



# Lifter Noise

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## Upcoming Events

- May 16—General Meeting, Craig's Cruisers, Wyoming,
- May 19-21—MACC Show, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- June 6—Board Meeting
- June 20—General Meeting
- July 24—NECC Track Event at Mosport International Raceway, Bowmansville, Ontario
- July 25 - 29—CORSA International Convention, Buffalo, NY
- August 5—WMCC Car Display at Gilmore Car Museum
- August 24 - 27—DACC Corvair Homecoming, Plymouth, MI

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## What's Going On. . .

The next **General Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, May 16 at Craig's Cruisers on Clyde Park south of 54th Street in Wyoming. Meeting time is 7:30.** Craig's has a restaurant and race track for the enjoyment of all attending.

The **June 6 Board meeting** will be at **Mr. C's on 44th Street. The general meeting** will be on **June 20.** Meeting night is planned to be a cruise night look for more details next month.

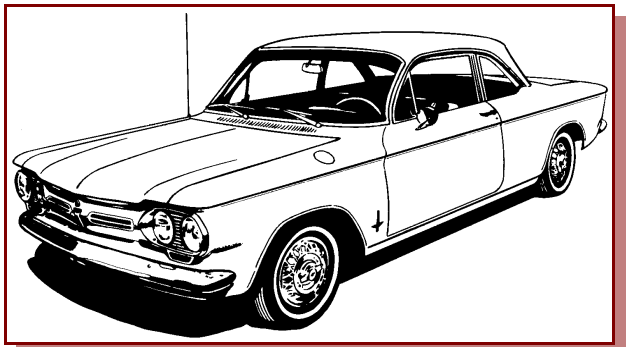
Look for an insert for the MACC show in Fort Wayne later this month.

Don't forget the CORSA convention in Buffalo, New York in July.

Details are being worked out for the Gilmore Show in August. Plan to come out for the day. This is always a good show with a lot of variety in the cars present. If you are willing to help out with any thing at the show, let a board member know. There is always room for someone to help with parking cars,

food, vote tallying or something else.

I am also offering my apologies for getting the newsletters out a little later than I would like. With the way things are going in other things the newsletter has to be fit in between. That is why it is time to start looking for my replacement. So if you would really like something to do to help out the club you need to step forward. The current plan is to finish out the year, but I would be willing to relinquish the duties sooner.



## Around the Club

This month we are going to start our regular installments in the ongoing struggles of Dan Konkle an his newest project.

One fine Saturday, Ryan and the Johns Cole and Koning helped me fetch home my new 65 500. I had originally thought that I would use the disassembled trailer

that was in the garage with the Corvair shell, but Ryan volunteered his towing rig and in no time he had the car body with its rolling support platform expertly lashed to his trailer. I had spent the previous week loading the rest of the parts plus some extra Corvair stash so all that was left was the complete 140 motor,

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## *Around the Club*

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which four guys can toss into a van pretty easily.

So what did I get? An amazingly solid Corvair from Saranac, Michigan with the odometer showing only 37k. There does not appear to be any bondo - all the usual rust areas are solid original steel, including the lower windshield frame. The one rusty spot is a small patch above the rear grille which was just painted over, and would have been hidden by the bumper. And I discovered the paint job is not finished, so what with that bit of rust and some trim holes to fill it looks like I'll be re-spraying the entire car. With the exception of the carpet the black interior is in nice shape; the only significant money to be spent will go for the rubber bits and brake hydraulics.

Although the parts pile includes a lot of high performance engine, transaxle and suspension bits my intent is to assemble a simple quiet economical road car. And since this probably delays for some time my acquisition of a

true convertible I went to the ebay and bought a nice big ol' popout sunroof. I'll keep you informed of the progress of this project, which I hope to have ready by color tour time.



## *What is it?*



It looks like it started life as a Corvair, but has morphed into something quite different.

## *April Meeting at Steve's*

by Dave Ziebarth

On April 18, we held our monthly general meeting. This month it was hosted by Steve Ridderman in his home in the middle of nowhere near Gobles.

The turnout was light with five Corvairs (plus Steve's four Corvairs) in attendance. There wasn't an official business meeting; just a get-together to swap stories and kick tires.

Steve showed off his Corsa coupe that he plans on turning into a racer. He even fired it up for us.

If anyone left hungry, it was their own fault as Steve's wife, Mary, had quite the spread of food for us.

Ryan Counterman and Dan Konkle had the most fun on the way home as they really got to turn their cars loose on the county roads leading back to U.S. 131.

Thank you to Steve and Mary Ridderman for inviting us into their home for a fun evening.



## *Treasurer's Report*

Balance from March statement	2,302.99
April Deposits	+ 55.00
April Debits	- 126.97
Ending April Balance	<u>2,231.02</u>

## *Classified Ads*

**For Sale—1966 Monza Convertible - Rust substantial in floorboards. No engine, but includes carbs, alternator, starter, Powerglide, differential, air cleaner, etc. Car mostly complete. Restorable or use as parts car. Some extra parts and brand new brake drums included. Title clear. Asking \$400/ best. Pick up only, I can't deliver it. Email Greg in Lansing, MI at [gkharris@ameritech.net](mailto:gkharris@ameritech.net) for pictures/more detail, or call 517-702-1592 ext. 2.**

**Trailer—Dual axle, four wheel surge brakes, 1140lbs. Asking \$1500. Bonnie Thomas, Wyoming Michigan. Contact John Cole for more information [jjcole@triton.net](mailto:jjcole@triton.net)**

