



Lifter Noise

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Upcoming Events

- April 19—7:30 pm General Meeting at Brann's on South Division
- May 3—7:30 pm Board Meeting
- May 7—Spring Dust Off
- May 20 - 22— Third Annual Mad Anthony Corvair Classic
- May 28—Orphan Car Gathering in Lawrence, MI
- June 27-31—Mini-Convention hosted by Iowa Corvair Enthusiast
- July 26-30 — CORSA Convention, Portland Oregon

What's Going On. . .

It's April do you know where your car is?

I've had mine out a couple times. It's time to pull them out and get them ready for the trip to Iowa or Portland or to just drive to work.

Our April meeting will be on the 19th at Brann's on South Division. Meeting time is 7:30 pm.

The program for this month's meeting will be a surprise to all of us. At the board meeting we were unsure of what to do. So we are relying on Dan Konkle to bring in some gray bits and pieces and explain something technical to us.

The Spring Dust Off will be on May

7. Meeting location is the parking lot of Toys R Us at the East Beltline and 28th Street. Meeting time is 9:00 am. Caravan will be leaving by 9:30.

The destination is Turkeyville in Marshall. "From our all-turkey, Deli-Style restaurant with all the fixin's to professional dinner theatre, quaint gift ideas to open flea markets, Cornwell's Turkeyville USA has everything for your total country experience.

Try our homemade ice cream and baked goods...browse our gift shop...take in a show...and of course, have some TURKEY!"

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In Memoriam

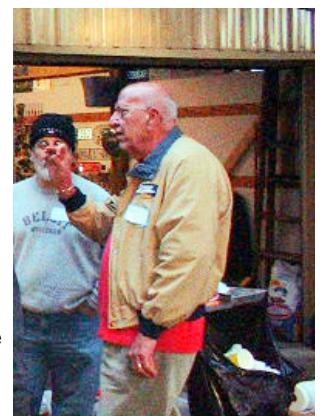
On March 27 Bob Janei passed away.

Bob had been a member of the club for twenty plus years. In that time Bob went to a lot of parades. He enjoyed the faces of the kids light up as he drove the routes. For many years it was the few club activities Bob could do because of conflicts with his commitments to the youth hockey association.

Bob's commitments to the hockey association ended and he replaced it immediately with duties in our club.

Bob took over the treasury of the club a few years ago and did a wonderful and thorough job. Bob also organized the Christmas parties the last few years.

Bob went after any activity with enthusiasm. Whether it was a remodeling project on the house or laying ceramic tiles at his church or his activities in the various clubs and charities he was associated with.



Bob's outlook and optimism will be missed in our club. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Around the Club

Norm Witte has his convertible back from the paint shop. Now he has to get it all back together. When will get to see it Norm?

It may be a little while as Norm is also embarking on building a new house. Moving the car will be much easier if it is assembled rather than in boxes, Norm.

Ryan Counterman has attacked the V8 with vigor. It now has a sound system big enough to drown out the sounds of the V8. There has been a lot of body filler flying in the shop. Ryan has even worked some vinyl into interesting door panels.

Randy Merrill is working on a 140 horsepower engine to put in his 1960 Monza. I think there is (or should be) some sort of law against that. Everyone knows the 1960 80 horse engine is the best Corvair engine.



March Board Meeting

- 1) Meet called to order at 8:06 by President Steve Ridderman. Members present: Steve Ridderman, Ryan Counterman, Randy Merrill, John Koning, Dan Konkle, and John Cole. Meeting was held at Pearl Street Big Boy in Grand Rapids
- 2) Minutes of the March meeting were read by John Cole. Approved by acclamation.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Name tags: Need to check into this. Dan will try talking to a company about it. Table decision until we see if Bob Janei had gathered information.
 - b) Spring Dust-Off: We will be driving to Turkeyville in Marshall. John Cole working out details.
 - c) Iowa trip: Some reported leaving Saturday to arrive on Sunday. Some planning the trip all on Sunday. We will arrange caravans as time gets closer.
 - d) June Meeting: Ryan Counterman is still planning the event. It will be on a Wednesday night at the Martin dragstrip.
- e) April Meeting: No location has been established for this meeting. Steve Ridderman will make a few calls to book us a location and let John Cole know for inclusion in the newsletter. Dan Konkle will provide a technical session.
- 4) New Business:
 - a) Circle City Corvair Club is having a CORSA birthday party on April 16.
 - b) Orphan Car gathering to be held on May 28 by some friends of Steve Turner's. This event will be near Lawrence, Michigan. More details in the newsletter.
 - c) Treasurer Vacancy: John Cole will review the by-laws to get the procedure on filling the position.
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Orphan Car Gathering and Picnic

While this may not be an actual club-sponsored event it does deserve mention.

