

Lifter Noise



Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club

What's Going On

First up for the month of October is our annual color tour. This year it will take place on Saturday, October 11. We will be meeting at Pal's Diner, 6503 28th St. SE, between 10:30 AM and 10:45 AM (or earlier if you want breakfast at Pal's). We will be leaving promptly at 11 AM to start the tour. We will be touring through central Michigan with a stop at an orchard along the way. The day will conclude at 57 Brew Pub & Bistro in Greenville. The colors should be close to peaking on this date!

Next up is our monthly membership meeting. The venue will be Jake's Goodtime Bar and Grill, 1638 142nd Ave. in Dorr (just west of U.S. 131). This is where we held our September meeting and where we will hold our meetings through the winter. The meeting will be starting at 6:30 PM. We will have a trivia contest as well as nominations for club officers for 2015.

Please join me in welcoming a new member to the West Michigan Corvair Club, David Huhn! David and his wife Nancy live in Grand Rapids. Welcome to the

September Recap

We had two events in the month of September.

First up was the Apple & BBQ Festival near Silver Lake State Park in Mears. Your humble editor had planned on attending but a leaky fuel pump discovered the night before did not allow that to happen. So the following recap is lifted from what Paul Adams posted on the WMCC Facebook page.

Three Corvairs braved the cold and rainy trip to the Apple & BBQ Cook-Off Festival, at Silver Lake, this past

WMCC Calendar

October 11 – Color Tour
October 21 – WMCC Membership Meeting
October 28 – WMCC Board Meeting
November 18 – WMCC Membership Meeting
November 25 – WMCC Board Meeting

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club, David!

The board of directors is starting some tentative planning for our 2015 activities. We are in the process of putting together a survey for the membership to see what everyone would be interested in. More details coming soon.

Saturday. By noon the sun was out and it turned into a nice day. In one way or another, we were all winners. Dave Dykweld won a trophy with his 1965 CORSA. Jamie Reinhart won a nice sweat shirt as a door prize. I made the entire 260 mile round trip without an electrical system problem. It was a very nice event for all of us. Thanks to all the nice people who put it on.

We also held a membership meeting in September. We tried out a new venue, Jake's Goodtime Bar and Grill. There was an unspecified number of people in

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A Look Back

This month we take a look back at our favorite October activity – the annual color tour.

In 1974, the first year of the club, we toured down to the Wine Festival in Paw Paw. I could not find how many cars attended.

Throughout the rest of the 1970's, the club toured around the greater Grand Rapids area, usually ending up at Bob Laubsher's house. The club would provide hot dogs and apple cider and everyone would bring their own table service and a dish to pass. There was usually a pretty good showing of Corvairs during these years.

It appears that there were two color tours in 1980. WMCC held their own tour and then the following week WMCC and the Michiana Corvair Club had a combined color tour around southern Michigan and northern Indiana.

In the early 1980's, the ending point became Gerry Miske's cottage on Pine Island Lake. The club continued to provide hot dogs and cider with the attendees bringing a dish to pass.

1984 appears to be the first year where we invited the other car clubs from the West Michigan area. The meeting place was in Middleville and the tour covered Barry County.

The Detroit and Michiana clubs joined WMCC in 1986 for a tour around the Battle Creek area. There were over 20 Corvairs on display at Binder Park.



In 1987, Dan Konkle came up with a rally style tour. There was actually a contest where awards were handed out for first through third places. Unfortunately, the November newsletter from 1987 did not recap the tour so I do not know who won. Maybe Dan can regale us with a memory or two from this tour.

In 1990 we joined up with the West Michigan Pontiac-Oakland Club, West Michigan Mustang Club, and West Michigan Car Collectors Club for a color tour. We would continue to collaborate with the Pontiac club on the tours (with each club taking turns planning) through 1999. If I remember correctly, they were less than thrilled with the last tour we planned so we said to heck with them.

It looks like we took the year off in 2000; at least I cannot find any evidence that one was planned.

In 2001 we toured the Saugatuck area and were hosted by WMCC member Bill Klage. Bill had quite an extensive car collection in a barn just outside of Saugatuck that included Hudsons, Thunderbirds, MG's, Corvairs and even an Isetta.

In subsequent years, we toured various parts of western and southern Michigan on our color tours. One year we had a strange gourd contest.



The last few years we alternated between the Oktoberfest Parade in Douglas and the Oktoberfest Car Show in Pentwater.

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attendance and the new venue was well received. We plan on holding our monthly winter meetings at Jake's.



September Board Meeting Recap

The September board meeting was held at Woody's on September 30. In attendance were Paul Adams, John Cole, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, and Dave Ziebarth.

Color Tour

- October 11
- Leaving Pal's Diner at 11 AM
- Dinner at 57 Brew Pub & Bistro in Greenville at 4 PM

October Meeting

- October 21
- Jake's had a good reception for the September meeting so October will be there as well
- The remaining winter meetings (thru April) will be held at Jake's
- Paul has put together an auto and seasonal trivia contest

- We will also be holding nominations for board positions

November Meeting

- Election of new board members and officers

January Meeting

- No December meeting
- Will announce the member of the year for 2014

Membership Survey

- Paul has put together a preliminary survey to send to the members of WMCC
- Survey asks about 2014 activities and solicits ideas for 2015 activities
- There was a debate if we wanted to pass out a paper copy or have everyone fill it out electronically (SurveyMonkey.com)

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