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Upcoming Events

- March 15—7:30 pm General Meeting at Brann's on South Division. Corvair Video Night.
- April 5—7:30 pm Board Meeting Peal Street Big Boy
- April 19—7:30 pm General Meeting location TBD
- May 3—7:30 pm Board Meeting
- 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. . .

It's March. It came in with a little roar, hopefully it will go out like a lamb.

This month we will be meeting on March 15 at Brann's on South Division. Meeting time is at 7:30 pm.

The program for this month's meeting will be Corvair videos. We should have a VCR and DVD player available for playing any Corvair-related video. Dave Teppo will bring the clubs collection and anybody else with any videos is welcome to bring them along for viewing.

Plans are being made for our first event of the year. We will be holding our Dust-Off on May 7. The final destination will be announced in next month's newsletter. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to bring the family out for a day of Corvair fun and fellowship. We plan to invite the other Corvair clubs in the region to join us.

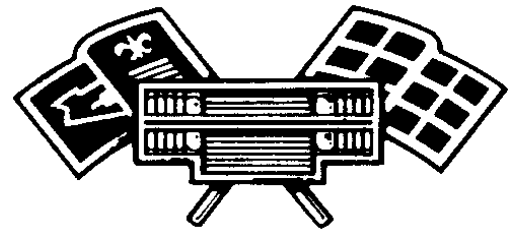
Rumor has it that Mad Anthony Club is planning their annual show for the second or third weekend in May. Details

will be included in the next newsletter.

Ryan Counterman is working on the June meeting night. The current plan is for the club to go out to Martin Dragway and see what the Corvairs will do.

There is also a group planning on going to Iowa for the time trials and mini-convention. We will be working on putting together a caravan of cars from West Michigan.

See you on March 15 at Brann's.



Around The Club

We have two new members this month.

Robert Van Singel and his wife Mary Beth live in Three Rivers. Robert has a 1969 Monza that won late closed at our Gilmore show last summer.

Charles and Barbara Goodrich live in South Haven. They own a 1963 Monza convertible.

We look forward to getting to know them.

We have no reports of projects this month. Hopefully that means that all the work is done.

Spring arrives this month and hopefully a few of our cars will be out in the warm weather soon.

Spotlight on CORSA

by John Koning

CORSA MEMBERSHIP

Approximately 55% of our West Michigan Corvair members could not come up with enough reasons NOT to join CORSA. These members are currently enjoying a wide array of benefits available to them as members of this prestigious club. Another 45% of our members are still hanging on to their reasons not to join. If you are in this category, we would like to give you a few more reasons not to join CORSA:

Top 10 Reasons Not to Join CORSA

10. You enjoy being at gatherings where you're the only one who knows what Corvairs are all about.
9. You already own the most interesting Corvair ever made.
8. You would rather read fewer ads and pay higher prices for your parts and supplies.
7. Your current friends readily give great advice about air cooled engines and unibody construc-

tion.

6. You're unsure if Ralph Nader's claims were accurate and prefer to keep it that way.
5. You are a manly man and don't need to read repair manuals or to ask for help of any kind.
4. You believe Corvairs can't or shouldn't race, and have no desire to see them race or to race your own.
3. You know all the modern modifications and upgrades available for the Corvair.
2. You enjoy living a dull and boring life.
1. \$35 a year is too much to spend for a monthly Corvair magazine with exclusive classified ads and great articles, unlimited resources, camaraderie and tech support.

I am certain, that if you are one of the WMCC members still holding off getting your CORSA membership, you may have good reasons not to join. But we as a board would like to encourage you to support Corvairs on an international level by becoming a member of CORSA.

February General Meeting

The February General Meeting took place on February 15 at Brann's on South Division.

There was no formal business conducted at the meeting. It was a loose and informal casual event. The "entertainment" for the night was a "Name That Part" game.

A good supply of parts that had been removed from Corvairs was brought in. Ryan Counterman then organized and numbered them all.

Gary Gruetzmacher correctly identified all 26 of the parts. His prize for this accomplishment? The undying admiration of all present.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bill. There was a brief discussion of the Performance Workshop and who was going.

Bill Klage confirmed he would be able to host the September meeting.

Then we all went home.

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance Jan. 1	\$1899.22	Beginning Balance Feb. 1	\$1944.22
Income		Income	
Dues	55.00	Dues	\$144.00
Expenses	0.00	50/50	22.00
Ending Balance Jan. 31	\$1944.22	Total	\$166.00
		Expenses	
		Newsletter	\$43.05
		Postage	28.20
		Total	\$71.25
		Ending Balance	\$2038.97



Membership Update

This month the newsletter will be going out to 53 total members. 11 of those will get the electronic format. 42 will get a printed copy. In addition we send newsletters to 10 clubs/sponsors.

There are still some members who have not yet paid their dues for 2005. If your name is listed here, please send us your dues for 2005 or this could be your last newsletter.

