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Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

WHAT'S GOING ON

Sorry for the lack of a January newsletter. I had good intentions of putting one together but time got away from me.

Coming up this month is our annual Chili Cook Off. The event will take place on Saturday, February 16 at 2:00 PM. The venue is the community room at Rockford Ambulance which is located at 8450 Shaner Ave. NE (corner of Shaner and 10 Mile Rd.). Back this year is the prize for best dessert along with prizes for best chili and best cornbread. Following dinner, John Cole will be presenting a slide show of the 1986 CORSA Convention that was hosted by WMCC in Grand Rapids. Get your recipes (and your stomachs) ready!

Note that there will be no Tuesday evening membership meeting this month because of the Chili Cook Off. March 19 will be the next Tuesday night meeting at Brann's.

JANUARY MEETING RECAP

On Tuesday, January 15 we held our monthly membership meeting. The venue for this meeting was Tommy Brann's.

We had a great turnout for a January meeting; we had 16 people at the meeting. There was also one Corvair in the parking lot; driven by John Koning.

There was no formal business meeting. President Ryan Counterman briefly talked about the Chili Cook Off and Convention Chairman Dave Dykwell gave a brief convention update.

Keith Vander Pol mentioned that his 1964 Monza Convertible is for sale. His desire is it to see it stay in

WMCC CALENDAR

February 16 – Chili Cook Off
February 26 – WMCC Board Meeting
March 19 – WMCC Membership Meeting
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April 16 – WMCC Membership Meeting
April 30 – WMCC Board Meeting

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This month's board meeting will be on February 27 at 6:30. Location is to be determined.

the club. It is a very nice car and would make a great addition to anyone's garage. Contact Keith and make him a fair offer and this car can be yours.

Our entertainment for the evening was a presentation by Ryan Counterman of his vacation out west. He and his wife Carolyn had a wedding to attend in Telluride, Colorado and thought they would drive on part of Route 66 on the way home. Ryan felt the only appropriate vehicle to take on Route 66 was a Corvair so they took the 1965 Sedan, also known as the Carevair. Included in the presentation were some pictures from Colorado (including a lot of snow on the Carevair) and a lot of photos from Route 66. They started the Route 66 portion of the trip in Santa Fe, New Mexico and made it

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almost to Chicago. They had to take the interstate back through parts of Illinois because they were under a time crunch. Here are a couple of photos from their trip that were in the presentation (I poached them from his Facebook page).



JANUARY BOARD MEETING RECAP

The January board meeting was held at Woody's in Wyoming with the following board members in attendance: Steve Ridderman, Ryan Counterman, Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dave Ziebarth, Doug Lectka and Dan Konkle. At the conclusion of the board meeting, a convention planning meeting was held with the WMCC board plus additional committee members Barb Adams, John Cole and John Koning.

Board Meeting

- Chili Cook Off Planning
 - John Cole is all set for the slide show
 - Dave Ziebarth to bring all of the disposables including the small bowls
 - Ryan and Dave Z. will bring extension cords and power strips
 - Dave Ziebarth to put a map and

*Bring your best chili,
cornbread and/or dessert
to the Chili Cook Off
on February 16!*

directions in the newsletter

- Other business
 - Start thinking about spring dust off ideas; really too early to pick a date
 - April meeting at Brann's

Convention Planning

- Need a flyer made for the Kalamazoo Swap Meet happening on 2/2
 - Dave Z. will come up with something quick
 - Steve Ridderman will make copies and distribute
 - Brief discussion on what to include on flyer
- Radio Station
 - 100.9 WQXC
 - Will not be doing a live remote
 - Will play 60's music all day
 - Will heavily advertise our show
 - We will need to set something up at the show to broadcast the station

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

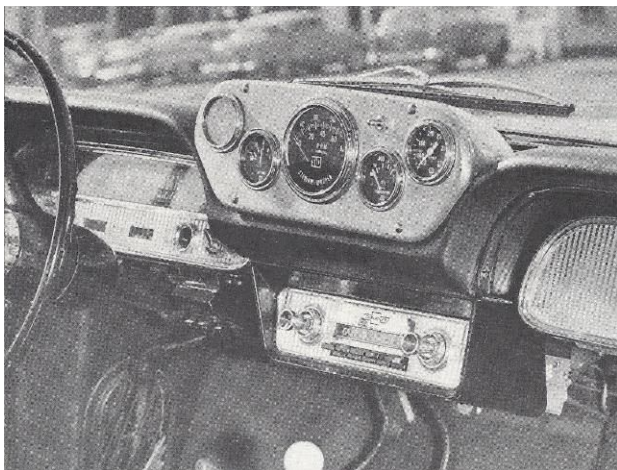
I was presented with a couple of catalogs by Dan Konkle at the January meeting. One was a small three page flyer from Eelco. The other was a larger 14-page catalog from Ropal Engineering. Both companies were based in California.

