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Upcoming Events

- June 20—General Meeting, Pal's Diner
- July 22 - 24—Yenko 40th Anniversary.
- 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. . .

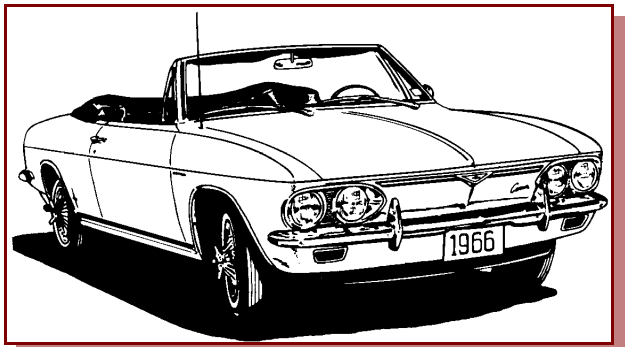
The next **General Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20 at Pal's Diner in Cascade, MI.** Pals is located in the D&W shopping plaza, which is on 28th street, just west of Cascade Road. Plan to meet about 7:30 PM and bring your Corvair because we will be kicking tires and eating classic diner food for sure. You can help our president, Ryan Counterman celebrate his birthday.

Look for an insert for the WMCC show at the Red Barns Spectacular in Hickory Corners. 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 anything 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.

A group of WMCC racers is planning a trip to Ohio for the 40th Anniversary of the Yenko Stinger Time trials, July 22-24. You do not

need a Yenko to run in this event, and it will be a blast for sure. So far those who have signed up are Dan Konkle, Ryan Counterman, and Steve Ridderman. Please contact Dan or Ryan if you are interested, there will probably be a front seat or two open for the drive down and around the track if you did not want to bring your car. Check out : <http://yenko40th.com/> for more details.

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



Around the Club

Charter member, Bob Laubscher, has made his way back to Michigan. He sends greetings to all the members.

This month we have our second installment from Dan Konkle on his project car:

Work on the black 500 has been interrupted by travel, hot weather, and other events* but nevertheless seems to be

somewhat on track for getting it running this year. I had developed a plan which involved finishing the body first and then doing the mechanical stuff, but it was hard to stay on track so I came up with a new philosophy based on the idea that since there is so much to do the sequence isn't important and order will arise out of

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Around the Club

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chaos. So far what has been accomplished is benchwork stuff like building up the alternator and starter, and making an instrument cluster. Also, since the racer will need to be regearing from 3.89 to 3.55 for the Yenko 40th Reunion in July I built a new transaxle for it using the 500s transmission and the four spider/posi stuff from its parts stash. The racer's current transaxle will then be regearing to 3.27 for the 500. I also needed to know what the engine had inside so I pulled the 140 heads to discover that the pistons were indeed forged and I set up the dial indicator to determine what camshaft was in there. After going through that procedure I pulled the bell housing and discovered that Lowell had inscribed ISKY 280 HYD on the end of the cam, which also has a

setscrewed gear. In addition to the transaxle I still need to build some 95hp heads, a pair of carbs, and go through the steering box and the rear hubs. Funny how there always seems to be a bit more work than originally anticipated, but when the whole thing is already in pieces it's hard not to make sure that everything is as nice as you can make it. Body work WILL start this week.

*None of this has anything to do with a Corvair so I won't bore you with it. Suffice it to say that if I had been driving a Corvair in Kentucky I never would have had the opportunity to meet the nice Sheriff's deputy and the towtruck driver.

May Meeting

The May meeting of the WMCC was held at Craig's Cruisers, in Grand Rapids.

A few members were brave enough to drive their Corvairs out, even though a huge storm was possible.

Once everyone had arrived, we went in to check the place out. This was the first time that many of our members had been here.

We quickly found out which go carts we wanted to run, which was the indoor course, and we got in line and were all put in the same heat. We all paid the extra \$1 to let the officials put the go carts to the fastest speed selection. After we had raced around the track several times we all headed over to the buffet and had dinner.

They had to kick us out when they closed at 9pm, but nobody wanted to leave. An hour or so of "tire kicking" in the parking lot led to a couple pictures of some of the local race cars in front of the sign.

Ryan Counterman

Everybody seemed to have a really good time, and we can probably expect to see a couple more meetings here, especially in the winter when our minds aren't totally on cars. The indoor carts and other indoor activities run all year long.



Treasurer's Report

Beginning May Balance	2,231.02
May Deposits	+ 90.00
May Debits	- <u>41.78</u>
Ending May Balance	2,279.24

If your name appears in the list on the right this will be your last newsletter unless you contact John Koning about your membership.

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Spring Dust Off

Dave Ziebarth

On Saturday, May 6, a few of us set out for a nice leisurely drive through the countryside. A route was mapped out by Ryan Counterman that took us north on M-66 to M-57. Despite the perfect weather, only four Corvairs showed up. After a scenic drive, we stopped at Rosie's Diner for lunch. Much to our surprise, there was a car show going on that day so we were able to show off our favorite car to a number of car enthusiasts. Thank you to Ryan Counterman for planning the event and laying out the route. Hopefully we'll have a better turnout next year.



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 for pictures/more detail, or call 517-702-1592 ext. 2.

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