

# Lifter Noise



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

## What's Going On

Our next event is the annual Spring Dust Off. That will take place on Saturday, May 10. The Grand Rapids and lakeshore contingent of the group will meet at Meijer on 54<sup>th</sup> St. and Clyde Park in Wyoming (5500 Clyde Park SW) at 1:00 PM. From there we will rally down to the Gun Lake Casino to meet up with the southern contingent at 1:30 PM. From there we will take a scenic route to Marshall. As of now the plan is to have dinner at Schuler's but the group may change their mind on the day of the event.

Our next regular membership meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20 at Fricano's on Alpine (5808 Alpine Ave. NW in Comstock Park). While the official meeting time is 6:30 PM, you are encouraged to get there earlier than that to get a spot in the parking lot. This is the first night of the Tuesday Cruise In so there will probably be quite a few cars.

Another optional activity for WMCC members to attend is the Grand Haven Rib Fest. Ribs start being served at 11:00 AM. WMCC member Bob Muir has invited us to his cottage afterward. If anyone is interested in meeting up, you can use the group e-mail list to coordinate a time. For directions to Bob's cottage, you can contact Bob at (616) 281-4280.

June is going to be a busy month for us as well. We have the annual car display on Saturday, June 14 at Gilmore Car Museum. Our regular membership meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17 and will be at the

## WMCC Calendar

- May 10 – Spring Dust Off
- May 20 – WMCC Membership Meeting
- May 27 – WMCC Board Meeting
- June 14 – WMCC Car Display/All Air Cooled Show
- June 17 – WMCC Membership Meeting
- June 24 – WMCC Board Meeting
- August 2-3 – Summer Tour

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home of WMCC member Marc Marcoulides. More information on these events will be in the June newsletter.

Don't forget about our northern Michigan tour on August 2 - 3. Plans are still being finalized but it should be a great weekend!

As many of you know, long time WMCC member Clifford "Pat" Murphy passed away in April. The West Michigan Corvair Club will be making a donation of \$50 to the Wounded Warrior Project in his memory.

## A Look Back

It was 17 years ago in May that we held an event for the first time and we've been holding it every year since.

On May 17, 1997 we held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual WMCC Car Display and Swap Meet. The idea for the event came about because the popular show in Bryan, Ohio was not going to happen that year. We thought it would be a good idea to capitalize on the "opening" in the schedule.



The venue for that first event was a pie-wedge shaped piece of property on M-43 in Bangor that was owned by Restorations Plus. There were 23 Corvairs there as well as a few parts vendors. All years except 1960 and 1969 were represented. Along with WMCC, the following clubs were there: Detroit, Michiana, and Mad Anthony.



It appears that we didn't have any people's choice

awards until the second year of the show. That was when we added an award for each class: early open, early closed, forward control, late open, and late closed. Restorations Plus hosted us again that second year.

For our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1999, we moved the event west on M-43 to the Don Cleveland Antique Auto Museum & Antique Shop. We continued to have it in May but it was moved to the end of the month. There were 20 Corvairs in attendance that year. However, the swap meet portion was losing steam as there was only one parts vendor and one toy vendor there. We stayed at this venue until 2001.



In 2002, we moved to the Gilmore Car Museum. We held the event in conjunction with the Red Barns Spectacular which is the first Saturday in August. Attendance remained steady with the Corvairs numbering in the high teens to low 20's until last year. We only had nine Corvairs in 2013; this was probably due to the convention being there just two weeks before.



This event is on the move again for 2014. The venue of the Gilmore Car Museum is staying the same, just the date is changing. We are now holding it in conjunction with the All Air Cooled Show on June 14. This event is a lot less crowded than the Red Barns Spectacular and should allow more enjoyment of the museum.

## April Board Meeting Recap

The April board meeting was held at Woody's in Wyoming. In attendance were Paul Adams, John Cole, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka and Steve Ridderman. Ryan Counterman and John Koning attended as guests.

### Spring Dust Off

- Meet at 1 PM at Meijer at 54<sup>th</sup> St. and Clyde Park
- Pick up another group at the Gun Lake Casino at 1:30 PM
- Drive to Marshall
- Have dinner in Marshall

### May Meeting

- Fricano's on May 20
  - Caledonia location if it is open
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is the Alpine location
  - *Determined Caledonia location is not open so it is at the Alpine location*

### June Meeting

- Will be on June 17
- Will be hosted by Marc Marcoulides

### July Events

- Possible 4<sup>th</sup> of July activity at Doug Lectka's cottage near Hastings
- Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Car Show on July 27 at 7:30 AM
- July meeting
  - Club birthday party
  - Picnic at Fallasburg Park in Lowell
  - Date and time TBA

### Northern Tour

- August 2 - 3
- Still working through details
- Will announce itinerary in future newsletter

### August Meeting

- BBQ
  - Surprise chef
  - Date and location TBA

### September Event

- Apple and BBQ Festival Car Show
  - Silver Lake area (Hart)

- September 13

### Kevin Wilson Archive Project

- Was tabled from last month
- It was determined that it is a worthy cause
- WMCC will donate \$250

### Pat Murphy Memorial

- WMCC will donate \$50 to the Wounded Warrior Project in Pat's memory

## April Meeting Recap

Our April meeting was held at the Yellow Jacket Inn on April 15. We had a great turnout with 17 people in attendance.

With so many people there, we were spread out over a few tables so it was difficult to have a meeting. I think people just enjoyed the fellowship and didn't seem too bothered that we couldn't discuss club business.



Steve Ridderman and John Cole play some tunes at the 2002 Car Display At Gilmore Car Museum.



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