

# Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



## What's Going On

It feels like the fall weather has finally arrived. That means we only have a few more opportunities to get our Corvairs out before we put them away for the winter (most of us anyway).

This month is the annual color tour and overnight trip. They have been combined into one fun event! However, you do not need to spend the night if you still want to participate. You can meet up with the group in the morning and follow the tour and break off anytime you desire. You can even go all the way to South Bend before returning home. For those who want to spend the night, there are still three rooms available in our block of rooms. Look for more details later in this newsletter, including how to reserve one of these rooms.

Note that due to the overnight trip, there will be no membership meeting this month. We will pick back up in November and we will have our annual elections then. We are in the process of looking for a venue for our winter meetings and we will have a decision made in time for the November meeting.

## September Meeting Recap

For our September meeting, we met at Coney Island Drive In on Division in Kentwood. We had a pretty good turnout of people and Corvairs. It was good to see long-time member Verne Metcalf and hopefully we can help him get one of his Corvairs going in the spring.

Coney Island was a Dog N Suds Drive Inn a long time ago. It was fun parking a few of our cars under the old canopy.

### WMCC Calendar

Oktober 8 – 9 – WMCC Overnight Trip/Color Tour  
Oktober 25 – WMCC Board Meeting  
November 15 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
November 29 – WMCC Board Meeting  
December 10 – WMCC Christmas Party

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We just found out at the September meeting that Verne Metcalf's wife, Barb, had passed away. We would like to extend our sympathies to Verne and his family.

WMCC charter member Rob Van Sledright passed away in late September. Rob was instrumental in organizing the club and he designed our club logo. Please keep Rob's family in your thoughts at this time.



## From Your *Lame-Duck* President

Before you know it, the Club will be on their way for our Annual Color Tour and Over Night Excursion [October 8 & 9]. Everything is looking good in terms of weather and fall color spectrum. IF you're on the fence and still thinking IF you should go – just do it, you'll have a good time! As of September 27, we still had three rooms remaining in our block. So, all you need to do is call Country Inn & Suites at **(574) 271-1700** and make a reservation in your name and card number – rooms under Dykwell/WMCC. If you have any questions please call, text or email me. My NEW phone number is (616) 885-3902 or dykwell@gmail.com.

With fall upon us winter will soon follow. That means the Club needs to make arrangements for our Winter Meetings location. Our options are SHOTS on West River and the newly renovated 5 LAKES Brewery in Dorr (fka Jake's Goodtime Bar & Grill). We're talking about our November, January, March and April meetings. Decision will be made at the October Board Meeting.

If you attended our last TECH Session at RY's in August, you'd know we had a good turn-out and a great time. Rated very worthwhile. So, your Board wants to keep these events going and winter should not stop us – RY's Repair is heated! Considering winter storage is a month away we have a good Bench idea for winter; Carb Rebuild Night. Pull your carbs, bring a Rebuild Kit and you'll receive hands-on assistance in doing it right. With today's gasket-eating Ethanol junk-gas you need to consider this as a routine maintenance requirement [highly recommended]. A few ideas for after winter storage (spring) include Dave Z's brakes, Scott's motor noise and Vern's road-ready prep job. Any other suggestions? Notice will go out when we have firm dates.

As another bright idea, you may have heard about the opening of the new New Holland Brewery built on Bridge Street – called the Knickerbocker. They're conducting tours of the brewery, distillery and gourmet kitchen – with obligatory FREE samples after you cough-up the \$15 Fee. Tours are also available during weeknights. Your Board thought it sounded like a

great experience and super way to "get in" to one of our area's newest high-quality establishments. So, we'll set and announce a date soon for this Optional Club Activity.

While I know we're all sick of both the *Witch* and the *Idiot*, we also need to consider our WMCC Board Elections also up this November. Nominees will be requested and your Club needs you since it works great when everybody does their part. A few of you will receive a personal call from your Board to consider. Or, if you wish to avoid "the call", speak-up and have your name added to the Ballot now. Nominees will be announced at our November General Meeting and then voting will take place.

Speaking of everyone doing their part, your Board has considered enrolling the Club as a sponsor of MDOT's Clean Roads initiative. Applications are due in March and you have a chance at requesting a desired stretch of available road. We do anticipate becoming a sponsor IF we can be assigned a stretch that would ensure adequate recognition. IF that happens, you'll have the glorious opportunity to be part of the Corvair Clean-Road Crew and wear a Hi-Viz Tee and Vest. Your bucket-list would not be complete without participation in this Club activity.

Respectfully, Dave D.



## September Board Meeting Recap

The September board meeting took place on September 27 at Woody's. In attendance were Ryan Counterman, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Bob Muir, Jamie Reinhart, Steve Ridderman, and Dave Ziebarth.

### Overnight Trip

- Three rooms left in our block
- Six registered couples
- Remaining rooms should be reserved by October 5
- Meeting place discussed; BP gas station on M-40 and I-196 at 8:30 AM; want to be on the road by 9 AM
- Dave Dykwell to provide another update in his President's column

### Winter Meetings

- Still evaluating our options
- Looking at 5 Lakes Brewing Company or Shots on the River
- Dave Dykwell will follow up with 5 Lakes to see if they'll be open for our November meeting

### Muskegon Oktoberfest

- Dave Dykwell brought up another possible optional activity
- Muskegon Oktoberfest September 30 – October 1
- \$15 per person
- Decided not to make this a club event due to the cost and that it is the week before the overnight

## Color Tour & Overnight Trip

Our annual color tour and overnight trip have been combined into one event this year! The tour will take place on October 8 – 9.

We will be meeting at the BP gas station near M-40 and I-196 in Holland (address is 762 Cabill Dr.) at 8:30 AM. We will leave shortly after 9 AM on a tour to South Bend where we will visit the Studebaker Museum (there is an admission fee of \$8 per person).

We will be staying at the Country Inn & Suites where we have a block of rooms reserved for \$90. There are only three rooms left. Call (574) 271-1700 and ask for one of the Dykwell/WMCC rooms. Whatever rooms are left will

trip and it would probably not be popular

- Also recapped the John Ball Oktoberfest (Dykwell, Lectkas and Ziebarth's went) and decided to put it on the calendar for next year

### Tech Session Recap

- Great turnout
- People were engaged and really enjoyed it
- Who's car is next?
  - Talked about a couple of possibilities
- We want to have another one
- Ryan is offering his shop, which is heated, for smaller projects
  - Carb rebuild tech session would be ideal

### Knickerbocker Tour

- Talked about an optional club event where we can tour the Knickerbocker (New Holland Brewery's new pub in Grand Rapids)
- \$15 per person with samples at the end
- Dave Ziebarth will research and report back to the board

### New Board Members

- Discussion trying to figure out how to get other people interested in running for board positions
- Discussed other club members who we thought would be interested
- Dave Dykwell will make personal phone calls asking them to consider running for the board

be released on October 5 so act fast if you are thinking about going.

On Sunday we will tour the RV/Motorhome Hall of Fame in Elkhart (there is an admission fee of \$10 per person). After that we will have a tour home.

Even if you don't want to spend the night in South Bend, don't let that deter you from participating. Just meet up in Holland and take part in as much of the tour as you want. You can even go to South Bend and drive home that night.

If you have any questions, you can contact Dave Dykwell at (616) 885-3902 or [dykwell@gmail.com](mailto:dykwell@gmail.com).

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