

# LIFTER NOISE



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

## WHAT'S GOING ON

Fall is approaching and the opportunities to get our Corvairs out are dwindling (unless you are "lucky" enough to drive one year-round).

Our September membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at Vitale's in Comstock Park. The address is 3868 West River Dr. NE.

The September board meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Pete's in Byron Center.

The annual fall color tour plans are firming up. We will once again be taking part in the Douglas Oktoberfest activities. The date is Saturday, October 6. More details will either be in the October newsletter or in a separate mailing.

We strongly urge all members to attend the October membership meeting. It will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> at Brann's on Division at 6:30 PM. This meeting will focus on preparation for the 2013 CORSA International

## AUGUST ACTIVITY RECAP

August was a busy month for the West Michigan Corvair Club.

It started on August 4 with our annual car display which was held at the Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum. There were 16 Corvairs at the show. The winners of the People's Choice awards were Reggie Stroebe (early closed), Dave Dykwell (late closed), Tom May (late open) and Steve Ridderman (forward control). There was not an early open winner.

### WMCC CALENDAR

September 18 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
September 25 – WMCC Board Meeting  
October 6 – Color Tour  
October 16 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
October 30 – WMCC Board Meeting

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Convention that is being hosted by the West Michigan Corvair Club. Also note that there will be no officer nominations being taken this year as we voted last year to have the current slate of officers stay on through the convention planning to ensure continuity. Look for an article later in this newsletter talking more about this important meeting.



Please see *August Activity Recap* on page 2

*August Activity Recap from page 1*

On August 21 we had our usual Tuesday membership meeting. This time it was held at The Corner Bar in Rockford. At first it seemed like it was going to be lightly attended but after a few people got a table, another group of WMCC members strolled in. The wait staff was very accommodating in trying to get the whole group seated together (it turned out there was a jazz festival of some sort going on so the place was very busy).

On August 25 eight Corvairs (seven of them belonging to WMCC members Bill Brenner, Dave Ziebarth, Dave Dykwell, Reggie Stroebe, Tom May, Mike and Anne Wildfong and Carolyn Counterman) were in attendance at the All Chevy Show at Berger Chevrolet. This was held in conjunction with the 28<sup>th</sup> St. Metro Cruise. It was a very hot day but thanks to Dave Dykwell we got a prime spot right next to the building so we were in the shade all day. Unfortunately, there weren't any Corvairs that were in the people's choice awards.

Also on August 25 was the Corvair Homecoming in

Plymouth. Ryan Counterman and Dan Konkle represented our club in promoting the 2013 CORSA International Convention. The Tengens, Wrights, Adams, and Dan Lok were also in attendance. We seem to be getting a lot of positive reception from the Corvair community regarding the convention.

Look for more pictures from the Car Display and the All Chevy Show on our website.



**AUGUST BOARD MEETING RECAP**

The August 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 and Dan Konkle.

*Treasurer's Report*

- Doug didn't have the exact balance in the treasury but we are in good shape

*Miscellaneous*

- After some discussion we decided to grant Jack Ridderman Member Emeritus status and we will

continue to send him the newsletter

- Dave Ziebarth recapped the last board meeting
- Low turnout at the Yellow Jacket meeting was discussed and we may look for an alternate meeting place next year

*Old Business*

- Chicken BBQ Recap
  - A great success!
  - John Koning volunteered to man the

Please see *Board Meeting Recap* on page 5

*Mark your calendars for the annual color tour on October 6!*



## CONVENTION PLANNING UPDATE

by David Dykwell

How time ticks away. Hard to believe, but the long anticipated 2012 CORSA International Convention is already history. The NECC and Sturbridge had their day in the sun and everyone there can breathe again. According to Ryan, Steve and the Paul/Barb duo, the event was a worthwhile experience. And, thanks to Paul, we now have all the Convention signage in my basement ... oh boy!

One week after the last banquet plate was washed CORSA started sending me emails and making phone calls. We've received several emails from interested Vair-fans and we even have some rooms already booked at the Host. So, it's official Martha ... the spotlight is now on West Michigan Corvair Club and A Vairiation in Kalamazoo.

The entire Vair-nation, including our friends at CORSA, is thinking about us. Yes, us. Aren't we fortunate? But really, I ask you to stop a minute and think about the enormity of that. WMCC is a great Club. We already have one extremely successful convention under our belt and the reputation to repeat. Sure, WMCC is a mere fraction of the size of NECC but we have an excellent core group of dedicated members who have been meeting for over a year now planning and planning some more ... so we can do it! I know we can! I know we will! I have faith in all of you!

