



# Lifter Noise

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## What's Going On. . .

### Upcoming Activities

- April 6 Board Meeting
- April 20 General Meeting at Brann's
- April 24 Furrin Group Auto-cross at ABC Auto Auction
- May 8 Spring Dust Off and General Meeting
- May 18 Work Night at Ryan Counterman's
- May 21-23 Mad Anthony Corvair Classic
- June 6 Orphan Car Show, Ypsilanti, MI
- June 15-19 Corsa International Convention, Lexington, KY
- August 7 WMCC car display at the Red Barn Spectacular
- August 27-29 Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming

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The next general meeting of the club will be on April 20. We will be meeting at Brann's Restaurant at 4157 South Division, Wyoming, MI. Meeting time is 7:30 pm.

At the meeting this month we will be featuring Corvair toys and memorabilia. If you have toys, models, or the like bring them along. We will see who has the most interesting or obscure examples.

The Spring Dust Off is on May 8, 2004. This promises to be an event as good as last year. It may even be better. We are planning on meeting at the barns of Jim Neal in East Lansing at approximately 11:00 am. We will share an early potluck lunch with members of the Detroit Area Corvair Club. Please bring a dish to pass your own table service and drinks.

Then a caravan will set out for the Ransom E. Olds Transportation Museum.

Our timing for this event comes close to matching another historic automotive occasion. On April 29, the last produc-

tion Oldsmobile will roll off the assembly line in Lansing. That last Alero will then be placed on display at the REOTM.

After the REOTM there are several other museums in the area that individuals may tour on their own before heading back to Grand Rapids.

Mark your calendars for MAY 8. Look on page 3 for meeting time and location information.

We have a position on the board that has been created by member Mike Mehl moving out of the area. President, Steve Ridderman is looking for volunteers to fill this vacancy. If you are interested in helping to run the club see Steve.

We are also in search of volunteers to help review and update our club by-laws. As our club has changed since its inception, the way we operate has also changed. We need to revise our by-laws to reflect those changes. If you would like to help please see John Cole.

## Around the Club

We welcome two new members this month.

Steve Turner and his wife, Carol, live in Battle Creek. Steve has two Corvairs and a host of other interesting cars. Steve is in the process of building a new barn to hold all these cars.

Raymond Liedtke and his wife Shirley

live in Portage. Raymond has an early model Corvair.

Addresses for Raymond and Steve can be found in the club roster in next month's newsletter.

As the weather has begun to improve ac-

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## March General Meeting

If you weren't at the March meeting you missed out. The food was great. Mary Ridderman did a fantastic job on all the eats. Thank you Mary.

We had 19 members and guests sign in for the night. They all came to watch Steve give a tech demonstration on repacking an early model wheel bearing.

He made it look so easy. Of course he was doing it with the axle shaft removed from the car.

The demonstration went over very well, and anyone in the group who had never done a wheel bearing learned from it.

Thanks to Steve and Mary for hosting this event.



Steve Ridderman greasing the bearing.

What's the next tech session? I hear that Ryan Counterman has become an expert on setting up differentials. What do you say, Ryan?



New members, Steve Turner and Raymond Liedtke, help Steve with the project.

## What's in a Name?

Have you ever wondered where the Corvair name came from? Hopefully we can help shed a little light on that.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Corvair name. In 1954 Chevrolet showed off some neat concepts based on the Corvette. There was a little wagon named the Nomad. There was also a fastback version named the Corvair.

The Nomad name did lend itself to a production car shortly thereafter. Instead of being a derivative of the Corvette, it was a two-door wagon version of the full-size Chevy.

The Corvair name as used in 1954 was actually a combination of the Corvette and Bel Air names. The car itself



was front-engined with rear drive.

A few years later as the new rear-engined car was being readied for production a name was needed. The Corvair name was reused for it. The name at times was rumored to have been a combination of Corvette and Air-Cooled. Well now we know a little better.

