



# Lifter Noise



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## What's Going On. . .

### Upcoming Events

- September 21 General Meeting at Famous Dave's in Muskegon (Fruitport)
- October 2 Toby Ross and Cindy Westgate are getting married
- October 4 Board Meeting
- October 9 Color Tour to Witches' Woods in Harrison, MI
- November 2 Board Meeting
- November 16 General Meeting at Brann's
- December 7 Christmas Party at Brann's

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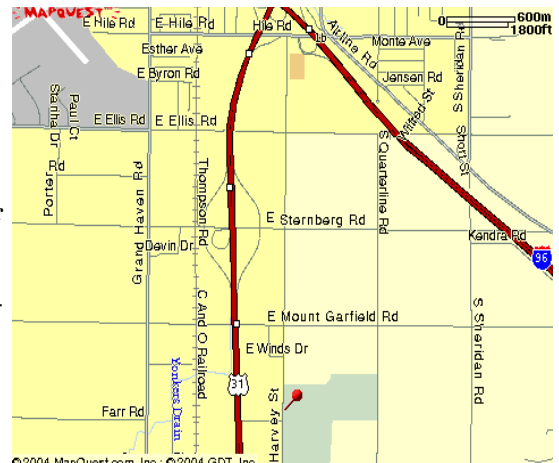
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September is here. The nice days for driving our cars will soon be gone. Let's take advantage of the good weather while we can and get out and drive them.

This month we will be having our regular meeting in Muskegon. We will be starting our meeting in the parking lot of Famous Dave's at the Lakes Mall in Muskegon.

On the agenda for discussion will be the revision of the club's by-laws and constitution. A copy of the proposed revisions will be handed out to all those in attendance. These can then be reviewed by members with feedback given to the board in time for the October board meeting. The goal is to have the revisions in place to start 2005.

October will usher in fall. It will also give the club the opportunity to enjoy the fall colors on our annual Fall Color Tour on October 9. This year we will be going north to the Harrison area. Look on page 4 of this newsletter for all the details.



Famous Dave's is in front of the Lakes Mall at 5710 Harvey Street, Muskegon. The mall is near the intersection of I-96 and US-31.

The color tour will take the place of our regular October meeting. Our November meeting is scheduled for November 16 and will be back at our favorite place, Brann's on South Division in Grand Rapids. The December meeting will also be at Brann's. It will be our annual Christmas party on December 7. Please mark the dates on your calendars.

## Around The Club

This month we have two members to list.

Bob Hawley from Portage was at our show at Gilmore with his '63 Spyder convertible. Shortly after we received his membership application.

Chris Bruins is from my old stomping grounds of Allendale. We look forward to meeting Chris in person soon.

Welcome to both of them.

Projects going on around the club these days seem to be at a minimum. Bryan Pulsipher has his Rampside apart right now. We're hoping he has it together soon.

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## *Around the Club continued...*

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Dave Ziebarth is reporting some problems with his '65 Monza convertible. Hopefully it is something easily fixed not the dreaded dropped valve seat. He'll give us a full report at the September meeting. He might even be willing to share his experiences with the installation of the new upholstery.

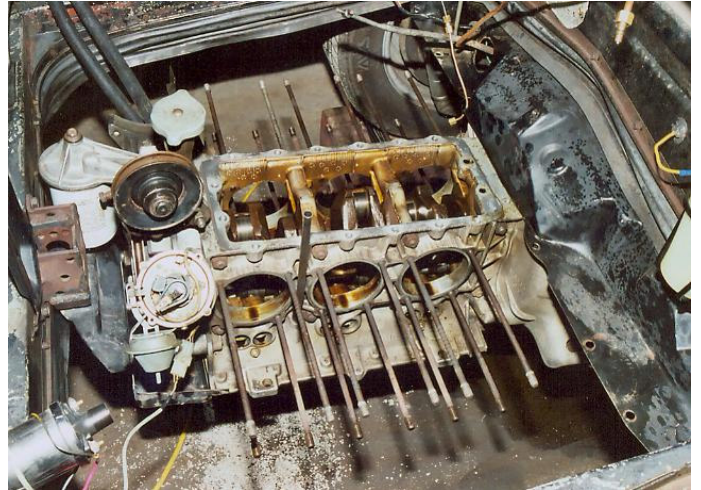
Dave Teppo is working on a new turbo engine to put in his '63 coupe. Once that is completed the 140 currently in the car will be moved into the '62 Monza. And if that isn't enough for Dave to be doing, he has Bruce Mulder's '62 Spyder in pieces in his garage. He is looking for someone to do some head work so the car can be reassembled and gotten back to Bruce. Will it be done in time for Bruce to join the color tour in October?

