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Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

What's Going On

Our next event is our annual Spring Dust-off on Sunday, May 15. We will be meeting at the Burger King on Broadmoor near 52nd St. at 8 AM. We will then rallye to the Gilmore Car Museum to participate in their annual spring dust-off. That event starts at 9 AM and there is a \$5 per person when showing your car.

Then on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 PM we will be having our monthly membership meeting. This month it will take place at Fricano's, 5808 Alpine Ave. NW, in Comstock Park.

On Saturday, May 21 we will be having an optional event – a junkyard tour. We will tour a couple of junkyards in the Kalamazoo area and then stop at the BP gas station on D Avenue and U.S. 131 where WMCC member Steve Ridderman is having a customer appreciation event. For those interested in going, we will be meeting at the McDonald's on 68th St. just east of U.S. 131 at 8 AM.

April Meeting recap

Our April membership meeting was held on April 19 at Brann's. We had an excellent turnout of 20 people that included three guests. Two Corvairs were driven (Dan Konkle in Ratso and Ryan Counterman in his yet-to-be-named sedan).

Ryan discussed a car for sale that he went and looked at and deemed it a piece of junk. The owner wanted way more than it was worth. Former member Gary Blandford was in attendance and he mentioned that he is selling his Corvairs (if anyone is interested, send an e-mail to wmcc@corvair.org or give Dave Ziebarth a call

WMCC CALENDAR

May 15 – Spring Dust-off
May 17 – WMCC Membership Meeting
May 21 – Junkyard Tour
June 4 – W. Michigan Off-road Races
June 11 – Chicken BBQ (date change)
June 16 – Trip to Dan Baker's Garage

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and we can pass on the contact information).

Discussion then turned to CORSA and a possible fee they are considering imposing on CORSA chapters that do not have a 100% CORSA membership. The fee would be \$5 per non-member. The board would have to evaluate the impact of this if it were to pass.

It was mentioned that Dave Dykwel is running for a seat on the CORSA Board representing the Central Division.

The business meeting was officially called to order by

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President Dykwell at 8:05. Old business covered was the junkyard tour on May 21, the bowling night on May 24 and the Spring Dust-off on May 15. The bowling night was canceled due to a lack of interest and the number of other activities going on in May.

New business covered was the BBQ event at Ryan's on June 25, the off road races on June 4 and a possible outing to Dan Baker's garage on June 16. The BBQ will need to be moved due to a conflict; the most likely date is June 11. There was interest shown in going to see Dan's car collection again.

Once the business meeting concluded we had a "guess the obscure Corvair part" contest. There were 13 parts to guess ranging from a late model Powerglide shift lever grabber to a rare speed limit alarm mechanism.

April board meeting recap

The WMCC Board of Directors had our monthly meeting on April 26.

We opened discussion outlining activities for the month of June. On June 4 is the club outing to the West Michigan Off Road Races at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. We will be able to display our cars as well as possibly getting a group discount. Dave Dykwell suggested meeting up for dinner before hand.

On June 16 we had scheduled a tour to see Dan Baker's car collection. Dave Dykwell gauged interest and he will follow-up with Dan to confirm that night.

The winner was Paul Adams and he won a Corvair Restoration book that he kindly donated back to the club. In 2nd place was Ryan Counterman and John Wyma took 3rd place. Ryan and John each won a Hemmings magazine.

At the conclusion of the meeting we held a raffle for an oil filter donated by Dave Dykwell and some oil donated by Steve Ridderman. The winner was Barb Adams but she declined the prize. Another number was drawn and the winner was Dave Ziebarth.

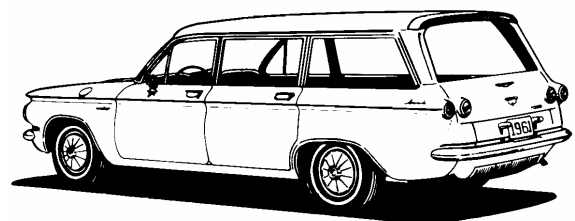
A special thank you goes out to John Wyma who donated a new set of connecting rods to the club. The board is coming up with a suitable way that these can be raffled off.

June 25 is the scheduled date for the chicken BBQ event at Ryan Counterman's house. Due to some conflicts, we would like to move it to June 11. Dave Dykwell will follow-up with Bill Wright to see if he is available on that date to do the grilling.

