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What's Going On

We have two events planned for the month of September.

First up is the Apple & BBQ Cook-Off Festival Car Show on Saturday, September 13. This event takes place in Silver Lake (north of the state park). We will be meeting at the Meijer Gas Station, 3000 Walker Ave. NW, at 7 AM. We will leave shortly after 7 to make it in time to get good parking spots at the car show. The planned route is I-96 to U.S. 31 to the Hart exit (exit 149).

Our second event is our monthly membership meeting. We will be trying out a new place for our meeting: Jake's Bar and Grill, 1638 142nd Ave. in Dorr (just west of U.S. 131). There is a private room that we will be using. The meeting will be starting at 6:30 PM.

We have a date set for our color tour: Saturday, October 11. The route is still being planned but it will be a scenic drive through central Michigan. The colors should be excellent then. More details will appear in

August Meeting Recap

We have been very fortunate this summer with the weather cooperating for all of our events. Well, our luck had to eventually run out which it did for our August meeting.

WMCC members and their families (19 people total) braved a steady rain while attending a West Michigan Whitecaps game. However everyone came prepared with various rain gear and umbrellas and tried to stay as dry as possible. It was questionable if the game was even going to start but it did and the rains eventually

WMCC Calendar

September 13 – Apple & BBQ Cook-off Festival September 16 – WMCC Membership Meeting

September 30 – WMCC Board Meeting

October 11 – Color Tour

October 21 – WMCC Membership Meeting

October 28 - WMCC Board Meeting

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the October newsletter.

During our October meeting we will be holding nominations for positions on the board of directors. If you are interested in helping plan the club activities for 2015, feel free to nominate yourself!

let up about halfway through the game.



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Cruise Up North Recap

by Dave Dykwell

What a great Corvair outing – made to order weather and a terrific bunch for Corvair friends! A total of fourteen (14) WMCC members with six Vairs and one KIA (a want-to-be) met at Fricano's at 8:00am and left on our over-night journey to the Tunnel of Trees, Cross Village, Legs Inn and Mackinaw City.

We started off with the customary Starbucks and donuts - compliments of WMCC and our Treasurer who was kind enough to chase them down for us. After a slight delay in departure time do to an uncooperative alternator (hence the KIA), we enjoyed a beautiful cruise with lots of sun and temps in the high 70's since our route was basically by the big lake - perfect for the Verts in the crowd. Traffic was extremely light on a Saturday morning while we avoided the hustle and bustle of the Interstate on a planned/mapped route provided by Dave D. Beside the normal pit stops for gas and "the call", the group stayed together amazingly well. Surprising really, considering the distance and all the quaint two-bit towns that we drove through. We made it to Glen Harbor and the beginning of the Tunnel in five quick hours. Upon doing the Tunnel we arrived at Legs Inn with sufficient time to patiently wait for seating for 14 on the patio overlooking the Lake where we thoroughly enjoyed the warm summer sun, cool Lake breeze and authentic food and drink promptly delivered by a young smiling blonde waitress with designer sun glasses direct from Warsaw, Poland. Later, the group proceeded to Mackinaw City for our evening hotel destination with plenty of time to either rest up, site-see, shop or take a wrong turn. Refreshed from the road, we gathered again at Audies and enjoyed a later group dinner in the Chippewa Room

Thank you to Dave Dykwell for planning our overnight trip!

with a dedicated waitress and free appetizers. Fresh caught White Fish or Perch appeared to be the preferred entre, though I do recall a tenderloin being delivered, with a favorite local craft-brew aptly entitled "Horny Monk".

The next morning we all slept in a little then welcomed the complimentary Breakfast Bar. Afterward, several members decided to hit downtown for shopping, customary fudge and smoked fish. A few left to meet near-by relatives, hit the island or the road for a drive back. Whichever the choice, it was rare to be in Mackinaw with temps in the low 80's and bright blue sky.

Good fortune was had by all since I believe all Vairs made it up and back after departure from GR without one mishap or miss-fire after traveling over 700 miles. Overall, our over-night CRUISE UP NORTH turned out to be a great outing and will definitely be repeated in the future to another exciting destination. If you missed it, you missed a really good time to enjoy a Corvair Road Trip and the company of fellow member friends!



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Everyone that was there didn't let the weather dampen their spirits. We were treated to a pretty good game although the Whitecaps ended up losing 6 – 5. We even got to hear our group's name announced during the game!





August Board Meeting Recap

The August board meeting was held at Fricano's in Caledonia on August 26. We held it at Fricano's to see if it would be a suitable place for our membership meetings. Needless to say it fell short in more than one category. In attendance were Paul Adams, John Cole, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Steve Ridderman and Dave Ziebarth.

Apple & BBQ Festival

- Car show is at Silver Lake
- Registration is at 8 AM, show is at 10 AM
- Want to get there early to ensure a spot along the street
- Determined meeting place as Meijer gas station on Walker Ave. just off of I-96
- Meeting time 7 AM
- Will take I-96 to U.S. 31 to get there in good time

September Meeting

- September 16
- Dave Dykwell suggested Jake's Bar in Dorr; it just opened within the last month and they have a private room that we can use
- We can evaluate if we want to hold all of our winter meetings here
- Dave Dykwell will make reservation

Color Tour

- Dave Ziebarth couldn't find a festival to attend so he developed a route
 - Includes a couple of stops at farms and covered bridges
- Different dates were debated and we settled on October 11
- Dave Ziebarth will drive the route he laid out to make sure there are no issues
- Dave Dykwell suggested an alteration to the western leg of the route that Dave Z. wil look into

October Meeting

- Venue TBD; depends on how the September meeting goes at Jake's in Dorr
- Would like to have some kind of entertainment or speaker

Christmas Party

- Do we want to have a Christmas Party?
- Would like to tie in a donation to a charity
- December is usually too busy, may be better in January
- Another suggestion was a parts auction at the Chili Cook-Off with proceeds going to charity

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