



# Lifter Noise

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## Christmas Greetings From your Editor

May this Christmas be spent enjoying family and friends. I am grateful for the friendships made in our club. I am looking forward to the next year and new memories we will create.

May we also remember the significance of this season and commemorate the hope that was given to us a little over 2000 years ago.

## Upcoming Events

- Board Meeting January 8, 2005 at Steve Ridderman's

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## What's Going On. . .

We have a new board. Look for the results of the elections on page 3 in the minutes of the November meetings. Thanks to all who ran this year.

As it is the end of the year there are a few people in the club who should be mentioned for their contributions throughout the year.

Norm Witte even though he is a long-distance member has shown he is a vital member of our group. He co-hosted the Spring Dust Off with Jim Neal. Then Norm gave valuable input on the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws. Norm also hosted the Fall Color Tour. All this from a guy who doesn't even attend meetings.

As long as we have mentioned Norm and the Spring Dust Off we have to mention Jim Neal for allowing us to use his facilities. Again another long-distance member who doesn't attend meetings being very gracious to the club.

Bob Janei has worked tirelessly on keeping the club's books up to date. He has done an outstanding job since taking over the job as treasurer. But Bob does more than just that. Bob was a major contributor on the Gilmore Show also. And our Christmas Party would not have happened if it had not been for Bob's work.

Steve Ridderman hosted a meeting at his house earlier this year. That's in addition to serving as our president. He also played a major role in the Gilmore Show.

The rest of the board over the last year has sacrificed time to come to meetings



and keep the club running so for the efforts of Dan, Ryan, Bill, Dave, and Gary we are grateful.

Dave Ziebarth has kept up our website even though he is not a board member any longer. This is task that is demanding on his time. But the effort keeps our club with one of the best websites out there. If you haven't looked at it check it out:

[www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter495](http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter495).

Of course there are others that have played a part. Spouses have allowed us to go off and play with our toy cars. Sometimes they even get involved. My wife, Julia, decorated the anniversary cakes for our Gilmore Show.

There are many others that have been active and involved throughout the year whether it was working at an event or just showing up to support the club. For everyone's efforts through the year I want to say thank you for making this a wonderful 30th anniversary year for the West Michigan Corvair Club.

Now we have a new year to plan and organize and many of these same people will be involved. Here's to an even better 2005.

## *Around the Club*

There is not much going on around the club at this time. Cars are put away for the winter and only one member has a major restoration project under way. That would be Norm Witte.

His '65 Corsa convertible should be out for media blasting by the time you read this. Then it is off to the body man for repair and paint. The engine and powertrain are disassembled at this time also. The plan is to have everything back together and be able to drive the car for the summer of 2005.



Norm's 'vert just about ready to be blasted. Photo © Norm Witte

Norm has quite a bit of work left to go on the car. If you want to follow the tale on you can do so at Norm's website: [www.wittelaw.com/personal/turbo](http://www.wittelaw.com/personal/turbo).

Hopefully in the next week or so the club address will be changing also. It has been noted on the label portion of the newsletter. What that means is that my family is in the process of moving into a different house. Along with the family moving the offices of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be moving. The new address is 255 John Kent Drive, Ravenna, MI 49451. The new phone number will be (231)853-5340.

The house will be a lot bigger than the current place. And the most important part of it for me is that there is a 28' x 32' pole barn to put some cars in. Getting the cars there is another matter. The house is back in on a "country road" that is not highly maintained by the county.

We have a new member also. He is Dave Hopkins from Climax, Michigan. We look forward to seeing Dave at events in 2005.



## *2004 WMCC Christmas Party*

On December 7 the WMCC had its annual Christmas Party. This year we had close to thirty members and guests celebrate with us this year.

It was nice to have charter member John Shipman and his wife, Jan, with us this year. Usually at this time of year they have headed for Florida to stay warm.

After a social time our dinners were served. Then we enjoyed the gifts and drawings. Everyone left with something as there were many gifts to choose from.

After that we saw the slide show of the Gilmore show on a less than desirable TV. Then all the ladies picked up the poinsettias that adorned the tables and we all departed to end our festivities.

Once again this year the Christmas party would not have taken place had it not been for the work of Bob Ja-

nei. Bob arranged for prizes from local businesses and CORSA. He coordinated with Brann's for the event and once again made a memorable event. Thanks Bob for all your work.

Businesses that donated prizes or offered them at reduced prices include:

Meijer	Home Depot
NAPA	Ridderman & Sons Oil Co.
Compulit Inc.	Clark's Corvair Parts
Radisson Conference Center in Kalamazoo	

Remember these companies for their generosity.

Thanks to all who were there for making the event special. Now we need a volunteer to head up next year's party.

## November Meetings Highlights

### November General Meeting November 16, 2004

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:20 pm by President Steve Ridderman.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was included in the November newsletter.
- 3) Minutes of October meeting were read and approved by acclamation.
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Gilmore Show for 2005: Steve Ridderman will chair this event for us. He will be coordinating with the host club in preparation.
  - b) Election results: The following people were elected to the board with terms expiring at the end of the years listed with the names:
    - i) John Cole (2005)
    - ii) Ryan Counterman (2006)
    - iii) Bob Janei (2006)
    - iv) John Koning (2005)
    - v) Dan Konkle (2005)
    - vi) Randy Merrill (2005)
    - vii) Steve Ridderman (2006)
- 5) New Business: None
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

### Year-End Board Meeting November 16, 2004

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Steve Ridderman at 8:34 pm.
- 2) Motion to dispense with reading of Treasurer's Report and minutes of previous meeting was made by John Cole. Motion passed.
- 3) Election of officers. The following nominations were made:
  - a) President: Steve Ridderman, accepted; John Koning, declined. Steve Ridderman elected for one-year term.
  - b) Vice-President: John Koning, declined; Ryan Counterman, absent so could not accept or decline; Dan Konkle, accepted; Randy Merrill, declined. Dan Konkle elected for one-year term.
  - c) Secretary: John Cole, accepted. John elected for one-year term.
  - d) Treasurer: Bob Janei, accepted. Bob elected for one-year term.
- 4) Discussion of when to hold meetings. It was agreed to have regular Board Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. The regular meeting location will be the Pearl Street Big Boy in Grand Rapids. The board on an as-needed basis to avoid conflicts with holidays, shows, etc can change this.
- 5) The first meeting of 2005 will be held on January 8 at Steve Ridderman's house in Plainwell. This will be the meeting to set up our calendar of events for 2005 and select chairpersons.
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

These are the unapproved minutes. Respectfully submitted by John Cole, Secretary.

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- President:** Steve Ridderman
- Vice-President:** Dan Konkle
- Secretary:** John Cole
- Treasurer:** Bob Janei