



# Lifter Noise

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## Upcoming Events

- August 13 & 14 Del Shannon Cruise Night and Show, Coopersville, MI
- August 14 Open Track day at Waterford Hills Raceway, Waterford, MI
- August 17 General Meeting at Pals Diner, Grand Rapids, MI
- August 21 Woodward Dream Cruise, Detroit, Michigan
- August 27-29 Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming
- September 7 Board Meeting
- September 21 General Meeting
- October 9 Color Tour to Witches' Woods in Harrison, MI

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## What's Going On. . .

It's August already and the summer will soon be over.

Our show at Gilmore is now history. Details of the show are included later.

We will be having a regular business meeting. The meeting date is August 17. We will be meeting at Pals Diner at 7:30 pm.

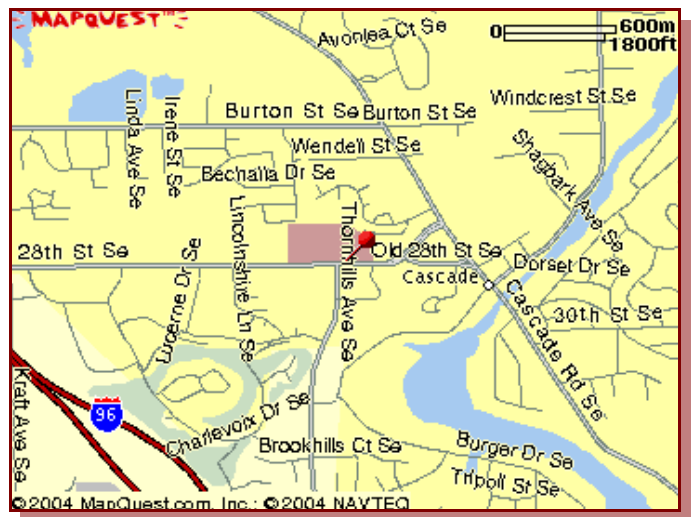
Pals is located at 6530 28th Street SE. Go straight east on 28th Street from I-96. Pals is in the Cascade East D&W Shopping Mall. See the map at right for details.

Our **dues increase** goes into effect for 2005. There is a loophole built in that if you pay your 2005 dues before September 1 you can pay at the 2004 rate. So pay now for \$15.00 or pay next month for \$18.00.

Another event in August is

the Detroit Homecoming. See the flyer in last month's newsletter for details. If you have the chance to make it even for one day, go.

Check the list to the left for other notable events.



Pals Diner, 6530 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids

## Around the Club

At the Gilmore show, it was announced by Cindy Westgate that she will be marrying Toby Ross on October 16. Toby had no comment on the planned nuptials. We wish them well on their marriage.

Bill Wright is proudly showing off his new car. The car is very nice. Ask him about it sometime and I'm sure he'll tell

you all about it. Also ask him when his white coupe will get the new engine.

Ryan Counterman has his convertible out again. This is the car that was modified by a deer. And now the V8 is running also. He had both of his cars at Gilmore.

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## Around the Club

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My '66 has made it back from some paint and body work. The left side of the car looks great. It makes me want to get the rest of the car painted to match.

It has been joined in the stable by a '64 Greenbrier. Yes I added another one. This is actually the one that my camper equipment will make its way into. So in the end it's not an addition. At least that's



the way I explained it to my wife.

Dave Ziebarth has been working on the interior of his '65 Convertible. Sorry I didn't get any shots of it while at the show.

Another note on Toby Ross. At the Wheels of Grand Haven Show in July, Toby took 1st Place in Factory Stock with his 1960 500 coupe. This was against a field of 300 cars.

## Corrections and Apologies

Last month I made a couple errors in the newsletter. I need to take this space to correct that.

The first was concerning the cost of printing the newsletter. I incorrectly stated the number of pages at 6. The actual number of pages in the newsletter is 8 or 2 sheets of 11 x 17 paper. The cost to print that is \$.32 per sheet or \$.64 per newsletter. With postage a newsletter then has a total cost of \$1.01.

My apologies also to Jordan Godsil. My spell checker corrected his name in the birthday listings for me. I will be adding Godsil to the computer dictionary that way he will not be referred to as Godzilla again.

## July Meeting at Rosie's

The rains came. The Corvairs came. The rains went away. That pretty much sums up our meeting night at Rosie's on July 21.

