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# Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

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## What's Going On

We have two events happening within days of each other in June.

First up is the WMCC Car Display which is moving to June. It will now be held in conjunction with the All Air Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday, June 14. The event starts at 9 AM and there is an admission fee of \$10 per person. For those interested in rallying from Grand Rapids, we will be meeting at the Burger King on Broadmoor near 52<sup>nd</sup> St. We will be leaving at 8 AM so if you want breakfast, get there a little earlier. There will be People's Choice awards for the Corvairs.

Then on Tuesday, June 17 we will be holding our regular membership meeting. The meeting will be at the home of WMCC member Marc Marcoulides. Marc's address is 1782 104th Ave, Otsego, MI 49078. Start time is 6:30 PM. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. For entertainment we will have a cornhole game as well as a fan belt toss.

Coming in July is the West Michigan Corvair Club 40<sup>th</sup>

# May Meeting Recap

The May meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club was held at Fricano's on Alpine on May 20. This was the first night of the weekly Tuesday cruise night at Fricano's. The threat of bad weather kept the numbers down but there was still a good showing of cars.

We had six Corvairs from WMCC members along with a seventh Corvair from an owner whose name I neglected to get. We had a total of 11 members and guests in attendance.

#### **WMCC Calendar**

June 14 – WMCC Car Display/All Air Cooled Show

June 17 – WMCC Membership Meeting

July 19 – WMCC Birthday Celebration

July 27 – Coast Guard Festival Car Show

August 2-3 – Summer Tour

August 16 – Tentative date for BBQ Challenge

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Birthday celebration! We will be holding a picnic in Fallasburg Park in Lowell. Look for more details in the July edition of *Lifter Noise*.

This is your last chance to RSVP for the summer overnighter taking place on August 2 – 3. So far we have 10 couples participating but we have room for more! See the itinerary below.



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# **Spring Dust Off Recap**

Text and photos courtesy of Paul and Barb Adams

On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, a small group of Club Members took part in our annual Spring Dust Off. We had a beautiful day, sunny, but not quite warm enough to put the tops down.



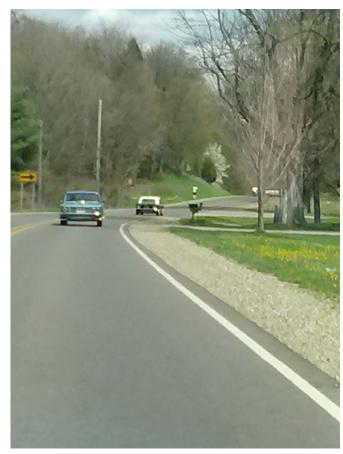
We began in Grand Rapids with Dan Konkle, Reggie Stroebe, and Bill Wright motoring south on 131 to the Gun Lake Casino. There we picked up Marc and Sandy Marcoulides, Paul and Barb Adams, and Dave and Marilyn Dykwell.

From there, we headed east on M-179 past Gun Lake and into Hastings where we picked up Doug and Becky Lectka. Now it was south on M-37 into Battle Creek where we turned east again on back roads into Marshall.

Don't forget to RSVP to Dave Dykwell for the summer overnight trip being planned for August 2 – 3!



We had an early dinner at Dark Horse Brewing Company. We were lucky enough to get 2 tables together on the Patio where we had good food, good conversation and one of the nicest "Spring Days" this year.



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# May Board Meeting Recap

The May board meeting was held at Woody's in Wyoming. In attendance were Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka and Dave Ziebarth. Guests in attendance were Ryan Counterman and Marc Marcoulides.

#### Air Cooled Show

- All set for June 14
- Those interested in rallying should meet at the Broadmoor Burger King by 8 AM
- This replaces the August Red Barns Show on our schedule
- There will be people's choice awards

#### June Meeting at Marc's house

- June 17
- Decided to provide pizza and pop for those attending
- Marc was there to discuss meeting details
- We estimate 12 15 people will attend
- Entertainment ideas were discussed
  - o Dave Z. will bring cornhole boards
  - Will also try a fan belt toss

#### July event

- Club birthday celebration at Fallasburg Park in Lowell
- Saturday picnic
- July 19
- Will replace regular Tuesday meeting
- Club will provide meat to grill
- Everyone should bring a dish to pass
- Club to provide a dessert; probably a birthday cake
- Will need to determine a meeting place and time and a scenic route to the park

#### Other July Activity

- Coast Guard Festival Car Show on July 27
- There is also a car show at Resurrection Life Church in Byron Center that afternoon

#### **August Tour**

- August 2 3
- Dave D. is having issues finding a block of rooms in the Petosky/Harbor Springs/Cross Village area
- He said that Mackinaw City is an option; there

#### are rooms available there

- o Will probably be around \$100 for the night
- o The group felt that this was acceptable
- 10 couples confirmed
- Dave Z. to publish one last message in the newsletter with a deadline to confirm
- Meet at Fricano's on Alpine and leave at 8 AM

