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Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

# WHAT'S GOING ON

Coming in August is the annual WMCC Car Display. Once again it will be held at Gilmore Car Museum as part of the Red Barns Spectacular. The date is Saturday, August 4 at 9:00 AM. We will have people's choice awards in five different classes. For those interested in driving together, we will be meeting at the Burger King on Broadmoor and 52<sup>nd</sup> St. at 8 AM. We will be leaving shortly after that.

There will also be a WMCC membership meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at the Corner Bar in Rockford (31 North Main). Start time is 6:30 PM.

There are two events happening the weekend of August 24. The Corvair Homecoming will be happening in Plymouth, Michigan and the 28<sup>th</sup> St. Metro Cruise will be taking place in Grand Rapids.

The Corvair Homecoming is being hosted by the Detroit Area Corvair Club and is being held on August 23 - 25. The host hotel is the Comfort Inn Clocktower on Ann Arbor Rd. just off of I-275. Some of the events include a trip to the Corvair Museum, a trip to the GM Heritage Center, a people's choice car show and a swap meet. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.detroitcorvairs.com/">http://www.detroitcorvairs.com/</a> or by contacting Pete

## CHICKEN BARBEQUE

Our July event was our annual chicken barbeque. Once again it was held at the home of Ryan and Carolyn Counterman. Actually it was held in Ryan's pole barn, also known as Manland, with twelve WMCC members in attendance. We also had two former members, Mark Di Trapani and Bob Godsil, in attendance and it was nice catching up with them. One of the great things about

#### WMCC CALENDAR

August 4 – WMCC Car Display
August 21 – WMCC Membership Meeting
August 23 – 25 – Corvair Homecoming
August 24 – 25 – 28<sup>th</sup> St. Metro Cruise
September 18 – WMCC Membership Meeting
October 16 – WMCC Membership Meeting

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For those who choose not to make the trip to Detroit, the 28<sup>th</sup> St. Metro Cruise is a great alternative. The cruise is both August 24 and 25. There is also an All Chevy car show at Berger Chevrolet on August 25 at 8 AM. Registration fee is \$25.

WMCC member Verne Metcalf wanted to pass along that you can still purchase 13" tires at Sparta Tire. He just purchased two of this hard to find size. Sparta Tire is located at 440 South State in Sparta.

this event is that a lot of members bring their families with them. We had a number of spouses and kids on hand and they all had fun.

Of course the highlight of the day was the chicken that was prepared by Bill and Liz Wright. We have been trying to get Bill to grill chicken for us for some time and

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## JULY BOARD MEETING RECAP

We changed things up a bit for the July board meeting. The main board meeting will be held on August 7; too late to get the info in the newsletter. The board did meet on July 31 but it was a brief planning meeting for the WMCC Car Display and then a convention planning meeting. The following board members were in attendance: Ryan Counterman, Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dave Ziebarth, Dan Konkle and Steve Ridderman.

#### WMCC Car Display

- Meet at Burger King on Broadmoor and 52<sup>nd</sup> St. at 8 AM
- Dave Dykwell will bring soda and registration materials
- Doug will have the prizes
- Bill Brenner offered to reserve some spaces;
   Dave Z. will e-mail him

## August Membership Meeting

- We will have one
- Venue TBD

### Convention Planning

#### Ryan's Observations from Sturbridge

- We will need to open registration at 8 AM every morning
  - Late arrivals will need to get registered before they get to their events; especially morning events
- Have detailed maps to all venues
  - Include in convention packet
  - Have extras available near the registration area
- Have registration sheets at venue sites
  - If someone couldn't get their registration packet before an event, the event site should have a list of participants with their car number, etc.

The Corvair Homecoming is on August 23 – 25 in Plymouth, MI

- Make sure we have a conference room at the Air Zoo for entering Concours results
- When the econorun and rally are on the same day, it can be difficult for everyone to finish one event, get to the hotel for lunch/cleanup, then get to the rally
  - Dan is thinking about having the econorun end where the rally will start; this should help
- Hospitality room needs to have some quality snacks but we don't need to feed people their meals
  - Have some items be free while charging a nominal price for other items
  - Steve suggested putting tickets in each registration packet that would allow so many items to be free and when the tickets are gone, then they have to pay
- Once the schedule is printed, we need to stick to it as much as possible
  - Too many schedule changes in Sturbridge caused confusion and frustration

#### Car Display

- People's Choice Car Display needs to be sooner in the convention so the winner can be announced at the banquet
- Would probably hold it at the Air Zoo in conjunction with the Concours
  - Need to make sure there is enough space
- Will still have the people's choice all 60's car show at Gilmore on Saturday
  - Can sell it as we are having two people's choice shows so there are more awards to win

#### **Awards Banquet**

- Limited to 180 people inside the Heritage Center
- Forces us back to the tent idea but we should be able to accommodate more people than originally thought
- Paul said there were around 400 people at the awards banquet in Sturbridge

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it was worth the wait. There was also a great array of side dishes brought by everyone. Ryan also had his homebrew Oberoff on tap. Very tasty. After a prayer by John Koning, we all dug in.

Once dinner was done there was plenty of fellowship amongst the members and some shadetree mechanic work by Mark Di Trapani and Jeremy Page-Wood. Side note about Jeremy – he had some vapor lock issues on U.S. 131 just north of 28<sup>th</sup> St. while waiting for traffic to move in the construction zone. Paul and Barb Adams stopped to help (the old ice pack on the fuel pump trick) and got Jeremy on his way. Glad to see he made the trip up from Kalamazoo to see us. Ryan also had his latest project on display – a late model convertible with a 6 cylinder engine inserted. It's progressing nicely.

After some Twister by the kids and some bag throwing by the adults, people started to make their way home. A few stayed on for a bonfire.

This was another very successful and fun event for all. Thank you to the Countermans for hosting us and thank you to the Wrights for taking the time to prepare the chicken for us.

Look for additional photos on the club website sometime in mid-August.





## HELLO AGAIN...

As alluded to in the Chicken Barbeque recap, we caught up with some old friends there. Former WMCC members Mark Di Trapani and Bob Godsil were in attendance. It was great catching up with them and it's nice to see that they still have the Corvair bug. In fact, they are no longer former members. They have officially rejoined the West Michigan Corvair Club! Mark has a late model coupe and Bob has a late model convertible. Welcome back to the club Mark and Bob!

Here is a picture of Mark's car from that day. He has since upgraded his wheels and they look pretty good.



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