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Upcoming Events

- June 15—General Meeting at Martin Dragway
- June 27-31—Mini-Convention hosted by Iowa Corvair Enthusiast
- July 5—Board Meeting, Pearl Street Big Boy
- July 19—General Meeting, Fricano's Pizza, Alpine Ave. NW
- July 26-30 — CORSA Convention, Portland Oregon
- August 2—Board Meeting, Pearl Street Big Boy
- 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 June and summer officially begins this month. The car events really get going this month also.

Our June Meeting will be on June 15. That is a little earlier than normal. That is because we will be meeting at the US-131 Motorsports Park. This is a "Test & Tune" night at the dragstrip. What that means is you will have the chance to launch your Corvair down the 1/4 mile track to see what it can do. Then you can make some adjustments either to the car or your driving and try again.

There is a cost to get into the park for the evening. Cost is \$10/person. If you want to run your car it is another \$5.00. There are food concessions there, and the gates open at 6:00 pm. Plan to arrive around 6:00 if you want to run your car. Otherwise there may be a brief meeting time at 7:30.

Also this month ends with the mini-convention in Iowa. It is the week of June 17. There are a few of us planning

on attending. Monday will be the time trials in Marshalltown. The actual convention will be after that in Cedar Rapids. There will be a caravan leaving Grand Rapid from the Alpine Toys R Us parking lot a 6:00 am on Sunday, June 26. We will meet with the Kalamazoo contingent at the the Travel America truck stop in Sawyer between 7:45 & 8:00 am.

Our July meeting will be on July 19. We will take part in the cruise in at the Fricano's Pizza on Alpine. This will take place at the normal time of 7:30. Plan to be there.

We have a vacancy on the board we need to have filled. John Koning has volunteered to take over as treasurer for the club, but we still have a director's position open. Don't wait for someone else to volunteer. If you want to have a part in setting the direction of the club now is the time to step up. The term of this will run through 2006.

Around the Club

No new members this month. But the old members are doing some things.

Steve Ridderman acquired a new car. New to him. Old to Clyde Stanton. Steve picked up a 1965 Corsa coupe from Clyde. We are waiting to hear exactly what Steve's plans are for the car. And we also want to know what Mary's plans

are for Steve after she found out about the car.

Ryan Counterman had a little mishap with his V8. He's unsure if it is the differential, clutch or just what came loose in the drive train. Whatever it is the car will not move like it is supposed to. It's okay though, as he has a little time be-

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fore we leave for Iowa.

There was a report from Rob Van Sledright that he saw Pat Murphy at the Saturday night cruise night in Hudsonville. Pat was not driving a Corvair though. Instead he was driving a 1973 Volvo that he spent the last three years restoring.

Bob Laubscher has made it back to Michigan from his winter down South. He has some rather interesting pictures of havoc that was wreaked by Hurrican Ivan.

Dave Ziebarth reports progress that is being made on his '65 Monza. The head is in Vermont being repaired. The shrouding is being sandblasted and powder coated. The engine compartment is being painted and detailed. He has an expected time of early July for having the car back on the road.

Randy Merrill is also making progress on his latest pro-

ject. His 1960 Monza is coming together slowly but surely. There will be a 140 horse engine residing where the 80 horse used to set. He is installing a different windshield to replace the one that was broken by the child of the previous owner. He is now looking for some different wheels to put on it as he doesn't care for the originals.

Dan Konkle has put some different carburetors on the racer. He reports an honest 24.5 miles per gallon with the car. That means that he can now drive the car to Iowa using less gas than towing it would have used. He's even talking about changing the looks of the car. We'll all have to wait and see.

If you have something going on with your car or just want to share with the club, let me know.

