

# Lifter Noise



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

## What's Going On

Our next event is the annual chili cook off that will take place on Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 PM. The location is the community room at Rockford Ambulance which is located at 8450 Shaner Ave. NE (the northeast corner of 10 Mile Road and Shaner Ave.). We will have prizes for the best chili, best cornbread and best dessert. Once the judging is complete, we'll enjoy a recap of the 2013 convention as well as play a game for more prizes.

Our next regular membership meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18 at Hilliards Bar at 6:30 PM. Be sure to wear green for St. Patrick's Day!

We are collecting dues for 2014. Once again the dues are \$18 and can be paid at the chili cook off or March meeting. You can also mail your check to the club address listed in this newsletter.

The board of directors is in the process of planning our summer activities. One activity that is being planned is an overnight trip to the northern lower peninsula. This club has not had an overnight trip for some time. How many people would be interested? Please let a board

## January Meeting Recap

We had a pretty good turnout at our first meeting of 2014. 15 people made their way to Brann's on January 21 for our membership meeting.

Our president, Paul Adams, called to our attention that 2014 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the West Michigan Corvair Club. There was a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo in the January newsletter but Paul reported that it is still a work in progress.

## WMCC Calendar

February 15 – Chili Cook Off  
February 25 – WMCC Board Meeting  
March 18 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
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April 15 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
April 29 – WMCC Board Meeting

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member know if you are interested to help aid in planning. The tentative date is August 2.

If you helped volunteer at the convention, submit your registration form to Doug Lectka to get your reimbursed. You can send an electronic copy to Doug at [dlectka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlectka@sbcglobal.net) or mail it to 3415 Mistywood SE, Caledonia, MI 49316.

Our first activity of the year, the chili cook off, was highlighted. This will be the kick off activity for many that we plan for this year.

Dave Dykwell then gave a 2013 convention update. We received our check for our share of the profits which was \$6397.78! This was a similar profit to the last few conventions. It was also mentioned that if you

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## Our Logo

The logo of the West Michigan Corvair Club was designed by the Board of Directors in 1974. The two arced arrows are modeled after the "Turbo-Charged" emblem from a 1964 Spyder. The crest inside of the lower peninsula of Michigan is a Monza emblem (circa 1966 – 1969). The two dots represent Grand Rapids and Detroit. The official colors are silver for the arced arrows and lower peninsula, red for the circle inside of the arced arrows, and black for the lettering, Monza emblem, and the two dots.

It's received a few modifications during our other anniversary years. It's even appeared in a Christmas wreath! You can see these variations under the main logo to the right.



## GM Vehicle Information Kit

Several years ago one could contact Chevrolet and ask for a "Restoration Kit" for the year and model of Chevrolet you wanted. They would send you a package in the mail that measured about and about an inch thick, chock full of everything you wanted to know about your vehicle. When times got tough for GM, they discontinued the service due to the expense.

The kit is now available again. It's called a "Vehicle Information Kit" and is available at the GM Heritage website. Go to <http://gmheritagecenter.com/gm-heritage-archive/vehicle-informationkits.html> and select your vehicle and year. Agree to the terms and the kit will be downloaded to your computer in PDF format. It's the same information they used to send out in the mail. The kits are available for a plethora of GM cars including Corvairs. The information includes vehicle highlights, color codes, wheel/tire specs, complete

specs on engine, transmission, suspension, and other systems, standard equipment lists, options, trim packages, brake information, vehicle features, exterior/interior dimensions, engine options, and much more.

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*The Chili Cook Off is coming  
on February 15! Get those chili  
recipes perfected!*

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registered for the convention and helped out, submit your registration form to be reimbursed.

Our event at Gilmore Car Museum was then discussed. After some back and forth with Gilmore, we decided not to continue the All Sixties Show for a second year. It would have cost us a fair amount of money to put on and Gilmore would get all of the gate money. The board felt it was in the club's best interest to pass on putting on this show. There was some good news on the Gilmore front though: Dave Dykwell is on the agenda for the next

Gilmore board of directors meeting to discuss the possibility of having the Corvair Museum at Gilmore. Dave is working on a feasibility study as well as keeping CORSA in the loop.

The evening ended with everyone telling the group how they got into Corvairs. Reggie Stroebe had a picture of his brand new Corvair in the early 60's when he was in the military. John Cole still has his first Corvair that he purchased in 1984.

## January Board Meeting Recap

The January board meeting was held at Woody's in Wyoming. In attendance were Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Steve Ridderman and Dave Ziebarth. Ryan Counterman was in attendance as a guest.

### Chili Cook Off

- Discussion on what prizes to get
- Dave Ziebarth to put together PowerPoint presentation of convention photos
  - Ryan will contact Rick Norris about getting some of Rick's pictures
- Discussed various entertainment ideas before settling on one

### March Meeting

- March 18 at Hilliards Bar in Wayland
- Moving away from Brann's
- Trying other restaurants
- Start time is 6:30
- St. Patrick's Day theme
- Have everyone wear green

### April Meeting

- April 15 at Yellow Jacket Inn in West Olive
- Start time is 6:30

### Overnight Trip

- Some possibilities include
  - Petoskey/Harbor Springs/Cross Village
  - Frankenmuth
  - Ludington/Leelanau/Traverse City

- Higgins Lake/Houghton Lake
- Paw Paw/Niles/Dowagiac
- St. Ignace Car Show
- The Petoskey/Harbor Springs/Cross Village was chosen; the Tunnel of Trees should be a big draw
- Picking the weekend of August 2
- More planning to come

### May Events

- Spring Dust Off
- Membership meeting at Fricano's

### June Meeting

- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Fallasburg Park in Lowell
- June 7
- Club will provide cake
- More planning to come

### Other Activities

- A number of other ideas for events were bandied about

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo

- Some more designs were presented
- Decided to let the attendees at the chili cook off vote
- Will put on t-shirts and decals
- Looking to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a charitable donation
  - Ideas were presented but nothing was settled upon

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