Dan Konkle took his racer to Waterford Raceway last



The view from Dan Konkle's racer on the track at Waterford

month. He noticed the harmonic balancer wobbling while there and decided to pack up and come home before it completely separated. In checking things out with the engine he found his compression to be low. So the engine was pulled apart for new rings and such. He did it all leaving the block assembled and in the car.



Steve Ridderman is talking about moving. He has looked at a house with a multi-level garage. His initial thoughts were it had just enough room for all his Corvairs.

Anybody with any news to share, please pass it along. This space isn't only for car news, it can be anything.

## *August Meeting at Pal's Diner*

I didn't make it to the August meeting so I am relying on second hand information about the happenings.

Ryan Counterman brought his V8 out for the night. And that was about the most significant happening as there was no formal business discussions.



Dan Konkle did send a couple pictures from the night.

# Who Am I?

Last month's mystery member was John Koning. For those who don't know John here is a little more information:

I'm not sure, but I think that loving an air-cooled vehicle is in my genes. I grew up hanging around my father's Volkswagen repair shop in Grand Rapids. During this time I was exposed to a variety of different makes of cars, but the emphasis was definitely on the air-cooled ones.

By the late 60's, my father was taking me along with him to race his DKW. In those days, races were held at the old airport, as well as Johnson Park. I knew then that I needed to have a car that could handle the corners.

During my late teens through my twenties, I enjoyed building dune buggies. We spent a considerable amount of time at Silver Lake Sand Dunes until our family expanded to the point that we couldn't all fit in a four-seater.

After the dune buggies bit the dust, I directed my energies into a variety of projects including a '64 Chevy shortbox, '68 Chevy Impala, and more recently a '72 Monte Carlo.

A few years ago, I found myself without a classic car, and it just didn't feel right. While talking it over with my wife, she suggested a Corvair. "When was the last time you saw a Corvair on the road?"

She was right, many classic cars are seen fairly often, but a Corvair is special.

Research on the history and uniqueness of this little car convinced me to buy my first Corvair, which brings me back to an air-cooled vehicle. I have not

been disappointed.

My wife's name is Cathy. We raised five children. Jennifer is 25 and married; Ryan is 21 and attending college. Matt is looking forward to his sophomore year at high school and enjoys harassing his sister Alyssa who is 3. We lost our daughter, Jolene, in a car accident 3 years ago at age 20.

Both my wife and I have lived in the West Michigan area our whole lives. We attend Trinity United Reformed Church. Our favorite vacation was a cruise to Hawaii (with three Corvair Conventions coming in close behind).

This month our mystery member is someone who has been around in the club for a few years. Most of us should know who he is. Here's his picture:

He gave up this front-drive vehicle long ago.



# Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		\$1817.70
Income		
Dues	\$83.00	
50/50 Drawing	\$94.00	
Donation	\$10.00	
Show	\$229.50	
Total		\$406.50

Expenses		
Newsletter	\$60.96	
Postage	\$44.20	
Show	\$154.40	
Donations	\$50.00	
Fees	\$20.00	
Total		\$279.56