Treasurer's Report

The last full report we had was from the end of February. It showed an ending balance of \$2038.97. Here is a summary reports since then:

Income:

Dues	\$177.00
Misc	155.42
Total	\$278.42

Expenses:

Newsletter/Printing	\$78.69
Postage	51.80
Total:	\$130.49

Ending Balance (5/31/05)	\$2240.90
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Funds:

50/50	22.00
General	2218.90

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays for June:

John Koning	June 03
Randy Merrill	June 04
Dot Vander Pol	June 10
Ryan Counterman	June 20
Dan Konkle	June 27

Anniversaries for June:

Rob & Linda Van Sledright	June 01
Verne & Barb Metcalf	June 10
John & Cathy Koning	June 11
Norm & Joy Witte	June 16
Steve & Mary Ridderman	June 21

June Board Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm by President Steve Ridderman. Members present: Steve Ridderman, Ryan Counterman, John Koning, Dan Konkle, and John Cole. Bob Laubscher was a guest at the meeting. Meeting was held at the home of John Cole.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: John Cole reported a total of \$2240.90. A note will be sent to a couple of long-term members that have not yet paid their dues for 2005. A new account has been opened in the club's name using the club's taxpayer ID. Report was approved by acclamation.
- 3) Minutes of the May meeting were read by John Cole. Approved by acclamation.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Name tags: John Koning brought sample of what Kathy is able to print on the computer. The holders will cost the club \$13.00/hundred. Discussion of what could be included on the tags followed and a consensus was reached that we would use these style tags and specifics of what to include were decided.
 - b) Iowa Trip: The meeting location for our caravan out of Grand Rapids will be the parking lot of the Alpine Toys R Us. Meeting time will be 6:00 am on Sunday, June 26. The next meeting location will be the Travel America truck stop off I-94 in Sawyer, Michigan. This will be where those from the Kalamazoo area will join the caravan. Meeting time in Sawyer will be approximately 7:45 to 8:00 am.
 - c) June Meeting: "Test & Tune" night at the US-131 Motorsports Park will be the theme of this month's meeting. Track opens at 6:00 for those wanting to run. Spectators can meet with the club at 7:30. More details will be in the newsletter.
- d) Open position on the board will be mentioned in the newsletter. We need a volunteer to fill the spot.
- 5) New Business:
 - a) Bob Donahue contacted Steve Ridderman about the Fire & Ice time trial in Iowa. There are still openings available is anyone would like to compete. They are looking for donations to defray the costs of having Donna Mae Mims attend the event. It was decided to not donate from the club, but if individuals attending wanted to contribute those donations could be made at the event. Also they were selling t-shirts for the event with Donna Mae's autograph.
 - b) Steve mentioned wanting a display sign to put up with his car and was looking for a source. John Cole offered to investigate sources.
 - c) July meeting instead of meeting at Rosie's in Rockford this year we will instead meet at the Fricano's Pizza on Alpine Avenue, NW. Meeting date will be July 19 at 7:30 pm
 - d) Gilmore Show is on August 6. Assignments need to be made for workers. The following positions are open: Vote counter, Awards, Parking Coordinator. These positions have been filled: Registration—John Koning; Food—Ryan Counterman; Publicity—John Cole; Canopies will be brought by Steve. The board will meet before the show to go over details.
- 6) Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm.

Classifieds

Wanted: Thermister for turbo engine. If you have a good one contact Norm Witte ncwitte@wittlelaw.com.

Wanted: I need an inside front door latch mechanism for the driver's side door on our 1961 Rampside pickup. Please contact me if you have such a part in good working order. Many thanks. Steve Turner 269 965-4247 Battle Creek, MI

Wanted: Early Model Convertible, 4 speed, Good to Very Good. '64 Spyder is preferred, but not required. Home email: dykwelld@tds.net Phone: (616) 457-9443

For Sale: 1962 CORVAIR 95 RAMPSIDE PICKUP RUNNING CONDITION - GOOD ENGINE AND TRANS - ALL ORIGINAL EXCEPT DRIVER DOOR REPLACED - BODY DECENT AND VERY RESTORABLE - EXCELLENT CHROME, GLASS, DASHBOARD, CEILING, BENCH SEAT - NO DENTS - NOT SURE WHAT SIZE ENGINE - STICK SHIFT. THIS VEHICLE WILL NEED SOME WORK. \$3500 negotiable. ONLY 4100 MADE THAT YEAR - WOULD MAKE AN AWESOME AND UNIQUE RESTORATION - I HAVE MANY DIGITAL PHOTOS THAT I CAN FORWARD VIA E-MAIL TO ANY INTERESTED PARTY - I LIVE NEAR BRIGHTON, MI. AND CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VIEWING - THANKS - TERRY ROCHELEAU
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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@corvairst.org for verification of time and location.

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