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Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

What's Going On

The annual WMCC Car Display leads off the month of August. It will be held on Saturday, August 6 at the Gilmore Car Museum as part of their Red Barns Spectacular event. The show starts at 9 AM. For those interested in rallying from Grand Rapids, meet at the Burger King on Broadmoor and 52nd St. at 7 AM. We will leave promptly at 7:30.

There will be a people's choice contest with a winner in each of the following categories: Early Closed, Early Open, Late Closed, Late Open, and Forward Control/Ultravan. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a cooler full of beverages provided by the club.

Here is a schedule of events for the day:

7:30 AM - Leave Burger King in Grand Rapids
9:00 AM - Car show starts; people's choice voting starts
1:00 PM - Special WMCC meeting near the car display
1:45 PM - People's choice ballots should be turned in
2:00 PM - People's choice awards

One other event the club will be participating in is the All Chevy Show at Berger Chevrolet on Saturday, August 27. This will be held as part of the 28th St. Metrocruise. The event runs from 8 AM – 2 PM and

July Meeting Recap

On Saturday, July 23, we met at the Kalamazoo Speedway. We had seven Corvairs on display in a special area at the track. Corvairs were driven by Paul Adams, Ryan Counterman, Dan Konkle, John Koning, Randy Merrill, Steve Ridderman and Dave Ziebarth.

Our Corvairs were admired by the fans attending the

WMCC CALENDAR

August 6 – WMCC Car Display
August 23 – WMCC Board Meeting
August 27 – All Chevy Car Show
September 20 – WMCC Membership Meeting
September 27 – WMCC Board Meeting

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there is a \$15 entry fee. We will have a section reserved for our Corvairs.

One other Corvair related event happening in August is the annual Corvair Homecoming put on by the Detroit Area Corvair Club. This is happening on August 25 – 28 at the Comfort Inn on Ann Arbor Road and I-275 in Plymouth.

race. They were especially drawn to Steve's race car but they admired all of our cars.

After watching the time trials and the heat races, we were able to take some parade laps around the track just before the feature races started. The track made a DVD that we hope to show at one of our meetings this

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fall at Brann's.

Thank you to Steve Ridderman who made the arrangements with Kalamazoo Speedway for our display area, discount tickets as well as the parade laps on the track.

Look for additional photos on the club website.



July board meeting recap

The July board meeting was held on the 26th at Pete's in Byron Center. Here is a summary of what was discussed:

WMCC Car Display

- Saturday, August 6. Meeting at Burger King East Beltline @ 56th, leaving promptly at 7:30am.
- Club Cooler will be provided for your refreshment – soda and suds.
- Five Awards Categories: Early Open & Closed, Late Open & Closed and FC (FC will include Ultra's).
- \$10 Clark's Gift Certificates.
- SIGNS – We have NEW four-color "year specific" Display Signs for our cars ... Thanks to Ryan and Paul. They look great! We want a good showing of

Vairs at Gilmore to fill the various years so plan to attend.

- 50/50 Raffle!
- Note: We will have an important Club Meeting, Voting and Awards according to Schedule. Plan to gather back to our area at the specified time please.

CORSA

- Dave Dykwell was informed by Jamie Reinhart (CORSA President) that he was officially voted in as the New CORSA Secretary at the July BOD Meeting in Denver.
- As CORSA Secretary, Dave will also serve as Secretary for the CPF.

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WMCC President Dave Dykwell was just named secretary on the CORSA Board of Directors!



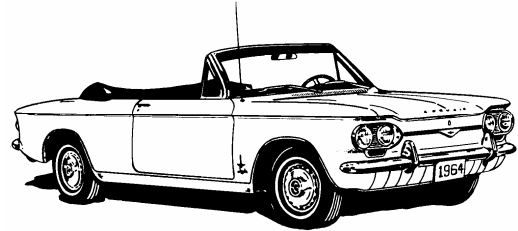
Fortunate one

By Double D

It was a dark depressing day on that bright sunny July afternoon. My buddy called and wanted to do a little dirt bike riding. He had two bikes. I grabbed the helmet, put the top down and jumped into the Skylark. Six blocks down the road and around the corner, the '65 Mustang came out of the corner of my eye – it failed to Stop. It hit me square in the left rear quarter. My car spun sideways, jumped the curb and proceeded through the front yard and slammed into the cement front porch. In a flash, it became a future flashback. My beautiful bright red '64 Skylark convertible was severely damaged, not to mention my chest – which had a steering wheel firmly pressed against it! My left rear quarter was pushed half way across the trunk and the rear bumper stuck out 90 degrees like a chrome harpoon. Both front fenders, bumper and grill were all crumpled up so the hood had nowhere to go but ... up. The steering column was pushed back a good foot since the car hit the porch at a slight angle and the concrete failed to give up ground.