In terms of planning, the hard work has been done. We have a clear vision. We have our event sites, times, dates, and contracts in place. The Calendar is done and CORSA will be publishing it very soon. Your Convention Committee will be submitting a series of anticipated promotional articles for the *Communique* and our website and Facebook pages are running. We've got some great things planned and we've already received some excellent feedback from the Corvair community. They are excited about Kazoo – GingerMan, Airzoo, US131, Gilmore ... this will be a well attended Convention!

Our "primary events" already have Coordinators to carry out the game plans and the few spots where Co-ordinators are needed will be filled shortly. So, we are now at the convention planning crossroad where we need to inform all Club members of the details of our trip and to discuss our destination. In order to accomplish this, we will be holding a Special Convention Club Meeting on



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October 16 to get everyone up to speed. This is extremely important so we want to do this indoors where everyone can listen and participate. Your perspectives and feedback are valued. We want as many of you there as possible, spouses included. Each of us is important in whatever role we might play.

So, watch for more on this special meeting. Stop and think about the Club and reserve the dates on your vacation calendar for next year – Monday, July 15 through Saturday, July 20.



## STURBRIDGE OR BUST!

by Ryan Counterman

Driving a 47 year old car halfway across the country is an adventure. Preparing that car for the trip is an adventure in itself. We drive our Corvairs all summer long, usually without giving much thought to things like tires, wheel bearings, fuel pumps, or that pesky little oil leak that is easily overlooked. If it is not broken, why fix it? Well when preparing for a cross country excursion, I would much rather fix it in my shop than on the side of the road.

So a laundry list of things to fix is written, and one week before the CORSA Convention, I place my order to Clarks, so I can get the new parts just in time to spend a day or two thrashing on the CareVair. Things on the list included new front tires, minor tune up with Pertronix ignition, plugs, and silicone wires. Rebuilt rear wheel bearings are robbed from my nicely restored Corsa convertible parts car. Wow, even though I rebuilt the brakes on the CareVair when I bought it, the brand new brakes from "The Source" that are on the Corsa look way too nice not to use. On they go! Brand new shocks also from "The Source" are also robbed from the Corsa and installed on the CareVair. Rebuilt axles are swapped in, and everything on the bottom end is checked to make sure it is tight.

That small drop of oil has seemed to increase to a small puddle now that the convention is getting closer, so I think now is the time to diagnose. Upon removing most of the lower shrouds, I discover the oil cooler is a little loose. Tighten it up and it seems to have slowed back to a small drip. I will get new seals in Sturbridge. Time is running out, the list is still long. That brand new

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome some new members to the West Michigan Corvair Club!

Mike and Anne Wildfong joined the club back at the Gilmore show in August. They live in Hudsonville and own a red 1960 Coupe.

Chris Tufflemire joined the club back in June (I apologize to Chris for not noting this sooner). Chris lives in Allegan and owns a 1961 700 Sedan.



fuel sender I installed this spring has the hard line coming out at the wrong angle, where the rubber line is the lowest part of the car. I will just bend it up out of the way. "Crack!" Gas is now leaking all over the floor. So I drain the tank, and retrieve the old sender from the scrap pile. It will have to work.

By this time its getting dark, and Steve and I are leaving tomorrow at 5am. One last thing. Seat belts. I have to have them for autocrossing, maybe it's the law as well, I am no attorney. They actually go in nice and easy and I grab a few hours of sleep. 5 am comes quickly, I jump in the car, open the garage door, hit the key, and...

...To be continued in next month's Lifter Noise.



## Board Meeting Recap from page 2

- grill next year
- May have a change of venue to the Lectka lake house next year
- Gilmore Show
  - Went very well
  - Winners were recapped for the benefit of Dave Ziebarth for the newsletter
  - 16 cars in attendance
- Corner Bar meeting
  - Good turnout
  - Place was very busy due to another event happening in Rockford
- Berger Show
  - 8 Corvairs
- Corvair Homecoming
  - 6 WMCC members/families in attendance
  - Norm Witte and Gary Gruetzmacher were there too
- 9/11 convention planning at Dave Z's
- 9/18 general meeting at Vitale's
- 9/25 board meeting at Pete's
- 10/9 convention planning at TBA
- 10/16 general meeting at Brann's
- 10/30 board meeting at Pete's
- Color Tour
  - Various ideas discussed including meeting at Alpen Rose in Holland or the Oktoberfest celebration at Dill's in Middleville
  - Douglas Oktoberfest
  - Doug followed up later in the week on Dill's and the timing is not right
  - Douglas Oktoberfest was decided to be the destination
- Mandatory Convention Meeting
  - Will be the October membership meeting
  - All WMCC members should attend
  - Need to get responsibilities assigned
  - Have a dedicated time at every meeting moving forward to give an update

## New Business

- Upcoming Meetings

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