

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

We have a few events happening over the next month.

On Tuesday, July 7, we will be having a tech session on installing oil cooler gaskets. Start time is at 6:30 PM and it will take place at the home of Dave Dykwell, 4449 108th Street SW in Byron Center.

Our main event for the month of July is a chicken BBQ. John Koning will be the grill master, cooking up some tasty chicken halves. The club will provide the chicken and soda pop. We are asking everyone who attends to bring a dish to pass and any other beverages they may wish to drink. The date is Saturday, July 18 and the venue is the home of Ryan Counterman, 2315 18 Mile Rd. NE in Cedar Springs. You can start arriving around 2 PM with dinner being served around 4 PM.

The board meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 28.

On Saturday, August 1 we will be attending the Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum. We will be meeting at Burger King on Broadmoor near 52nd St. (5136 Broadmoor Ave. SE) at 7 AM.

Coming later in August is the Corvair Homecoming put

June Meeting Recap

Our June meeting was held at Fricano's in Muskegon. A few of us showed up a little early and got a table for 12. Then more people showed up so we added another table. Then even more people showed up and we added yet another table. We ended up having an excellent turnout of 17 people!

Fricano's was actually very busy on this night so we really did not have a business meeting. It was just a time of socializing and talking about our Corvairs.

WMCC Calendar

July 7 – Tech Session
July 18 – Chicken BBQ
July 28 – WMCC Board Meeting
August 1 – Red Barns Spectacular
August 18 – WMCC Membership Meeting
August 20 – 22 – Corvair Homecoming
August 25 – WMCC Board Meeting
September 19 – 20 – Overnight trip

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on by the Detroit Area Corvair Club and the All Chevy Show at Berger Chevrolet as part of the 28th St. Metro Cruise. They happen to be on the same weekend so you'll have to decide on where you want to go. I believe that we will have WMCC members at each event.

Look later in the newsletter for an update from Dave Dykwell regarding the overnight trip to Traverse City.

It was nice seeing Bill Wright at the meeting. As stated last month, Bill has been having some health issues. He is feeling better now but still not at 100%.

WMCC member Marc Marcoulides and his wife Sandy were at the meeting as well. This was probably their last meeting as they will now be living in California full time. We wish Marc and Sandy all the best!

All Air Cooled Show Recap

Four Corvairs met up at Burger King on Saturday, June 20 to head down to Gilmore Car Museum for the All Air Cooled Car Show. It was a nice sunny day; a perfect day for a car show.

As we made our way down to Gilmore Car Museum, we picked up three more Corvairs. The skies also went from blue to gray. By the time we arrived at Gilmore, we were wondering if we were going to stay dry.



When we arrived, there was only one other car on the show field, a Karmann Ghia. Shortly after we arrived, more cars started rolling in, including two Peels (tiny cars built on the Isle of Man).



A few more WMCC members eventually showed up. Steve Ridderman brought his Rampside and in the back was his Sears motorcycle. That garnered a lot of attention. It was even showcased on the walking tour that the organizers do to learn more about some of the unique vehicles in attendance. He also won a t-shirt!

In addition to our WMCC Corvairs, there were four others. That made a total of 15 Corvairs!



This was the first show for the Dykwell's new evening orchid coupe, Ethel and the first show for Sean Lectka as the owner of Ratso. This show was also the first time a lot of us saw Dan Konkle's early convertible that he is working on.



The Cadillac and Lincoln barns were open this year. They did a very nice job with those two museums. The Hudsons also have their own barn now; they moved into the barn where the Cadillacs were previously located.

The rain did hold off and everyone enjoyed the show and the museum. We're already looking forward to next year!

*The Chicken BBQ will be on
Saturday, July 18 at 2 PM!*

June Board Meeting Recap

The June board meeting took place on June 30 at Woody's with Jamie Reinhart, Doug Lectka, Steve Ridderman, Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Dave Ziebarth, and John Koning in attendance.

- July 7 tech session is on
 - At Dave Dykwell's house
- July 11 riverboat cruise is a no-go
- July 18 chicken BBQ
 - John Koning is the grillmaster
 - He has the grill
 - He is getting the chicken
 - Will be at the Countermans house
 - Club to provide chicken and soda pop
 - Everyone else should bring a dish to pass
 - John will work out the details with Ryan
- August 1 Red Barns Spectacular
 - Meeting at 7 AM at Burger King on

Broadmoor to rally down to Gilmore

- August 18 meeting is at Vitale's in Comstock Park
- August 22 All Chevy Show at Berger Chevrolet
 - 28th St. Metro Cruise is the same weekend as the Corvair Homecoming again
 - The admission fee has been lowered this year
 - Dave Dykwell will call Berger to see if he can arrange a space for us
- September over night trip update
 - Dave Dykwell reserved eight rooms
 - Members will need to call the hotel to reserve a room from that block
 - Wine tour on Saturday
 - Debate on what to do about Sunday
 - Maybe gather for breakfast and then let people go on their own
 - Dave will write up an update for the newsletter

Overnight Trip Update

Great news for those planning on participating in our overnight Traverse City Tour, we've managed to make the reservation process **EASIER** and the room rate **CHEAPER**.

West Michigan Corvair Club has a limited number of (10) rooms reserved in a Block – (7) King and (3) Double-Queen. These rooms will be released as members call-in their reservations. First call first reserved. Any unreserved rooms will be released from the CORVAIR Block after 7/31. So, you'll want to call before the end of the month. We've also made special arrangements for an unheard of Traverse City room-rate of only **\$84** plus tax, title and transfer when we book the entire block. Similar places run \$140 and more!

If you plan to participate, all you need to do is call the hotel directly. Tell them you wish to reserve a room under the CORVAIR BLOCK and supply them with your credit card. This will guarantee your room without a deposit. And, you can cancel your reservation without a fee if you call them within 48 hours of arrival. How could it be any easier or cheaper?

To summarize, we'll be visiting TRAVERSE CITY on September 19 & 20. We'll rally at Fricano's on Alpine for coffee & donuts then embark on a leisurely drive up

north on secondary paved roads. Once there, we'll have a group lunch at DON'S Classic Car Drive-In famous for burgers, clam baskets, grilled cheese on rye, curly fries and *Cherry Shakes*. After lunch, we'll check-in to our hotel just a few blocks away. At 1:30pm, we'll rally for our afternoon WINE TOUR along scenic Mission Point Peninsula – with several vineyards to choose from. After returning back to the hotel for a breather we'll follow that up with a later Group Dinner at either the Apache Trout Grill or Boone's at Long Lake. Sampling several micro-breweries downtown after dinner is optional.

On Sunday morning we'll have a Free Continental Breakfast. Or, you can hit the Sunrise Café close by or the original Flap Jack Shack (same owners). Finishing our Tour, we'll rally at the hotel at 10:30am (check-out) for a drive up M-22 to Sutton's Bay and over to Fishtown. There, you're "on your own" to enjoy unique shops, more tasting rooms, buy the best smoked fish or fudge and maybe have an ice cream cone.

So call or email Dave Dykwell at (616) 583-9249 / dykwelld@gmail.com to let him know you'll be coming THEN make your reservations by contacting the hotel directly: BOARDERS Inn & Suites (231) 938-1887.

Reservation deadline is July 31st. or sooner!

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