



# Lifter Noise

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## Special points of interest:

- May 20 - 22— Third Annual Mad Anthony Corvair Classic
- May 28—Orphan Car Gathering in Lawrence, MI
- June 4—Board Meeting at John Cole's
- June 5—Orphan Car Show, Ypsilanti, Michigan
- June 15—General Meeting at Martin Dragway
- June 27-31—Mini-Convention hosted by Iowa Corvair Enthusiast
- July 26-30 — CORSA Convention, Portland Oregon
- Augst 6 & 7—Red Barns Spectacular, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan
- August 13—Del Shannon Memorial Car Show, Coopersville, Michigan

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## What's Going On. . .

It's May and finally the weather has shown some signs of improving. We've even had a couple days warm enough to get the cars out.

**There will be no regular May meeting** as the Spring Dust Off on May 7 served as our meeting date. Look for highlights of the Dust Off later in the newsletter.

There are a couple events in May that would be good to have people attend. **On May 20 through May 22 the Mad Anthony Corvair Club will be hosting their annual show.** There was a flyer in last month's newsletter for this show. It's not a bad drive to Indiana even if it's only for the day.

**On May 28 WMCC member, Steve Turner, and some of his friends will be hosting an Orphan Car Gathering in Lawrence, Michigan.** This should be an interesting event as there should be a few other makes of cars there such as Studebakers and REOs. Look for more information including a map later



Corvairs lining up for our Spring Dust Off

in the newsletter.

**June 5 is the Orphan show in Ypsilanti.** This is a nice show with some very interesting cars on display. This year's show will honor Maxwell. This is a good day trip from Grand Rapids.

Get the cars out and drive them. It's that time of the year.

## Around The Club

We have a new member. Thomas Kroon joined our club at the April Meeting. He even drove a '63 Monza convertible to the meeting. We welcome him to the club.

Elsewhere around the club Dave Ziebarth can be found getting a little grease under his fingernails. The engine in his car dropped a valve seat so he is tackling

a repair. This is a task that Dave had dreaded taking on, but so far the reports he has filed show that he is handling it.

Ryan continues his adventures in the V8 realm. Only most of his exploits these days involve sheet metal and body filler. We all look forward to seeing Ryan's car

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## *Around the Club continued*

in person soon.

Norm Witte is continuing with "2004. . . A turbo Odyssey." The car is coming along nicely. I stopped by to see the car in person and can only say the pictures that I have seen do not do justice to the car. Norm is hoping to get the car back together this summer. We look forward to seeing this car on the road and hearing the turbo spooling up.

I've got some parts ordered to rebuild the shifter in my '66. Hopefully in time for the trip to Iowa. There a few other things to attend to also. Things like the quick-steering arms, new o-rings on the pushrod tubes and some other little tweaks that need to be done.

Stay tuned we may have even more news to report next month. Maybe even a new car for a member.



A close up of Dave Ziebarth's cylinder head showing the dropped seat.

## *May Board Meeting*

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:26 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) Treasurer's Report: John Cole reported a total of \$2371.39. Records are not complete. John is working on accounting for all monies in the treasury. A new account will be opened in the club's name using the club's taxpayer ID.
- 3) Minutes of the April meeting were read by John Cole. Approved by acclamation.
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Name tags:
    - i) Dan checked with Dimension Plastics and found:
      - (1) Tags with members' names and text of club name would be approximately \$5.50/ea.
      - (2) Tags with members' names and club logo would cost \$8.02/ea for an order of 50 or 11.56/ea for an order of 20.
    - ii) John Koning is going to check into other options/methods for us to print our own.
    - iii) Ryan will check the internet for other possible sources.
  - b) Spring Dust Off: John Cole reported that the route is set to leave from the parking lot at 28<sup>th</sup> Street and the East Beltline on Saturday.
  - c) Iowa Trip: It was decided to leave as a group on Sunday, June 26. The Grand Rapids group will meet and leave at about 6:00 am and meet with the Kalamazoo group near Benton Harbor. A meeting location will be decided later.
- 5) New Business:
  - a) June Meeting: The date for the June meeting will be changed to June 15. This is a little earlier than normal. The location will be the Martin US-131 dragway. This is a "Test and Tune" night at the strip so we are hoping to launch a few cars down the track. More details will be in the June newsletter.
  - b) Orphan Car Gathering with Steve Turner was mentioned. This will occur on May 28 and more details will be in the May newsletter.
  - c) Treasury Vacancy: John Cole reported on the procedure for filling our opening is for the board to select a new director and appoint a treasurer from those on the board. John Koning volunteered to take on the treasury. A notice will be put in the newsletter asking for volunteers to serve as a board member.
- 6) Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

## *Spring Dust Off*

Warm weather finally arrived and on May 7 a few Corvairs came out to enjoy the sunshine.