The evening began with some pretty significant rainfall, but that did not stop the faithful from making the journey to Rosie's for their weekly cruise night. With the rain the Corvairs were the only cars there for cruise night.

Present with their Corvairs were John Cole, Ryan Couterman and Dan Konkle. We also had a guest there with a Corvair.

After looking over the cars that were there, we all went in and found that Rosie's still has a cure for hunger.

There was no official business conducted that evening.

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## Who Am I?

Last month our mystery picture was of John Cole. It was in a fit of desperation that I used it as I hadn't gotten any more submissions from members. Please send them in or you will have pictures of me through my entire childhood. You will also have to endure my entire life story.

My brief biography is as follows:

I have had a passion for cars for as long as I can remember. My first obsession was the first-generation Camaro. From there I went to a '65 GTO. That was all before I was old enough to drive so I never owned any of them, just longed for them.

I bought my first Corvair right after graduation from high school in 1984. I joined the West Michigan Corvair Club in 1985. At that time, my cars were more important to me than was my college education, but I did eventually graduate from Grand Valley State.

I also married Julia in 1989. We have two daughters, Alicia and Bethany. The whole family can be found traveling to car shows and club events.

Along the way I have held every officer position on the board and am currently serving as secretary and editor of the newsletter.

In the nearly twenty years since I joined the club there

are some great memories. From the 1986 Grand Rapids convention to all the other conventions I traveled to with John Shipman, and Tom and Darlene Burgess, to the club outings for color tours, parades, and picnics.

That is why I like this club, because of the people in it. And that is why I wanted to add this section to our newsletter. There are people in this club we don't see very often and it would be nice to get to know them all a little better.

Our mystery member for the month is pictured below.

A couple of hints are:

He is a newer member of the club. And his hair isn't so dark anymore.

Please if you have not sent me a photo and a biography do so. This really allows us to get to know each other a little better.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here is our list of those with special celebrations in the month of August:

### *Birthdays in August*

We have no birthdays to celebrate in August

If you have a special day you would like to share in the newsletter, please let me know. I will gladly add it.

### *Anniversaries in August*

Keith & Dotty Vander Pol

August 10





## WMCC Car Display at the Gilmore Museum

On August 7 The West Michigan Corvair Club took part in the 24th Annual Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners. We couldn't have ordered nicer weather for the day.

The day started early with a group coming from Grand Rapids in a caravan. The Plainwell contingent was there early as well. There were even some from Indiana that made it early. The Holland branch of the club came in fashionably late. Then the Lansing representatives arrived.



Photos courtesy of Dan Konkle

Of course the locals from Middleville made it early. Clyde Stanton and his wife drove in with their 1968 Ultra Van motor home and became the focal point for the Corvair display. They may not have won in the balloting for the awards, but they sure did have a lot of people tour their home on wheels.

As the day continued another group of cars arrived from Indiana. They had been delayed because of a mechanical problem with the Rampside of Don Hurr. It seems that his engine didn't like working anymore and a rod exited through the side of the block while coming through Kalamazoo.

In addition to all the Corvairs there were numerous other makes and models present at the show. For those who adventured away from the Corvair dis-

play they were not disappointed.

There was a wide range of cars to see. There was a row of REOs displayed at the entrance. Then there were a few Studebakers in the field. A few of the old Fords from the teens and twenties were also present. There was a display of some older fire engines right next to us.

The ladder truck had its ladder extended high above the cars. I went over to see if they would let me climb the ladder to get an overhead shot of the cars, but there was nobody there. Norm Witte said that only meant that nobody could say no to my request. Still without permission, I decided to keep my feet on the ground.

There were things happening to keep the kids entertained. We managed to get a ride in a British taxi to get us from one side of the museum to the other. That allowed us to be back in time for lunch.

Bill Wright did his usual fine job at the grill and burgers and dogs were served at about noon. The line soon diminished as all were served.

As we were also gathering to celebrate the club's thirtieth anniversary we also had a small presentation with the charter members who were present.

John and Jan Shipman made the trip down from Grand Rapids for the day. And as always their company was





enjoyed.

Clyde and Kay Stanton as mentioned had driven their Ultra Van. Clyde also brought along a neat little souvenir. He had his framed certificate showing he was a charter member of the club. It was signed by then President, Jack Corcoran and Secretary, Pam De Glopper.

