

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

This month is the Zoup Off! The date is Saturday, March 14 at 2:00 PM. The venue is the community room at Rockford Ambulance, 8450 Shaner Ave. NE (corner of 10 Mile Road and Shaner Ave.).

Make sure you get your best soup recipe out as we will be giving prizes to the top two vote getters! We will also be having a dessert competition with prizes going to the top two vote getters. The best part of it all – we all get to be the judges! After the soup and desserts have been eaten, WMCC member Keith Martin will be presenting a history of the Corvair.

In April we will be back at Jake's Goodtime Bar and Grill in Dorr for our general membership meeting. The date for that is April 21.

We still have a few members who need to pay their dues for 2015. You can send a check made out to the West Michigan Corvair Club for \$18 to the address on the last page of this newsletter.

There is a write-up in this newsletter about some

February Meeting Recap

The February membership meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club was held on February 17 at Jake's Goodtime Bar & Grill in Door. We had 12 members in attendance.

After a very brief business meeting we held a guess the part contest. There were some very obscure parts that had the experts in our club scratching their heads. They ran the gamut from small switches for a high speed AC fan to parts from a gas heater. There was also a piece

WMCC Calendar

March 14 – Zoup Off (formerly the Chili Cook Off)
March 31 – WMCC Board Meeting
April 21 – WMCC Membership Meeting
April 28 – WMCC Board Meeting
May 14 – Meet the Makers in Ypsilanti
June 20 – All Air Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum

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Corvair related projects our members are working on. If you have a project you would like to share with the club, send me a message at zvair65@gmail.com. Otherwise I'll just stalk your Facebook page like I did for some of the content for this month.

of sheet metal that only someone with an early model that has no carpet in the interior would be able to identify. There were no easy parts like horn buttons or window cranks that your editor would have been able to discern.

The person who guessed the most parts correctly was Dave Teppo. Jamie Reinhart was a close second.

Around the Club

Even though it's been bitter cold this winter and most of our cars are in storage, that hasn't stopped a number of WMCC members from getting some work done on their Corvair projects.

Matt Peterson has been working on his engine. His latest project is rebuilding the turbo.



Dan Konkle is working on his 1963 Spyder convertible. He wanted to do some wiring harness work but the cold weather and dashboard paint were not cooperating so he is playing a waiting game.

Ryan Counterman continues to work on his V6 convertible project. He just finished fabricating some custom trailing arms.



He also is working on fitting the new tires and wheels.

He made some jack stands to hold the car at the desired ride height so he can test fit the suspension pieces with the new wheels.



Doug Lectka has been doing some suspension work on his Greenbrier. He has the front end back together now after shortening the ride height a wee bit. He is now working on taking care of some rust on one of his doors.

The WTF racing team has also been hard at work the last couple of Saturdays at their headquarters in Cedartucky. Both Sparky and the 38 Special need some TLC on the motors. Sparky is looking to be in good shape. However there are still some challenges with the 38 Special. Dan Konkle, AKA "The Corvair Whisperer", has been brought in to lend his expertise. The WTF team's goal is to have the cars ready for an early season race at GingerMan Raceway in April.

Norm Witte has been working on a new package shelf for his 1965 coupe that also includes some nice speakers. He has made some good progress.



Meet the Makers

As part of Corvair Appreciation Day on May 14, the Detroit Area Corvair Club will be presenting a unique event called "Meet the Makers".

"Meet the Makers" is a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet some of the dedicated workers, engineers, and GM car designers who worked on the Corvair. Special presentations, firsthand stories, displays of memorabilia including rarely seen sketches of proposed Corvair designs, and other unique events planned. There will also

be a car show and a raffle for a vintage Willow Run assembly jacket.

The location for this event is the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum, 100 E. Cross St., Ypsilanti.

For more information, contact (734) 482-5200 or corvailady@gmail.com.

February Board Meeting Recap

The board meeting was held at Woody's on February 24.

board meeting

Zoup Off

- March 14 at Rockford Ambulance
- First and second prizes will be awarded for soup and dessert
- Keith Martin will do a presentation on the history of the Corvair from the early 1960's to present

Survey Recap

- Spent time discussing the membership survey
- The ideas for more out of Grand Rapids meetings came out of this
- Also generated ideas for tech sessions and other optional activities

April Meeting

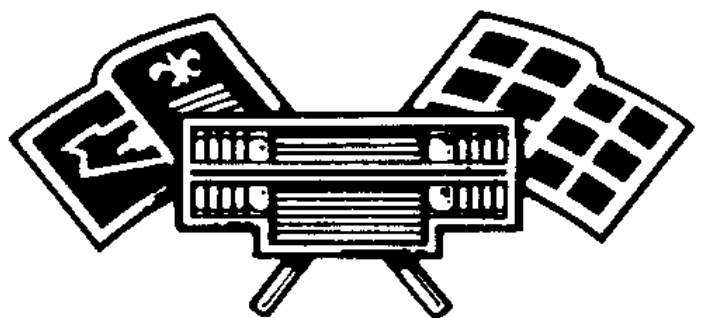
- April 21
- Last meeting at Jake's for the season
- May have bowling as an activity in the attached bowling alley

Spring Dust Off

- Started preliminary planning
- Possible car show in Coldwater
- Maybe just a scenic cruise ending near where we started

Other Activities

- Broad discussion for activities for the rest of the year
- Planning three or four hands on tech sessions
- Plan some meeting locations away from Grand Rapids
 - Lakeshore
 - North and South
- Working on a calendar of optional activities (outside of regular club meetings) that we can participate in as small groups or the entire club
- More dates will be locked in during the March



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