The Eelco catalog had a postmark from 1962 so it is rather old. One page features interior accessories from auxiliary gauges (for \$3.95 each) to shift boots to a cast aluminum console for \$39.95. The second page featured some exterior "dress up" items like headlight grilles (\$11.95 a pair), chrome lug nuts (\$4.95 for a set of four) and chrome hub covers (\$11.95 for a set of four). You could even order a Spyder nameplate for "a very distinctive custom touch" for \$2.50. The third page featured a number of performance items.

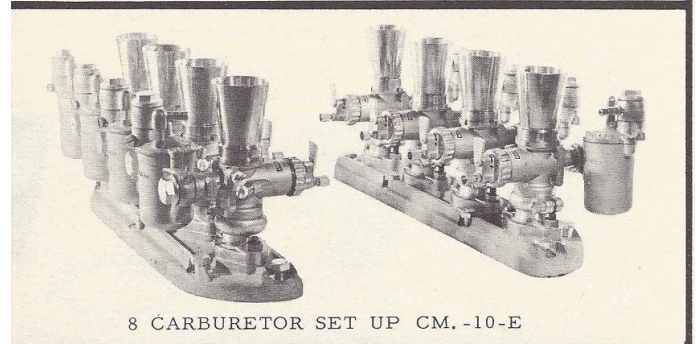
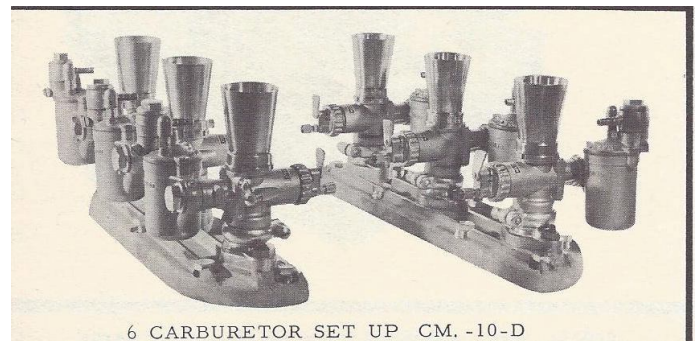


The Ropal catalog had no postmark or any indication as to how old it was. I'm guessing that it is from the 1960's since it just features parts for early model Corvairs.

This catalog features a similar assortment of interior and exterior accessories including a center console, auxiliary gauges, a custom steering wheel and quick fill type gas cap.



