

Lifter Noise



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

What's Going On

Our next regular membership meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15 at Yellow Jacket Inn at 6:30 PM. Yellow Jacket Inn is located at 12011 Lake Michigan Dr. in West Olive. File those tax returns then join us for our monthly meeting!

This is your final reminder to pay your dues for 2014. This will be your last newsletter if you have not yet paid. Dues are still \$18 and can be sent to the club address listed on the last page of this newsletter.

We are still working through a few ideas for the Spring Dust Off. I just put May 10 out there as a tentative date; but it could change based on what we decide to do.

Just a reminder that due to our overnight event scheduled for August 2 – 3, we will be moving our annual WMCC Car Display to June 14. We will still be at Gilmore Car Museum but it will now be part of the All Air Cooled Show.

March Meeting Recap

The March meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club was held at Hilliards Corner Lounge in Wayland on March 18. We had 11 members in attendance and Dan Konkle drove his Corvair.

The theme of the meeting was St. Patrick's Day since it was the day after St. Patrick's Day. A few of us wore our Irish themed shirts and Dan even wore a light up shamrock necklace. But we were all outdone by Dennis Willson who showed up in a kilt!

WMCC Calendar

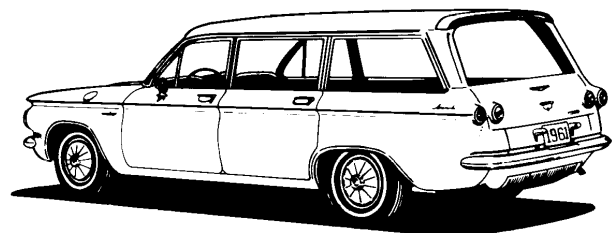
April 15 – WMCC Membership Meeting
April 29 – WMCC Board Meeting
May 10 – Tentative Date for Spring Dust Off
May 20 – WMCC Membership Meeting
May 27 – WMCC Board Meeting
June 14 – WMCC Car Display/All Air Cooled Show
August 2-3 – Summer Tour

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I will be posting some events in the next few weeks on the club website. There are a lot of shows out there and while we cannot attend them all as a club, I would encourage you to attend some on your own to promote the Corvair.

There was no business meeting. This was just an opportunity for us all to get together.



A Look Back

Ever since the West Michigan Corvair Club was formed 40 years ago in 1974, we've had one constant: getting out our cars and enjoying them as a group. We still turn heads when we have a big group of them together.

We've had a lot of fun over the years getting together for various activities. We still do the annual Spring Dust Off and the annual fall color tour. Those have been mainstays since 1974.



In the early years of the club, they enjoyed a lot of picnics, winery tours, and watching videos/films on Corvair topics.

Through the 1980's and the early 1990's the club was very active on the parade circuit. We would be regulars at the Grand Rapids Festival parade, the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival parade, an various homecoming parades just to name a few. We haven't been as active for the last few years other than the Douglas Oktoberfest parade in 2010 and 2012. We also paraded around Berlin Raceway between races

Other WMCC Facts:

- Became a chapter of CORSA in 1979
- Newsletter named *Lifter Noise* in 1987
- Club website launched in 1988
- Considered hosting CORSA convention in 1992 and 1995

a number of times in the 1970's, 1980's and 2000's.

Mall shows were also popular in the late 1970's and through the 1980's. We put on displays at Eastbrook Mall, Grand Village Mall and Rogers Plaza (see last month's newsletter for Rogers Plaza photos from 1983).



Other highlights include trips to GM plants in Grand Rapids and Lansing, a trip to the Henry Ford Museum, a trip to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, and a trip to the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg, PA.

We hosted the CORSA International Convention in 1986 in Grand Rapids and 2013 in Kalamazoo.

We started an annual car show in May of 1997 and even though it has moved around the calendar, it still goes on to this day.



I hope you enjoyed this brief trip down memory lane. I'll have more articles in future newsletters.

March Board Meeting Recap

The March board meeting was held at Woody's in Wyoming. In attendance were Paul Adams, John Cole, Dave Dykwell, Doug Lectka, Steve Ridderman and Dave Ziebarth.

Kevin Wilson Request for funds

- Kevin Wilson has spent quite a bit of his own money on historical films of the Corvair
- He is asking the Corvair community to make some monetary donations to help offset some cost
- There was some discussion if WMCC wants to donate some money to the cause
- Decision tabled pending further discussion

2016 Convention Assistance

- CORSA has a strong desire to have the 2016 convention in Springfield, Illinois
- The local club does not have the resources to pull it off
- Mike Hall has asked for help from our club in some capacity
 - We don't know if they need us to completely plan an event or just assist with volunteers
- If we need to plan an event it would require a lot of travel on our part and a lot of cost out of the club treasury
- The feeling is it would be difficult for us to run an event when we don't know the area and it is far away
- There is still a fair amount of "burnout" from the convention we just hosted
- Decision tabled pending further discussion

April Meeting

- April 15 at Yellow Jacket Inn in West Olive
- Dave Z. to send out reminder

Spring Dust Off

- Discussion on what to do
- Talked over Bob Muir's suggestion for the Grand Haven ribfest and then meeting at his cottage afterwards
 - The event would be on Memorial Day weekend and a lot of people have other plans for that weekend

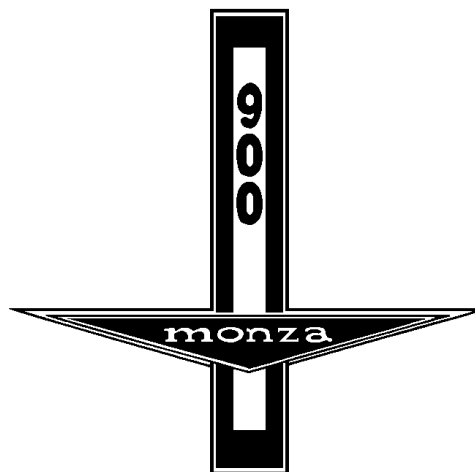
- Turnout would be low
- Decided that it would be an optional activity for the club
- Maybe have an activity the weekend before Memorial Day
 - Still would need a destination
 - Maple Syrup Festival in Vermontville a possibility
- There is a race at GingerMan on May 10 that the Leveque's will be running in
 - Plan a tour along Blue Star Highway and end up at the track to watch
 - This seems to be the favored idea

May Meeting

- Will be at Fricano's on May 20
- Doug will check to see if the Caledonia location will be open by then; if so the meeting will be there otherwise it will be at the Alpine location

Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival

- Dave Dykwell proposed making this a club event
- It is a very good show
- We would have our club together in a specific area
- Show kicks off the festival and is the last Sunday in July (July 27)
- Registration fee may be \$10
 - Further research by the editor showed a pre-registration fee of \$8 or \$10 day of show



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