

LIFTER NOISE



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

WHAT'S GOING ON

Coming in July is the annual Chicken Barbeque event. This year we managed to get our own Bill Wright to man the grill! The date is Saturday July 21. We will be starting a little later than in years past – 4 PM – so we can have a bonfire later on. We are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass; the club will provide soft drinks. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Our hosts will be Ryan and Carolyn Counterman. They live at 2315 18 Mile Road in Cedar Springs.

There will NOT be a Tuesday evening meeting in July. The chicken barbeque will take the place of the normal Tuesday meeting.

Also in July is the annual CORSA Convention. This year it will be held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts on July 24 – 28. There will be a few people from WMCC participating in the various events this year as well as doing some marketing for the 2013 Convention to be held in Kalamazoo.

The WMCC board meeting will be on July 31 at Pete's in Byron Center at 6:30 PM.

The annual WMCC Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 4 at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory

JUNE EVENTS RECAP

On the beautiful Saturday morning of June 16, six WMCC members and their Corvairs met up in Cutlerville to caravan down to the second annual All Air Cooled Show at the Gilmore Car Museum. This show was put on by the Franklin Car Club but it looked like the Corvair was the star of the show. In addition to the six from Grand Rapids there were 13 more on hand

WMCC CALENDAR

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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Corners as part of the Red Barns Spectacular. The show starts at 9 AM and admission is \$9.00 per person. We will be having our own people's choice awards as well. This will provide a very nice preview of one of the venues for the 2013 CORSA Convention.

Also, the Big Boy in Cedar Springs is giving half off dinners on Wednesdays this summer (except July 4) for those who drive a classic car. This is to replace the Rosie's Diner cruise nights that used to happen on Wednesdays (Rosie's closed late last year).

including WMCC member Bill Brenner and two from the Detroit Area Corvair Club. There was also a pretty good showing of Volkswagons and Porsches. There was also the odd mini cars including two that Larry Claypool (yes, that Larry Claypool) brought with him from Illinois. One was a Trabant from Germany and the other was a Zaz from Russia. There was a walking tour of the show

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JUNE BOARD MEETING RECAP

The June board meeting was held on June 26 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

- Current balance of approximately \$1881

Old Business

Club Property

- Dave Ziebarth gave an update on his findings regarding club property
 - John Cole has the stanchions
 - There are no parts remaining from the old parts truck

Air Cooled Show

- Nice representation of Corvairs
- Thanks to those who showed up
- More Corvairs than any other marquee

Yellow Jacket

- Small turn out
- Those who showed up had a good time

New Business

Autocross on July 1

- Ryan and Steve will be running in it
- No charge for spectators
- Ryan advises showing up around 10 AM
- Would like to have someone video the Corvairs running the course to use for convention marketing
 - Doug may have a camera available

Chicken Barbeque

- Doug will contact Bill Wright to see if he needs

up front money to buy the chicken

- Everyone should bring a dish to pass
- Club to provide soft drinks
- Bill to get chicken
- Ryan to get charcoal
- Dave Z. to get plates, plasticware, etc.
- Steve will bring some extra tables
- Bonfire afterward
- Steve bringing 50/50 tickets

August 4 Show

- Will bring leftover sodas from BBQ
- Doug to get gift certificates from Clark's
- Bring membership applications
- Would like to have some "grand" prize to give away

Corvair Homecoming and Metro Cruise

- Both are happening on the same weekend in August and we would like to have representation at both events
- Ryan, Steve and possibly Dan will go to the Corvair Homecoming on Saturday
- Dave Z. will probably go to the Corvair Homecoming on Friday and to the Metro Cruise on Saturday
- We will finalize next month
- We will poll the membership to see what they would like to do

Junkyard Tour

- Idea is still alive
- Looking at a date in the fall

Frankenmuth Oktoberfest

- September 20 -23
- Overnight event
- Need a chairperson to coordinate
- Would need to reserve some rooms
- Will not replace color tour as an event

Big Boy Cruise Night

- Cedar Springs Big Boy offering half off prices for those who drive a classic car on Wednesdays in June
- *Note that the VanSledrights went on June 27 and reported that it goes all summer*

The annual chicken barbeque will be on July 21!

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where they went by the different cars and explained what they were. It was a perfect day for a car show.



Olive. We had a very small turnout for this meeting but those who attended had a good time. The food was good (the beer-battered all-you-can-eat fish was a popular choice). We couldn't have asked for a better night for a nice cruise; especially those of us with convertibles.



On June 19, we held our monthly membership meeting. The venue this month was Yellow Jacket Inn in West

WMCC MEMBERS IN PARADE

by Paul Adams

On Saturday morning, June 16th, two of our members participated in the Greater Galesburg Day Parade. Keith and Carolyn Martin were the Grand Marshals of the Parade. Keith is known in the area as Mr. CORVAIR. He has been driving Corvairs since the early sixties and still owns the first new one he bought in the fall of 1963.

In the middle of May, Keith contacted me asking if I knew anyone with a Corvair convertible that would be willing to drive them in the parade. They were driven by Pat and Cindy Buckley. The Buckley's kindly offered to drive the Martin's in their beautiful Crocus Yellow 1965 Monza. The organizers of the parade wanted Mr. and Mrs. Corvair to ride in a new Mustang convertible supplied by the local Ford dealer. Somehow, that just didn't seem fitting for someone who has been associated with Chevys all his life. Keith said it best, "Can you imagine that!!! --- me in a Ford --- ooooohhhhhh!"

Greater Galesburg Days had a car show that followed the

Parade along with sidewalk sales and lots of yard sales. It's just an old fashioned way that people in small town America get together for fun and to celebrate the start of summer.



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