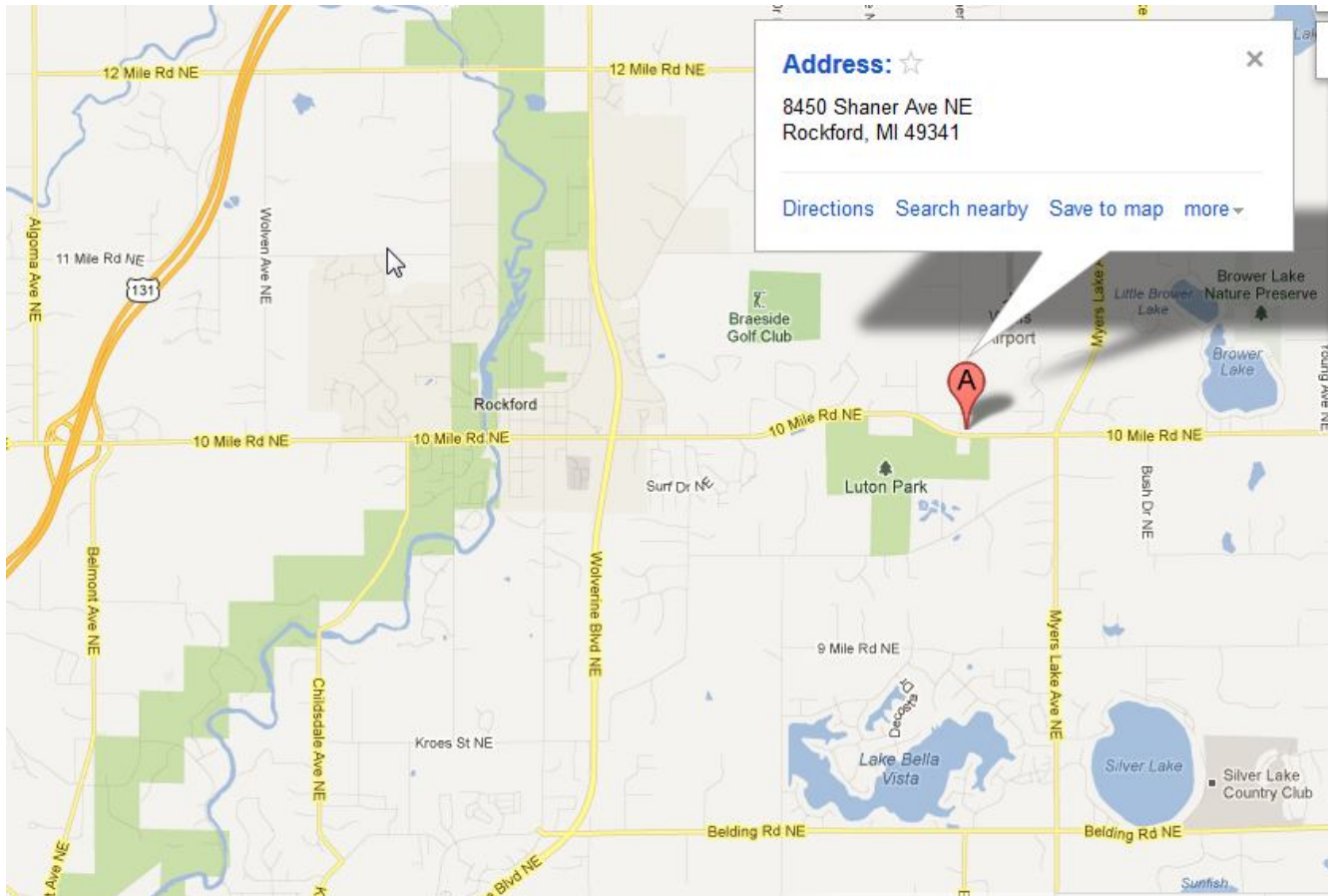
There was also quite an assortment of high performance parts. Look at this picture of a couple of different carb options.



If you want to see more, I have posted both complete catalogs on the club website. Go to <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter495/> and follow the links from the main page.

MAP TO ROCKFORD AMBULANCE

Rockford Ambulance is located at 8450 Shaner Ave. NE; right on the corner of Shaner Ave. and 10 Mile Road. The best way to get there is make your way to U.S. 131 and get off at 10 Mile Road (exit 97) and go east. You will pass Wolverine Boulevard before you come to it. It will be on the north side of 10 Mile Road. If you get to Myers Lake Ave., you've gone too far.



PARTS FOR SALE

WMCC member Gordon Tengen has a few parts for sale:

- Pair of new Ray Hatchell premium rebuilt 1966 carburetors. C/W vacuum pull offs. Part #7026023
- Distributor part #110311 for auto transmission C/W vacuum advance
- Rear bumper brackets and bolts
- Harmonic Balancer
- Four wire wheel covers
- Four brake drums – fronts complete with hub and bearings

Contact Gordon at (989) 772-5536 or suzieandgordo@charter.net

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- Banquet
 - Dave Dykwell is proposing moving the banquet to the Air Zoo from the Gilmore Car Museum
 - There is less risk related to the weather and attendance; banquet would be inside
 - Air Zoo is a lot closer to host hotel
 - It is more cost effective
 - They will take care of the bar; there will be no need to sell drink tickets ahead of time which was going to be a big headache
 - A vote was taken and the proposal passed (not without some debate however)
- Saturday Car Display
 - Hagerty Insurance is sponsoring the Saturday Car Display
 - They will have a table at the show
 - There was some debate on how to use the sponsorship money; no consensus was reached
- There was also some debate around how the spectators (convention attendees who did not drive a Corvair) are going to be admitted to the Saturday car display; no consensus was reached
- Decision was made to cancel the Futurliner; it doesn't really fit with the 60's theme
- Registration
 - Officially opens with the publication of the April *Communique*
- Banquet for kids
 - The idea was floated about having a separate banquet/party for the kids
 - Could be cost effective for the parents
 - Would be a pizza party with some games
 - The big concern would be hiring professional care; we would not be able to pull this off without professional care
 - Probably would not be cost effective for us
- Plans for each area of responsibility were discussed; did not finish
- Next meeting planned for February 12

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