

# LIFTER NOISE



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

## WHAT'S GOING ON

Our next membership meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 PM at Brann's in Wyoming. We will be playing an automotive trivia game for our entertainment. Brann's is located at 4157 South Division (between 36<sup>th</sup> St. and 44<sup>th</sup> St.) in Wyoming.

The April membership meeting will also take place at Brann's on April 17.

The Board of Directors is busy planning our annual spring dust-off. The tentative date is Saturday, May 19. More details will follow in the April and May newsletters.

The WMCC Board of Directors will be meeting on February 28 at 6:30 PM at Pete's in Byron Center.

The convention committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at Doug Lectka's house at 6:30 PM.

## CHILI COOK-OFF RECAP

On February 11, we held our annual chili cook-off. We had a very large turnout this year with 14 members in attendance. Many brought their spouses and we even had a few families! There was a total of 29 people!

Everyone had a tough task ahead of them as there were 14 chili recipes to taste along with four cornbread recipes. Even though there was no prize for dessert we still had quite a few of those to sample. After much deliberation and many trips for seconds and thirds, we had our top two chili recipes. The Dave and Marilyn Dykwell were deemed to have the best chili of the day with Doug and Becky Lectka coming in second place. Ryan and Carolyn Counterman won the cornbread

## WMCC CALENDAR

March 13 – Convention Committee Meeting  
March 20 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
March 27 – WMCC Board Meeting  
April 10 – Convention Committee Meeting  
April 17 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
April 24 – WMCC Board Meeting  
May 19 – Spring Dust-off

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**Dues for 2012 are now due. Please send them to the club address listed on this newsletter. If you do not pay, the April newsletter will be your last newsletter. Dues are still \$18.00 for 2012.**

judging.

After everyone got their fill of chili, the second bi-annual WMCC balloon races were held. Dave Dykwell was our organizer and he had to improvise a little bit due to the large turnout.

For those not familiar with balloon racing here's a quick explanation. Two lengths of fishing line are strung (this is the track) and one straw is strung on each line (this is the vehicle). Two people select a balloon (this is the engine) and fasten it to the straw using a variety of tape and taping methods. They then go head-to-head with the winner moving on and the loser being finished for

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## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING RECAP

The February board meeting was held at Pete's in Byron Center with the following board members in attendance: Ryan Counterman, Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dave Ziebarth, Dan Konkle and Steve Ridderman. WMCC member Bob Muir was also in attendance.

### Old Business

#### Chili Cook-off

- It was a very successful event
- Excellent turnout
- May need special activity for kids for future cook-offs
- Need an easier way to vote for the chilis
  - Develop a tally sheet for people to vote and make notes
  - Write names on a sheet by numbers and make copies on site with a portable copier
  - Provide pens/pencils to write
- Need prizes other than car parts to appeal to everyone
  - Gag prizes
  - Kids prizes
  - Other ideas
- Reinstate the dessert prize for next year

### New Business

#### March Meeting

- March 20 at Brann's
- Car trivia game
  - Dave Ziebarth will work it out to get the game burned on a DVD to use at the meeting
- Dave Dykwell will bring a DVD of old commercials

#### April Meeting

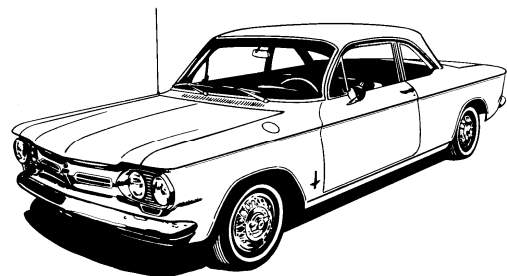
- April 17 at Brann's
- Will plan at next board meeting

#### Spring Dust-off

- Will be held in May
- Choosing between the Mad Anthony show in Ft. Wayne or meeting up with the Chicago club who are going to the Gilmore Car Museum spring dust-off show
- It was decided that we would try to meet up with the Chicago club somewhere in southwestern Michigan and caravan to Gilmore with them
- Date would be May 19
- Chicago group plans to be at Gilmore around 11 AM
- Dave Dykwell will contact the Chicago group about their route and the possibility of meeting up with them
- We would need a meeting spot in G.R.
- Admission is \$5 per person



*If you have not yet paid your dues for 2012 please do so now so you can keep your membership current.*



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the day. As the rounds progressed, the engines obtained more horsepower (the balloons got bigger).

Everyone was entertained by the variety of methods used to attach the balloons to the straws; especially when they failed to hold the length of the track. After all the heats were run, the last two standing were Dave Dykwell and Matt Peterson. After a lot of preparation the race was run and Matt was the winner. For his efforts Matt won a complete oil change kit. For winning second place Dave scored a Clark's Corvair Parts gift certificate.

After the races were completed we had a raffle drawing for fanbelts, oil, and oil filters. My apologies as I did not write down the names of the raffle winners.

We are very pleased with the turnout we had and everyone had a great time. It's never too early to start getting your recipes together for next year!

Look for more pictures and videos on the club website!



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