Steve Turner has been working with some people he knows to put together an Orphan-Car gathering. It will take place on May 28 (The Saturday during Memorial Day weekend).

The location is at the home of Will Pugsley in Lawrence, Michigan. Steve adds the following:

Will would like to have the lunch stretch from around 12-1 on that day with time after for looking at the cars and talk with the participants.

The gathering is open to all old cars and their drivers. It

has been decided to charge \$5.00 per person for the luncheon. Those of you who attended last year's

event can attest that this lunch is well worth that cost, as Will and his son Scott really put on a great spread!

Will would like this event to not be limited in number of attendees, but to be fair to him, we will need a head count a week or so before May 28th so he can have

adequate supplies on hand.

My wife, Carol will be working with other interested cooks to coordinate the dessert table.

I would be glad to answer any questions about this event. Maps and other info will be forthcoming at a later date. Steve

Contact Steve for more information or to let him know you will be attending. Steve's phone number is: 269-965-4247. Or e-mail: karknut61@msn.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays for April

Bob Godsil	April 01
Bill Klage	April 09
Bryan Pulsipher	April 09
Matthew Koning	April 09
Bernard Blackmore	April 11
Verne Metcalf	April 14
Seth Witte	April 25
Betty Klage	April 26
Keith Vander Pol	April 26
Jane Nelson	April 29

Anniversaries for April

None listed



Who is That Man with the Cookie?

There must be a story behind this picture. If you want to know what it is you will have to talk to Dan.

I'm just using it as filler for the newsletter. These are the kinds of things to expect if you don't send in articles or biographies or something to help fill all the white space on these pages.

Classified Ads

Parts Wanted - Do you have a late model parts car? If so please contact me, I need most of a front clip, and the front and rear driver's side wheel wells. I also need the 2 rear windows from a coupe, and a set of coupe kick panels with the vent doors. Contact Ryan Couterman VairKing@hotmail.com or (269)388-3079 evenings

1965 Corsa Convertible - I have a **SHOW CAR** '65 Corsa Convertible (140 hp) for sale... Has never been in rain since purchased. 48k original miles. 5k miles since complete restoration Red with white interior and top, Posi-traction telescopic steering wheel, new everything. Heart Attack, stroke, brain surgery and retirement (all in same day) forces sale. \$ 19,950.00 **OBO**. Pictures available. Located in Memphis, TN USA Lonnie (573) 746-1717 lcaldwell@swbell.net

Auction - My name is Jim Carpenter and I have been collecting Corvairs since 1970. I've been a **CORSA** member since 1974. In the April issue of the *CORSA Communique* I have announced an auction of my entire collection of Corvair parts. The auction date is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2005. The auctioneer is concerned about participation. He has asked me to compile a list of people that are interested in attending. He feels that if there aren't enough interested people, that the auction will be a failure. He doesn't want that type of situation. As a back up he has asked me to offer the entire lot to anyone interested. Any person interested in attending the auction please contact me with your name and telephone number, by the end of April 2005. I will return each and every phone call and confirm the auction. Please don't inquire about purchasing any parts prior to the auction. Any and all parts will be sold the day of the auction. I will have a skid loader available the day of the auction to load heavy parts at no charge to the buyer. I can not list all the parts because there are too many to list. I will give a general idea of what I have. Over the years I have parted out and stored indoors about 25 Corvairs in all. The engine, transaxle, transmission, control arms, brakes, and cross member were dropped as an assembly and placed on a skid. These will be sold as a whole assembly. Doors were removed complete with glass, regulator, trim, handles, and panel. Front cross members were removed complete with brakes. Note several cross members are rusted out, but the brake drums and spindles are good. Steering columns were removed complete; some are missing the horn center cap. All chrome parts were removed, but not marked as to type of vehicle. There are three complete 140 engines and two Corsa dashes. No turbo engines.

One turbo, carb, and intake. Wiper motors, wiper linkage, blower motors, duct work, dash and glove box, bumpers front and rear, radios, wire harnesses, seats, starters, generators, transmissions, transaxles, drive shafts, windshields, fuel filler tubes, gas tanks, hub caps, hoods, trunk lids, convertible top frames, grills, and two complete cars: A '65 Monza 140 and a '66 500 110. Please contact Auto Inspection Service, attention Jim Carpernter at 740-666-1109 by the end of April. 9570 Long Road, Ostrander, Ohio 43061 (15 minutes Nort West of Columbus, Ohio)



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	*26 month Canadian membership	76	Provides cash incentives to winning Corvairs entered in national racing
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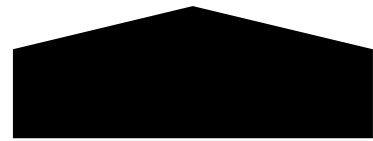
4. _____

Anniversary Date: _____



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