

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

This month our annual color tour will take place. The date is set for Saturday, October 24. We will be meeting at Shopko Hometown in Allegan around 11:15 AM and we plan on hitting the road at 11:30. We will be touring southwest Michigan with some stops for wine tasting. We will also have a stop at a dairy bar and we will eventually end up in South Haven for dinner at Clementine's. Let's hope for favorable weather so we can get those Corvairs out one more time before they are put away for the winter. Even if you can't drive your Corvair, please join us anyway!

Shopko Hometown is located at 540 Jenner Drive (M-40). From the north, take U.S. 131 to M-222 and go west. Once you're in Allegan, go left on Cedar St. (M-89) and then take a right on Jenner (M-40). From the south take U.S. 131 north to M-89 and go west. Take a left on Jenner (M-40). From the Lakeshore area, make your way to M-40 and go south.

Note that there will be no regular Tuesday night meeting in October. The color tour will be our meeting for the month.

In November we will have our elections for board of directors at the membership meeting. There will be three open positions to fill.

September Meeting Recap

We had 10 people attend the September meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club. Dave Ziebarth was able to drive his Corvair after it spent the last month on jackstands. Bill Wright also drove his Corvair. Bill is recovering nicely from some health issues he had earlier this year. It's good to see him back at our meetings.

WMCC Calendar

October 24 – WMCC Color Tour
October 27 – WMCC Board Meeting
November 17 – WMCC Membership Meeting
November 24 – WMCC Board Meeting
December 5 – WMCC Holiday Party (tentative)
January 19 – WMCC Membership Meeting

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One correction from the August newsletter – I found out after the newsletter went out that we had a few WMCC members at the Corvair Homecoming in Plymouth. Matt Peterson was in attendance as well as Bill Wright. Bill even drove himself down in his Corvair which is good news.

Are you looking for classic car insurance? I just received a link to a Consumer Affairs article that compares different insurance companies. Companies that are specific to classic cars are included. Go to <http://www.consumeraffairs.com/insurance/car.html> to read more.

The meeting was held at Yellow Jacket Inn in West Olive.

After everyone had dinner, we held a trivia contest. Lyndon Johnson seemed to be a popular correct answer among the questions offered. John Cole was the winner and for his efforts he gets his name in the newsletter.

That One Night, in Traverse City

We had five Corvairs and a VW convertible meet up at Fricano's for our overnight trip to Traverse City. Unfortunately, the driver of the bug, Dan Konkle, could not continue on with us. After the coffee and donuts were consumed we hit the road.



We were debating on if it was going to rain or just stay cloudy. Well, some of us ended up finding out that our cars are not quite watertight. The skies opened up on us a few times but that didn't dampen our spirits!



We met up with the Tengens in their Corvair just outside of Cadillac and continued on to Don's in Traverse City. By the time we got there, we were more than ready for lunch!

After filling our bellies, we checked in to our hotel and topped off the gas tanks in preparation for an afternoon of wine tasting on the Old Mission Peninsula.

By this time the weather cleared up for us and it was a nice afternoon for a drive on the peninsula. There was a mix-up toward the end where some of the group

ended up at one winery and others ended up at a different one. Despite that it was a great afternoon.



After regrouping at the hotel, we drove on over to Boone's Long Lake Inn for dinner. After dinner some of us went back to the hotel and others met up at North Peak Brewing Company for a nitecap.



On Sunday, we went our separate ways. Some people drove along the lakeshore on their way home, some made the trip up M-22 to Northport and others hit some brewpubs on the way home.

A big thank you goes out to Dave Dykwell for organizing this event. This is a large undertaking with blocking hotel rooms, timing our stops so we stay somewhat on schedule, and planning the route. Everyone that participated had a great time!

September Board Meeting Recap

The September board meeting took place on August 25 at Woody's with board members Paul Adams, John Cole, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, and Dave Ziebarth in attendance.

Overnight Trip Recap

- Paul took the time to recap the overnight trip
- Everyone had fun and the trip was very well organized
- Thanked Dave Dykwell for organizing

Color Tour

- Dave Ziebarth gave an update
- Went over some final thoughts for the route
- Settled on which wineries to stop at
- Settled on other stop as well as place for dinner
- We will meet in Allegan and leave at 11:30
- Dave Dykwell suggested possibly meeting before that time for breakfast; couldn't really settle on anything definite so we thought that people can just plan on their own

Holiday Party

- Ideas for location, entertainment, etc.
- Scheduled for 11/14
 - Felt like it was a bad date due to hunting season
- Maybe 12/5 in the afternoon?
- Entire club would be invited
- A few possible venues were discussed
- Look into Rockford Ambulance
 - If this doesn't pan out, we will need to quickly find another site
- Do we want to cater or have everyone bring a dish to pass?
 - Food options in Rockford are limited
 - Cater in main dish and have everyone bring a side dish
- Doug Lectka suggested an idea for a contest – make a useful household item out of Corvair parts
 - A clock would be a good example

November Meeting

- Since the holiday party is moving to December, we need to plan a November membership meeting
- Will have it at Jake's in Dorr
- Will hold nominations and elections that night for club board of directors

January Meeting

- Would like to have the parts auction again
- Hopefully we can make the same arrangement with Jake's for the bigger room (the restaurant next door)

Corvair Ranch Open House

- May 15, 2016
- Paul wondered if this could be a possible club activity
- The board members present felt it was a good idea and all seemed interested in going



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