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Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

What's Going On

The September meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 PM. The venue will be the Yellow Jacket restaurant, 12011 Lake Michigan Dr., in West Olive. For those interested in rallying from Grand Rapids, meet at the Meijer gas station in Standale (213 Wilson Ave. NW) at 6 PM.

The board meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 27 at Pete's in Byron Center. Start time is 6:30 PM.

The annual color tour will take place on Saturday, October 8 (note the date change from October 1). We will be attending the Oktoberfest and Classic Car Show in Pentwater. Registration for the car show is \$10 and the show runs from 11 AM until 4 PM. There are plenty of other events in Pentwater as part of the festival as well. Look for more details in the October edition of Lifter Noise.

WMCC Car Display

The West Michigan Corvair Club held its annual car show on Saturday, August 5. It was once again held as part of the Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum. We had a pretty good turnout of Corvairs; about 22. We had a people's choice vote in five different classes. The winners were Doug Lectka (early open), Reggie Stroebe (early closed), Bill Wright (late open), Dave Dykwell (late closed), and Phil Raker (forward control).

There was also a brief business meeting held where the topic of discussion was the possibility of the West Michigan Corvair Club hosting the 2013 CORSA Convention in Kalamazoo. The club membership voted

WMCC CALENDAR

September 20 – WMCC Membership Meeting
September 27 – WMCC Board Meeting
October 8 – WMCC Color Tour
October 18 – WMCC Membership Meeting
October 25 – WMCC Board Meeting

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Weekly cruise nights will be winding down in September. The last cruise night at Fricano's will be on Tuesday, September 13. The cruise nights in Byron Center, at Rosie's Diner, and at the Gilmore Car Museum will be ending as well. Get those Corvairs out for one last cruise!

yes to put in a bid. The board of directors along with the assistance of Discover Kalamazoo will put together the bid package for CORSA.

One nice thing about having the event at the Gilmore Car Museum is that all of the barns are open. The new Franklin Dealership building was open this year and it was very impressive. There was a NASCAR display as well as a local racing display.

See the top of the next page for a couple of pictures from the event. There are plenty of more pictures, courtesy of Paul Adams, on the club website.

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August board meeting recap

August BOD Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Present: Dan Konkle, Steve Ridderman, Paul Adams, Ryan Counterman, Doug Lectka and Dave Dykwell

Convention - While it appears the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts (CCE) are planning on entering a sole bid to host the 2013 convention, the board continues to be excited about the potential of hosting a Kalamazoo event. CCE does have the experience but we feel we have more passion and purpose, therefore a better idea. Dave will contact CORSA President and Larry Claypool to determine: 1.) How much time do we have to prepare and submit our Bid, and 2.) What is the likelihood that CORSA will seriously consider our Bid considering that CCE and two others (Indy and Dallas) are apparently submitting bids?

Mini-Convention - Depending on what we learn from CORSA, our next step would be to study the feasibility of hosting a Mini-Convention. Our vision to show-case the Gilmore Museum would still be our main purpose. The board wants to have a better understanding of exactly how CORSA would be involved in terms of controls. Also, whether or not CORSA membership is required. Dave will attempt to contact the Iowa group who hosted a mini to gather facts from them plus any other club that CORSA might refer us to.

September General Club Meeting - Dave noted that the last Cruise-In for the season at Fricano's Alpine will be held Tuesday, 9/13. This is one week early from our standing "third Tuesday", 9/20.

The board decided that it would be better to follow our standard practice than switch just to attend Fricano's event. Any interested club member could still attend Fricano's event. So, we will stay with our planned calendar and hold our September general meeting on Tuesday, 9/20 at the Yellow Jacket Restaurant on Lake Michigan Drive, West Olive. Dave will make reservations. Plan to "rally" at the Meijer Gas Station in Standale at 6:00pm.

September BOD - to be held at Pete's, Tuesday, 09/27, 6:30pm.

Color Tour - Our annual Color Tour was originally slated for Ludington on October 1st. However, after further investigation, we have a better venue opportunity. The Board decided to move our event to the following week, Saturday, October 8th and attend the Pentwater Oktoberfest & Classic Car & Hot Rod Show. This three-day event is better organized, has more activities available for all ages, better entertainment and is certainly a better "fit" considering the Car Show element. Registration for the Car Show is \$10 and will be held from 11:00am to 4pm, events [Strudel, Chili and Pasta Sauce cook-offs, food booths, Barrel Races, Sprint for the Stein, Egg Toss, Magic Show, Auction, Pumpkin & face painting] start at 10:00am. We also have a terrific "rural" scenic route planned. We will try to make Dinner Reservations at the infamous Antler Restaurant in downtown Pentwater. Considering the great time we had during last year's event, this should be an even better way to close-out the Corvair Cruise year. The board encourages all club members to participate. Beside the fun and the colors, we'd like to see a good assortment

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Welcome New Members

We have a few new members to welcome to the West Michigan Corvair Club!

Bill Brenner is from Burlington, Michigan. He joined us at the WMCC Car Display. He owns a beautiful yellow 1965 Monza coupe.

Tom May joined us at the WMCC Car Display as well. He owns a 1969 Monza Convertible that is painted Hugger Orange. It was ordered from GM with this color by the original owner. Some of you may recall seeing it at our meeting earlier this year at Fricano's. Tom and his wife Marjorie live in Rockford, Michigan.

