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Upcoming Events

- February 15—7:30 pm General Meeting at Brann's on South Division. "Name That Part"
- February 25-26 Performance Workshop, Dayton, OH. Hosted by FastVair
- March 1— 7:30 pm Board Meeting at Pearl Street Big Boy.
- March 15—7:30 pm General Meeting at Brann's on South Division. Corvair Video Night.
- May 7—Spring Dust Off
- June 27-31—Mini-Convention hosted by Iowa Corvair Enthusiast
- July 26-30 — CORSA Convention, Portland Oregon

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What's Going On. . .

The new year is well under way and with it our activities for the year are beginning.

This month we will be meeting at Brann's on South Division. Meeting time will be 7:30 on February 15, and the activity for the night will be a "Name That Part" game. Bring an obscure part from a Corvair (preferably yours) and we will have a contest to see who can identify the most pieces. Ryan Counterman will be in charge of this activity.

John Koning has accepted a new position in the club. He will be acting as CORSA representative. Our club currently has a 55% participation in CORSA. John's task will be to make non-CORSA members aware of the advantages of CORSA and encourage membership.

Your board met in early January to set the activities for the year. We have the year pretty well planned overall. We have some details to work out. Some of those details people to head up activities through out the year.



We need a volunteer to organize a cruise along the lakeshore to Montague in August. If you live in or near Muskegon and would like to set up this activity, please let Steve Ridderman know.

We also need someone to take over the planning of our annual Christmas Party. Bob Janei has done an outstanding job on this over the last few years. He's ready for a break. Once again volunteers, please see Steve.

The calendar for the year will be highlighted in the meeting minutes. If you see something you would like to help with let the a board member know.

See you on the 15th.

Around The Club

In the December issue I reported on Norm Witte's progress on his '65 Corsa convertible. After sending out that issue I received an e-mail from Ryan Counterman reminding me of his project.

Ryan's project is a '65 Corsa also. Only Ryan's isn't quite a stock Corsa. His has a small-block Chevy engine where the

backseat used to be. Ryan was working on his project last year also. He got it running, but it wasn't pretty.

Looks are his mission this "off-season." He has shaved the drip rails off the roof and there is now no markings for the original fuel filler door.

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Around the Club continued

He will next be tackling the the lower body. He is looking for donor panels to help with the wheel wells and the front of the car.



Ryan also has some more work to do on the mechanicals. He plans to have the thing out for some spirited drives this year.

Norm Witte's car is making progress also. It has been media blasted and is at the body shop having some rust damage repaired and then the paint will be done.

The powertrain is at Dan Konle's being readied for reassembly. There was discussion about a club meeting at Dan's for the assembly session. We would need volunteers with large hammers (the bigger the better) to assist.

We look forward to seeing both of these cars on the road in 2005.

Anybody else working on a project and wanting to share the details let me know. I know Dave Ziebarth was look-



ing to do some engine work on his car. Bryan Pulsipher has a major project going on with a Rampside. How about some pictures and details?

We have a new member this month. He is JT March from East Lansing. He has a 1966 Monza convertible. We look forward to getting to know him.

Performance Workshop

On February 25 and 26 FastVair will be holding a performance workshop in Dayton Ohio. The workshop will be held at Vintage Motorsports Services, 3578 Kettering Blvd. Suite 550B, Dayton, OH 45322.

Friday will be an informal get-together throughout the day. Saturday will be the actual workshop with vendors, tech sessions, videos, etc.

Cost is \$10 per person. There are several from our club

talking about making a one-day trip to this event. If you are interested in going talk to Dan Konkle or Randy Merrill at the February meeting or call one of them at the numbers listed on the back page of the newsletter.



Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting January 8, 2005

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Steve Ridderman at 1:50 pm. Meeting was held at the home of Steve Ridderman. Members present: Steve Ridderman, Dan Konkle, John Koning, Bob Janei, Ryan counterman, Randy Merrill, and John Cole.
 - 2) Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Report of last year showed an ending balance of \$1,889.22.
 - b) There are still members not paid for 2005 membership. Anyone not paid by February board meeting will be listed in the newsletter in February.
 - c) Report was approved by acclamation.
 - 3) Minutes of Previous Meeting: John Read the minutes of the November board meeting and the year-end board meeting. Minutes were approved by acclamation.
 - 4) Old Business: A brief wrap up of the Christmas party with thanks to Bob Janei for his work on organizing this function for the last few years. We need a volunteer for 2005.
 - 5) New Business:
 - a) Bob presented a budget for 2005. It was noted that we did fully utilize the 50/50 raffle at the meetings last year. Budget was then approved by acclamation.
 - b) Chapter Report to CORSA. The report was filed with CORSA office. The return showed we had only a 55% membership in CORSA. CORSA asked us to encourage more enrollments. John Koning volunteered to act as CORSA representative. Applications for membership will be added to the newsletter.
 - c) A discussion on naming an Events Chairperson led to the decision that one was not really needed at this time. The board will still act to set the calendar for the year and individual will be selected to organize individual events.
 - d) The calendar for 2005 was then discussed:
 - i) January: No General Meeting
 - ii) February: Board Meeting on 2/1. General Meeting on 2/15 at Brann's. Meeting activity will be "Name That Part" game. Ryan Counterman organizer.
 - iii) March: Board Meeting on 3/1. General Meeting on 3/15 at Brann's. Video night.
 - iv) April: Board Meeting on 4/5. General Meeting on 4/19 location to be determined possibly Dave Teppo's.
 - v) May: Board Meeting on 5/3. Dust Off 5/7 possible trip to Lansing or Kalamazoo Air Zoo, we will invite DACC, MACC, Chicagoland.
 - vi) June: Board Meeting on 6/7. General Meeting on 6/21. Ryan Counterman will set up night at either Gingerman Raceway or Martin. June also will be the Mini-Convention in Iowa with time trials (June 27-July 1).
 - vii) July: Board Meeting on 7/5. General Meeting on 7/20 at Rosie's in Rockford for cruise night. CORSA Convention in Portland July 26-30.
 - viii) August: Board Meeting on 8/2. Gilmore show on 8/6, Steve Ridderman will organize. General Meeting on 8/20 for a cruise up the lakeshore to Montague to the Dog-N-Suds. Looking for an individual to organize.
 - ix) September: Board Meeting on 9/6. General Meeting on 9/20 location to be determined possibly Bill Klage's.
 - x) October: Board Meeting on 10/4. General Meeting on 10/18 at Brann's for nomination of board members. Color tour will be an overnight trip to Auburn Indiana on 10/8.
 - xi) November: Board Meeting on 11/1. General Meeting on 11/15 at Brann's for elections.
 - xii) December: Christmas Party on 12/6.
- e) There was also discussion about participation in other non-WMCC organized events some of those would include: Plainwell show in July, Coast Guard Festival in August, Del Shannon show in August, and Alfa-Romeo track events. We may try and have an individual establish meeting locations and such for those interested in these events. There will be a couple people going to Dayton, Ohio on February 25 for the performance enthusiasts gathering.
- f) Name Tags: It was mentioned that it would be nice for members to have name tags. This is an idea that has been brought up before and never acted on. Bob will check with Dimension Plastics to see what the cost would be. We would then have temporary name tags at meetings for visitors.
- 6) Meeting was adjourned at 3:32

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays in February

Jacob Witte February 02
Cathy Koning February 18
Alyssa Koning February 20

Anniversaries in February

None

Classified Ads

1962 Corvair Monza 4 door. Bench front seat. Engine - 6 cylinder 110 Transmission - 3 speed auto transmission Miles - 38,000. Previous owner claimed that the miles were actual and signed the title affidavit as such. Rust - Minimal Color - Interior: Blue, Exterior: White Options - Original AM Radio General Condition - Overall in pretty good condition. Minimal body damage and very little rust. Has oil leak typical of this car. It's only beendriven approximately 5,000 in the last 18 years. Does it Run - Yes. Location - Medina, OH (30 miles south of Cleveland) Asking Price - I'm not sure what it is worth ASKING: \$2,000



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At left is the cover of the *Communique* from August 1990. Pictured on the cover is Dan Konkle's '63 Spyder convertible.

Inside this particular issue is Dan's account of his participation in the MACA rally that year.

If you don't have a copy of this issue, get one and

read Dan's story.

This was the last time that a member of the WMCC had a car on the cover. All three of the featured cars from WMCC were early models. Is there another member out there willing to send in a photo of his car to see if we can get another cover? How about a late model? How about it, Norm?

Spider

Due to technical problems
The CORSA application is
Not included here.
Look for it next month.



West Michigan Corvair Club Application:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Year, Model of Corvair: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____

Spouse and Children's Names/Birthdays:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Anniversary Date: _____



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Meeting February
15 at Brann's

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Meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of the month at Brann's Restaurant, 4157 South Division, Wyoming, MI. E-mail wmcc@corvair.org for verification of time and location.

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