The Mustang was not good either. Matador red smeared over the fresh copper paint matched fairly well but both front fenders, grill and bumper were mangled enough to disguise it from being a pony. The driver was crying. It was his Dad's car, fresh from detailing and out on a joy ride. I suspected Dad was oblivious to this. Hey, why didn't you stop? Didn't you see me? The kid was speechless. I was mad.

Crap! Now what? The lady came out of the house and acted like it was no big deal since all drivers were upright and walking around. She was more concerned about her porch and the ruts in her yard than me or my Skylark. No car compassion at all. She called the police. After measuring all the skid marks and disbelieving my story the cop gave the Skylark Killer a ticket. Though the car was crumpled and the radiator was leaking badly, he started it back up and drove away. I was left standing there waiting for the tow truck.



After the tow truck left with my crushed pride and joy, I had no choice but to walk home. Depression grew with every step. PLPD meant SOL PDQ, OMG. A week later, I sold the once "chick magnet" to a guy for \$100 who wanted only the Buick aluminum V-8 and tranny for a Dune Buggy. It was a sad ending, since I was only able to salvage my 8 Track, speakers and half of the chrome Mustang grill emblem I found in my trunk. After paying the towing bill, I only had \$50 left. And, since I never gave the lady my name she had to repair the ruts on her own. Beside a few chips off the corner step, the porch did not allow a threatening Buick to spoil its presence. Victor = Portland cement - loser = Detroit metal.

Going a month without four wheels was excruciating to a 16 year old who but only nine months earlier experienced the ultimate freedom a car can give. The only thing worse was the fact I woke up the next morning and couldn't get out of bed. Sure, my chest had a Buick tattoo embossed into it but my back was cramped up worse than Doug Lectka's wallet. But, that whole thing leads to another story which I may bore you with later.

Enter a solution to my teenage problems. Though it did not involve blond hair or blue eyes, my sister came to the rescue. She told me she would sell me her car since by brother-in-law just bought her a new Chevelle. For a mere \$50, I was the proud owner of a '64 Corvair Monza

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Happy 100th Birthday, Chevrolet

On Saturday, July 24, I had the opportunity to attend the 100th Birthday All Chevy Car Show at the Gilmore Car Museum. This show was open to all Chevrolets. The majority of the cars were the full-size Chevrolets (Impalas, Caprices, etc.) but there were a few Novas, Chevelles and trucks. The Corvettes and Camaros were well represented as well.

I was not the only Corvair in attendance. Fellow WMCC members Ryan Brown and Dan Lok had their Corvairs there as well. Ryan has a 1963 Spyder sedan with a clear engine lid. The car used to belong to his grandfather and he was the one who put the clear engine lid on the car. Dan Lok owns a 1965 Monza Coupe that has a V8 in the back. There was also a fourth Corvair, a 1965 Corsa Coupe, owned by Bill Brenner.

I saw just about every decade from the 1930's to the present represented. There was a nice display of brand new Camaro convertibles as well as a barn find 1960 Impala sedan. The interior was original and in good condition. The body just had some surface rust but was otherwise solid.

I received quite a few compliments on my Corvair. They seemed to be received very well among all of the Impalas and Chevelles.



We hope to see a good representation of Corvairs at the car display on August 6!

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convertible. A funny looking car that I had no idea would transform my automobile life forever.

Let's go boon-docking! I really have no idea how it happened, but the Corvair became the favorite whipping post, the beater, the sacrificial lamb – and it took the challenge happily. The Corvair ... it was the fortunate one. It went anywhere, everywhere and would take anything my friends and I served up. What other \$50 car could bring five teenagers home from Newaygo with only 3 cylinders firing from a single carburetor?

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- These positions will be through 2012.
- Ryan has also expressed an interest in being part of the CPF. Jamie confirmed that a spot will be available and Dave will ensure it.
- WMCC will soon have a "voice" in shaping the future of the CPF.

Dan's Other Garage

- Dave D. contacted Dan and together decided that a September date would be better with August jam packed.
- Dave will follow through.
- Dan's been gathering more Cushman's and vintage motorcycles – also has a new '65 GTO convertible with trip's.

Membership

- We discussed the need to review the enrollment and record keeping process of membership.

- Doug and Dave Z. will be asked for input as current Secretary & Treasurer (dual controls, membership index cards, passing of records).
- We need to improve our records, maintain contact and save our members.
- The BOD suggested we "extend" membership through 2011 for those who have not renewed.
- A personal letter will be mailed from the President to these individuals asking for updated information.

2013 CONVENTION

- Dave D. has been in contact with the BOD of the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts (CCE) regarding the 2013 CORSA Convention.
- Your BOD has started to brainstorm this topic and NEEDS our member's feedback.
- Dave D. will also contact Keith Miller from Mad Anthony's, Fort Wayne as well as the Detroit Club.
- We will have an important "Informative Meeting" at Gilmore – see WMCC Car Display NOTE above.

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