

# Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



## What's Going On

Our March 21 membership meeting will be held at 5 Lakes Brewing Company, 1638 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave. in Dorr. This used to be Jake's Bar and Grill where we held our meetings last winter. Start time is 6:30 PM. We will be meeting in the room off to the side of the main dining room.

The March 28 board meeting will be held at Mill Creek Tavern, 3874 West River Dr. in Comstock Park. Start time is 6:30 PM.

The plan for April is to continue our annual bowling tournament. It will be held at Brewhouse Lanes which is right behind 5 Lakes Brewing Company. This is the same bowling alley we were at the last two years but they are under new management now.

The annual Spring Dust Off will be on Saturday, May 20. We will be rallying down to Fort Wayne, Indiana for the Corvair Owners Group show. The actual itinerary is still being worked out. There will be more details in

## Member of the Year for 2016

*By Paul Adams*

At the 2017 Zoup-off we gave out our 2016 Member of the Year. This year's award went to long time member Reggie Stroebe. He received a framed certificate and a Clark's \$50.00 gift certificate. To win this award, all you have to do is keep me informed of all the shows, swap meets, cruise nights and other collector car activities that you participate in with your Corvair. Reggie attends most of our club activities and many local car events around his home. This is what put Reggie over the top this year. Good job Reggie!

### WMCC Calendar

March 21 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
March 28 – WMCC Board Meeting  
April 18 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
April 25 – WMCC Board Meeting  
May 20 – Spring Dust Off  
May 23 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
May 30 – WMCC Board Meeting

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either the April or May newsletter.

It is now time to pay your 2017 dues. It is still \$18 for the year and you can send them to the address listed on the last page of this newsletter or give them to our treasurer, Doug Lectka at the next meeting.



## Zoup Off Recap

By Dave Dykwell

It was an enjoyable sunny-Saturday in February when twenty WMCC Club members joined forces to share various award-winning soups, desserts and company. It all started promptly at 2:00pm with ample power strips at the ready.

The group savored a total of seven (7) soup offerings from the traditional Cheddar Broccoli to the authentic Polish "Cute Potato". For "out-of-the-box" thinking, we were introduced to Pizza Soup - complete with optional shredded Mozzarella cheese sprinkles. Desserts were a little slim this year with everyone on diets but that did not stop those who brought them. A total of only six (6) offerings ensured their total consumption.

Upon feeding faces, the group realized that voting would be problematic this year since all the entries were extremely good. However, ballots were totaled and verdicts were announced. FIRST Place in the soup category was PAUL ADAMS with his rendition of PIZZA SOUP. This was a very tasty and surprising soup! The best of Desserts category was determined to be a tie with the victor decided by flip of coin. Taking FIRST Place Dessert was Carolyn Counterman with a deliciously-tart Key Lime Pie featuring a Margarita Lime Glaze- custom blended by Ryan. Both winners received a \$20 Meijer Gift Card and were bequeathed with the official traveling Golden Ladle and Cup trophies with their names permanently inscribed with magic marker. Honorable mentions – Second Place – went to Ryan Counterman for his Cheddar Broccoli Soup and Marilyn Dykwell for her Chocolate Cherry Cake. Both received a \$10 Meijer Gift Card.

Entertainment for this year's event was another winner. We all played a rousing game of Family Feud, WMCC style. Many thanks go to future Club President Abigail Reinhart and her father Jamie, for preparing all the question and answer props. They worked great; it was the group that needed help. After the group had

enough time to flashback on the real game show, the process was running smooth. Ryan Counterman was Host and Doug Lectka assisted with props. Upon completing our questions, Group II was the far superior player capturing nearly every possible point. Now that we're all warmed-up, re-match for 2018.

Making a great day better, the group was addressed by Paul Adams who has been dutifully tallying points for the **WMCC Member of the Year Award**. Earning the most prestigious Club Award for the year of 2016 was our very own REGGIE STROEBE. Congratulations REG ... dues are on-the-club for '17!



Picture swiped from Heather Olivier's Facebook page.

## February Board Meeting Recap

The February board meeting had a sparse turnout as only board members Ryan Counterman, Bob Muir, Steve Ridderman and Dave Ziebarth were in attendance. They were joined by Dave Dykwell and Dan Konkle.

### Zoup Off Recap

- It went very well
- There was a lower turnout than normal
  - A few members had conflicts with that date
- 7 soups and 6 desserts to sample
- Entertainment went OK
  - It took a while for those present to remember how to play Family Feud; once they remembered, it was fun
  - Jamie and his daughter Abigail did an excellent job preparing the game
- Reggie Stroebe won member of the year for 2016
- One hiccup is where Ryan didn't realize that there were additional prizes to give away at the end
  - We will use them for a future event

### March Meeting

- March 21 at 6:30 PM
- Will be at 5 Lakes Brewing Company in Dorr
- There is typically a charge to rent the room on the side but it has been waived for us

### March Board Meeting

- Decided to change things up and find a new venue for the March board meeting
- Will meet at Mill Creek Tavern in Comstock Park at 6:30 PM

### April Meeting

- Plan A is bowling at the bowling alley behind 5 Lakes Brewing Company
- Dave Ziebarth did research and they do not take reservations
- \$10 for all the games you can bowl in two hours; includes shoe rental
- No food specials; just order from the 5 Lakes Brewing menu
- Manager may decide to close bowling alley on

Mondays and Tuesdays in April

- Dave Ziebarth will call just before March board meeting to confirm their status
- Plan B, if needed, will be discussed at March board meeting

### Spring Dust Off

- May 20 to Corvair Owners Group meet in Fort Wayne
- Looking for a coordinator
  - We volunteered Jamie even though he wasn't there
- Dave Ziebarth will follow up on event details
- Alternative would be heading to a car show in Ionia if we decide Fort Wayne will not work out

### Air Cooled Show

- It's later in the month; June 17
- We want a good turn-out
- We may give out the Zoup Off prizes there
- Will take the place of the regular June meeting

### Adopt-a-Road

- Bob Muir provided an update for the application he sent in
- We cannot have our first choice of M-37 as that is a state highway
- We need to pick a county road
- 84<sup>th</sup> St. or Wilson were some ideas
- Bob is going to follow up with the county

### 2018 Overnight Trip

- Dave Dykwell was getting a head start on researching going to the Frankenmuth car show for our 2018 overnight trip
- Going to scrap this idea as the hotel rooms will be around \$300 a night which makes this cost prohibitive
- Could still attend the show on our own but would have a hard time getting a good spot for one day
  - Most people are there all three days and keep the same spot
- A few members may go as spectators this year to see how it is set up

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