For July there is a possibility of going to an event at the Kalamazoo Speedway instead of Berlin Raceway. Steve Ridderman is going to follow-up with Kalamazoo Speedway to see what can be arranged and further discussion will happen at a future board meeting.

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Sunday, May 15!



It's Just a Corvair... To Us Part 1

By Double D

Over the past few years, I've enjoyed participating in various Car Shows. I started with my 1992 ZR-1 Corvette Coupe - a beautiful bright red on red leather car, glass top, with every factory option. The car was pristine, almost perfect, with just 14,000 miles when I bought it nine years after its birth. This was my first foray into entering a car into shows. Before, I was a simple spectator ... dreaming - some day. Now, I was sitting in back of the car answering questions and later listening for my name to be called for the trophies. After all, this was a Corvette and a real "head turner". Enter Surprise. After a few shows I began to realize my beautiful Corvette was simply another Corvette and a C4 was nothing even though it was a ZR-1. Sure, I got the proverbial; "Nice car", "Clean car" and "Boy, that's a lot of Red". A few Corvette know-it-alls appreciated it and that was nice. It was a fun car to drive though I made the unforgivable mistake of thinking I would not mind the automatic. But after spending hours to clean it after driving it in a brief rain storm, I no longer ventured out unless my eyes spotted nary a cloud and our always dependable weatherman reported clear skies. Plus, just like stink to skunks, there's nothing more magnetic to our respected law enforcement than a red Corvette - a fair target at any speed. Being held to cruising at 80 mph with a short burst when I thought the coast was clear wasn't all that much fun. Even with a hard-wired in-dash Radar



Detector my fears made me as paranoid as a first date with Lady Gaga. Not as much fun as envisioned.

So what do I buy? Ok, of all the cars I owned growing up (if I am yet), which one did I really like the most or have the most fun with - exclusive of who was in the car with me!

My first car, a '55 Olds Holiday, a proverbial "bondo-bomb" hand-painted in red & white rustoleum ala brush, was cool considering you could have a Club Picnic in the back seat. That '64 Skylark convertible was rich, but hard to find a stick. That Butternut Yellow '68 RS Camaro convertible was a chick magnet - best I not think about that. Ah, that '73 LT with the 350/4 4 speed ... go fast at

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CORSA Election Time

with help from Paul Adams

For those of you who are members of CORSA, it is time for this year's Board of Directors election. WMCC President Dave Dykwel is running for a Central Division seat.

Dave needs our support. He has a lot of fresh ideas that will benefit CORSA and its members.

Your vote is important. Last year two Central Division positions were open. Only two people ran. You could

vote for two people. One received 53 votes and the other 46. This year there are two members running for one position. You can only vote for one. We need to get out the vote for Dave.

Tell all your CORSA Friends in the Central Division about Dave and ask for their support. A few votes can make a big difference. Remember, the ballot is due back to CORSA by June 1, 2011.



Some random Ramside pictures from the internet.



Show your wmcc pride

Have you always wanted a t-shirt, sweatshirt or hat with the WMCC logo on it? Now is your chance to get one! We just opened up an online store that will let you purchase various items with the WMCC logo on it. Go to <http://www.cafepress.com/WMCC495> and order away! We will be updating the mix of items periodically so check back often.



Check our website for an up to date calendar of events.

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10 MPG on premium – I could do that again. The sleek and stylish '67 326 Tempest was a real sleeper. That '64 VW Beetle ... a wind-up toy with a top-speed of 65 down- hill – Nah. Oh, that Monza 4 speed convertible. Cute, low-cost, fund to drive ... it could go anywhere and we took it there with 5 kids in it! Yah, I'd love to have another just like the one I gladly beat into the ground – but in good shape. Why not? I sell the Corvette, buy a nice Corvair and still have cash leftover to buy something with a little muscle. A Corvair AND a Poncho ... what was I thinking?

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Other events discussed were the 100th Anniversary Chevrolet celebration happening in Flint and a possible late summer outing to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo.

Steve Ridderman brought up the Gilmore show and the display that is being put together for the Chevrolet 100th Anniversary. The organizers would like to have some Corvairs participate and Steve felt that we should look into having some nice signs made that will give facts and information regarding the year of Corvair on display. The signs would have a consistent look as well as some mention of the West Michigan Corvair Club. We would need to determine which cars would be involved. Ryan Counterman will look at a possible layout for the signs and Dave Ziebarth will look into cost of getting the signs made.

The May board meeting will be on May 31 at Pete's in Byron Center. Start time is 6:30.



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