO's Spyder Eater Equipment on your standard Corvair, you are entitled to display this distinctive designation.Price \$1.95

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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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