Bill Avery
Bonnie Fonner

Jordan Godsil
Bob Godsil
Gary Gruetzmacher
Russ Harig
Peter Hoekema
Bob Muir
Clayton Myers
Jim Neal
Chuck Nelson
Toby Ross

A Plea for Help

Once again I am approaching the membership for help.

Coming up with new and original material for these pages is getting more difficult all the time.

I have curtailed the "Who Am I?" segment of our newsletter. Why? Because I have only one picture left to use. There are many members that have yet to be featured, but I can't put them in without somebody sending them to me.

I would like to have features on cars or whatever anybody would like to send, but once again someone needs to send them.

How about a little contest. Let's see who in the club has traveled to the most states in a Corvair. And to take it one step further who has been to the most states in the same Corvair. Somewhere in all the traveling in Corvairs there has to be a story or two.

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting March 1, 2005

- 1) Meet called to order at 7:45 by President Steve Ridderman. Members present: Steve Ridderman, Bob Janei, Ryan Counterman, John Koning, and John Cole. Meeting was held at Pearl Street Big Boy in Grand Rapids
 - 2) Treasurer's Report: Bob pass out the report showing ending balance of \$2038.97. Report was approved by acclamation.
 - 3) Minutes of the January meeting were read by John Cole. Approved by acclamation.
 - 4) Old Business:
 - a) Name tags: Nothing to report now. Bob will check in the next couple days and bring a report to the next meeting.
 - b) 50/50 Raffle: Clarification of income not being utilized was made. The 50/50 was not used to its full potential last year and our income from it was down. We need to do a better job at making sure it is used at all our general meetings.
 - c) March meeting will be video night. Dave Teppo will bring the club's collection of videos to the meeting for our viewing pleasure.
 - d) Spring Dust-Off: Checking into the Kalamazoo Air Museum led to the discussion that with admission being close to \$20/person that we should continue looking for a new venue. John Cole will be working on this. There is a possibility of meeting with a group near Lawrence. If that does not work out we will plan a trip to Turkeyville near Marshall. It will be on May 7.
 - e) Cruise to Montague/Whitehall: Ryan Counterman has offered assistance in setting up the route. We would like someone from the Muskegon area to lead this.
 - f) June meeting: Ryan is planning on a night at Martin Dragway.
- 5) New Business:
 - a) Iowa Mini-Convention: With the contingent of WMCC members going we are looking at the possibility of setting up a caravan of cars from our club.
 - 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries

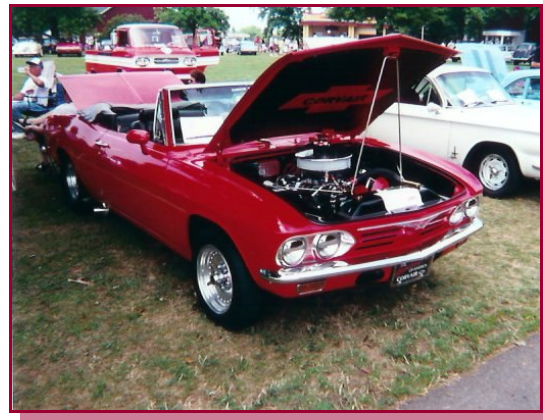
March Birthdays:

Gary Gruetzmacher
Bethany Cole

March 08
March 09

March Anniversaries

None listed





Corvair Society of America

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Membership Application

First Name _____ Last Name _____





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Telephone Number (____) _____ Occupation _____

FEE SCHEDULE	1 year membership	\$35	Corvair Preservation Foundation
	26 month membership	70	Established to protect and preserve historic Corvairs and memorabilia
	*1 year Canadian membership	38	Racing Fund
	*26 month Canadian membership	76	Provides cash incentives to winning Corvairs entered in national racing
	*1 year overseas membership	48	Frank Winchell Memorial Corvair Scholarship
	*26 month overseas membership	96	To help members and their families further their offspring's education
	_____ Corvair Preservation Foundation donation min. \$1		*Must be paid in U.S. funds drawn on U.S. or Canadian banks.

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Please make check or money order payable to CORSA. Membership includes subscription to the CORSA *Communique*, however there may be a four to six week delay before you receive your first magazine.

CORSA currently has over 120 chapters throughout the world. We encourage membership in our local chapters.

Please do not contact a CORSA chapter on my behalf. I belong to CORSA chapter # _____.

I was referred to CORSA by: Sponsor _____ Member or Chapter Code _____

West Michigan Corvair Club Application:

Name: _____

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Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____

Spouse and Children's Names/Birthdays:

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2. _____

3. _____

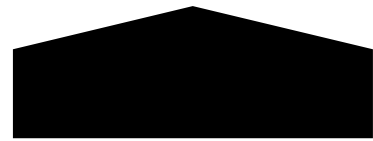
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Anniversary Date: _____



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