

# LIFTER NOISE



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

## WHAT'S GOING ON

Things are starting to wind down for the year for the West Michigan Corvair Club.

Our monthly membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 PM. We will be at Brann's on Division. Former WMCC member Tom Lannon will be presenting a slide show of the 1986 CORSA International convention that was hosted by WMCC and took place in downtown Grand Rapids. It should be a fun time reminiscing for those who were there in 1986 and it should be entertaining as well for the newer members of the club.

Also there will be no election of officers at the November meeting this year. We are keeping our current slate of officers for another year to ensure continuity in the club while we plan the convention.

This month's board meeting will be on November 27 at Pete's in Byron Center. Start time is 6:30.

There will be no membership meeting in December.

## OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

On Tuesday, October 16 we held our monthly membership meeting. The venue for this meeting was Tommy Brann's. All WMCC members were stongly urged to attend as Dave Dykwell was planning on giving an update on the convention planning activities as well as soliciting for volunteers.

We did had a turnout of 19 people including a few faces that we haven't seen in a while. We also appreciate those attending that had to drive a great distance.

## WMCC CALENDAR

November 20 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
November 27 – WMCC Board Meeting  
January 15, 2013 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
January 29, 2013 – WMCC Board Meeting

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The rest of our winter membership meetings will be held at Brann's.

We are in the planning stages for the annual Chili Cook off! While we do not have a date firmed up yet, it will probably be one of the middle two Saturdays in February. Start researching those chili recipes now!

President Ryan Counterman started the meeting by just going over a quick outline of the events at the convention as well as a tentative schedule.

Convention Chairman Dave Dykwell then took over the meeting and went into some more detail.

Dave stressed that we will need heavy participation from the club membership to make this convention a success. The big jobs already have people volunteered to take them so we just need help at the events as well as in registration and other areas. You won't be tied to

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*October Meeting Recap from page 1*

working the whole convention; you will still have plenty of time to have fun and participate in any events that you are interested in. We could also use help from any friends and family members who would be interested. They don't have to be Corvair people, just people who want to help.

Dave also highlighted the other events happening around the convention. There will be a pre-convention event on Monday, July 15 which will be a high speed event at GingerMan Raceway. There will also be a post-convention event which will be an all 60's car display featuring the Corvair at Gilmore Car Museum. (Editor's note – this is now officially part of the convention as we have extended it a day to include July 20).

There was a brief discussion on how we could easily identify convention volunteers. At the 1986 convention, we all wore vests. Maybe we can resurrect that idea or everyone can wear a specific color t-shirt.

There was also talk about embracing social media the week of the convention to alert everyone about

updates to the schedule or just to remind everyone about events happening. For example we would send out a message saying "the tech session starts in 10 minutes".

We do have an official website for the convention ([vairiation2013.com](http://vairiation2013.com)) as well as a Facebook page and blog.

The committee coordinators are: Dave Ziebarth – Marketing (website, blog, press, tours), Doug Lectka – Operations, Dan Konkle – Moving Events, Ryan Counterman – Concours, Steve Ridderman – Activities (demos, tech sessions), John & Cathy Koning – Human Resources, Paul & Barb Adams – Registration, Bill Brenner – Security.

The takeaway from the meeting is think about what you want to do to help out for the convention. Wherever you decide you want to help, you can let Dave Dykwell or one of the coordinators listed above know.

## OCTOBER BOARD MEETING RECAP

The October board meeting was held at Pete's in Byron Center with the following board members in attendance: Steve Ridderman, Ryan Counterman, Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dave Ziebarth, Doug Lectka and Dan Konkle.

### *Old Business*

- Color Tour Recap
  - Only had six Corvairs show up
  - Weather was wet and cold so that contributed
  - Great route planned

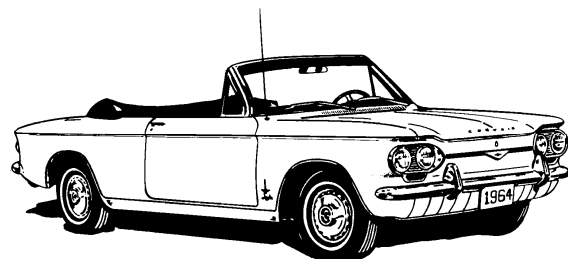
- Dinner at What Not Inn
- November Meeting
  - November 20 at Brann's
  - Tom Lannon presenting slide show of the 1986 convention
  - Dave Z. to see if John Cole is attending and can bring extra trophies from 1986 convention

### *New Business*

- No December Meeting

Please see *Board Meeting Recap* on page 5

*Come to the November meeting to see a slide show about the 1986 convention that was in G.R.*



## CONVENTION PLANNING UPDATE

by David Dykwell

We had a good showing at the General Membership Meeting in October where we focused our discussion on the Convention. Everyone in attendance received an overview of our goals, the plan, selected venue sites and the schedule. We discussed how we have broken down the various areas of responsibility down into manageable functions and announced who among our Club has agreed to coordinate those functions. We also discussed how the general membership (that's you) can help. Lastly, we asked for feedback and answered questions. I believe everyone left with a better understanding of what's in store for ... *A Vairiation in Kalamazoo 2013*.

