

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM. Yes, it is true that Jake's is closing (on April 16 actually) but the bowling alley will still be open and we will be the last customers. The club will pick up the cost of shoe rental and two games; you will just need to pick up the cost of your food and beverages. The kitchen will still be open but it will be a limited menu. Jake's is/was located at 1638 142nd Ave. in Dorr.

Needless to say, we will be looking for a new venue for our fall and winter meetings.

Our May meeting will be on the 17th at Fricano's on Alpine at 6:30 PM.

Our annual Spring Dust Off will take place on Saturday, May 21. We will be taking a scenic drive to Lansing where we will be visiting the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum. After spending some time in the museum, we will take a very short drive over to Clara's, which was formerly a train depot, for an early dinner. We will be

March Meeting Recap

We had eleven members in attendance at the March meeting that was held at Jake's Goodtime Bar and Grill.

President Dave Dykwell presided over the meeting. The first order of business was discussing the calendar of events for 2016. There is a final draft that is going to be discussed at the March board meeting and published in the April newsletter. There will be official club events as well as a number of optional events listed.

The group was also asked if there was interest in returning to Bob's museum in Dorr. A resounding yes ensued. Dave Dykwell will look into a possible April or May date.

For new business, Dave discussed the April meeting.

WMCC Calendar

April 19 – WMCC Membership Meeting
April 26 – WMCC Board Meeting
May 17 – WMCC Membership Meeting
May 21 – Spring Dust Off
May 31 – WMCC Board Meeting
June 18 – 6th Annual Air-Cooled Gathering

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meeting at our customary spot – Burger King at 5136 Broadmoor Ave. SE in Kentwood – at noon.

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2016, this will be your last newsletter.

We had planned on coming back to Jake's for a pizza and bowling party however Jake's has been sold and will be closing at the end of March. The board will discuss our options and determine where the April meeting will be held.

Details for the Spring Dust Off were discussed – we will be taking a trip to the RE Olds Museum in Lansing. After a museum tour, we will have dinner nearby.

The Member of the Year award was also discussed. Dave mentioned that the winner will also have their 2017 WMCC membership paid for! The board will finalize any changes to the points system at the April board meeting.

From the President

By Dave Dykwell

Sometimes lessons-learned come really easy. Like in my last column. I inserted a new little quiz designed to keep readers interested - Truths and a Lie about myself. I even offered a prize for the person who guessed right. No one responded. Well, OK then. I guess I didn't have to worry about offending anyone about my Hillary and Trump comments after all. And, that's good, since I have plenty more!

Yes, Mabel, I do have *Spring Fever*. I even had visions of tooling around with my Spyder's top down the last 70 degree day. Man, the bikers were out in force. Time to get make sure that oil is changed, tires correctly inflated and fresh junk gas is inserted (Ethanol-free or race gas is suggested). It could be 70 again tomorrow. And, like I always told my kids ... "A well waxed car always runs better". You should really test that concept sometime, Dan.

Speaking of changes, as your President, I have developed a personal agenda goal of increasing participation in our Club by our many members. It's difficult to understand why a person would join a club and never do anything with it. I'm a true believer in the adage; the more you put in the more you get out. I'd love to see more people get more out of our Club. Even if it's only one or two more meetings or events this year, I encourage all of you to stretch a little. We

have a diverse group of really fun people plus several new members to meet and some new ideas. That's why I encouraged the Board to continue with our Member of the Year Award (MOY). It may sound "lame" to some, but so is Miss America.

Speaking of new ideas, we have several "optional events" listed in our 2016 Calendar. These are small and or simple. These could also become more interesting for the Club IF they had a person who could do a little more planning of details. For instance, Race Night or Vairs for Vets. Both could use a little help and neither would require tremendous effort. More people would get to know you better and you'd earn more valuable MOY Points! Remember, less is not always more.

Speaking of more, if you convert today's dollars (inflation index) to those in the late 60's, gas prices are actually cheaper today than the "good 'ol days" when 35 cents bought a gallon! IF you strip off the extra taxes we pay NOW, gas would be nearly FREE. So grab your coat Ethel, we're goin' for a Sunday ride!

Next month ... Chrome. What years, makes and models do YOU feel were the best of all time? Send me an email at dykwelld@gmail.com.

Respectfully, Dave D.

Member of the Year Award

This will be an award given annually to a member of the club who exhibits the greatest participation in promoting the Corvair hobby. The winner will be determined by the number of points they earn throughout the year. The award will consist of a certificate, a gift certificate to Clark's Corvair Parts, and have their WMCC membership paid for the following year.

Points are awarded as follows:

Attend a club event or meeting – 1 point
 Bring a visitor – 2 points
 Promote Corvairs at a non-Corvair activity – 3 points
 Sign up a new member – 5 points
 Write a *Communique* or *Lifter Noise* article – 5 points
 Run for WMCC Board – 10 points

Drive or ride in a Corvair – 1 point
 Provide meeting entertainment – 3 points
 Attend a Mini Convention – 4 points
 Plan an activity – 5 points
 Attend a CORSA Convention – 8 points

March Board Meeting Recap

The March board meeting took place on March 29 at Woody's with Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Bob Muir, and Dave Ziebarth in attendance.