#### **August Meeting**

- Chicken BBQ?
- Saturday, August 16
- Need someone to man the grill
- Or we could have people grill their own food
- Or we could turn it into a wing cook off
- The club could provide the side dishes cole slaw, potato salad, etc.
- Board will study this idea a little more

#### Fall Meetings

- Do we want to go back to Brann's?
- The general feeling is no
- It's hard to find a room that they have where we can have a meaningful meeting
- The board members will investigate other possibilities around the area



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### WMCC SUMMER OVERNIGHTER 2014

### CRUISE'N NORTH - AUGUST 2 & 3

## By Dave Dykwell

Summary: Technically, it could be the First Annual WM Corvair Club Overnight Outing since no one can remember the last one. This year we'll be taking a leisurely drive Up North featuring the infamous "TUNNEL OF TREES" to Cross Village. After lunch at the LEGS INN, we'll continue to Mackinaw City for lodging, shopping and dining. While in Mackinaw, we'll have a group Dinner at AUDIE'S! On Sunday morning we'll head South for a trip around Mullet/Burt Lake/Indian River area and back home. To start our outing, we'll rally at Fricano's on Alpine and leave promptly at 8:00am. Plan is to arrive in Cross Village for lunch at 1:30pm and Mackinaw City at 4:00pm. We'll leave Mackinaw the next morning at 9:00am, stopping for lunch somewhere along the route, and should be back in Grand Rapids at roughly 4:00pm.

<u>The Route:</u> Due to the distance, nature of secondary roads and traffic it will be difficult for everyone to stay together. So, to help, everyone will be given a detailed MAP and written directions. Once in Harbor Springs, we'll stop and wait for everyone to catch-up before we proceed up the Tunnel of Trees ending at Cross Village. Our route will be entirely on secondary roads (no four-lane highways or gravel). Our route will include M 37, US 31, M 22, M 72 and M 55. Beside the proverbial "pit-stop", we'll have to stop at various spots along the way for picture taking opportunities. If you see a group of Vair's, stop and get out the camera.

<u>Dining:</u> One of the highlights of our tour will be a stop at the LEGS INN at Cross Village where the Tunnel of Trees (M 119) ends. They are famous for their Polish-style food and beverages, but do offer typical American items including a variety of vegetarian items. Prices vary. Go to their website for more info: <a href="https://www.legsinn.com">www.legsinn.com</a>. Unfortunately, LEGS does not take reservations so we may have to split-up and sit where possible (deck, dining room or bar). For our <a href="https://group-Dinner">Group-Dinner</a>, reservations have been made at the best place in Mackinaw ... AUDIE'S at 8:00pm. We'll be in their semi-private Chippewa Room ordering off that menu. This is a family restaurant featuring fresh caught Whitefish dinners - an absolute must have! They also have plenty of other options (steaks, ribs, pasta and a planked vegetarian dinner). <a href="https://www.audies.com">www.audies.com</a>. Sunday morning our site-hotel will be serving a Free "full" Breakfast - however they define full.

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Lodging: Not sure what's happening up north during this particular week-end, but hotel rooms are non-existent and at a premium price! However, your host has managed to Book & Reserve a block of rooms (14 to be exact) at the AMERICA's BEST VALUE INN, Mackinaw City. Located south of town on old US Highway 31 this is a modest resort away from the downtown hustle, bustle and fudgies. Regular rack-rate was \$100. However, since we have tremendous buying power and drive Corvairs, your price for a Single-Queen Room is a superaffordable \$59.99 - and that includes breakfast! Small pets are welcome for an additional charge of \$10. Rooms will be as together as possible, 1st and 2nd levels, and we should be able to park the cars right by the doors. The site has a large Deck Area and they have offered their Breakfast Room should we want to use it. Check-in time is 4:00pm. Go to their website at <a href="https://www.abvimackinawcity.com">www.abvimackinawcity.com</a> for pics.

<u>Confirmation:</u> Due to the size of our group and having to make several reservations, <u>we must have a confirmation of your participation no later than</u> 6/30.

We simply can't over-book hotel rooms. Please send your confirmation, any special requests or simple questions directly to Dave Dykwell by calling (616) 583 9249 or email at <a href="mailto:dykwelld@gmail.com">dykwelld@gmail.com</a>. DO NOT contact the hotel directly.

The tentative names I have so far are:

Dave & Marilyn Dykwell
Ry & Carolyn Counterman
Doug & Becky Lectka
Paul & Barb Adams
Tom & Margie May

Reggie & Marilee Stroebe
Dan & Beth Konkle
Dave & Cheryl Ziebarth
Marc & Sandy Marcoulides (+dog)
John & Cathy Koning

NOTE: we have 14 rooms blocked so Please Join Us!

Each couple will be on their own in terms of restaurant tabs and a charge card when checking in at the hotel. If you don't want to eat at Legs Inn or want to venture off the route in search of lost treasures, go right ahead. If you want to skip our Group Dinner at Audies, please let Dave know when confirming.





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