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Board Meeting—April 4, 2006

- 1) Present Dan, Steve, Ryan, John, Dave, Dave, Gary
- 2) Called to order by Ryan at 7:50
- 3) No minutes
- 4) Treasurer's Report
  - a) Covered member paid and those still owing.
  - b) Cut-off non-paid at end of April
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) Gilmore Show:
    - i) Checking with Clark Hartzell about Super Monza for Red Barn Show
    - ii) Trying to get hospitality for Friday and Saturday
- 6) New business:
  - a) Spring Dust Off: First Saturday of May. Activities chairman? Plan route and restaurant. Steve and Ryan will try to come up with something.
  - b) June Meeting: Possible junkyard tour or cruise night.
  - c) July Meeting: Possible Gilmore cruise
  - d) Membership Cards: Tabled not much interest
  - e) Activities at Gilmore Show to promote interest: Fan-belt toss, valve cover races, scavenger hunt, name that part (Gary not allowed to participate)
- 7) Adjourned at 8:35

### Board Meeting—May 2, 2005

- 1) Present Ryan, John, Dave, Gary
- 2) Called to order at 8:00
- 3) Minutes read and approved
- 4) Treasurer's report by John
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) Get minutes and treasurer's report to John cole ASAP
  - b) Cut off unpaid members—get list to John Cole of paid and unpaid members
  - c) Dust Off: Ryan has route, start at McDonald's at 9:30 leave at 10:00. Ryan will have maps. End at Rosie's Diner
  - d) Steve arranging enclosed trailer and tent to display Super Monza at Gilmore Show
  - e) Check on dash plaques or magnets for Gilmore Show.
- 6) New Business:
  - a) May meeting at Craig's Cruisers—May 16
  - b) June—Cruise night
  - c) June Board meeting at Mr C's on June 6
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 8:20

## Jeff Clark's UNOFFICIAL 2006 Convention

(Please note: this newsletter has been created entirely on my own, and does not reflect the views or opinions of anyone within CORSA, the Four Clubs group, or anyone else associated with organizing this year's convention.)

**GOOD NEWS!** In case you hadn't heard, on-line registration is now available on the 2006 convention website! Just go to:

<http://www.shuffleofftobuffaloniagara.com/>

and click on the red "Registration" link, near the top of the left-hand column. Once you've entered all the necessary info, you can pay by PayPal, or nearly every major credit-card. Although compatible with several browsers, the convention website works best with Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox.

### So, who's never been to Niagara Falls before?

If this will be your first visit to the Falls, then I'll bet you have a lot of questions, and maybe some misconceptions. If you (and the members of your chapter) would like to get an overview of what to see and what to do there, then check out

*Destination USA: The Mysteries of Niagara Falls*, on The Travel Channel. This is one of the more accurate presentations I've seen, as it doesn't appear they've used any "computer-enhanced" photography; this IS the Falls that I know, and what you'll see when you're here. They present a nice balance between the Falls' history, and the more popular attractions (Maid of the Mist, Cave of the Winds, Journey Behind the Falls). The only criticism I have is that, in the hour-long show, they barely mention the parks surrounding the Falls, particularly Victoria Park in Ontario. First constructed in the late 1800's, I assure you this is one of the most beautiful parks you'll find anywhere, and it's HUGE! You can spend hours exploring the various features, without ever setting eyes on all that water! The show was just on the other night, and it's scheduled to air again on May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00pm. If you don't have access to The Travel Channel, or would like to view this show at your next chapter meeting, then please contact me at:

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as I just happened to tape this week's presentation. I'll be glad to send it to you, with 2 conditions: 1) that you'll show it at your next chapter meeting, and 2) that you'll send it on to the next chapter expecting it ASAP (and yes, they'll know who has it before them, so you better mail it!).

## Calling All Trailers and Car Carriers!

Will you be bringing a car hauler or trailer to the convention (that WON'T be parked at a campground)? We'd like to get an idea of just how many of these we can expect during convention week. If you'd please contact me at the above e-mail address, and let me know just what you intend on hauling (number of trailers, length of each, arrival and departure days, will you need daily access to it, etc...), it would be greatly appreciated. It seems (from a few of the people I've talked to) that we're going to have quite a few trailers, and we'd like to organize the parking of them ahead of time, for the convenience and peace of mind of everyone attending.

## Important Note on Host Hotel Reservations

Due to room reservations made but not kept at the Carlisle convention, the CORSA board instituted a policy that, if you booked a room at the host hotel but failed to show, then you would be charged one night's room cost for essentially "wasting" that reservation. There were people that wanted to stay at the host hotel but were told it was "reserved out." This policy may have fallen by the wayside at Lexington and Portland, as either the host hotel hadn't sold out, or other hotel

rooms were available within walking distance of the host hotel. Well, there are no other hotels close to the Adam's Mark- Buffalo, and it's virtually sold out, even at this early date. So, I can assure you that the one-night room-charge penalty will be enforced this year. Therefore: if you've made a reservation at this year's host hotel and you can't make it, then PLEASE let me know ASAP. It would be best if you contact me BEFORE you actually cancel, to ensure that the room goes to another CORSA member. Also, if you'd like to stay at the Adam's Mark but are unable to get a reservation, let me know and I'll put you on our list if a room should become available.

## Questions, Comments, Concerns?

Questions about registering? Are there special requirements you may have while attending the convention? Then don't hesitate to ask! I can't promise that we'll fulfill every request, but I can't do ANYTHING if you don't ask first. Contact me via e-mail, or add a note to your "hard-copy" registration that you'll be sending via snail-mail, and we'll do our best to accommodate your needs.

And I think that's enough for this newsletter. As always, I look forward to meeting you all this July in Buffalo, and I hope you're as excited about this convention as we are! Until then, Safe and Happy Motoring,

Jeff Clark

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