Ending Balance \$1944.64



## September Board Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Steve Ridderman at 8:12 pm. Members present: Steve Ridderman, Ryan Counterman, Bob Janei, Dave Teppo, Bill Wright, John Cole. Meeting was held at the Pearl Street Big Boy in Grand Rapids.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Bob handed out the report showing a balance of \$1944.64. Bob also noted that we made money on the show at Gilmore. Report was approved by acclamation.
- 3) Reading of Minutes: John read the minutes of the August board meeting. Approved with no corrections by acclamation.
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Wrap up and lessons learned from Gilmore:
    - i) Food sales brought us a profit. It would have been nice to stick with the original plan of 2 burgers/dogs for \$5.00 but we did not have enough food to do that. Plan more food next year.
    - ii) Also remember the salt and pepper for next year.
    - iii) A little more thought and preparation would have made things a little smoother.
    - iv) Designate a chairperson to organize for next year to keep the planning out of the business meetings. This person could act as a liaison with the Kalamazoo club that hosts the overall event.
  - b) September meeting tentatively set for meeting at Dave Teppo's will not work as it conflicts with projects and activities at Dave's. Instead the club will meet in the Muskegon area at Famous Dave's restaurant at the Lakes Mall. Map & directions will be in the newsletter.
- c) The color tour will take the place of the regular October meeting. The route has been planned by Dan Konkle and checked out to make sure there are no gravel roads to travel. Details to be in the September newsletter.
- d) November meeting at Brann's and December meeting (Christmas Party) also at Brann's on South Division.
- e) John Cole will be taking over the Resident Agent duties from Jack Corcoran after Jack completes the filings for the current year.
- f) Constitution and By-laws revisions: John and Bob will meet on September 15 to review the proposals and ready a final draft to present at the September general meeting.
- 5) New Business: None
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

These represent the unapproved minutes of the September Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Cole, Secretary

## October Meeting and Color Tour

On a cool morning in August Dan Konkle risked his life riding with John Cole to verify the route for this year's Color Tour.

What was discovered was that John's Greenbrier isn't quite the driving hazard that was once thought. What else was found was that Dan had planned a very nice trip along two-lane country roads.

The route is a little over 107 miles according to the Greenbrier's odometer. Travel time for the drive is planned at less than three hours. There will be no gravel roads on the route.

Meeting place will be the parking lot at Rosie's Diner on 14 Mile in Rockford. The plan is to leave from Rosie's at about 9:00 am so be there in time.

The destination is the property of the Witte family on Lily Lake near Harrison, Michigan. Norm's mother has graciously offered the use of her home on the lake and all the property they own for our outing.

Wittes' Woods is a rustic place to visit. There is plenty of land to walk around and enjoy. There is a sugar shack on the property where real maple syrup used to be made. Norm has offered to fire up the camp stove and make pancakes for those who would like to sample the syrup.

There is a Quonset hut on the property that is available for anyone who wants to do a rustic campout.

The Woods are set back off from Norm's mother's house. Access by road is not favorable. The Corvairs don't have

# October Color Tour continued. . .

the ground clearance required to get into the woods. So Norm's plan is for us to park across from his mother's on the empty lots. From there he has offered to bus us to the woods in his Suburban or to shuttle us back on the pontoon boat.



There are many toys in the Woods. Norm has offered a hay ride through the woods for us also. We will

plan to have a potluck lunch upon arrival. So please bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and drinks. Also bring lawn chairs.

This promises to be a fun day. Who knows you might even find Dan Trying to set a course record on a backhoe.



## Classified Ads

**Barn Cleaning** — Many parts and cars among them: '66 500 coupe, 110 4 speed. '65 Monza 2 door that ran well when parked in 1990. 6 door red van (63?) that had some minor rust repair welded along the bottom interior side panel between the wheel wells but otherwise the body is in good shape. There is a smashed and rusted green Greenbrier Deluxe for parts. '66 burgundy Monza convertible, it will never be a show car, would make it a good summer driver. Red '66 500 4 door, I went through it stem to stern, the rust is patched, Saginaw 4 speed, 110 with forged pistons, Dale clutch, all balanced. None of the cars are what I would call collector items. Several Powerglide as well as early and Saginaw 4 speeds and a couple of 140's, These are not free bees but I would consider offers from someone who has had poor luck finding something or would need parts to go with one of the cars or vans. Other parts available also. Rick Linn [rhlinn@yahoo.com]

**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.

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