



# Lifter Noise

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## Upcoming Activities

- 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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## What's Going On. . .

This month finds us with a couple interesting activities.

On May 8 we will be travelling to East Lansing for our Spring Dust Off. This is the first official outing for our cars this year. Meeting location for the drive is the parking lot at the Toys R Us at 28th Street and the East Beltline. We will meet at 9:00 and leave about 9:30.

Our regular meeting night will be spent at the garage of Ryan Counterman. We will plan to meet there on May 18 for a work night on his V8 project. Ryan will provide tools and materials for the car. Plan to twist a wrench or two. Ryan will also provide snacks.

Look for a map to Ryan's later in the newsletter. We will plan to start by 7:30, but if you arrive early, Ryan will gladly put you to work. Wear work clothes.

We would like to have a couple more project nights to help members out with their cars. If you would like to host a night at your garage, please let a board

member know so we can plan an outing.

We are still in need of volunteers for a couple positions in the club. We need a person to fill a vacancy on the board. If interested, please see Steve Ridderman.

Also anyone interested in helping to organize and revise the by-laws, please see John Cole.

There is a new e-mail address for the club. It is: [wmcc@corvair.org](mailto:wmcc@corvair.org). This one address will direct an e-mail to John Cole, Dave Ziebarth, and Ryan Counterman. This is all thanks to CORSA. Another benefit of membership.



## In Memoriam

Former member, Lowell Thomas, passed away in April.

Lowell had been an active member of the club and had served on the board.

From the stories of Lowell's childhood with slot-car races with his friends on Sunday evenings to seeing his late-model Monza with the warmed over 140 in it, it

was obvious that Lowell was into cars.

Lowell did have a couple things more important to him than his car. One was his faith; the other was his family. So several years ago, as Lowell's sons were growing up, Lowell dropped out of the club to spend more time with them.

Our sympathies go out to his family.

## April General Meeting

We met as a club on April 20 at Brann's on South Division.

The extra part of the night was showing of Corvair toys and memorabilia. There were some interesting items brought in. Keith Vander Pol brought the smallest Corvair. John Cole brought several odd toys including his latest purchase a Corvan friction toy. Dan Konkle brought a record put out by Chevrolet that no collector should be without.



Corvan toy done in the phone company motif.

After inspection of all the collectibles and dinner had been eaten the meeting was officially started.

1. Called to

order by Steve Ridderman at 9:11 pm.

2. Discussion of dues increase to keep the club solvent.
3. Auctions at meetings discussed. Decision was made to ask club members to submit lists of parts they would be willing to have auctioned. Gary Gruetzmacher will then compile a master list. If nobody in the club is in need of parts on the list then selling of goods on E-Bay will be explored.
4. Asked for volunteers to fill Mike Mehl's position on the board. No volunteers.
5. Discussion of by-laws needing restructuring. Our club has changed over thirty years of existence and the by-laws need to be changed to reflect those changes.
6. Steve Ridderman won \$9.00 in the 50/50 raffle.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

## Around the Club

There is some activity in the club. Several people have projects under way.

Dave Teppo is in the process of trying to get his '62 Monza powered. Somewhere in the process a new engine will be built to go in one of the Corvairs.

Bryan Pulsipher is undertaking a very ambitious project on a 1962 700 sedan. He brought some pictures of his project to the April meeting.



The process of replacing the floor in Bryan's '62 sedan.



The business end of Bryan's car

Bryan still has a lot of work ahead of him, but he is progressing.

How many other works in progress are out there in the club? Let me know. If you have pictures send them to me for publishing.

I'll even include personal events in club member's lives so pass along anything you would like to share with the club. After all the club is the members not the cars.

# Who Am I?

Last month our picture was of member, Dan Konkle. I know of one person who guessed correctly. Dan tells the following about himself:

“My father influenced my interest in cars. He was a mechanic and a race fan, and in 1962, the year I got my driver's license, we both caught the Corvair bug. The many reliable Corvairs I have owned over the decades have been accompanied by several Renaults, Fiats, and British roadsters, plus some pickups and my current Astro van. I entered my first autocross in 1975 and have competed, usually in a Corvair, in many types of speed events and rallies since then.

“My wife, Beth Byron, a development officer with the city of GR, likes Hondas. We have a daughter, Katya, who will be attending the University of Victoria in British Columbia in the fall.”

Dan has also served the club as newsletter editor, as Secretary and is currently filling out a term as a director for the club. He is also a good resource for technical advice as he can identify every part of a Corvair at a

glance.

This month's mystery member is pictured to the right. Once again it is a picture that was taken a few years ago.

A couple hints: He is the one seated holding the book, and it was not a law book. He is a fairly new member.

Tune in next month to find out who it is. Also please send pictures and biographies to be included.



Who is the person holding the book? He still loves to read.

# Directions to Ryan Counterman's

Here are the directions from 44th Street to Ryan's house. We will meet there by 7:30 to help him with his car.

1. US-131 S toward KALAMAZOO. 35.1 miles
2. Take the D AVE exit- exit number 44. 0.3 miles
3. Turn LEFT onto D AVE W. 2.4 miles
4. Turn RIGHT onto DOUGLAS AVE/CR-A45. 2.6 miles
5. End at 5507 DOUGLAS AVE KALAMAZOO MI



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

Here is the list of those with special celebrations this month.

If you haven't already let me know of special dates for you, please do so.

It's another way of helping us to get to know each other a little more.