Both John and Clyde were recognized and each spoke a little on the club. John mentioned all the friends he had made in the club.

Clyde was then presented a little token from the club. In honor of one of the favorite nicknames given the Ultra Van he was awarded a stuffed whale. This as thanks for attracting so much attention to our display.

Other charter members who could not make the show are Rob Van Sledright, Bob Laubscher, and Jack Corcoran. We thank them all for their work over the years in making the club what it is today.

Julia Cole made the anniversary cakes for the celebration. Maybe I am a little biased, but I think they looked great.

John and Clyde did an excellent job at making the first cuts in the cake and serving some of the first recipients.



With a 1962 Monza convertible, Ron Johnson took home the award for Early Open. His car was pictured on the catalog for Corvair Underground a couple years ago.

One of my personal favorites of the day won the Early Closed category. That was Toby Ross with his 1960 500 coupe.

The winner of the Forward Control category was Don Ralph with his green 1964 Greenbrier.

In the Late Closed class, Bob Van Singol won with his 1969 Monza coupe.

In the Late Open class the question was whether Dick Shank would once again win with his 1965 Corsa convertible for Late Open. Dick's string of wins was finally broken by Bill Wright with his newly acquired 1966 Aztec Bronze Monza convertible. Bill's car also managed to get more votes than any other Corvair.

We then held our 50/50 raffle with me winning the pot. It was then donated back to the club. Then we gave away some other prizes. Our thanks to Clark's Corvair Parts for graciously donating gift certificates and some merchandise to be used as prizes.

At the end of the day one of the organizers stopped by to see us. He commented on the good turnout of Corvairs saying we had the largest representation of any cars there. He also made sure we knew we were invited back next year.

After all our festivities, I managed to get into a couple more barns on the grounds. I found that in the barn with the cars from the 50s, 60s, and 70s they have a 1969 Corvair Monza hardtop. It is setting there in the company of Corvettes, Mustangs, Dodge Challengers and a few other interesting cars.

All in all it was a very nice day. I can't wait until next year.



In this picture you can see the first generation members serving the next generation of members.

After cake then some time was spent looking over some more of the museum. There was a fire truck to ride and an English double-decker bus was being driven around.

Then the work began of tabulating all the ballots for the people's choice awards. All winners were given a gift certificate to Clark's, a WMCC coffee mug, a gift card to Meijer and a certificate proclaiming them the winner.

## Board Meeting Minutes

- 1) Meeting called to order by President, Steve Ridderman at 8:30 pm. Meeting was held on August 2 at Pearl Street Big Boy. Members present: Steve Ridderman, Bob Janei, Dan Konkle, John Cole, Dave Teppo, Ryan Counterman, and Bill Wright.
  - 2) Treasurer's Report: Bob handed out the report for review. Balance of \$1817.70. Report approved by acclamation.
  - 3) Reading of Minutes: John read the minutes of the July board meeting. Approved with no corrections by acclamation.
  - 4) Old Business:
    - a) Car show at Gilmore on August 7.
      - i) Steve and Ryan will make sure grills are there to cook lunch.
      - ii) Clark's Corvair Parts has graciously donated prizes and gift certificates. These will be used for the winners of the show and also as prizes to go with the 50/50 raffle. Dan will find a whale to give to Clyde Stanton for bringing the Ultra Van to the show.
      - iii) We are still looking for the banner. Bob has the easel and board with our emblem on it. He will bring them.
      - iv) We have a need for tables. Steve will bring some along.
      - v) Food sales: What are the prices going to be so we don't have a loss as in the past? Discussion yielded prices of \$5.00 for two burgers/dogs, pop & chips. Additional pop will be 2/\$1.00.
      - vi) 50/50 tickets will be brought by Bob.
      - vii) Discussion of selling picture CDs of the event. Cost of producing them will be approximately \$1.50, mailer would add approximately \$1.00 plus postage. Agreed upon price for them would be \$7.00 as a fundraiser for the club. Norm Witte will handle photography and John Cole will put them together.
    - viii) We will have a cake to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the club. We will ask the charter members present to cut the cake.
    - ix) Ryan will bring copies of membership applications.
    - b) By-laws review will be done by Bob Janei, John Cole, Dave Ziebarth and Norm Witte. This is to be completed in time to have any revisions in place for 2005.
    - c) Events for next year to be held in different areas to attract different members. The calendar of events for next year needs to be established by January.
    - d) Meeting location for August was discussed. The Del Shannon Show and Cruise was passed on because of the closeness in dates to our show at Gilmore. Instead the August meeting will be held at Pals Diner in Grand Rapids on August 17. John will put a map in the newsletter.
  - 5) New Business:
    - a) September general meeting is tentatively scheduled for Dave Teppo's. Dave will confirm at board meeting in September.
    - b) A possible work session to help a member reassemble a car was discussed. Dan Konkle will check into the project and report back for a final decision to be made.
  - 6) Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.
- These represent the unapproved minutes of the August, 2004 Board Meeting.
- John Cole, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$1892.06	Expenses:	
Income:		Newsletter	\$66.76
Dues 2004	\$7.50	Postage	\$40.10
Dues 2005	\$15.00	Donations	\$50.00
Donation	\$10.00	Total	\$106.86
Total	\$32.50	Ending Balance	\$1817.70