Our friends from CORSA; Harry Jensen, Larry Claypool and Jason Cesana, will be visiting us December 7 through 9, staying at the Host Hotel. Ryan and myself plan to present the Convention Plan: schedule, contracts, sites and budget. I'm sure there be a tweak or two since these gentlemen have valuable suggestions on what works best. This will be our second time around with Harry and Larry so they are fully aware of our original bid and capabilities of our host site. We look forward to their visit so we can produce a refined plan, endorsement of ideas and required funding.

In my first article, I mentioned that the Plan was in place. Venues were selected and contracts negotiated. We now have Coordinators in place to manage our functional areas. By mid-December we'll have an endorsed, final plan. To make certain we have utilized all the resources available to us, your Convention Committee will also be meeting with the Board of the Detroit Area Corvair Club mid-January to share their experiences from 2010. It should be a Vairy good thing for us. Seeing their excitement and support for our Convention makes me warmer than a gas-powered heater.

Speaking of support, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to those who have agreed to step forward and be Coordinators. Truly appreciated. Our Club spirit is alive and well. At the October Meeting we had a good turn-out. But, frankly, I would like to see every member excited about what their own Club is doing and ready to step-up.

At this point, we need to put all the "finishing touches" to event contracts, catering and pricing so we can produce a more accurate Budget. Then we need to summarize all of



this into a Report that CORSA will review when they visit us in December. This duty will be mine and I look forward to putting the final paint on and sanding it smooth.

So, now is the time for finishing touches. Our Coordinators will be estimating what type of assistance they will need and looking for the volunteers. This is extremely important because I am talking about our Club members – you, your spouse, your family members or friends. As an example, for the Concours and the AutoX we'll need roughly 20 helpers. Registration and Hospitality will need a significant number of helpers throughout the week but the time span is stretched out. These are the heavy labor events and we NEED YOU. We all want our Convention to run smoothly so whether you volunteer to sign-up for a preferred assignment or a Coordinator asks or calls you directly, PLEASE say; "how can I help". As Kennedy said... "ask not what blah, blah blah.

NOTE: While we'll need every Club members to fill-in for more than one assignment, we still want everyone to ENJOY the Convention and not feel tied down or burdened.

At our November 20th Meeting, we welcome TOM LANNON, former WMCC President and 1986 Convention Co-Chair as our guest speaker. Tom will show a historical slide presentation of the '86 Convention in GR and share his perspectives on what it took to put together a very successful CORSA Convention. Please plan to attend and don't forget to bring the spouse, family member or friend.

## COLOR TOUR RECAP

Six Corvairs braved the chilly fall day on the first Saturday of October for our annual color tour. The hearty souls were Doug Lectka, Dave Ziebarth, Dan Konkle, Verne Metcalf, Mike and Ann Wildfong, and Bill and Liz Wright.

Even though it was overcast, there was still plenty of color to see. Doug took us over a scenic route down to the riverside area in downtown Allegan. We took a brief break there to enjoy cider and donuts. I say brief because it was chilly and it was starting to rain.



*Notice the convertibles have the tops up. Brrrr.*

After our refreshment break we continued on to Douglas where we participated in the Oktoberfest parade. As it turns out we weren't the only car club there as the Lakeshore Corvette Club was participating as well. However the Corvairs seemed to get more

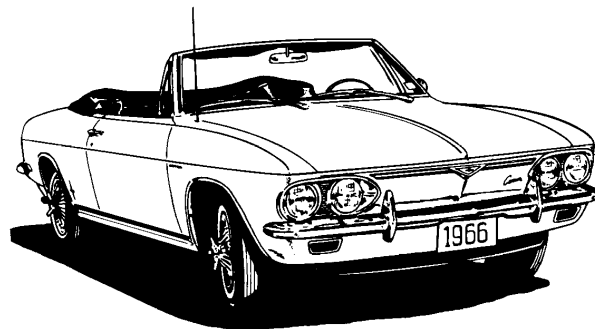


attention (at least we like to think so).

After the parade some of us went to the Oktoberfest festival while others went shopping around Douglas and Saugatuck.

We later met at What Not Inn for an early dinner where we were joined by Paul and Barb Adams as well as Doug's wife Becky.

Despite the chilly and sometimes wet weather, we all had a good time. Hopefully next year will be nicer.





## Board Meeting Recap from page 2

- Chili Cook-of
  - Will be held in February
  - Still plan on having it at Rockford Ambulance
  - Need ideas for entertainment
  - Need prizes
  - Looking for someone to coordinate the event
- January Meeting
  - Will be at Brann's on January 15

## Convention Planning

- Next planning meeting on 11/13 at Dave Ziebarth's
- CORSA reps coming 12/7 – 12/9
  - Dave Dykwell will be with them
  - Will be looking at the various venues
  - Reviewing schedule
  - Signing contracts
  - Will want a look at the budget
- Host hotel
  - There are some rooms left

- Not many left for the Saturday at the end of the convention
- Gilmore Update
  - Need to pay deposits to caterer, tent company, etc.
  - Received a can and can't do list from Spezia
  - July 20 show will officially be placed on Gilmore's schedule
  - Should be able to leverage marketing from Gilmore
  - Futurliner group planning their schedule for 2013 so we need to tell them we are confirmed
- Dates officially changed to 7/16 – 7/20
  - All 60's event will officially be part of convention
- Dave Z. to post update about hotels and their proximity to each other
- Need descriptions of positions from committee coordinators
- Need to start advertising the all 60's show with local clubs

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