## Birthdays in May

John Cole	May 01
Bill Wright	May 01
John Shipman	May 01
Mary Ridderman	May 21
Norm Witte	May 21

## Anniversaries in May

Bill & Betty Klage	May 21
Dan Konkle & Beth Byron	May 22

## May Board Meeting

The May Board Meeting was held on May 5 at the Pearl Street Big Boy.

As we only had Steve Ridderman, Ryan Counterman, John Cole and Bill Wright present no formal business was addressed.

A general discussion was held with some thoughts on the club:

1. John mentioned the club has a new e-mail address. It is [wmcc@corvair.org](mailto:wmcc@corvair.org). This is set up through CORSA. Any e-mails sent to that address are automatically directed to John, Dave Ziebarth, and Ryan Counterman. This address is "permanent" for the club in that any changes in the officers will be communicated to CORSA and the e-mails will be directed to the new officers.
2. Dust-Off is set for Saturday, May 8. A caravan will leave from Jim Neal's to go to the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum. Admission will be \$2.00 per person. There are several other museums in the area for those interested.
3. Our annual show at Gilmore will also include our 30th birthday party. Invitations will be sent to charter members to include them in the festivities.
4. Steve mentioned the renovations to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. He suggested a club outing there in the future, possibly as part of the fall color tour.
5. May meeting night will be work night at Ryan's. Ryan is prepared to put people to work. Don't plan on dinner, however snacks will be there to fuel the workers.
6. Everybody left about 8:56 pm.

## Treasurer's Report

There is no report this month. We will have a double report for next month.



## Gilmore Show

We will once again be hosting our annual show as part of the Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners.

For those who have never been there, it is quite simply a very nice facility. The barns are filled with interesting automobiles. Here's how it all started (taken from their website):

"The Gilmore Car Museum began in 1963 as the hobby of Donald S. Gilmore when his wife, Genevieve, gave him an antique car for his birthday—a 1920 Pierce-Arrow "project car." With the help of some friends, the auto was placed under a tent and a full restoration followed. The hobby soon grew into a collection of over 30 automobiles. Mr. Gilmore purchased 90 acres of farm property and had several historic barns dismantled piece by piece and moved to the site. It was Mr. Gilmore's wife who suggested the idea of turning the collec-

tion into a museum where future generations could enjoy the restored cars for years to come. The Gilmores established a non-profit foundation, and opened the museum to the public for the first time on Sunday, July 31, 1966. Donald Gilmore passed away in 1979, and Mrs. Gilmore in 1990, but the legacy they began continues to grow."

This year our show within the show will also be the 30th Anniversary celebration for our club. As such we are hoping to have some special events. At least we're planning on serving cake to those who attend.

Plan to come out and bring the family.

Next month I will include some description of the displays on the grounds of the museum.

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## What Would You Do With a Car Like This?

Central Kentucky Corvar is raffling a car this year as part of the CORSA convention activities. They would like support in this endeavor.

As it stands now there is over \$12,000 invested in the car. Tickets are \$4.00 a piece. They can be purchased by making a check payable to: Central KY Corvair and

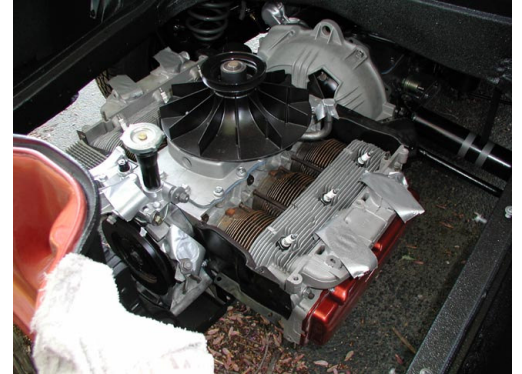


1966 Monza convertible to be raffled at the CORSA Con-

mailing it along with a self-addressed-stamped envelope to John Lanning, 6816 Stone Hill Rd., Louisville, KY 40214.

The car is an Aztec Bronze '66 Monza convertible. It is powered by a 140 horse engine with a Powerglide transmission.

More pictures of it can be seen at [www.derbycitycorvair.org](http://www.derbycitycorvair.org) then click on the "Newsletter" link.



## Classified Ads

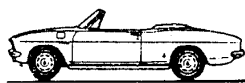
**Corvair 1962 Sedan**—For Sale 1962 sedan-4 door. Light green color and green interior. Automatic. Nice shape. I'd like around \$2800. The car is in Chesaning. [randycmu@pdq.net](mailto:randycmu@pdq.net)

**Corvairs - 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](mailto:JSourbeck@aol.com) or (616) 444-7223 (pager) or (616) 241-4230 (home); easier to page after 5 PM.

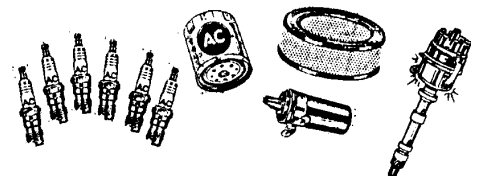
**1964 Coupe** - 35,000 miles, 4-speed, original paint. Floors and body in great shape except for some damage on the driver's side front fender. Runs great, new points, cap, and rotor. New brakes, master cylinder, hoses, etc. Car came from Alabama. \$2000 OBO. John in Wyoming, 247-6686.

**Transmissions** - I have recently found three complete four speed transmissions 1962-1963-1964 can you help me find someone that may be in need of these items. Gary Browne 269-491-9647

**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.



## Cars & Parts



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