

Lifter Noise



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

What's Going On

This month we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the West Michigan Corvair Club with a picnic at Fallasburg Park in Lowell. The picnic will take place on Saturday, July 19. We will be grilling brats and hot dogs and having an anniversary cake for dessert. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish to pass; suggestions from the board include potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, and baked beans. There will also be an opportunity to take a photo of your car on the historic covered bridge.

For those interested in rallying to the picnic, we will be meeting at the Burger King on West River Drive (4615 West River Dr NE) near 5/3 Park at 3:00 PM on July 19. We will take a scenic route from there to Lowell.

Another unofficial club event is taking place on Sunday, July 27. There is a car show at Resurrection Life Church in Byron Center at 3:30 PM. Those interested in rallying to the event can meet at Meijer on Clyde Park at 3 PM.

For those of you who plan on attending the overnight

June Recap

We had two events in June that gave us an opportunity to get our Corvairs out.

On June 14 was the All Air Cooled Car Show at Gilmore Car Museum. This show was open to all air cooled cars and there were plenty of Franklins, VW's, and Porsches along with our Corvairs. There was also a good selection of small European cars that drew a lot of attention. We had 14 Corvairs from our club in attendance along with seven other Corvairs including an UltraVan.

WMCC Calendar

- July 19 – 40th Anniversary Picnic
- July 27 – Resurrection Life Car Show
- July 29 – WMCC Board Meeting
- August 2-3 – Summer Tour
- August 19 – WMCC Membership Meeting
- August 26 – WMCC Board Meeting
- September 13 – Apple & BBQ Cook-off Festival
- September 30 – WMCC Board Meeting

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trip on August 2 – 3, Dave Dykwell needs a confirmation from you that you plan on attending. Even if you were one of the "confirmed" people listed in last month's newsletter, he still wants to hear from you. We've had a few cancellations so he needs a final head count. You can contact Dave at (616) 583-9249 or dykwelld@gmail.com.



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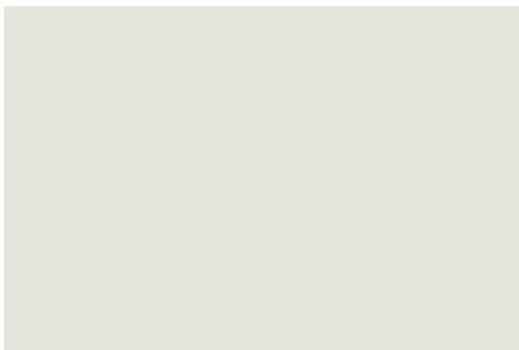
A Look Back

July is typically the month that the CORSA International Convention takes place. The West Michigan Corvair Club was "fortunate" enough to be able to host the convention on two occasions: July 30 – August 2, 1986 and July 16 – 20, 2013.



The 1986 convention took place in Grand Rapids. The host hotel was the Amway Grand Plaza and the Concours was held on Calder Plaza. It must have been quite a site to see all of those Corvairs parked around "La Grande Vitesse" (I have no pictures unfortunately). The autocross was held in a parking lot out at Grand Valley State College (now University). The Economy Run took a scenic course down to Gilmore Car Museum then over to Michigan Wine Country, the Fennville area. The convention chairman was Clifford "Pat" Murphy and the Cole Award winner was Bill Pursell of Madison, WI.

The 2013 convention took place in Kalamazoo and the surrounding area. We wanted this to be a little



different by spreading the events out away from the host hotel. The host hotel was the Four Points Sheraton. We had a great venue for the Concours and banquet, the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. The autocross was held at U.S. 131 Motorsports Park in Martin. Once again we utilized the Gilmore Car Museum by hosting the People's Choice Car Display there. The convention was chaired by David Dykwel and the Cole Award winner was Phil Raker from Lake City, Michigan.



As is typical of a convention in the Central Division, both 1986 and 2013 were well attended. There was a lot of hard work put in by members of the West Michigan Corvair Club (as well as other clubs that assisted) but in the end it was rewarding. There were a few bumps in the road but for the most part the conventions came off well.



We'll be recruiting volunteers someday for the 2040 Convention...

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Our other event in June was our monthly membership meeting that was held at the home of Marc Marcoulides in Otsego. We enjoyed pizza and fellowship and looking over Marc's old Chevrolet (sorry I forgot the year). Later in

June Board Meeting Recap

The June board meeting was held on Doug Leckta's pontoon on Algonquin Lake. In attendance were Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Leckta, and Dave Ziebarth.

40th Anniversary Picnic

- July 19 at Fallasburg Park in Lowell
- Club providing cake, brats, hot dogs, buns and condiments
- Doug can bring grill if he brings the Greenbrier
- Meeting place is the Burger King on West River Drive at 3 PM
- Have attendees bring a dish to pass
 - Cole slaw, potatoe salad, beans, etc.
- Dave Z. to bring cornhole boards and fan belts
- Can try to get photos of cars by bridge
- No Tuesday night July meeting

Overnight Trip

- Dave Dykwell said he needs confirmations from everyone who plans on attending; even those on the confirmed list in the June newsletter
- We need 10 couples to get the discounted room rate
- Restaurant reservations need to be finalized with correct head count
- Still meeting at Fricano's on Alpine at 8 AM on

the evening we tried our hand at a fan-belt toss with Dave Dykwell being declared the unofficial winner with two ringers. Ryan Counterman managed to get one ringer. Thank you to Marc and Sandy for hosting us!



August 2

August Meeting

- Discussion of ideas on what to do for an August meeting
- The original idea of having a BBQ was shelved
- We settled on having the club go to a West Michigan Whitecaps game.
- Dave Ziebarth to check on group rates before final decision is made

September Event

- We will be attending the Apple & BBQ Cook-off Festival in Hart on September 13
- There is a car show as part of the festivities
- More details to be worked out
- Looking into a possible event at Berlin Raceway as well for September

Color Tour

- Looking for ideas for a fall color tour
- Douglas no longer has their Oktoberfest parade
- Looking for another Oktoberfest celebration
- Maybe a riverboat cruise on the Grand River?
 - Might be too cold
- Dave Ziebarth and Doug Leckta to research possibilities

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