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What's Going On. . .

Upcoming Events

- August 20—Cruise to Montague. Meet at Fricano's on Alpine at 10:30 am
- September 5—Board Meeting, Pearl Street Big Boy, 7:30 pm
- September 6—General Meeting, Location TBD
- October 4—Board Meeting, Pearl Street Big Boy, 7:30 pm
- October 15 & 16 — Color tour to ACD Musuem, Auburn Indiana

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The **Gilmore Show** is over. Look for coverage in the newsletter. Overall it was a good turnout and a great day. Sorry for the lack of pictures, I had a camera malfunction.

On Saturday, August 20th, the club will be taking a scenic cruise from Grand Rapids up to Montague, where the last remaining Dog 'N' Suds Hotdog Stand in Michigan still stands and operates. (Montague is also home of the world's largest weather-vane, in case you were wondering) We will be meeting at the parking lot of Fricano's Pizza (the place of last month's meeting) which is just south of 7mile on Alpine, just a bit north of Grand Rapids. From there we will travel north to Apple Avenue and then head west to the lake-shore for a scenic drive along the coast. Plan on getting to Fricano's around 10:30am, as we will be leaving at 11am. Detailed maps and instructions will be handed out the day of the cruise.

The date for the September general meeting is **September 20**. Location has



not been settled. If you would like to host the club at your home let a board member know.

Plans are in the works for our **Fall Color Tour**. The tour will be an overnight trip to Auburn, Indiana. We will be visiting the museums. Ryan Counterman will be setting up the route and Steve Ridderman is working on the hotel reservations. If you are planning to go let Steve know so he can make sure there are enough spaces set at the hotel.

We could also use a volunteer to organize the Christmas Party. If you would like to help let a board member know.

Around the Club

This month we have three new members to mention.

Bruce Story lives in Gobles, Michigan with his wife, Beverly. Bruce has a 1964 Monza coupe. I had a chance to spend some time with Bruce at the Gilmore show. He is willing to learn all he can about his car.

Aly Dwyer joined the club at the Gilmore show also. This was not the first time for us to meet Aly. She accompanied Ryan Counterman (along with several others) to the Iowa Regional Convention. She must have been impressed with the cars as she is now searching for a late model convertible. Aly lives in Ada.

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Around the Club

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Joseph Ross from Lansing has also joined the club. He owns a 1966 Monza convertible. We look forward to getting to know him in the future. This makes our third member in the Lansing area.

Speaking of Lansing area members, Norm Witte is continuing the work on his '65 Corsa convertible. In the

last discussion with him he mentioned that he is going to target the Fall Color Tour for the date to have the car on the road. Last time he used our color tour as a goal he pulled it off. Let's see how well he does this time.

If you have any news to share with the club, please pass it along to have it included here.

Board Meeting Minutes

Following are the unapproved minutes of the August 8, 2005 Board meeting:

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:11 pm by President Steve Ridderman. Members present: Dan Konkle, John Koning, Steve Ridderman, Ryan Counterman, and John Cole. Meeting was held at Pearl Street Big Boy in Grand Rapids.
 - 2) Treasurers Report: No report was given as the transition to the new treasurer was not complete.
 - 3) Minutes of Previous Meeting: John Cole read the minutes of the July meeting. Approved by acclamation.
 - 4) Old Business:
 - a) Name Tags: John Koning has tags and markers ready for the show on Saturday.
 - b) Dave Ziebarth accepted the open director position.
 - c) Gilmore Show:
 - i) Steve, Ryan, John Koning and any others wanting to help set up will arrive at 8:00 am.
 - ii) John Cole to get tickets for the 50/50 raffle and also for the food.
 - iii) Meal prices are: \$3.00 for the hot dog option, \$4.00 for the hamburger option. All meals will include potato salad, chips, cookie and pop. Additional items can be purchased: \$1.00 for a hot dog; \$2.00 for a burger; pop 2 for a buck.
 - iv) Ryan will be bringing supplies for the lunch including plates, and condiments. Also he will be bringing a few coolers. Dan Konkle will bring another cooler with ice.
 - v) Steve Ridderman will bring his canopies and the club sign.
 - vi) John Cole will write the welcome letter and ballots to be handed out at registration. These will be forwarded to John Koning to print. John Cole will take care of supplying membership forms to have them available to any potential new members.
 - vii) Steve will pick up ribbons to give to the kids there to award to their favorite Corvairs.
 - viii) John Cole will print certificates to award to the class winners.
 - d) August Meeting: Meeting will be a cruise on August 20. The club will meet at Fricano's on Alpine and drive to Montague to the last Dog-N-Suds drive in still operating in Michigan for lunch. Caravan to meet at 10:30 and leave at 11:00.
 - e) Del Shannon show is August 13 for anyone interested. John will include a flyer in the newsletter.
 - f) Fall Color Tour: No updates to give.
- 5) New Business: Steve will hold a wrap-up part at his house after the Gilmore show for anybody wanting to drive to Plainwell.
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:57



Gilmore Show

Our annual show at the Gilmore Museum is now history. We had a showing of 23 Corvairs. We did not have any sedans or wagons represented, but everything else was there including Clyde Stanton's Ultra Van.

The sky was clear all day and the temperatures were warm. It was a good day to sit under the shade trees and enjoy the company of fellow Corvair lovers. And if you wanted more than just the Corvairs to view there were plenty of other cars around the show field.

One display of interest was the Futurliner. A big bus like vehicle that was used by GM in the 50s to showcase their ideas on what the future would be like. This vehicle has been lovingly restored by a group of volunteers in West Michigan. It will soon be returned to the owners, the National Transportation Museum in Auburn, Indiana.

A little before noon Ryan Countermand and friends opened up the food vending. They did a fantastic job of feeding the group. They will be welcomed back next

year.

The show winners this year were:

Modified	Ryan Countermand '65 Corsa
FC	Jack Ridderman '64 Rampside
Late Open	Bill Wright '66 Monza
Late Closed	Bruce McIntosh '69 Monza
Early Open	Bruce Mulder '62 Spyder
Early Closed	Bruce Storey '64 Monza

The 50/50 raffle was won by Scott Jensen.

Kids at the show presented ribbons to their favorite cars. Those ribbons found their way to Bill Wright's, John Koning's and John Cole's cars. All three similar in color 1966 Monzas.

We look forward to next year and another great turnout as this venue is near perfect for a show. For those that didn't make it this year it's not too early to plan on attending next year.

Classified Ads

For Sale—1964 Spyder convertible. Body work all done. Fair interior, stored inside many years. Top available. Needs carb work. Located south of Grand Haven. John Ellerbrock (616)844-2924

For Sale—1966 Monza coupe. 110/4-speed, 67,000 miles. Engine apart for valve work. Needs carpet, interior fair. Too many projects to finish. Best offer. Car in Hamilton, MI area. Contact Jerry (616)283-1953

For Sale—1963 Chevrolet Corvair Greenbriar van for sale! This 97% rust free van has 70,000 original miles. New battery, generator, plugs, and carb kit's. Interior is in great shape with no rips or tears. The body has minimal surface rust in a few small areas. Original 145 cubic inch motor. This van is a very presentable driver, but not a fully blown show van. It also features a four speed manual transmission, six roll down windows, original paint, and spare tire cover. The van is missing the middle seat, and is sporting bias ply tires that I recommend be replaced. This van will be offered on ebay this week. Feel free to email me to arrange a time to view the vair. This is a very original 42 year old vehicle no disappointments. anon-89856203@craigslist.org

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