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Upcoming Events

- General Meeting—February 20, Brann's South Division
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What's Going On. . .

It's a new year and welcome to it.

The new year has brought a few changes to the club. The biggest change is in our supreme leader. We are now running under the guidance of Ryan Counterman.

We thank Steve Ridderman for the last couple years of work as president. Now he can relax a little more.

The February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 pm. Meeting location will be at Brann's on South Division. No entertainment has yet been selected however Dan Konkle is threatening to bring his copy of Corvair Summer to the gathering.

Another possibility is that John North is looking to replace the O-Rings on his car and looking for some advice (he would also like to borrow a pushrod removal tool and half-covers for adjustment of the valves from anyone who would bring them to the meeting). We may be able to have a debate over the proper technique of lifter adjustment. Dan Konkle could

represent the cold-adjustment side and Steve Ridderman could represent the warm-adjustment side.

Or whoever shows up could just sit around and talk about cars. You never know which way it will go. That is why you should attend.

The March meeting will return to Brann's and will be on March 21 at 7:30 pm. Dan Konkle will be presenting a slide show and lecture on "Corvairs in the Trans-Am." This should be very informative. Dan will be rehearsing this presentation at the Corvair Performance Workshop in Dayton, Ohio in February.



Around The Club

Not too much to report.

Norm Witte has a rebuilt carb and turbo to go onto his 'vert once the weather warms up. He will also be adding a Safeguard to prevent pre-ignition. Soon he will be driving around with the top down and listening to that turbo spool up.

Most everyone has their car(s) in hiber-

nation. I know of nobody driving a winter beater at this time. That is in many ways too sad.

Anybody have a project they would like to give a report on?

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting November 15, 2005

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:30 pm by President Steve Ridderman. Meeting was held at Brann's on South Division.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was given by John Cole and approved.
- 3) Minutes of October meeting were read by John Cole and approved.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Elections were held. Dan Konkle, John Koning and Gary Gruetzmacher were all elected to terms ending in 2007. Returning members with terms ending in 2006 are: Ryan Counterman, Steve Ridderman, and Dave Ziebarth.
 - b) Christmas Party planning is moving on schedule.
- 5) New Business: Former member Tom Burgess sends greetings.
- 6) Adjourned at 8:46 pm

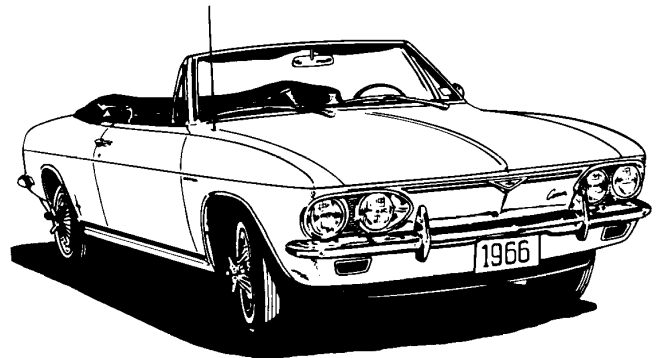
Board Meeting November 15, 2005

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:47 by President Steve Ridderman.
- 2) Elections:
 - a) Treasurer: John Koning nominated and elected
 - b) Secretary: Dan Konkle and Gary Gruetzmacher nominated. Gary elected.
 - c) Vice-President: Steve Ridderman nominated and elected.
 - d) President: Ryan Counterman nominated and elected.
- 3) Adjourned at 8:54

Board Meeting February 4, 2006

The year's first board meeting was called to order at 9:16am at the Plainwell Big Boy. Present were Steve Ridderman, John Koning, Dave Ziebarth, Ryan Counterman, and Dan Konkle. Under old business we remarked what a good job Deanna Merrill did of arranging the Christmas party, and John mentioned a car club he knew of that held its party in February, when people aren't so stressed for time and they are actually looking for something to do. We may or may have teased Ryan about bringing a girl to the party. Come to think of it, we did tease him just a bit. The treasury has \$2054.90. For new business we began by setting the calendar of club activities for the first few months. The February general meeting will be at Brann's, with entertainment yet to be decided (although the 'Corvair Summer' video is just a-beggin' to be seen). In March we will also be at Brann's, and Dan will show the 'Corvairs in the Trans-Am' slide show he will be presenting at this month's Corvair Performance Workshop in Dayton. April's meeting will be at Steve's new house, and for May we will arrange a Spring Dustoff. Save for the August 5 car display at Gilmore there are no firm plans for the rest of the year. Dave sug-

gested a road trip to Yesterday's Collection in Ann Arbor. Ryan will look into making refrigerator magnets with the club's schedule. Bopnnie Thomas has decided to sell Lowell's unfinished Corvair coupe, and we discussed taking that on as a club project, as well as the feasibility of moving the Corvair museum currently in Ypsilanti to the Red Barns Museum. Meeting adjourned at 11:45, and if two and one half hours seems like a lot of time to do not so much, I have to confess that no small amount of irrelevant subject matter and unproductive palaver were edited from this record. Dan Konkle, acting secretary



Kid's Corner

Since the submissions from the adult members of the club are lacking at this time I am opening up this forum to anyone under the age of 15. Here are a couple contributions.

The Little Red '66

It's red. It's a Monza. It drives fast.

How do I know?

Well, it is my dad's favorite car. And he owns it.

There are a few minor details. For one half the time Daddy says the exhaust is falling off. That's not good.

And it's small. When I sit in the back seat, my legs get cramped. But in the front passenger seat I'm fine.

And boy, does it get around. It's been to Iowa, and across Lake Michigan (on a car ferry of course).

It's been racing a few times, twice to be exact.

Let me see it's been to Turkeyville, and Dog 'N' Suds.

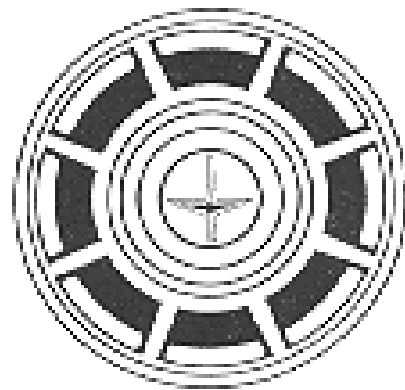
Oh, and it is probably as good as new.

Now if you were reading carefully, you can tee me who my dad is. Hint: He's a family guy

—Anonymous



Bethany Cole's discovery that her dolls enjoy taking a Vair to the beach



Classified Ad

For Sale—1965. Body was originally 1965 500 and has been Monzaized. Engine is well built 1966 140 horse. Car is in pieces. Body is quite solid and most parts appear to be with the car. Also have a trailer for sale. This all used to belong to former member Lowell Thomas. If interested contact John Cole at jjcole@triton.net or Dan Konkle at dankle@comcast.net



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