What does all this have to do with us now? It seems that Johnny Lightning has issued a new 1/64 scale model of the Corvette Corvair. As such we now have the opportunity to add to our collections of Corvair collectibles.



At left is a photo of the original Corvair shown at the 1954 Motorama.

At right is a Johnny Lightning replica of the car now being sold.

## Who Am I?

This month we are adding a new segment to our newsletter. This is meant to help us get to know each other a little better.

To the right you will see a picture of a member of our club. This picture was taken quite some time ago. Who is it?

A couple hints: He is not still teaching cats to drive. He definitely drives a Corvair faster than the pedal car would go.

We will reveal the identity of this individual next month with a brief biography.

Please send in photos and biographies so you can be included in this feature.

Who is this? Photo taken probably by his mother.



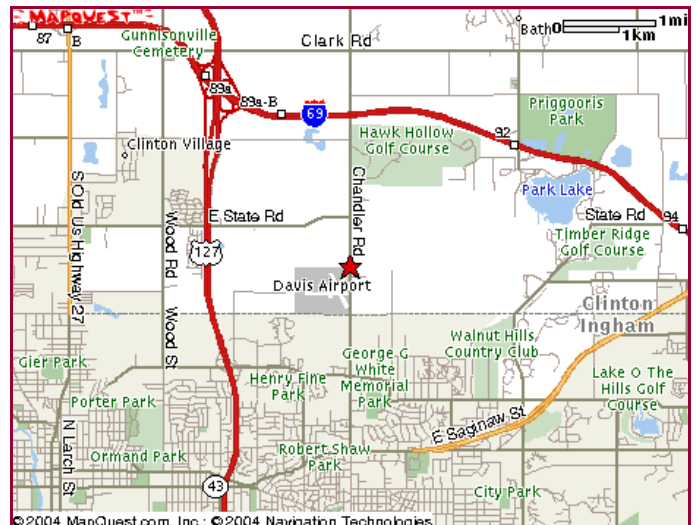
## Spring Dust Off

On May 8 we will meet at the Toys R Us parking lot at the corner of 28th Street and East Beltline at 9:00 am to caravan to East Lansing for our Dust Off. We plan to pull out of the parking lot by 9:30. Come early and get your Krispy Kremes and coffee.

Route instructions will be handed out in the parking lot. Maps will be included with them.

Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and beverage. Also you may want to bring a lawn chair as seating at Jim's is limited.

For those wanting to set their own path, Jim's barns are at 16630 Chandler Road, East Lansing, Michigan.



Map to Jim Neal's barns. There is no exit off I-69 to Chandler Road.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays and Anniversaries of members will be listed as I have them given to me. If you haven't already given me yours, please do so. I would like member's birthdays and birthdays of their spouses and any children still living at home. Month and date are sufficient, I don't need to know the years.

Also show your wives you can remember your anniversary and give me the dates to list here.

### Birthdays in April

Bob Godsil	April 01
Bill Klage	April 09
Bryan Pulsipher	April 09
Matthew Koning	April 09
Bernard Blackmore	April 11
Verne Metcalf	April 14
Seth Witte	April 25
Betty Klage	April 26
Jane Nelson	April 29

### Anniversaries in April

Bob & Jan Janei	April 29
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## April Board Meeting Minutes

