

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

Our event for the month of February is our annual Zoup Off! Get those recipes perfected to win valuable prizes!

The Zoup Off will take place on Saturday, February 13 at 3 PM (note the time change from what was previously published). It will be at the community room at Rockford Ambulance, 8450 Shaner Ave. NE in Rockford (corner of Shaner and 10 Mile Rd.). We will be judging each others soups and desserts with a winner in each category winning a prize. This is always a very fun (and filling) event.

Our March and April meetings will be back at Jake's in Dorr. We will be having a bowling party in April.

Planning is underway for our summer events. Once we firm up dates, we will publish them on the calendar. This month we have our club Christmas party on tap. An e-mail was sent out with the details but they are being reprinted here as well.

There are a couple of potential activities that we would like to gauge interest on. The first one is a trip to the Corvair Ranch in May. Look for the article later in the

January Meeting Recap

The January membership meeting had a good turnout of people but a low turnout of parts for the parts auction. After a brief agenda from President Dave Dykwell, the bidding commenced.

Bidding was a little slow to start but it eventually picked up and a few items ended up finding new homes.

WMCC Calendar

February 13 – Zoup Off
March 15 – WMCC Membership Meeting
April 19 – WMCC Membership Meeting
June 18 – 6th Annual Air-Cooled Gathering

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newsletter regarding this event and respond to Paul Adams. The other event would be a trip to Auburn, IN to visit the Auburn/Cord Museum. If there is interest in this, contact either Dave Dykwell or Dave Ziebarth.

We are collecting dues for 2016. The amount is still \$18 and can be mailed to the club address on this newsletter or brought to a meeting. We would like to get all of the dues collected by April.

The percent of money donated from the auction was \$21 and with the club match, made it \$42. Plus there was a surplus of convention shirts available for sale and that sale netted an additional \$20.

In total, \$62 will be donated to the West Michigan Food Bank.

From the President

I believe we're all in serious trouble now. Hillary Clinton is presumably the top Democratic candidate and the Republicans have no desire to nominate the richest man ever to run for the office. Can you imagine who would want to be in Trump's cabinet for the risk of hearing ... you're fired! Have we not learned that the Clinton's are, well, prone to fib a little? Just in case, Marilyn and I will be scoping out our possibilities for a position at the Iberostar Bravaro Beach Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic the first of May. Did you know that after our beloved friend Ralph ended his last run for the Presidency he was quoted as saying, "Only the super-rich can save us now." Could he be wrong again?

WMCC started off 2016 on a slow note. Our second annual Parts Auction, during the January General Meeting, only brought us five tables of goodies and the bidding was less than robust. However, the Club did manage to raise some needed cash for the West Michigan Food Bank. Along with our "match", any amount we donate will be appreciated. You can read about the numbers in the minutes.

The snow is nearly gone. The temperatures are up and down. And, it's raining to beat the band (thunder, lightning and beating rain). Spring will be here soon. So, break out of the rut and plan to participate in the annual Chili Cook-Off renamed: ZOUP-OFF ... because we're doing **SOUP** this year again. So bring your best crock-pot of award winning soup along with your most tempting dessert for your chance at unbelievably huge prizes – and extreme bragging rights. A general raffle for assorted goodies will also be held and we may just have added entertainment sure to do something for everyone. This will also be our February General Meeting, so let's have a good turn out!

I know a guy (so be careful) who is rather knowledgeable about the General's ways. He told me that GM is planning to bring back our favorite Pontiac's as "limited production" specialty sports vehicles. The concept would bring us a new Trans Am, GTO, G-8 and Grand Prix coupes with mega-horses to match the price

tags. It was a sad day for me when Pontiac was eliminated so I'm hoping my guy is right. Meanwhile, Toyota still tops GM and Honda has the most parts made and assembled in the US. And it all started with the Metropolitan so we can blame Chrysler.

At the February Board Meeting, we'll be discussing the remainder of our '16 Club Calendar. I strongly encourage anyone with an idea or a suggestion or even a maybe to let me know what it might be. If we include events that are of real interest we'll all be better for them as a Club. Take a minute, give it a thought and shoot me an email [addresses on last page].

I would like to leave you with a little piece I call Three Truth's and a Lie – in honor of Hiliary. Just pick out which one of the four statements about myself is bogus and submit your answer to Dave Z (email). At our ZOUP-OFF, Dave will draw the winning name from among all who submitted the right answer. Go ahead ...

- 1.) I've had my artwork displayed at the GR Art Museum.
- 2.) I'm a graduate of the Bobby Allison's School of NASCAR Racing.
- 3.) I once subbed for **Sneezy the Dwarf** at Disney World.
- 4.) I caught a Tarpon that was bigger than me after a two-hour fight.

Respectfully, Dave D.

January Board Meeting Recap

The January board meeting took place on January 26 at Woody's with board members Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Jamie Reinhart, and Dave Ziebarth in attendance.

January Meeting Recap

- Auction results
 - \$62 being donated to West Michigan Food Bank
 - Amount is down from last year
- There were not very many parts brought this year
- Do we want to continue it?
- Maybe move it to summer when people can get at their spare parts easier
- Could have it coincide with the summer BBQ event

Member of the Year for 2015

- Paul Adams kept track but did not tell us who won
- Will need to get the information from Paul and maybe announce the winner at the Zoup Off

February Event

- Zoup Off on February 13
- Rockford Ambulance at 2 PM
- Doug Lectka will coordinate
- Need prizes (Jamie will look into)
- Doug will contact Clark's for gift certificates
- Need ideas for entertainment
 - Maybe airplane game again?
 - Darts (using target and Velcro balls)

New Members

- We had two new members join recently

Corvair Ranch Trip

By Paul Adams

At a Board meeting a few months back, I mentioned going to the Corvair Ranch for their "Open House" in May 2016. There was quite a bit of interest then. I asked Dave to mention it at this months Board meeting, and there still seemed to be interest in going. It will be open to anyone who wants to go. If you have never been there, it is quite a place.

It will be a very quick trip, leaving on a Saturday May 14th

- Scott Olivier who we met at the Christmas Party
- Bernard and Chris Thompson who are from Traverse City
- Dave Dykwell suggested naming a new member coordinator; someone who could help new members become acclimated to the club

2016 Club Roster

- See if we can get the formatted file from Paul since he did a great job with it and it is a very readable format
- Update for 2016; wait until after April when final dues are collected
- Dave Z. will look into how to put it online but make it password protected

Activity Ideas

- WMCC did a bus trip down to Auburn/Cord Museum one year; would we like to do it again?
- Probably would rather drive our Corvairs instead of chartering a bus
- Dave Z. to put into newsletter to gauge interest
- Also put Corvair Ranch trip into newsletter to gauge interest
- Each board member should bring two ideas for activities to the February board meeting

Zoup Off

- Move start time to 3 PM
- Board can come in starting at 2 PM to set up
- Awards for 1st and 2nd place in both soup and dessert categories
- Looking for entertainment ideas
- Doug will work on something as event coordinator

(Drive Your Corvair Day) and visiting the Ranch and returning late Sunday. If you want to add an extra day on either side of the weekend, there is much to see and do in the Gettysburg area.

If you are interested in coming, let me know at or before the Zoup-off (Feb. 13th), and I will look into rooms and dining. My phone is [\(269\) 383-5969](tel:2693835969). My E-mail is Padams2607@aol.com.

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