Dan Konkle, Rob and Linda Van Sledright, Reggie and Marilee Stroebe, Toby and Cindy Ross, and John and Julia Cole brought their Corvairs to meet in the parking lot outside the Krispy Kreme at 28th Street and the East Beltline. Dave Ziebarth showed up in his water pumper. Steve Ridderman showed up at Turkeyville with his Corvair a little later.

The caravan left the parking lot headed south and wound its way through some back roads on the way to Turkeyville near Marshall, Michigan.

The Dust Off has included the Detroit Area Corvair Club over the last couple years and this year was no different. Pete Koehler and Clark Hartzell had made the trip over

from the other side of the state to join us. Pete being the caveman that he was immediately was drawn to Toby Ross's 1960 500 coupe. Pete and John Cole then spent a few minutes evaluating the car. The car turned out to be an early coupe. It was built the first week of February, 1960. Since coupe production was started sometime in January it turned out to be very early. By the body number we found the car to be within the first 750 coupes to be built in the 500 series.

Most everybody enjoyed the venue and the favorite of the day was the turkey tracks ice cream. The group then split up and everyone found their own ways to get home.

We look forward to a few more drives this year and hope the weather cooperates as well as it did for the Dust Off.



Corvairs lined up at Turkeyville. From left to right: Steve Ridderman's '62, Clark Hartzell's '65, Reggie Stroebe's '62, Dan Konkle's '65, Toby Ross's '60, Rob Van Sledright's '63 and John Cole's '66.

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### Birthdays for May:

John Cole	May 01
Bill Wright	May 01
John Shipman	May 01
Mary Ridderman	May 21
Norm Witte	May 21

### Anniversaries for May:

Bill & Betty Klage	May 21
Dan Konkle & Beth Byron	May 22

## Orphan Car Gathering

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. If you plan on bringing a dessert let us know.

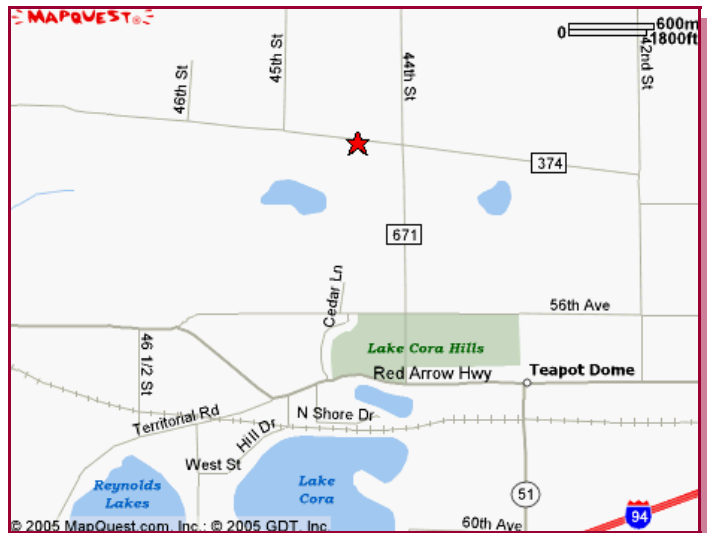
Steve

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

Directions: Take I-94 west from Kalamazoo to the Decatur/Teapot Dome exit (Michigan rt. 51). Go north to intersection with Red Arrow Highway. Turn left/west and watch for Lake Cora Hills golf course on right. County Rd. 671, the first road beyond Teapot Dome, goes north bisecting the golf course. The first major county road beyond the golf course is 374 where you turn left

and Will's farm is just down the road.

You can't miss it as there will be lots of great old cars parked around the barn buildings



## Miscellaneous

I don't know if you ever noticed the font that is used for the titles in the newsletter, but here is a little information.

If you were to look at the front of a late model Corvair you would find the script spelled out there. It is on the decklid of the '65s and next to the headlight bezel on '66 and later cars. The font used for the titles in the newsletter is the same script. Or at least very close.

The font is called Brush Script. And for anyone using a Windows based machines who want it let me know and I can e-mail you a copy of the font. It is not included by Microsoft at this time.



## Classified Ads

**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, trans-axle, 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)

**1964 Covair Van** — For Sale. The body is in very good condition. Ran when it was parked years ago. Please call Mike at 248-767-9647, or Karon at 248-974-5198 I am located in Dearborn Hgts, Mi 48127.

**1965 Corsa Turbo** — Car was restored in 2000. Mint condition Maroon/Blk.Int.-- 2 Dr.Ht.- 4 Spd. 83,000 miles Owned by the same family since new. Asking \$5500 Owner: Dennis Crosbey 616-784-1621, Grand Rapids, Mi To view car (located in Berkley, Mi.) Contact: Dave Dolby 248-853-5963 (H)248-252-2067 (c/p)

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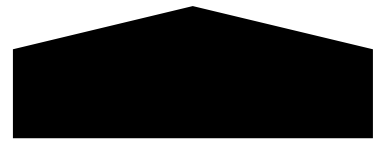
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