

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at Shots on the River, 5760 West River Drive NE in Belmont.

The Spring Dust Off will be on Saturday, May 12 and we will be making our way to the Coldwater Car Show and Swap Meet. We are still working out the details. They will be published in the May edition of *Lifter Noise*.

There are still a few of you who have not yet paid your dues for 2018. This will be your last newsletter if we do not receive them by the end of April. The \$18 can be sent to the club address or paid at the April membership meeting.

The April board meeting will be held on Tuesday the 24th at 6:30 PM at AJ's Grill, 1840 142nd Ave. in Dorr.

We have received many requests to have more tech sessions. We would love to have them but we want to make them meaningful. We have a few ideas but we want to know what do you want to see? Is anyone having a particular issue with their car that they would want the group to help with? Let us know at wmcc@corvair.org and we'll try to set something up.

Dealin' Dave Dykwell

FOR SALE – Double D's Discount Auto Parts has several items available at drastically reduced "give-away" prices. ALL Late Model; (4) Four NOS 13" GM Steel Wheels - \$45 set. Hood and Trunk Lids, Front Vent Valance - \$15 each, Driver and Passenger Door (coupe) – \$10 each. Front, Rear and Passenger Glass (coupe) –\$40 lot. Front and Rear Glass and Drip Rail Trim - \$20 lot. Used Steel Wheels – BOGO \$10. Assorted door handles and window cranks FREE with any purchase. All must go. Dave: (616) 885-3902 or dykwelld@gmail.com.

Hard to Believe... Could They Be?

By Dave Dykwell

The Detroit Auto-Rama quickly brought back the feel and look of when cars were actually designed outside of wind-tunnels and without regard to government mandated road apples. It wasn't hard to tell a GM classic from a Ford or Chrysler. And, while most of these cars were produced rather poorly by profit hungry manufactures with bloated union-wage workers, the designers still took pride in being different. In AMC's case, it was simply shear ineptitude!

I believe my sentiment would be shared, without resorting to a Tweet, when I say that I'm really tired of today's boring homogenized cars (trucks alike). Don't get me wrong, I appreciate many of today's added conveniences and I can certainly live with fewer color choices, but give US wheels with personality for Lowey's sake. Oh, and for the record, I'm fully capable of steering my own car thank you!

In reality, the car manufacturers are simply holding back. Take a look. They still build a classically designed Camaro, Charger/Challenger or Mustang. They can do it. Yet for us style-starved daily-drivers, without a real need for 850 horses, we're restricted to clown-cars, wedges and boxes. Basic boring for big bucks sucks!

So, is there hope beyond the Cadillac design group (giving them credit for bringing back a station wagon)? You betcha Earl. Take a look at a few examples of some design coming out of Japan. You can slap me on the butt and call me Sally, but to me these directional appendages have a canny resemblance to TAIL FINS!



My faith is still holding and these nostalgic bezels are providing me even more hope for designers with passion and vision. Now, if we can only be spared the Matador, Pacer and Gremlin days. Agree? Hard to believe ... but a Classic will always be a Classic. #EDSEL!

March Board Meeting Recap

In attendance at the March board meeting were board members Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Scott Olivier, and Dave Ziebarth. They were joined by Bob Muir.

March Meeting

- Was held at Shots on the River
- Sparsely attended
 - 11 people
- Was nice to see Dave Teppo
- Dan Konkle actually drove a Corvair
- Brief discussion of the overnight trip
 - The Traverse City itinerary seemed to be the most well received

April Meeting

- Usually hold our bowling night at Brewhouse Lanes
- Brewhouse Lanes is not open on Tuesdays
- Decided to move the meeting to Wednesday, April 18 and bowl
- If bowling still falls through, then we will meet at 5 Lakes Brewing Company on Tuesday, April 17
- Dave Ziebarth will follow up on reservations
- Scott Olivier will pick up a gift card for the bowling winner

Spring Dust Off

- Coldwater Car Show
- May 12
- Scott Olivier still finalizing the route

Overnight Trip

- Consensus for those who voted is the Traverse City Wine Tour / Interlochen Car Show on August 18 - 19

- Dave Dykwell asked if there was really much interest in the car show
 - It is on Saturday, August 18 which ties up a good part of that day and would not leave much time for other activities
 - From the guys, yes; but our wives probably would not be interested
- Decided to just make it a casual weekend with the wine tasting
- Since we are no longer tying it to the car show, we are not bound to that weekend
- Might get better hotel rates later in the year
- Discussed combining with color tour or having late in September and not having a color tour
- Tentatively looking at September 29 - 30

Tech Session

- We want to have more
- Bob Muir's car is a great candidate
- Scott Olivier's engine installation is another idea
- Dave Ziebarth is replacing gaskets and has a ground problem
- What do people want to see?
- Who has a car that has an issue and needs help?

April Board Meeting

- After some discussion settled on AJ's Grill in Dorr

WMCC Calendar

April 17	WMCC Membership Meeting at Shots on the River
April 24	WMCC Board Meeting at AJ's Grill
May 12	Spring Dust Off
May 22	WMCC Membership Meeting at Fricano's
May 29	WMCC Board Meeting at TBD

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