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What's Going On. . .

Upcoming Events

- October 19 General Meeting at Brann's
- November 2 Board Meeting
- November 16 General Meeting at Brann's
- December 7 Christmas Party at Brann's

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October has arrived. And with it comes time for nominations to our Board of Directors. So we will be having a general meeting this month for that purpose.

We will meet on October 19 at Brann's on South Division in Grand Rapids. Meeting time will be at 7:30 pm.

Our By-laws and Constitution have been revised. With the new revisions the general membership will now be electing directors to the board. The board will then select the officers for the year. With this change taking effect for 2005 we will need to elect seven directors from the membership. If you want to run or would like to nominate someone, please come to the meeting to take part in the election process. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

We also have the Christmas Party coming up. Once again it will be at Brann's in Grand Rapids. Look later in the news-

letter for the flyer and reservation form. Come out and help us wrap up the year.

The board will soon be planning events for next year. If there is something you would like the club to do, then let a member of the board know. Or better yet volunteer to organize an event.

Dues for 2005 can be paid anytime. You can send a check to Bob Janei directly at the address listed on the back or to the club address. Dues for 2005 are now \$18.00 (Junior rates are \$9.00, add \$1 for family).



Around the Club

There is not a whole lot of new things to report this month. This is just the time of the year when all the car activity comes to a halt.

Our cars will soon be ready for hibernation. But some may see a little work being done on them over the winter.

I am working on my Greenbrier. I am

taking an auto body class at the Ottawa County Careerline Tech Center. The Greenbrier has become my project.

Steve Ridderman has acquired a '64 coupe. He reports it is a driver/beater. Specific plans for the car have not yet been announced.

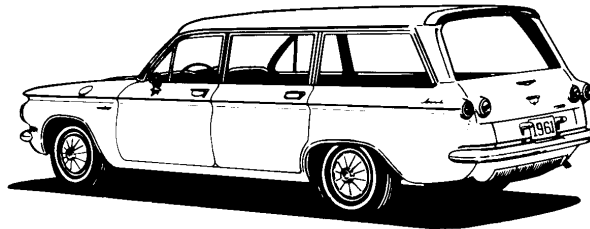
Dave Ziebarth will be undertaking an

September General Meeting

The club gathered at Famous Dave's Barbecue in Muskegon for our September meeting.

We congregated in the parking lot of the Lakes Mall to start. We were even visited by someone driving a dune buggy. He bragged the VW engine was pushing 200 horsepower. The lack of wheelie bars made some skeptical.

With little official business to conduct several of the members who made the trip, headed back home. The rest of the group made their way into Famous Dave's to see why Dave's famous. We found out. It seems Dave must have an affinity for Corvairs as we found Corvair parts hanging on the walls for decoration.



The food may have had something to do with the fame also. I don't know as anyone left the restaurant hungry.

It was nice to see some of the members such as Bryan Pulsipher and Reggie Stroebe at a meeting. Hopefully we can schedule more gatherings around the area to encourage other members attend.

All members in attendance were given a copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws. That was the only business issue at the meeting.

All members then went their separate ways.

Constitution and By-Laws Revised

At the October Board Meeting to proposed revisions to the the club's Constitution and By-Laws were made official.

As mentioned on the front page this will directly affect everyone in the way that we elect our board. Most other changes were in the form of procedural changes in the way that the board does business.

There also were changes made in the job duties of the Secretary and Treasurer. The Seretary is now designated as the Resident Agent for the club. That makes the responsibility of state and CORSA filings fall on the Secretary.

The Treasurer now has the duty of maintaining a list of all assets of the club. This will aid us in the use of those assets for shows and gatherings. Bob Janei needs to start this list and needs the help of any member with anything that belongs to the club. Please supply a list of club property that you have in your possession to him at the earliest convenience. Right now we would like to find the club banner. Anyone out there have it?

Thanks to Bob Janei, Dave Ziebarth and Norm Witte for their assistance in updating these important documents. Look for your copy in the mail in the next few weeks.