Member of the Year

- Reviewed criteria that we used in 2014 and 2015
- Decided on the following changes:
 - Change the point value of attending a CORSA convention from five points to eight points
 - Change "Run for CORSA Board" to "Run for WMCC Board"
- We also debated removing the points for writing an article for the CORSA *Communique* or WMCC *Lifter Noise* but decided to leave it in
- Dave Ziebarth will publish points system in upcoming newsletter

Volunteer Opportunity

- We are trying to find an opportunity where we can volunteer as a club
- Bob Muir investigated the Adopt-a-Highway program which would seem to be a good fit for a car club
- We missed the deadline to apply for 2016; March 1 was the deadline
- Will keep in mind for 2017
- Dave Dykwell will follow up on signing us up for 2017 as well as if we can pick a specific section of highway or if we are assigned one

Summer Barbeque

- The date that was selected, July 16, is the same day as the last day of the convention
- Bob Muir will host at his cottage on Lake Michigan and is open to moving the date
- We will move it out a week to July 23
- Will need to get a couple of grills

April Meeting

- Jake's has been sold and will be closing; this was thought to put our April bowling activity in jeopardy
- Dave Ziebarth called High Mark Lanes to verify that they are still going to be open on April 19
- Jake's is closing on April 16, High Mark Lanes on April 19

- The kitchen will be open but it will be a limited menu
- We decided that we will go ahead and keep the meeting there and close out High Mark Lanes
- We decided that the club will pay for two games and shoe rental for everyone who attends
- Everyone who attends will buy their own food and beverages
- Dave Ziebarth to get the cost of bowling and shoe rental and report back to the board via e-mail
- *Addendum to board notes:*
 - *Shoe rental is \$2.50*
 - *Cost per game is \$3.50*

Overnight Trip

- Still working on destinations
- Ideas include:
 - Auburn/Cord Museum
 - Henry Ford Museum
 - Cedar Point
- Leaning toward Auburn/Cord Museum
- Would like to keep the drive relatively short; longer drives are harder for some people and may discourage participation
- Dave Dykwell will look more into Auburn

Spring Dust Off

- Reconfirmed the destination of the RE Olds Museum in Lansing
- Made some adjustments to the start time and dinner time
- Will meet at noon and have an early dinner at 3:30
- Does not take very long to tour museum
- Once dinner is over some people may hit a brewery or two
- Dave Dykwell suggested that we provide some alternate scenic routes home for those who may want to leave after dinner

Ideas for Events

- Dan was not able to attend the February board meeting so he shared a couple of his ideas for events with us at this meeting
- "Crankshafts and Beer" – meet at Ryan's to check crankshafts for cracks and drink beer
- "Flywheels and Beer" – same concept but work with flywheels

2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

APRIL BOWLING 4/19 Jake's/High Mark Lanes 6:30p

- General Meeting - Fun & Prizes
- Board Meeting 4/26 Woody's 6:30p

MAY General Meeting 5/17 Fricano's Alpine 6:30p

Club Activities: SPRING DUST OFF Sat. 5/21

RE Olds Museum & Dinner / Lansing

*Coordinator: Dave Z.

Optional: Berlin Raceway – Cars, Coney's & Craft Beer Night
Sat. 5/21 5:30p

- Board Meeting 5/31 Woody's 6:30p

JUNE General Meeting 6/21 CULVERS – Grand Haven 6p

Club Activities: All AIR-COOLED Show, Gilmore Sat. 6/18
Rally @ BK *FREE sandwiches, chips & drinks

Optional: WHITECAPS Night 6/?? 6p

- Board Meeting – 6/28 Woody's 6:30pm

JULY No General Meeting – see Picnic

Club Activities: SUMMER PICNIC CHICKEN BBQ Sat. 7/23 2p

Bob's Place on Lake Michigan

FREE food & drinks, prizes

*Coordinator: Bob M.

Optional: Race Night at BERLIN (Kalamazoo alt.) Sat. 7/02
Full Race, Fireworks, \$1 Beer

Coast Guard Festival Car Show - Sun. 7/31 7-2p

Pre-Registration Required by 7/10 (*Great Show!!!*)

- Board Meeting 7/26 Doug's Resort 6:30pm

AUGUST General Meeting SHOTS Comstock Park 8/16 6:30pm

Club Activities: BERGER ALL-CHEVY SHOW (Metro-Cruise)
Saturday, 8/27 7:30a

FREE sandwiches, pop & drinks

Optional: GILMORE RED BARNES Sat. 8/06
Chet Night at BERLIN Sat. 8/27 6p
\$1beer/dogs & fireworks

➤ Board Meeting 8/23 Woody's 6:30p

SEPTEMBER General Meeting BUNKER HILL 9/20 6:30p

Club Activities: OVERNIGHTER Location: TBD
Ford or Cord/Auburn Museum 9/17-18
Shippse Craft Festival 10/01
* Coordinator: Dave D.

Optional: ## Canadian Lakes Car Show Sun. 9/04
SILVER LK. Apple/BBQ Car Show Sat. 9/10 8a (Great Show!!!)
REZ Life Car Show Sun. 9/11 3p (Free/Great Show!)
Sunrise Church Car Show Sun. 9/11 8a

➤ Board Meeting 9/27 Woody's 6:30p

OCTOBER No General Meeting – see Color Tour

Club Activities: COLOR TOUR Sat. 10/8
*Coordinator: Jamie R.

Optional: CARDS NIGHT Sat. 10/22 Dykwell's 5p

➤ Board Meeting 10/25 Woody's 6:30p (no 10/31)

NOVEMBER General Meeting TBD 11/15 6:30pm
Elections

➤ Board Meeting 11/22 Woody's 6:30p

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY 12/10 Jamie's House 5:30p
No General Meeting or Board Meeting

You can also keep checking the events page on the club website at
<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter495/events.htm> as I will keep adding
events as I find them.

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