

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

August is a busy month for Corvair activities!

First up is our monthly membership meeting which will take place on Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at Cook's Drive In, 6874 Hammond Ave. SE in Caledonia (right off 68th St in Dutton).

The following week, August 23, we will be having a tech session on installing O rings on pushrod tubes. The tech session will be held at the home of Ryan Counterman, 2315 18 Mile Road in Cedar Springs and will start at 6:30 PM. If you've never done O rings and want to learn how, now is your chance! If you have done O rings, then we could use your help!

One other event this month that is not an official club event but is usually attended by a number of people from our club is the Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum. The show starts at 8 AM on Saturday, August 6. Just about everyone from the board of directors will not be able to attend but if there are others interested in meeting up and rallying to Gilmore together, meet at the Burger King on Broadmoor and 52nd St. at 7 AM.

Summer Picnic Recap

It doesn't get much better than a summer day on Lake Michigan. It's even better when you don't have to fight the crowds at a state park when you have your own private beach to swim from. That was the scene for our summer picnic on July 23. WMCC member Bob Muir was kind enough to host around 20 people at his Lake Michigan cottage in West Olive. Ryan Counterman grilled the chicken and everyone brought a dish to pass. A lot of us took advantage of the warm water in Lake Michigan to take a nice swim. The large deck on Bob's cottage was the perfect place to congregate to eat and watch the boats on the lake.

WMCC Calendar

August 6 – Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore
August 16 – WMCC Membership Meeting
August 23 – Tech Session
August 25 – 27 – Corvair Homecoming in Plymouth
August 27 – All GM Show at Berger Chevy
August 30 – WMCC Board Meeting
October 8 – 9 – WMCC Overnight Trip/Color Tour

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Also this month is the annual Corvair Homecoming put on by the Detroit Area Corvair Club on August 25 – 27. The host hotel is in Plymouth, Michigan. For more details, visit the DACC website at <http://detroitcorvairs.com/Homecoming2016.html>.



Thank you to Ryan Counterman for grilling the chicken and thank you to Bob Muir for being a gracious host.

From the President

By Dave Dykwell

What a perfect day! Sure it was hot, but the breezes coming off Lake Michigan combined with 75+ degree water were the absolute cure - exactly what you'd want during our Annual Summer Picnic. I believe twenty-two of us enjoyed ourselves immensely. On behalf of the Board, I'd like to thank Bob Muir for being a gracious Host by providing his beautiful lake-home, to Grill Master RY for providing us with delicious BBQ chicken and two special signature sauces, to Dave Z for providing excellent Support management, and to those who provided all the wonderful side dishes. I think we should have a "do-over" next year. What do you think?

Funny how these things happen - whenever you make plans. Unbeknownst to us, it seems that one of the biggest local "rivalry" games is being held in South Bend the same weekend as our planned Over-Night Trip. Yes, WMCC has been trumped (please excuse me) by Notre Dame and Michigan State. In fact, ND plays three home games in a row in September. So, every hotel from Dowagiac to Plymouth is booked solid for the month. Not to worry ... I submitted Plan B to your Board and it was unanimously approved.

This should prove to be a good one. In a nut shell, our Plan B Over-Night Trip destination will continue to be The *Studebaker National Museum*, followed by The *RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum* on Sunday. However, the NEW dates will be **October 8 and 9**. We will [combine] this excursion with our Annual Color Tour. Those wishing to do just the Tour can return home after lunch, while those on the Over-Night Trip will continue on to South Bend/Mishawaka. We'll be staying at the Country Inn & Suites, with a negotiated discount price. A block of only nine (9) rooms have been set aside for

us and we'll handle the reservations like last year ... easy peasy. So, change those dates in your calendar now and make plans to participate in another great Club Event. See separate 2016 Trip article for more detailed information. If you have any questions, please call, text or email me. NEW phone for Dave is (616) 885-3902 or dykwell@gmail.com.

Make sure you join us for our August General Meeting on the 16th. We're trying something NEW - a trip to Cook's Drive In in Dutton with a short walk to the Railtown Brewing Company. You can bring in your own food there.

Watch as well for a Tech Session to be held late August at RY's Garage. We'll be replacing the extremely tired original O-Rings on Marilyn's Monza. As they say; more hands make work lighter and lighter hands make more work. Or, simply come to just hang-out.

Have you ever noticed how when you're driving an older classic on the highway other drivers feel compelled to pass you no matter how fast you are going? Or, it could be the oil deposits accumulating on their windshield? Maybe new O-Rings will change that.

Respectfully, Dave D.

July Board Meeting Recap

The June board meeting took place on July 26 at Bunker Hill Chill & Grill with Dave Dykwell, Doug Lectka, Bob Muir, Jamie Reinhart, and Dave Ziebarth in attendance.

Whitecaps Game

- Nobody showed interest in the Whitecaps game group outing so it will not happen this year
- May try again next season

Coast Guard Festival

- Dave Dykwell will be there with 2 Corvairs
- Would like to have more attend
- Dave Ziebarth will send an e-mail reminder since the event happens before he'll have a newsletter out

August Meeting

- August 16 at Coney Island at 4606 S. Division
- Near the intersection of Montebello and Division
- We still need to determine if they are open for dinner; Dave Ziebarth will investigate
- Plan B will be meeting at Cook's in Dutton
 - *Editor's Note – we're going with Plan B*