## Classified Ads

**1963 Monza 900** - I paid \$500 for it and that's what I'm selling it for. If you are interested in it email me about it. Larry Crow. Crusinfool@aol.com

**100's of Corvair parts** - Engines, transmissions, blocks, heads, interior, trim. Call with your needs. We are liquidating our collection one part or all. Munk's Motors (248)681-8081 ask for Rob

**1963 Rampside** - Runs and drives, Interior 90% re-stored, has some rust and damage but I have most of the repair panels. Must sell. \$1200 o.b.o. Mike Shelley, Casnovia, (616) 799-0521 or mshelley@netpenny.net

**1961 Monza** - Powerglide 4dr burgundy 98hp. Waterford, Michigan. I can be reached at (248)674-3083 or cell (248)420-2827. This is A very nice classic. Gary Miller

**Wanted** - 2 or more 1965-1969 110 HP engines. Engines do not need to run. Engines should be able to turn over manually with a wrench on the crank. Carburetors also not needed. Prefer completely assembled engines. Also looking for a 1965-1969 Convertible, preferably a project car. Prefer 140 engine with manual trans. Contact Greg in Lansing at (517) 702-1592, email at gkharis@ameritech.net

**1966 Coupe** - The body is in excellent shape. It needs motor work and brakes. The valves may be stuck and it has not been started in a long time. There is a set of Spinner hubcaps and two motors for parts. Interior is in good shape; seats are in real good shape no ripped seams. There is also a 1964 convertible. Package deal - \$4000 takes all. The cars are in Cedar Springs. (616) 696-3238

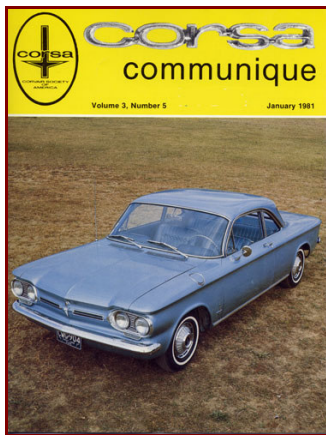
**1964 Corvair Monza Coupe** - 56000 miles, body and floors in great shape, runs good, four speed transmis-

sion, many extra parts and manuals, this car has been stored in garage, saw very little weather elements, located near Kalamazoo Michigan (269-668-5393) or GKLRHALL@AOL.COM (Gene or Lisa)

**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. Price REDUCED to \$5500.00 for the lot plus a 65 Corsa parts car. Jim Sourbeck, Grand Rapids, JSourbeck@aol.com or (616) 241-4230 (home)

**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.

**Slide Show** - CD ROMs with pictures of the show at the Gilmore museum. These are playable on any PC. Any picture of a car can be printed individually. \$7.00 each, contact John Cole if interested.



At the left is a CORSA Communiqué cover from 1981. What is the significance of this cover?

It's the first cover of the Communiqué that featured a car from the West Michigan Corvair Club.

The pictured car is a 1962 Monza coupe that used to be owned by Rob Van Sle-dright. The car is long

since gone from Rob, but Rob is still a member of our club.

The photo of the car was taken by Rob. It was pictured on the January, 1981 cover.

There were two other occasions that WMCC members' cars graced the cover of the Communiqué. I'll include those covers in future issues of the newsletter.



*Next Meeting: August  
17 at Pals Diner*

*You're ahead with the engine behind.*



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