Unfortunately I do not have car information for the

It's All in the numbers

by Double D

As the song went; One is the loneliest number. Listen harder and you learned; Two can be as bad as one, the loneliest number since the number one. How true it is. Sadly, they just don't write songs like that anymore. Actually, I'm not sure since I can't understand the lyrics anymore.

Owning one (in common terms) "collector car" was nice but something was missing. The car seemed lonely tucked away in its personal garage. So, a roommate was purchased to give it some company. With grease and oil fumes to share they seemed happy at first, but later grew envious of each other. All kidding aside, one maybe a lonely number but it can be a lot more efficient than two.

With two collector cars, you have double the basic carrying cost; insurance, plates, oil and filters. Now, take into account you must "split" your available hobby drive-time in two, all you're really doing is making each drive-time mile more expensive than when you had just one. Unless you're one of those "variety is the spice of life" guys, owning two or more cars is simply more expensive, period. IF you are one of those types, may I suggest adding a Red-



following new members: Jeremy and Esther Page-Wood reside in Portage, Michigan and Robert and Kathleen Kaufman reside in Newaygo, Michigan.

Welcome to all of our new members!

Head to the stable. Try it ... it's the same affect after lawyer fees!

Beside more expensive drive-time miles, there are several other draw backs. First, you need more room requiring a new outbuilding or buying a new house. Second, with gasoline being of such poor quality these days, your hard earned money is quickly getting stale even faster since you're driving each car less. Thirdly, you now have two cars to keep clean and waxed – taking clear priority over the wife's and your own daily driver. Lastly, it's hard to decide which car to take out. Life can be so hard.

Yes, it's all in the numbers. And speaking of numbers, the Car Company's should have learned something from the retro-mod fad. Sadly, they remain clueless. Instead of using numbers that make us feel good about cars; 350, 396, 409, 427, 455, we have numbers that mean nothing; 3.1, 3.8, 5.0 Liter. With Camaros and Mustangs pushing over 600 horses now, bring the feeling back ... Camaro SS 627, BOSS 602 - nice?

All Chevy Show

On Saturday, August 27 nine Corvairs from the West Michigan Corvair Club (plus one other Corvair) gathered at Berger Chevrolet at the All Chevy Show. This show is held in conjunction with the 28th St. Metro Cruise. Ryan Counterman even got his car repainted for the occasion!

There were quite a few Chevrolets at the show ranging from a 1935 Chevrolet to the 2011 Camaro. Of course there was the usual array of Corvettes, Camaros and Chevelles. However, our Corvairs were well received and people enjoyed looking at them and talking about them.

As part of the show, there was a people's choice vote and the top 25 cars received recognition. WMCC's own Dave Dykwell placed in the top 25 with his 1965 Corsa Coupe! Congratulations Dave! It's nice to see that the Corvair can compete with Corvettes and Camaros!

After awhile we dispersed to cruise up and down 28th St. to see the sights and cars that were out that day.

To the right are a few pictures from the event. Look at the club website for more pictures.



Congratulations to Dave Dykwell who placed in the top 25 at the All Chevy Show at Berger Chevrolet during the Metro Cruise weekend!

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of Vairs so we can use all our great new signs! More details, along with the Coffee, Cider and Donut Rally Point, will be coming out soon.

October General Meeting - As a matter of formality, and last chance for an outdoor meeting, we will also hold a General Meeting in October at our customary time, third Tuesday, 10/18, 6:30pm. This will be held at Ryan's Man Barn in Cedartucky. Ryan's well-appointed facility will give us a chance for a long-awaited TECH SESSION, plus the club will offer FREE FOOD and FREE SUDS & SODA.

October BOD - will be held at Pete's, Tuesday, 10/25 6:30pm.

November General Meeting - Considering our customary general meeting date falls on the most-holy of "Michigan Holidays ... Opening Deer Season", your Board decided to hold the event one week later, Tuesday, November 22. We will also be looking to make reservations at the new Brann's location in Caledonia (100th & M37). If not open yet, we will reserve our traditional spot at Tommy Brann's on Division. Watch for more details on our January through April meetings.

New Members - Dave noted the enrollment of several new members this month, two from Gilmore's event and one from

the Metro Cruise. It shows how important participation in these events benefit our club and the Corvair community. Our Secretary/Newsletter editor will be supplied with information from our Treasurer shortly and we'll publish important details.

Clark's - The Board wishes to recognize the fine display of support from Clark's Corvair Parts with their generous contribution to our Gilmore event. Paul wrote a summary article of the event and has already sent it on to CORSA. Your President encourages all members to support Clark's ... they are the best!

Metro Cruise Recap - Though the club supplied complimentary food and beverages attendance was down slightly with ten Corvairs. Those that did attend sensed an overall drop from prior year Cruises - fewer cars, less traffic and more police. Weather was fantastic and the Berger lot was full of beautiful Chevrolet's. Your President's '65 CORSA was fortunate enough to earn a People's Choice Top 25 Award!

CORSA - Board noted that the new CORSA website is up and running. Members can continue with their existing (old) User Name and Password to log-on. Nice change ... check it out.

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