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Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

WHAT'S GOING ON

We have a couple of club events happening in the month of June.

Up first is the All Air Cooled Car Show at the Gilmore Car Museum on June 16. This show is put on by the Franklin Club and they have expressed a desire to have a good showing of Corvairs. We will be meeting at Burger King on Broadmoor and 52nd St. at 8:30 AM. We will caravan to Gilmore from there.

On Tuesday, June 19 we will have our monthly membership meeting at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at the Yellow Jacket Inn, 12011 Lake Michigan Dr. in West Olive.

A couple of other events that may be of interest to WMCC members include the Mad Anthony Corvair Show in Ft. Wayne, IN on June 9 and a Corvair show at the Volo Museum in Volo, IL on June 23.

On July 1 the Furrin Group will be holding an autocross at the U.S. 131 Motorsports Park in Martin. There may

SPRING DUSTOFF RECAP

On Saturday, May 19, six Corvairs (Bill & Liz Wright and their son, Rob & Linda Van Sledright, John Koning, Dave Dykwell, Ryan Counterman and Dave Ziebarth) met at the McDonalds on 68th and 131. After a few grabbed some breakfast, we went on our way. Ryan led the way and we eventually met up with Steve Ridderman. We made our way to the Gull Road Meijer in Kalamazoo where we met up with a few other WMCC members and a contingent from the Chicagoland Corvair Club. We also met up with a potential new member from the Kalamazoo area.

WMCC CALENDAR

June 16 – All Air Cooled Car Show at Gilmore
June 19 – WMCC Membership Meeting
June 26 – WMCC Board Meeting
July 21 – Chicken BBQ Event
July 24 – 28 – CORSA International Convention
August 4 – WMCC Car Display
August 23 – 25 – Corvair Homecoming
August 24 – 25 – 28th St. Metro Cruise

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be a WMCC member or two participating.

July 21 will be the chicken barbeque. Bill Wright will be the grill master so this is a can't miss event.

From there we made our way to the Gilmore Car Museum where they were holding their annual spring dustoff. There were a few additional Corvairs there including WMCC member Bill Brenner and the person that bought one of Steve Ridderman's Greenbriers.

There was a fairly good turnout of cars there but seeing all of the Corvairs together was quite a site. It also provided a great opportunity for the Chicago club to have a preview of a CORSA convention venue.

Please see *Dustoff Recap* on page 2

Dustoff Recap from page 1

We spent the rest of the afternoon touring the museum and the cars on the show field. After a while, people started trickling home and a few people went over to Bell's.

Overall, there were 24 Corvairs that were part of this event. 25 if you count the turquoise late model convertible that a few of us spotted driving down Gull Road.

Here are a few photos from the day. Look for many more on the club website and elsewhere in this newsletter.



MAY BOARD MEETING RECAP

The May 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, Doug Lectka, Dan Konkle and Steve Ridderman.

Treasurer's Report

- Membership roster up to date
- Doug didn't have the exact balance in the treasury

Old Business

- Spring Dustoff Recap

New Business

WMCC Property

- Who has what?
- What do we have?
- Who has the stanchions?
- Are there parts that belong to the club (carburetors)?
- Dave Z. to put notice in newsletter

Please see *Board Meeting Recap* on page 5

*The annual Chicken BBQ
will be on July 21!*



CONVENTION PLANNING UPDATE

Convention planning continues to move forward. There is a tentative event schedule worked out and we continue to fine tune the details of meeting rooms, vendor swap space, and trailer parking. Event venues have been finalized. Our spring dustoff with the Chicago club allowed a preview of the Gilmore Car Museum for them and got them excited about having convention events there.

One big piece of news to announce is that we have finalized the logo! Designed by the niece of WMCC member Paul Adams, it features an early model coupe parked in front of a red barn. The message on the side of the barn is "A Vairiation in Kalamazoo" which is the them of the 2013 CORSA Convention. The convention committee is very happy with how the logo turned out and we can't wait to start circulating it!

We will have some representatives from WMCC at the 2012 convention in Sturbridge, MA to promote the 2013 convention.

WHO HAS WHAT?

Throughout the many years that the West Michigan Corvair Club has been in existence, we have accumulated many artifacts that belong to the club. The board of directors is trying to take an inventory of what might be out there that we are not aware of (the posters are a good example) and who might have them in their possession.

The posters, past club newsletters, past CORSA Communiques, meeting minutes from the past are in the possession of Dave Ziebarth. The wood sign is either with Ryan or Steve.

Some items that we heard may belong to the club and the whereabouts are unknown include:

- Stanchions that were used at mall shows
- Carburetors
- Anything else that used to be in the infamous parts trailer

Some time ago we ordered some coffee cups with the club



Excitement is starting to build for the 2013 CORSA Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan!

logo on them. Are there any left and if so, who has them?

If you have any of these items or anything else that you think might belong to the club, can you please let one of the board members know? We aren't necessarily looking to take anything away from anyone, we just want to have an accurate inventory of anything the club owns.



POSTER UPDATE

After the article in last month's newsletter about reprinting posters, John Cole said he had a box that had a few. Yep, there are a "few". Quite a few actually.

I will be bringing them to the next few club events to pass out to those who want one. Or two. Or ten.



MAY MEETING RECAP

On Tuesday, May 15 we held our monthly membership meeting at Fricano's on Alpine.

This was the first Fricano's cruise night of the year so there was anticipation of a large turnout. However that wasn't the case as it was threatening to rain all night (it finally did late in the evening).

We had only eight Corvairs however but there was a good showing overall of classic cars.

After viewing the cars we moved into the restaurant to enjoy the excellent pizza offered by Fricano's.



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*The annual WMCC Car Show
will be on August 4.*



Board Meeting Recap from page 2

June 19 Meeting

- What do we do for the June 19 meeting?
- Many ideas were debated
- Settled on Yellow Jacket Inn in West Olive

June 16 Air Cooled Show

- Meeting place at Burger King on Broadmoor on 52nd St.

Other Events

- Mad Anthony show on June 9
 - Nobody appears to be going
- Volo Museum show on June 23
- Furrin Group Autocross on July 1
 - Some members may participate
 - Good opportunity to see how they run an autocross at Martin

Chicken Barbeque

- Date is set for July 21
- Will take the place of the regular meeting

- Bill Wright will man the grill
- Will take place at Ryan's
- Determine what supplies are needed (for both Bill and the club)
- Push start time to 4 PM to allow for a bonfire later in the evening

Corvair Homecoming

- Same weekend as Metro Cruise
- We would like to have club representation at both events; will work out who goes where

Junkyard Tour

- Hold off until fall for weather to cool off

Frankenmuth Oktoberfest

- No response from membership on overnight event
- A group of us will probably still go on our own

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