Around the Club continued

engine repair project on his '65 Monza. After some diagnostics, it was determined he had dropped a valve seat on the number 5 cylinder. He will soon be pulling the head off for repair or replacement. I'm sure that with all Dave has done to the car recently he would like to submit some articles highlighting his experiences. We look forward to hearing about the installation of the new interior and repair of the engine.

Bryan Pulsipher cast some new emblems for his Ramp-side project. He brought them to the September meeting to show off. They looked pretty good. Maybe we can have Bryan submit an article on the process with some pictures. What do you say Bryan?

Anybody else want to tell about putting their cars away for the winter? Or about getting a beater ready to drive for the winter?

Who Am I?

Last month we featured a picture of Dave Ziebarth at a younger age. For those of you who don't know Dave very well here's his story:

I was born in Detroit but grew up in Grand Rapids. I am the oldest of three boys and one girl. I always liked cars growing up. I got into Corvairs because of my Uncle Bill. Every time we went to visit him and my Aunt Jane in Indianapolis, he always had a different Corvair he was working on. My cousins drove the same Corvair but each of them had to have it painted a different color when it was their turn to drive it.

I bought my first Corvair the summer after my senior year in high school. It was a 1966 500 coupe. I purchased the Evening Orchid convertible back in 1994 and sold the coupe in 1996. I was in WMCC in 1989 - 1992 and then rejoined in 1996 or 1997 (I can't remember the year).

My wife, Heather, was born in Big Rapids and eventually moved next door to the house I used to live in (my family moved out in 1973). She and I met while working at Gordon Food Service and we have been married for almost 9 years. We have one dog, a cocker spaniel named Tessie. Heather is used to being around cars as her father owns a 1966 GTO and a 1956 Pontiac Safari station wagon.

She likes to quilt and sew.

Dave has served in various positions (vice-president and president) in the club since joining. Dave currently is web-master for the WMCC web-site. He has done an outstanding job on that over the years. He also just recently "retired" from the position of editor passing that

duty onto me.

This month we are featuring a picture of a "newer" member. He has been around for a few years and in that time has become much more visible in the club.

He has aged a little since this picture was taken, but not by much. At least he has a driver's license (we think).



I could still use more pictures and biographies for this feature. Please send them to me for inclusion.

This is a great way to get to know our members a little better.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

I felt a little guilty after I sent out the September newsletter and realized I hadn't included birthday and anniversary listings. So I thought I would make up for it here. So I checked the records and found none listed for September.

I did find listings for October so here are those with special celebrations this month:

Birthdays in October

Allison Witte	October 07
Chuck Nelson	October 14
Beth Byron (Konkle)	October 17
Rachelle Hagen (Godsil)	October 31

Anniversaries in October

Dave & Heather Ziebarth	October 07
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Fall Color Tour

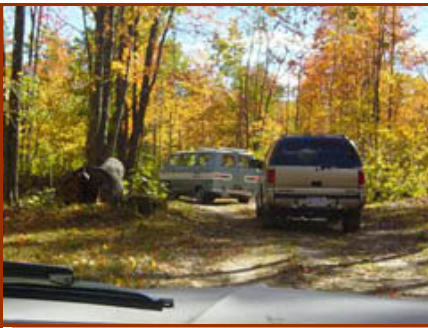
The 2004 edition of the Fall Color Tour is now a memory. From all reports it was a good time for all who attended.

The group was to meet at Rosie's Diner at 9:00 with a start planned for about 9:30. Somewhere in that time frame Steve Ridderman and Ryan Counterman were on the side of the highway broken down.

Steve frantically called me looking for help. Of course because of work obligations I wasn't much help. Fortunately they found Dave Teppo at home. He brought out a fuel pump and rod and helped get Steve's Greenbrier running. This was the Greenbrier that Steve bought from Dave several years ago. I guess buying a vehicle from Dave is a good deal with roadside assistance included.