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Steve Ridderman at 8:06 pm. Meeting was held on April 6, 2004 at Pearl Street Big Boy in Grand Rapids.,
- 2) Members Present: Bob Janei, Bill Wright, Dan Konkle, Dave Teppo, Ryan Counterman, Steve Ridderman, John Cole, Gary Gruetzmacher.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Bob Janei handed out the financial report for the last month showing a balance of \$1889.56. This is made up of the 50/50 fund (\$12.00) and general fund (\$1877.56). A review of those who have not paid for the year was made. Report was approved by acclamation.
- 4) Minutes of the March Board Meeting were read. Approved by acclamation.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) John reviewed the plans for the Spring Dust Off. Details will be in the April newsletter as that will be the last publication before the trip.
  - b) Gingerman Outing: Dan will call the track manager to begin lining this event up. We are looking at a July date to take the place of the meeting.
  - c) Sign in sheet for members at the last meeting proved helpful to update information. We will continue at the next general meeting.
  - d) Financial shortfall was again discussed. Several items were mentioned:
    - i) Auction only brought in \$12.00 at March meeting. With little activity at the meeting is this something we want to continue? Is there a possibility of setting up a committee within the club to handle auction of donated parts on E-Bay? We will discuss at general meeting.
    - ii) Dues Increase: It was proposed to increase the dues for 2005 to \$18.00 for an individual membership. This increase would be effective for those paying 2005 dues after September, 2004. There will be a ballot in the May newsletter for the membership to use for voting.
    - iii) Food budget was brought up. We need to at least break even for meetings where the club or club members supply the food. This will be handled with suggested donations being taken at these events.
- iv) Is it possible for the club to use some space at the Gilmore Show to sell things for fundraising? This will need to be checked into.
- e) Gilmore Show in August needs to be publicized. Bob will send a notification to *Old Cars Weekly*. John will notify CORSA. John will also contact Clark's and Wall's for gift certificates for prizes.
- f) Steve had a suggestion for having people tell stories of their Corvairs for a video presentation. Because of lack of editing equipment and such this idea has been set aside.
- g) More people have signed up for the electronic version of the newsletter. We will continue to push for more.
- h) Convention travelers need to discuss possible caravan.
- 6) New Business:
  - a) CORSA will set up a directed e-mail address for the club that will automatically distribute messages to up to three members. John will have this set up with the three contacts being John, Dave Ziebarth and Ryan Counterman.
  - b) April general meeting will be at Brann's. Members will be asked to bring Corvair toys, models and memorabilia.
  - c) Membership cards will be made by John.
  - d) Open position on the Board created by Mike Mehl moving out of the area. John will ask for volunteers in the newsletter.
  - e) By-laws need to be reviewed and updated. A committee needs to be set up to do this. Possible members for the committee would be Dave Ziebarth and John Cole. Anyone else in the club will be welcome for this.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

This report represents the unapproved minutes of the April Board Meeting.

—John Cole, Secretary

## Around the Club

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tivities on cars have hopefully increased.

Steve Ridderman is working on putting a new clutch in his father's Rampside. Of course this is not just a matter of putting in a new clutch. The engine is out. The transmission and differential are also getting some attention. Shrouding is being sand blasted and painted. This should all add up to make the truck run and look

better.

Norm Witte is going to be getting some much needed work done on the transmission of his '65 Monza convertible. Hopefully everyone else is getting their cars out of hibernation and getting them ready to drive.

If anyone has a project they would like highlighted here let me know. I may start boring you with details of my cars if I don't get submissions from members.



## Treasurer's Report

February 29 through March 28, 2004

**BEGINNING BALANCE** **\$1661.96**

### Income

Dues	\$157.50
50/50 Drawing	12.00
X-Mas party	0.00
Catalog Sales	0.00
Show/Meetings	59.00
Donation	59.00
Logo Product	0.00
Misc	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$287.50</b>

### Disbursements

Newsletter	\$0.90
Postage	0.00
Logo Products	0.00

X-Mas Party Prizes	0.00
X-Mas Party	0.00
Show/Meetings	59.00
Fees	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$59.90</b>

**ENDING BALANCE** **\$1889.56**

### FUND BALANCES

General	\$1877.56
50/50	12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$1889.56</u></b>



## Classified Ads

**Corvaair 1962 Sedan**—For Sale 1962 sedan-4 door. Light green color and green interior. Automatic. Nice shape. I'd like around \$2800. The car is in Chesaning. randycmu@pdq.net