Tech Session

- August 23 at Ryan's
- Will be doing O rings on Dave Dykwell's Monza Coupe

Overnight Trip

- No hotel rooms are available in South Bend/Elkhart during our planned weekend of September 17 – 18 due to Notre Dame football
- In fact, nothing is available in September
- Dave Dykwell suggested combining the overnight trip with the color tour and hold it on the weekend of October 8 – 9; the board agreed
- Dave Dykwell already booked rooms for that weekend just in case
- Studebaker Museum will be Saturday
- Those who do not want to stay overnight will drive home after the Studebaker Museum tour
- Dave Dykwell will put details in his president's column

September Meeting Ideas

- Looking for additional ideas for a September activity now that the overnight trip got pushed to October
- Attending a drive-in movie at the Getty Drive-in was an idea

August Board Meeting

- August 30 at Doug's cottage at 6:30 PM

Red Barns Spectacular

- Saturday, August 6 at 8 AM
- Not an official club event but usually well attended
- Most of the board members who would coordinate a meet-up place and time are not able to go
- Dave Dykwell suggested that whoever wants to go just coordinates a meet-up place and time among themselves (**Editor's note – I decided to use the place and time we used last year: 7 AM at Burger King on Broadmoor and 52nd St.**)

All GM Show at Berger

- Show starts at 8 AM on August 27
- Most of the board members will not be able to attend this show so we are leaving it up to whoever wants to attend to just show up on their own; we will not be coordinating a spot to park with Berger

Bunker Hill for a Meeting Venue?

- We met at Bunker Hill to evaluate it for a possible venue for our winter meetings
- They have a patio area that is enclosed and heated in the winter
- They are hesitant to push tables together to serve large parties so this is probably not a viable place to hold a meeting

Corvairs on the Prairie

By Paul and Barb Adams

The 46th CORSA Convention is now history. The Convention went very well and the Host Hotel was a great choice. The venue was large enough that all events except the Rally and Econorun were held onsite. We arrived while the autocross was in progress. Not the biggest course, but it looked to have a lot of challenges. It reminded me of the early days of CORSA, and looked like most drivers were out there having a blast. The best place to see the entire course was the Hospitality Suite on the 12th floor or the Outdoor Lounge one floor up. You needed binoculars there, but the overview was fantastic.



There were a lot of vendors both inside and outside. Inside vendors were in a large room which had enough room for all the vendors and about 8 show cars. As usual, Clark's occupied the largest area. What was nice was the fact that they didn't have to close early to set up for the banquet. There were a lot of vendors selling parts that I had not seen before. Outside there were some unusual parts for sale. Telescopic steering columns, speed warning speedometers, factory four way flashers, and one I had only read about. Sitting on a table, was a NEW 1965 Two Speaker, Three Knob, Stereo Multiplex. I think that was a nicer setup because you did not have to cut the doors to install it or add the riser to the rear shelf as in the 1966 and up cars.

The Car Display on Saturday had lots of beautiful cars. There was an unrestored, 1967 AMT Piranha, one of twelve hand built cars made by AMT, the model people.



It had a "vacuumformed" plastic body. Any one growing up in the sixties will remember the Matel Vac-u-Form and understand how the body was produced. Another car on display won the Long Distance Award. It was a 1969 Monza Convertible with the entire Air Injection Reactor intact and pulling a custom Corvair trailer. A very nice car.



And for the "Cave Man Lover's" a 1960 Monza , Crocus Cream with a beautiful green interior.



This was a well run Convention that will be remembered for all the nice cars and people who, as we know, put in countless hours to make it a memorable event. A big Thank you and Well Done to the members of the Prairie Capitol Corvair Association. We're looking forward to seeing our new and old friends next year in Independence MO.

WMCC 2016 Overnight Trip Summary

By Dave Dykwell

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9

Location: Studebaker National Museum & RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum

Plan: Combine the Annual Color Tour with the Overnighter. Those who only want to do the Tour can split off after lunch or some other point. Those who have planned to do our Overnight Trip continue to South Bend. MAPS will be supplied at Rally Point.

We will rally at the PILOT Station on 40th Ave. and I-196 [Holland Exit 49] at 8:30am. We start our drive south at 9 am. We stop at the *ROUND BARN PUBLIC HOUSE* in Baroda for an early lunch (11 am). Those doing the Overnighter continue. Next stop is the Studebaker Museum in downtown South Bend (1 pm). Total distance is roughly 110 miles or 2 ½ hours on as many secondary roads as possible. We take in the museum then rally back at the parking lot at (3:30 pm) to drive to Hotel for check-in (4 pm). After a freshen-up time, we rally in the lobby (5 pm) and drive to the Evil Czech Brewery or Bone Fish Grill for group dinner. Sunday morning, after breakfast, we rally in the lobby at (10:30 am) for our drive to the RV/MH Hall of Fame. Once at the museum, the group is "on their own" or can make varied plans for the return trip – beverage stops or early dinner.

We only have a block of nine (9) rooms reserved under Dykwell and WMCC. Rooms have been discounted to just \$90, from \$119, and includes a free breakfast. To reserve your room, simply call the hotel and supply your credit card. NOTE: rooms are limited so [Book Now!](#)

STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM

Address - 201 Chapin St., South Bend, IN 46601
 Parking entrance > 895 Thomas St.
 Phone - (574) 235-9474
 Admission - \$8 Adults / \$6.50 Seniors Sat. 10am – 5pm
 Lodging - Country Inn & Suites
 120 W University (574) 271-1700
 Dining - Evil Czech Brewery or Bonefish Grill

RV/MH HALL of FAME MUSEUM

Address - 21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart, IN > 20 minutes East
 Phone - (574) 293-2344
 Admission - \$10 Adults / \$8 Seniors 60+ Sun. 10am - 3pm

Optional: Hostetler's Hudson Museum, Shpshewana > 45 minutes East

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