

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, November 15 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will take place at Shots on the River, 5760 West River Drive NE.

During our November meeting, we will be having our annual elections for the Board of Directors. We do have a list of nominees already but there is always room for more names on the ballot. If you feel so inclined, you may nominate yourself and we can add you to the ballot at the meeting.

Our annual Christmas Party is coming up in December. The date that has been published is December 10 but there is a possibility that could change. There will be more details in the December newsletter. One detail we can tell you about is that we will be having a Christmas tree ornament contest – use Corvair parts to make a Christmas ornament.

Paul Adams has been keeping track of points for member of the year and is asking who may have attended the All Chevy Show at Berger Chevrolet

Color Tour Recap

Our annual overnight trip and color tour were combined into one event this year. On Saturday, October 8, a few of us left Holland to go to the Studebaker Museum in South Bend. We did stop for lunch at the Round Barn Public House on the way. After touring the museum we had dinner at Evil Czech Brewery. On Sunday we toured of the RV/Motorhome Hall of Fame in Elkhart; definitely worth the trip. On our way home we stopped for lunch at Constantine Brewery. There were no color tour only drivers but there wasn't much color to see.

WMCC Calendar

November 15 – WMCC Membership Meeting
November 29 – WMCC Board Meeting
December 10 – WMCC Christmas Party (tentative)
January 14 – Carb Rebuild Tech Session
February 11 – Zoup Off

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during the 28th St. Metro Cruise and who attended the July tech session. If you attended either of these events, please let Paul know at padams2607@aol.com especially if you drove a Corvair.

We are having a carb rebuild tech session in January. If you have a set of carbs you would like to rebuild during this session, you will need to bring the carbs and rebuild parts. Contact Ryan Counter (info on last page) to make sure you get everything you need.



From Your *Lame-Duck* President

What a great way to enjoy a Corvair - driving down scenic side roads on a bright sunny day with just a slight nip in the air. Several of us recently shared this experience during our Annual Color Tour and Over Night Excursion [October 8 & 9]. After passing up on the Fennville Goose Parade and making a slight route change to avoid construction on the Blue Star, we soon arrived at the Round Barn Public House for lunch (nice spot). The Studebaker Museum was only an hour away so we had lots of time to take it all in (great place). As a first-time visitor, I was certainly impressed with the quality of the facility and the displays plus the lack of people to avoid. After a quick drive to Mishawaka, we checked in at the newly renovated Country Suites. Luckily I was able to make normally unobtainable reservations at the Evil Czech Brewery for our Group Dinner - hostess was from GR. Sunday morning after a decent complimentary breakfast we arrived at the RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum. The museum turned out to be an extremely worthwhile destination (new, expansive and full of history both new and old). Expansion to include Mobile Homes [MH] arriving soon. Ending our trip was lunch at the Constantine Brewery (yes, there is one). Sadly, we did not have any Color-Tour-Only drivers. But that's OK since there wasn't any color to speak of. Everything went well during our trip with no construction, little traffic, few people and finely tuned enthusiastic Vairs. If you're not participating in these Club Excursions, we're missing out big time! See our website.

Word has it member Sean Lectka recently took Ratso for its own color tour all the way up to Houghton and all over the northern UP putting over 1,600 miles on the road warrior. I guess yoopers don't see too many running Corvairs so Ratso was a big hit. After getting twenty-four miles a gallon on only a ½ quart of oil, the former *Mad Max* stand-in continues to smile.

Discussion will continue on our Winter Meetings location at the October Board Meeting. We'll most likely try SHOTS on West River until we can talk to the newly renovated 5 LAKES Brewery in Dorr (Jakes) - opens mid-December. Which reminds me, this summer

the new ACE Hardware in Dorr (neighbor to Jake's) experimented with impromptu Car Show Thursdays. I attended a few bringing Ethel and the Spyder. Free shows with a slice of pizza - not bad. Maybe we'll make a Tuesday a Thursday Meeting, dominate the show and decimate their free pizza.

While reading this, please consider how YOU can make a difference in your Club. Unlike the two evils we US Citizens have to select from, WMCC has plenty of qualified and honest members to run in our November Election. Come to the meeting and vote.

Time to get serious about another annual Club Christmas Party/December General Meeting. Last year's event hosted by the Reinhart's was a great time and we may just do a repeat. A hot dish to pass and your ugliest optional Christmas outfit (Doug set a precedent last year) is all you need. How about a Corvair Christmas Ornament contest? Watch for details and plan on it.

Recently, I've spotted a clean turquoise '64 Monza convertible, an orange late model V-8 Vair and a beautiful red/white late model Monza convertible while driving around town. Which confuses me ... who owns these cars and why aren't they Club members? Marketing matters.

Respectfully, Dave D.



October Board Meeting Recap

The October board meeting took place on October 25 at Woody's. In attendance were Ryan Counterman, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Bob Muir, Scott Olivier, Jamie Reinhart, and Dave Ziebarth.

November Meeting

- Will be at Shots on the River on West River Drive on November 15
- Dave Ziebarth will make reservation
- May have January – April meetings there as well; depending on what happens at 5 Lakes Brewing and if they keep the room we used to meet in when it was Jake's

Tech Session

- We received great feedback on the tech session held in July
- Would like to do a carb rebuild tech session over the winter
 - We would need to make sure all necessary parts are procured
 - A good Saturday afternoon activity
- Settled on January 14 at Ryan's barn at 10 AM
- Will put a notice in the newsletter that those who want to rebuild their carbs should talk to Ryan first to make sure that they order the correct parts (probably rebuild kits from Clark's)

Future Board Members

- Dave Dykwell asked if recruiting calls were made to potential board members by those who were asked to make the calls
- They were with mixed results
- Expiring terms in 2016 are Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, and Jamie Reinhart
- People who have been nominated are: Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Scott Olivier,

Welcome New Members

We have two new members of the West Michigan Corvair Club – Mike Ploeg and Jeff Wise.

Mike lives in Hudsonville and owns a 1966 Corsa Convertible.

Jamie Reinhart, and Steve Ridderman

- Dave Ziebarth will make ballots for the November meeting
 - Will include additional spaces for last minute nominees

2017 Dues

- Dave Dykwell asked about the possibility of lowering dues in 2017 to \$15
- After some discussion it was decided to leave it at the current \$18 for 2017
 - Doug reported that we are breaking even between our expenses and income from dues

Christmas Party

- Jamie Reinhart volunteered to host it again
- He needs to validate that the original planned date of December 10 will work with his schedule
- Like last year, Jamie will prepare the main course and everyone else is asked to bring a dish to pass

November Board Meeting

- Will be November 29 at Woody's at 6:30 PM
- *Note: after an e-mail discussion we are moving the board meeting to Grand Rapids Garage Bar & Grill, 819 Ottawa Ave. NW*

2017 Overnight Trip

- Dave Dykwell asked if someone else wants to plan the 2017 Overnight Trip
- Ryan Counterman volunteered

2017 Zoup Off

- Tentative Dates are February 11 or 18
- February 11 is the preferred date
- Dave Ziebarth will call Rockford Ambulance to make reservations

Jeff lives Sault Sainte Marie and owns a 1965 Monza convertible. He also has 1965 Corsa that is for sale and a 1965 Monza convertible parts car that is for sale. Shoot him an e-mail at WiseJ@michigan.gov if you're interested.

Welcome to the club Mike and Jeff!

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