**Corvaairs - 1964 Spyder, 1966 Monza Convertible** - the 64 has less than 5000 miles on the rebuilt motor but needs the valves adjusted to get running. Car is from Oklahoma and is 90 percent rust free. The 66 needs the carbs adjusted to run correctly; body is in good shape no rot holes just minor faults. Both cars have had the brake

systems totally rebuilt front to back. Parts include turbos that work all associated extras as well. Generators, alternators spare bumpers, bumper guards, turbo heads 140 heads 140 motors and so much much more !!!!!!! Have all the receipts as well. Asking \$7500.00 for the lot plus a 65 Corsa parts car. Jim Sourbeck, Grand Rapids, JSourbeck@aol.com or (616) 444-7223 (pager) or (616) 241-4230 (home); easier to page after 5 PM.

**Club Merchandise**—We have large magnets with the club logo available. These would be good to put on your car for parades. Cost is \$40/pair. We also have coffee mugs (\$7) and static decals (\$1) available. Contact Bob Janei if interested. Dave Ziebarth has club t-shirts at a cost of \$12 each.

## Miscellaneous Activities

The Furrin Group will be hosting some autocrosses this year. One of those is coming up this month. It is on April 24 at the ABC Auto Auction facility on South Division. On-site registration is from 8:00 to 9:30. They will also be hosting autocrosses on the following dates:

May 16	Site to be determined
June 5	ABC Auto Auction
September 19	My Import Center

October 24 Grand Valley State University.

I will publish more information as the dates get closer.

Also the Orphan Car Show in Ypsilanti will be held on June 6 this year. Bill Klage reports the featured car this year is Studebaker. He is planning on having his Stude there. Is there interest in a club outing to go to Ypsilanti for a day to this show?

# Fort Wayne, Indiana's 2ND ANNUAL MAD ANTHONY CORVAIR CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET



Friday-Sunday, May 21st-23rd, 2004  
 Lee's Inn-Fort Wayne (800) 733-5337 or (260) 489-8888  
 5700 Challenger Pkwy-Next to Cracker Barrel  
 Lima Road & Washington Ctr. Road  
 Just off I-69, Exit 111B, Turn Left at Light



**SHOW INFORMATION**

Pre Registration before May 8th is \$15. After May 8th, \$20.  
 Be sure to mention "Corvair Event" to receive the \$55/night room rate for the show weekend.  
 Lee's Inn includes a Deluxe Breakfast each morning, indoor pool, workout area, and laundry facilities.  
**Your entry fee includes lunch and dinner on Saturday in our Hospitality Suite.**  
**Friday evening**, we will enjoy "create your own" ice cream sundaes and Corvair videos.  
 (Feel free to bring photos, slides, or videos of your own to share.)  
**Saturday Events** include People's Choice Judging from 10-2 with Awards at 4 PM, Car Wash Area,  
 a Scavenger Hunt, Games, Auction, and Door Prizes.  
**Sunday's Event** will be a Guided Tour of the Auburn Cord Duesenburg Museum.  
 Just 4 exits away. (Exit 126) Admission is \$6.  
 Registration will be open Friday Evening and the show will start Saturday, **Rain or Shine at 9 AM.**  
**REGISTER NOW-IT'S GONNA BE BIGGER & BETTER THAN LAST YEAR!**

**PRE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 8TH, 2004**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CAR INFO: YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

BODY STYLE \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE \_\_\_\_\_ INTERIOR \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL FEATURES/OPTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL CAR(S) INFORMATION (PLEASE INCLUDE \$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CAR):  
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Next Meeting April 20 at  
Brann's. Bring your  
Corvair toys and models.



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Meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of the month at Brann's Restaurant, 4157 South Division, Wyoming, MI. E-mail [wmcorvair@comcast.net](mailto:wmcorvair@comcast.net) for verification of time and location.

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