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Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

WHAT'S GOING ON

First up in October is our annual color tour. This year we will be making a return trip to Douglas to participate in their Oktoberfest parade. Doug Lectka has mapped out a very scenic route to get us there. After the parade there will be opportunity for shopping and participating in the Oktoberfest festivities. After that we will move on over to What Not Inn for dinner. We will be meeting at the Burger King on Broadmoor near 52nd St. at 8:30 AM. With the weather cooling off, this may be the last hurrah for a lot of our Corvairs.

Our monthly membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 PM. We will be at Brann's on Division. This is a very important meeting where our convention chairman, Dave Dykwell, will be giving a presentation regarding the activities surrounding the 2013 CORSA International Convention that we are hosting in Kalamazoo. Every WMCC member is strongly urged to attend.

This month's board meeting will be on October 30 (the 5th/last Tuesday of the month) at Pete's in Byron Center. Start time is 6:30.

The November 20 membership meeting will also be at Brann's. Since we are keeping our existing board

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

We tried a different meeting venue for our September membership meeting – Vitale's in Comstock Park. We had a very good turnout with 15 people in attendance. There wasn't a formal agenda; just a chance for everyone to get together and talk about our favorite car. John Wyma gave away an oil filter to whoever answered his trivia question correctly (question at the

WMCC CALENDAR

October 6 – Color Tour
October 16 – WMCC Membership Meeting
October 30 – WMCC Board Meeting
November 20 – WMCC Membership Meeting
November 27 – WMCC Board Meeting

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members through 2013 for convention planning continuity, there will be no elections at this meeting.

There will be no membership meeting in December.

The rest of our winter membership meetings will be held at Brann's. I'm sure Jeannie will be real excited to see us once more!

end of this article). Also, new member Mike Wildfong was there with his 1960 coupe and he took the opportunity to get some questions answered about his car. We also had a guest named Dennis who is the proud owner of an early (1964 if I remember correctly) Spyder convertible.

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STURBRIDGE OR BUST, PART 2

By Ryan Counterman

Let's see, where was I? Ah yes, I had just gotten up early to start my trip to the Sturbridge convention, had gotten in the car to leave, turned the key...and...that ole flat six purred to life like it was 1965 again! I sent Steve Ridderman a quick text to have him bring a special tool to take care of the one thing I had totally forgotten about (thanks to Paul Adams for reminding me, although not good that his just seized up) I can't remember if I ever greased the fan bearing. A seized fan would leave us dead in our tracks. He brings the special tool, and we met at 6 AM at the D Ave. BP parking lot. A little disassembly and we gave that old bearing a few more pumps of life.

There wasn't much traffic on I-94 this early and we decide to go through Canada to save a few hours off the trip. A little quick math puts us right in Detroit around 8 AM, and getting to Windsor could be time consuming. So we take a scenic tour north and head towards Port Huron. We filled the car with gas, as I think we can make it all the way across Canada without purchasing any of those litres of petrol. Canada goes by quick, with the 100 MPH speed limit we made great time. Only kidding, but we had no idea what the conversion rate was so we settle in at 70 MPH and zip along. A decent stop at a pub for a burger and a pint (I really wanted fries and gravy but didn't see it on the menu) and we motor onward. A few more stops for fuel and food, and all in the sudden it's 11 PM as we roll into Sturbridge, MA. After a little lost driving and a call to our hotel we finally find it and settle in for the night.

The next day is autocross day, and I had decided to participate, so we got up and got to the host hotel nice and early so I can get registered and find out where in the world the autocross is going to take place. Registration is to open at 8 AM, the exact time we arrive at the host hotel (The autocross starts at 9). This is odd,

the convention people have put up a sign saying they have moved registration back until 9. This is frustrating, as I have no idea how to get to the autocross. So we ask everyone we see, and finally find someone who has a map and they show us the way to the race. The autocross turned out to be a nice setup, using the infield of an oval track along with one of the high banked parts of the track, where a well prepared car could really gather up some speed. There were some very fast 110HP cars in my class, with sticky tires, 4 speeds, headers, and all kinds of other go fast mods and they seemed to leave me in the dust. I ended up 4th out of 6 cars in IS3. Funny thing was my time was much faster than almost all the 140HP cars in the IS4 class! I should have run with them, it was fun!



We return to the hotel, to check in with Paul and Barb, who have set up and have been manning the 2013 Vairiation in Kalamazoo booth. Everyone we talked to can hardly wait for next year in Kalamazoo! The next day Steve and I ran the booth for the morning, and decided we would venture out to Boston to spend the rest of the day. We need a map! So we find the concierge, and ask for a map of Boston. His response? "You aren't going to drive yourselves there are you?" Of course we are! Stay tuned next month for part III, our journey to Boston, the Concours de Elegance, the car display, and our trip home!

We are heading to Douglas for our annual color tour. Get those Corvairs out one more time!

September Meeting from page 1

Here is the trivia question John asked (keep in mind that we met at Vitale's; 3868 West River Dr. in Comstock Park): How far did you have to drive from the current location of Vitale's to see a NASCAR race in 1951 or 1954? Look for the answer after the Clark's ad at the end of the newsletter.

Unfortunately, I was so concerned about getting the

question written down to print in the newsletter that I neglected to note who the winner was. So, congratulations to whoever won and my apologies for not getting your name in print.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING RECAP

The September board meeting was held at Pete's in Byron Center. It was a combination board meeting and convention planning meeting. In attendance were Paul Adams, Ryan Counterman, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Steve Ridderman and Dave Ziebarth.

Board Meeting

Color Tour

- Doug did a great job of planning
- Plan firmed up through e-mails
- May come up with a contest on the fly to give away a prize

October Meeting

- October 16 at Brann's
- Dave Dykwell will go over convention planning and responsibilities

Future Meetings

- November at Brann's; room is reserved
- No meeting in December
- January – April meetings will be at Brann's
 - Need to make 2013 reservations at October meeting
- Chili cook-off in February
 - Should determine a date in the next month or two so we can reserve the room at Rockford Ambulance

Tom Lannon

- Dave Dykwell had a meeting with former WMCC member Tom Lannon

- Tom was a convention chairman in 1986
- Tom gave a box of memorabilia to Dave to give to the club
- Tom also has a number of slides and Dave asked him to do a presentation at a future meeting and Tom agreed
- After some discussion we decided to schedule Tom for the November meeting

Convention Planning

Rally/Econorun Event

- Still discussion around on what to do about combining the events
- May have rally first now out to a given point then the econorun would start there
- Concern about giving adequate prep time and environment for econorun

People's Choice Show

- Discussion around format and possible alternative times

High Speed Event

- We have a contract from GingerMan that just needs some proofreading and a signature
- Ryan working on website for this event
- All payment will be made via check; no electronic registrations

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Answer to trivia question: About ¼ mile to the Grand Rapids Speedrome which was right behind the present location of Vitales.