

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

Even though the days are getting shorter and the weather is allegedly getting cooler, we still have a few events left before we put our cars away for the winter.

Our membership meeting in September will be on the 20th at Coney Island Drive In (4606 South Division). Start time is 6:30 PM.

There is an optional event for this month – The West Michigan Oktoberfest. There doesn't appear to be a car show associated with it but it is a good opportunity for us to get together and socialize. Dave Dykwell has more details later in this newsletter.

Rooms for the WMCC Overnighter/Color Tour are being booked but there are still some available! We are planning a trip to the Studebaker Museum in South Bend, IN as well as a trip to the RV Museum. The dates are October 8 – 9. Even if you don't want to be gone overnight, you can participate in the Saturday portion of it and drive home that night. Look for more details in the President's column from Dave Dykwell later in this newsletter.

August Events Recap

Our first event in August was the membership meeting on August 16. It was held at Cooks Drive In in Dutton and we had 17 people in attendance with eight Corvairs! It was a beautiful night to sit outside and feast on some hot dogs, root beer and ice cream!

After Cooks, some of us moved on across the street to Railtown Brewing Company to have some after dinner refreshments.

WMCC Calendar

September 20 – WMCC Membership Meeting
September 24 – Oktoberfest at John Ball Zoo
September 27 – WMCC Board Meeting
October 8 – 9 – WMCC Overnight Trip/Color Tour
October 25 – WMCC Board Meeting

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We will have elections for Board of Directors and club officers at the November meeting. If you know of someone who you would like to see on the board, this is the time to nominate them. If you feel the calling, feel free to nominate yourself! That's allowed.



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From the President

I truly appreciate the heart-felt sentiment from several members who were deeply concerned that Marilyn's Monza (aka Ethel) had a life-sucking oil leak. Rest assured, she's better now thanks to RY who graciously volunteered his lift and several other club members who assisted with the O-Ring surgery. The car took it like a champ, enduring the wrenching without any big surprises – save one overly obnoxious valve cover bolt - yielding yet another successful Tech session. If you happen to have any future Tech Session ideas let me know.

So far we've had a good response to our planned Over-Night Trip 2016. Several members have booked their rooms and participation looks favorable. If you missed the last newsletter, we're heading to the Studebaker National Museum, followed by The RV Hall of Fame Museum. Dates are October 8 and 9. We've combined this excursion with our Annual Color Tour. Those wishing to do just the Tour can return home after lunch or some other spot. We'll be staying at the Country Inn & Suites, with a discounted price of just \$90. At this point, there's only a few rooms available from our block so if you wish to participate and have not yet reserved a room, act now! Call **(574) 271-1700** for reservations. If you have any questions, please contact me at 885-3902 (dykwelld@gmail.com) or contact any Board member.

Unbelievable, it happened to me! The other day, I too, received a call from the IRS. Really. It was from a person who happened to have a very strong accent (I'm sure the IRS follows EEOC and hires lots of heavy Arabic speaking people). I was busy and the call took me by surprise. All I could do is start laughing hysterically. Begrudgingly, Hakeem hung-up. Sadly, in retrospect, I

missed a great opportunity to have some good fun. Next time I'll be ready. However, it reminds me how I am continually amazed by "who falls for that?". If YOU ever tried calling the IRS you'd know they don't call people. No one really works there. Computer letters and automated phones work far better than requiring payment in pre-paid Gift cards and exchange meetings in the Family Dollar parking lot. Today, it seems like the more unbelievable the scam the more successful. Reminds me of what a seasoned car salesman said to me as we stood there looking at one of the ugliest cars of the day – a '73 Chevelle four-door ..."They make one for every seat!"

Under good car shows to attend, add the Todd Wenzel of Hudsonville Show – mid-July. No entry fee, free grub from a gourmet Food Truck, free ice-cold Waters and free Ice Cream with sprinkles! This year, they even had WLAV there doing a live-remote. Considering it's a Chevy-Shop, they also gladly welcome Corvairs with open arms. Make a note of it for next year.

Regretfully, I missed the Red Barns once again. Still a little "miffed" about being charged \$20 to display a classic car in the show so that "daily- drivers" can spend just \$12 and see all the same stuff. Now that's a scam. Next year, I'm driving the Captiva and spending the \$8 savings on ice cream and beer.

Respectfully, Dave D.

Optional September Activity

By Dave Dykwelld

Come join your fellow club members and show off your new Tracht & Dirndls at this year's West Michigan OKTOBER FEST. This annual "family friendly" event is sponsored by the West Michigan Edelweiss Club and is held at the John Ball Park Zoo. The date is SATURDAY,

9/24, from 12:00 to 11:00pm. Admission is Free and the BEER TENT is \$5 pp. The Edelweiss Club and Harmony Hall will team-up to have several imported German beers, authentic food, music and games available. Don't forget to bring that unique Stein! Make plans now to join us. Questions ... ask any Board Member.

August Board Meeting Recap

The August board meeting took place on August 30 somewhere out on Algonquin Lake. In attendance were Ryan Counterman, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, and Bob Muir.

Leftover Convention Shirts

- Donate to Goodwill
- Bob Muir wants two small shirts

Possible September Activities

- Drive Ins
- Apple Fest in Silver Lake
 - Some members may attend
 - Dates are September 9 - 10
- New Dorr Brewery
- Mini Golf
- Optional activity – Oktoberfest at John Ball Park on September 24

September Membership Meeting

- Will have it at Coney Island on Division
- Need to verify that they will be open
- Ryan will do this

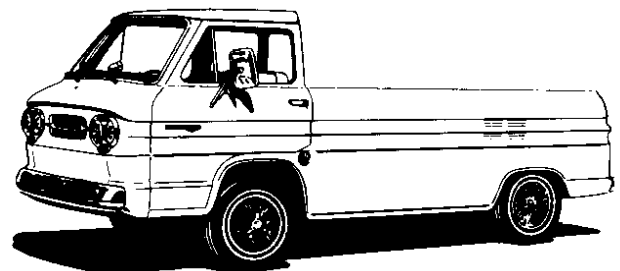
- *Editor's Note – Ryan verified that they will indeed be open*

Overnight Trip

- Dave Dykwell will write up a column for the newsletter

Attracting New Members

- Discussion on how to get new members into the club; specifically younger members
- We can attend more general shows
- Hand out literature that shows the values of being a member of the club



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The following week, we held a tech session at the home of Ryan Counterman. The object of the tech session was to replace the O rings on Ethel, Dave & Marilyn Dykwell's 1965 Monza Coupe. There was a good turnout for this session! If you have ideas for a future tech session, let one of the board members know!



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