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Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

WHAT'S GOING ON

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will take place on Tuesday, January 17. The meeting will be held at Brann's in Wyoming and will start at 6:30. Brann's is located at 4157 South Division (between 36th St. and 44th St.).

The date has been solidified for the annual WMCC Chili Cook-off! This highly anticipated event will take place on Saturday, February 11 at 2:00 PM. It will once again be held in the Community Room at Rockford Ambulance. More details will be coming in the February newsletter. Get those chili recipes perfected!

The WMCC Board of Directors will be meeting on January 31 and February 28 to begin planning the club activities for 2012. If you have any ideas for activities for this summer, please let one of the board members know! Also, let us know if you would be willing to host an event!

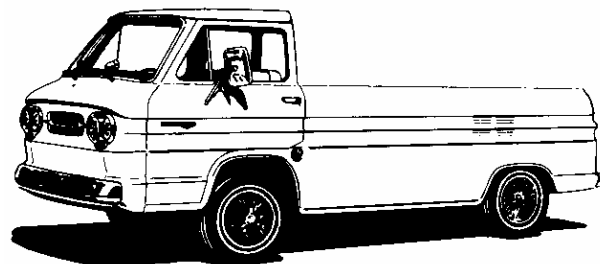
The board meetings will be at 6:30 and will be at Pete's in Byron Center.

WMCC CALENDAR

January 17 – WMCC Membership Meeting
January 31 – WMCC Board Meeting
February 11 – WMCC Chili Cook-off
February 28 – WMCC Board Meeting

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CONVENTION PLANNING UPDATE

The 2013 Convention Planning Committee will start meeting again in January. Even though the convention we are hosting is over a year away, there is a lot of work to do that has to start now.

Some preliminary site visits happened in December. CORSA President Jamie Reinhart, Convention Chairman Dave Dykwell and representatives from the host hotel had an on site meeting at the host hotel. Jamie came

up with some action items that need follow-up.

The hosting of the convention is a huge undertaking by the club and we will need help from everyone. You may not necessarily have to chair a committee but you can help with registration or parking cars or manning the hospitality room. There are plenty of jobs; big and small. We will need everyone to pitch in to make this a successful convention.

NO FUN ANYMORE

by Double D

Was it a pair of fuzzy dice or a grass-skirted bobble hula? Could it have been a customary graduation braid or the rare skull head with brake light eyes? How about the Hurst shifter handle or spinner hubcaps? It was none of the aforementioned. It was the unique and highly desirable dash mounted cigarette lighter powered front windshield defroster fan complete with rubber safety blades! Without it I would have been sidelined. With it, I had a ten inch hole in minutes with which to maneuver the highways and byways to work or school. That single after-market part made the Corvair a Corvair overnight. Just like the heater when I first opened her up after picking up the guys for school on that chilly school morning. An experience I'll never forget. I can still smell it! I'm sure the car in back of us thought we were smoking copious amounts of dope when the all the windows went down. In truth, the heater could kill – but the dope wouldn't.

Of all the car accessories I've either had come factory or I installed on a car, there's really only a few that I truly appreciated or enjoyed. Benefits from such options such as electric windows, seats and mirrors have long been forgotten and taken for granted. Even cruise control and air conditioning are passé – it comes on nearly every car without exception today. But there are some options that still excite me and will not be discounted anytime soon. Yet, in our world of amazing microprocessors and "better ideas" there are some current options I find totally useless. And, there are options of days gone by that should come back. Here's my list:

Expected or "Must Have" Options:

- Cruise Control, Tilt wheel, Delayed wipers
- CD/Stereo with MP3 plug
- Heads-Up Display – greatest option since the V-8
- Sunroof = substitute convertible

Novel but "Useless" Options:

- Leather – I thought virgin vinyl was just fine
- Automatic Day/Nite Rearview Mirror – today's tinted glass eliminates the need
- Captain's Chairs – what are we driving a Pirate Ship? Give me the good old bench anytime.
- Talking cars – dashboards should not talk - motors, exhaust and tires talk
- Just ONE more cup holder please
- GPS – Excuse me, but I know where I'm going ... guys don't need directions.
- Automated parallel parking... yes, dummy us up even more!

I only "Wish" Options:

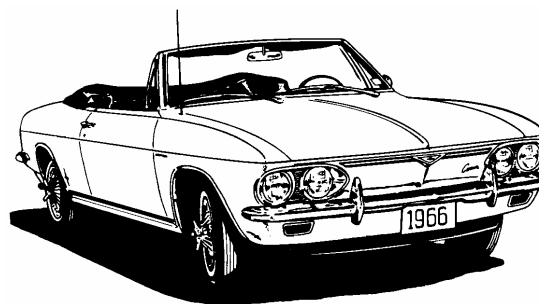
- Five speed in a family car or SUV
- Automatic rain sensing wipers (+ wipers that last longer than 6 months)
- Automatic brights (6,000 candle power please)
- Automatic tire inflation system
- In-Dash coffee maker
- Self-healing paint (no more stone chips or door dings)

"What Happened to Em" Options:

- Ash Trays - large enough to hold more than

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- two butts
- Hatchbacks with optional tent, cooler and built-in Coleman stove
- Drip rails

OK FORD show us you still are the "Better Idea" people and follow your mantra. You saw the immediate appetite your retro-mod Mustangs created. Be the first kid on the block to bring back the *Special Order* concept. Better yet, BE the *Heartbeat of America* GM and bring back the COPO and beat Ford - once more!



Front Cover: Monza Sport Coupe above: Monza Convertible

THE RUGGED, RELIABLE, THRIFTY CORVAIR... STILL AMERICA'S ONLY REAR ENGINE CAR

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And the nimble, road-sure Corvair offers even more good things for 1969. Among them: two new front seat head restraints, new more comfortable bucket seats in Monza models and a big, handsome new array of colors, inside and out.

Corvair owners have come to love its rear-engine traction and stability along with the smart performance of its thrifty air-cooled sixes. Small wonder Corvair has such a devoted following. Drive it and see why.

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