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What's Going On. . .

Upcoming Events

- November 16 General Meeting and elections at Brann's, South Division in Grand Rapids
- November 16 Board Meeting to select officers and set meeting dates for 2005
- December 7 Christmas Party at Brann's on South Division in Grand Rapids

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The year is fast winding down. As we get to this time of the year most of the car activities in our area see a definite decrease.

We do have a couple exceptions to that in our club.

November marks the time to select the board for the next year. Please come to the November meeting and vote. After the general meeting there will be a brief board meeting to select officers and set times for meetings next year.

We will be having our annual Christmas Party in December. This has always been a good way to wrap up the year and enjoy the fellowship of friends. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter and reserve your spot before November 30.

Other than that we don't have much on the agenda for the rest of the year. Of course we are looking at plans for the next year. We have talked about the Dust Off in May, Gilmore in August, the Color Tour in October and whatever else

we can add to the mix of activities for next year.



We would like to have an activities chairperson for next year. This person would oversee all the activities outside of meetings. This person does not need to be a board member. If you are interested in this position, please speak to our President, Steve Ridderman.

Around the Club

There is nothing new to report around the club at this time.

It appears that our cars have been put to bed for the winter. Hopefully a few projects are in the works so we will see something new next spring.

I know Norm Witte is working on his '65 Corsa convertible with the goal of having

it roadworthy sometime in 2005.

Dave Ziebarth is still looking at having to do some work on his '65 Monza with a dropped valve seat.

Who will surprise us next spring with something new for us all to see?

October General Meeting

- 1) General meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club was held on October 19, 2004. President Steve Ridderman called meeting to order at 8:28 pm. Meeting was held at Brann's on South Division in Grand Rapids.
 - 2) Motion to open nominations for Board of Directors positions was made by John Cole.
 - a) Nominations were made as follows:
 - i) Steve Ridderman nominated by Dan Konkle. Steve accepted.
 - ii) John Koning nominated. John accepted later as he was not at the meeting.
 - iii) John Cole nominated by Dan Konkle. John accepted.
 - iv) Bob Janei nominated by Dan Konkle. Bob accepted.
 - v) Dan Konkle nominated by John Cole. Dan accepted.
 - vi) Ryan Counterman nominated by Ryan Counterman with acceptance implied.
 - vii) Bill Wright nominated by Steve Ridderman. Bill declined.
 - viii) Bryan Pulsipher nominated by Steve Ridderman. Bryan accepted.
 - ix) Randy Merrill nominated by Bill Wright. Randy was not present so he has neither accepted nor declined.
 - x) Gary Gruetzmacher nominated by Dan Konkle. Gary accepted.
 - b) Motion to close nominations by Bob Janei.
- 3) There was a brief discussion of the Christmas Party.
- 4) Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

November is Election Time

It's November and we have finally made it through the political season in our nation. But we still have a responsibility to vote for our club's governing board. That's what we will be doing at the November meeting.

The process for this will be fairly simple. We have 7 positions on the board available this year. We will number those positions 1 through 7. The odd number positions will have terms expiring in odd number years and the even number positions will expire at the end of even number years.

We had a total of ten nominees. One of those has declined. One has not been contacted to accept or decline. So we have a minimum of eight candidates with a possible ninth.

Ballots will be handed out at the November meeting with all candidates listed. Members will choose up to seven candidates on their ballots.

All votes will then be tabulated and the top seven vote getters will be the new board. Positions 1 through 7 will be decided by the new board drawing numbers "from a hat."

The slate of candidates is as follows:

Steve Ridderman
 John Koning
 John Cole
 Bob Janei
 Dan Konkle
 Ryan Counterman
 Bryan Pulsipher
 Gary Gruetzmacher

One other member, Randy Merrill, has an open nomination also. Randy still needs to be contacted to get his acceptance of the nomination.

Please come to the November meeting and take part in this process. This is the first time in a long time that we have had more nominees than positions. Your vote really does matter and you need to be present to vote.

Who Am I?

Last month we had a picture of our current Vice-President, Ryan Counterman. He was a little younger in the picture than he is now. Here's Ryan's story:

I've always been interested in mechanical things. I started working on my first car (the 65 Monza) when I was about 15, and was able to drive it when I was 16.

I graduated from Forest Hills Central class of 2001. After that I went to WMU for 2 years for mechanical engineering, then decided I didn't have as much interest in engineering as I originally thought.

I started a 2 year program at KVCC in Automotive Technology, thinking that maybe I could make a career out of working on cars.

This spring I started to get burned out a little bit working on cars all the time. I would work on them

all day and then come home and not want to work on my own (V8 Vair). So I have backed off with working on cars for a while so I wouldn't lose interest.

I took a job working in commercial and residential construction, which is what I am still doing, and so far I really like it, and I would like to keep the car craze a hobby, and not a "job"

Ryan will be our last member featured for the year. As of this time, I have only one more member who has submitted a picture for this feature. I need more members to submit their pictures and their biographies or this could very well be the last or next-to-last time this feature will appear in the newsletter.

November Board Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Ryan Counterman at 7:58 pm. Members present: Ryan Counterman, Dan Konkle, Gary Gruetzmacher, Bob Janei, John Cole, and Bill Wright. 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 \$2064.31. Report was approved by acclamation.
- 3) Minutes of October meeting were read by John and approved by acclamation.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Discussion of events chairperson for 2005. Steve Ridderman has volunteered to head up the Gilmore show. We will put out a call for a chairperson to oversee all events to remove much of the planning from the board.
 - b) Christmas Party: The party will be held at Brann's
- 5) New Business:
 - a) Next year's calendar will need to be organized soon and will need to include:
 - i) May—Dust Off
 - ii) August—Gilmore Show
 - iii) October—Color Tour
 - iv) July—Convention
 - b) Elections will be held at the November general meeting. No new nominations have been received.
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

on December 7. Social hour will begin at 7:00 pm with dinner at 7:30. Discussion of what we could include for entertainment for the evening might include slide shows of our Gilmore show this year and also a slide show of the 1986 CORSA Convention. Door prizes are being collected.



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance on October 5		\$2042.64
Income		
Dues 2005	\$55.00	
Christmas Party	50.00	
Donation	4.00	
Logo Product	21.00	
Total		\$130.00
Expenses		
Newsletter	\$71.33	
Postage	37.00	
Total		\$108.33
Ending Balance		\$2064.31

In addition to the report given, Bob also mentioned that nobody has yet given him any information on assets that belong to the club. He would like to have a list compiled soon of what the club owns so it can be utilized.

A few things that come to mind would be:

Who has the club banner (it used to travel to the conventions for display)?

Who has the club sign and easel (large version of the logo)?

Where is the club's TV and VCR?

Is there anything you have? Let Bob know. We need to look at some of these things and decide if maybe the club still needs these, what kind of shape they are in and how they can best be used by us.

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 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]

1965 Corsa Convertible SHOW CAR to sell or trade. It has had over \$20,000.00 spent on the restoration alone. It is red with white interior, 4 carb, 140 hp engine, has never been rained on, everything like new. I am asking \$ 19,500.00 or best offer. For a motorcycle trade, I would be looking for a new or almost new Harley or Honda Goldwing, full dress bike. If you or any of your members have interest, please email for more particulars. Lonnie Caldwell [lcaldwell@swbell.net]

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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

7:00 pm

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.

Elections on
November 16

You're ahead with the engine behind.



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