The group was finally assemble at Rosie's around 10:00 and they were off. Names of all attendees have not been forwarded to me. There were mostly Corvairs in the caravan with only one water pumper in the group.

Steve managed to keep his Greenbrier running for the rest of the day and pressed it into duty to shuttle people back to the woods for lunch.



Dave Ziebarth's GMC Jimmy helped move people also.

Dan Konkle even braved the rough terrain into the woods with his racer.



Dan provided the following description of the day:

The hospitality and ambience were superb. Steve really got a kick out of driving the old Massey-Ferguson tractor and Norm's hayrides through the woods were idyllic. It was cold when we got there but there was a warm stove in the quonset hut and logs burning in the firepit. The drive up was pretty nice too.

Dan even mentioned that the top on the '64 convertible in the group never went up.



Norm Witte providing a hayride through the colorful woods.



Ryan and Dave getting a lesson on how to make maple syrup from Mrs. Witte.

A very big thank you to the Witte family for hosting this event.

October Board Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Steve Ridderman at 8:13 pm. Members present: Bob Janei, Steve Ridderman, John Cole, Ryan Counterman, and Dan Konkle. Meeting was held at Pearl Street Big Boy in Grand Rapids.
- 2) Financial Report: Bob handed out the report showing a current balance of \$2042.64. This is showing a little higher than expected as bills for September newsletter are not included. Also dues for 2005 are now being paid. Approved by acclamation
- 3) Minutes of the September Meeting were read by John and approved by acclamation.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Brief discussion of establishing an events chair for next year.
 - b) Color tour scheduled for the weekend. Steve to call Norm on Saturday morning with a count of those attending.
 - c) Constitution and By-Laws revisions: Steve collected ballots from board members to ratify proposed changes. The proposal passed.
- d) October meeting: The color tour was scheduled to be the October meeting. However, with the nominations for the board needing to be made this month a regular meeting will take place on October 19 at Brann's on South Division in Grand Rapids.
- 5) New Business:
 - a) Christmas Party on December 7 at Brann's.
 - i) A flyer will be placed in the October newsletter. Deadline for reservation is November 30. Cost will be \$15.00 for single, \$25.00 for couple.
 - ii) Bob, Steve and John will try to round up items to be used as gifts and door prizes.
 - b) Club assets: A list of club assets will be put together by Bob Janei. A note asking for members help will be put in the newsletter.
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance		\$1944.64		
Income			Expenses	
Dues 2005	\$30.00			None for the month
Logo Product	\$40.00			
Misc	\$28.00			
Total Income		\$98.00	Ending Balance	\$2042.64



Christmas Party

On December 7, 2004
 The West Michigan Corvair Club
 Will be celebrating Christmas
 You are invited to help us celebrate.

The party will take place at
 Brann's Steakhouse
 4157 South Division
 Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dinner Choices are:

Sizzler
 Chicken Teriyaki
 BBQ Ribs
 Salmon with Rice
 Vegetarian Wrap

All Dinners will include: Salad, potato, rolls,
 dessert, and beverage (coffee or tea).



Social Hour

6:30

Dinner to follow

Cost:

\$15.00 single

\$25.00 couple

RSVP to Bob Janei by

November 30

Christmas Party Reservations

Name: _____

Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

To reserve your space at the party detach the lower portion of this page and send with your check to Bob Janei by November 30, 2004 at: 2141 Shawnee Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Classified Ads

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)

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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 freebees 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.



At the left is the cover of the CORSA *Communique* from July of 1986.

This is how CORSA members were shown Grand Rapids just before the convention here in 1986.

The car belonged to then President, Tom Lannon. Tom has since sold the car and is no longer a member of the club.

This is the second time a car from the West Michigan Corvair Club grace the cover of the *Communique*. I will include the third and final cover in a future edition of the newsletter.

Maybe we should have a photo contest of our members and see if we could get another member's car pictured. Or if you would like I could do a large picture on the front page of the newsletter.

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You're ahead with the engine behind.



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