

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

It's July and that means it is time for our annual summer picnic! It was originally scheduled for Saturday, July 14 but our hosts had a conflict arise so we have moved it to Saturday, July 21. The picnic will take place at the home of Doug and Becky Lectka - 1797 Iroquois Trail, Hastings, MI 49058. We will start gathering for social time at 1 PM and dinner will be served at 3 PM. The club will be providing the main course, BBQ chicken, which will be expertly prepared by Dave Dykwell and Scott Olivier. We just ask that you bring a dish to pass, something to drink, and some lawn chairs. Also bring a swimsuit if you want to take a dip in the lake.

The July board meeting will take place at the summer picnic. The board members will just step aside from the festivities for a little bit to discuss club business.

While not an official club event, a number of club members will be attending the Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday, August 4. The event starts at 9 AM and it will fill up fast. If there is interest in rallying together, you can reply to the e-mail that contains the newsletter link to organize it.

We have a few more details to announce regarding our overnight trip for 2018. The trip will take place on September 15 - 16 and we will be visiting the Traverse City area and doing some wine tasting. There is a block of rooms reserved at Howard Johnson in Traverse City for \$170 plus tax for the night. Call (231) 715-3074 and reserve one of the rooms under West Michigan Corvair Club. Make your reservation soon as the rooms are only going to be held until August 15. Look for a more detailed itinerary in a future edition of *Lifter Noise*.

Old CORSA Communique

Dave Dykwell has some old CORSA Communiques that are free to anyone who wants them. He has the following years available: 1977 - 1978, 1980 - 1989, 1990 - 2000, 2001 - 2013. He also has a case of July/August 2013 WMCC Convention Editions (that is the year WMCC hosted the CORSA Convention).

Other Corvair Literature: 1965 - 1969 Body Service Manual, 1968 Shop Manual Supplement, 1966 Shop Manual Supplement, 1962 - '63 Corvair & Corvan Shop Manual Supplement, 1961 Corvair & Corvan Shop Manual Supplement.

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Why We Joined a Car Club

By Scott Olivier, President, WMCC

Greetings, WMCC members!

In this month's newsletter, you'll see the summary of our upcoming events, including the summer party (the date has been changed!) and the September overnight trip. We're trying to come up with an August event, and would like to find a car show that's relatively local. If you've got a suggestion for a show, please send that along in reply to the newsletter.

Our recent club activities—the Ionia Cruisin' Classics show and the Gilmore's All-Aircooled Event—have been very well attended! Judging by the photos from the Gilmore, it appeared that Corvairs were the best-represented marque at the show. Several members from the Detroit chapter attended as well, which must have been no small adventure for them, given the wet weather that day presented.

The buzz of activity this year reminded me of the reasons Heather and I joined a car club in the first place. Of course, initially, it was to get support for a vehicle that was alien to us. I hadn't owned a classic car since I was eighteen (a '59 Chevy), and didn't know much about maintaining one even at that time, aside from basic oil and filter changes. Being a part of a Corvair-specific club provided a net of knowledgeable folks to help with mechanical issues and questions.

The other reason to belong to a club became apparent after joining: the social aspect. I joined several Corvair groups on Facebook ("Corvair Owners Group" is the largest), and was a member for over a year before we bought our '63. I wanted to get a basic knowledge of what to look for when buying a 'Vair, and what the pitfalls might be in owning one. The Facebook group served its purpose, but I've found that I much more enjoy the contact that comes with being around members of an actual club. We have universally friendly and, largely, mechanically knowledgeable members in WMCC (I'm personally working on the "mechanically knowledgeable" part, haha). I appreciate that we have such diverse personalities in the club, all bound by our enjoyment of these quirky cars.

I think in many ways, social media like Facebook and Instagram have supplanted the need for clubs, at least in the eyes of younger folks. It's my wish that we would go back in time and become more personally—instead of electronically—connected, but I know that we can't go back. We can only consciously decide to connect outside of the electronic world. I don't belong to a club just to get a newsletter (although I thoroughly enjoy the monthly Lifter Noise). I belong to a club to be part of a group of people who enjoy their cars and each other. I encourage all of our members to come out to events and be an active part of the club, regardless of whether you have a running Corvair, or even no Corvair. We'd love to see you.

Please don't hesitate to drop me, or any board member, a note if you have suggestions for events or ways to improve the club. My email and phone number are at the bottom of the newsletter. For you non-email folks, my address is 6781 Egypt Valley Ave NE, Rockford, MI 49341.

Take care,
Scott Olivier

All Air Cooled Show Recap

When a group of us left Grand Rapids for Gilmore Car Museum on June 16, we were wondering if the weather was going to cooperate as it was very overcast and actually raining in parts of Grand Rapids. After consulting the weather report, we decided to press on.



Shortly after we arrived and got our cars shined up, it started to rain so we took shelter under a large tree (don't worry, there was no lightning in the area). The rain did let up eventually and we were able to take a look at the other cars on the show field. A couple of unique entries were little air-cooled Mazda Autozams that were exclusively produced in Japan.



The Corvairs were well represented as we had nine cars (plus one Maxi Taxi) from our club plus seven cars that came from the Detroit Area Corvair Club. In fact, the Corvairs had the best showing in number of cars vs. the VW's, Porsches, and Franklins.



Eventually the skies opened up again and it rained pretty hard. That led to a number of us leaving for the day. Even though it was a wet day, we had a good time and we were very happy with the showing of Corvairs.

June Board Meeting Recap

In attendance at the June board meeting were board members Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Scott Olivier, Steve Ridderman, and Dave Ziebarth.

Summer Picnic

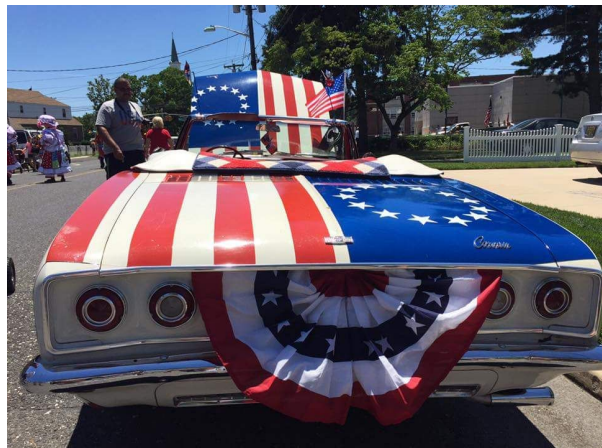
- Switching from July 14 to July 21 due to a conflict in Doug Lectka's schedule
- Dave Dykwell working with Ryan Counterman on procuring a grill
- Dave Dykwell and Scott Olivier will grill the chicken
- Dave will have his special sauce on hand
- Everyone needs to bring a dish to pass, beverages, and lawn chairs
- Set the start time at 1 PM
- Dinner will be served at 3 PM
- We will hold the July board meeting at the picnic

Overnight Trip

- Will be in the Traverse City / Frankfort area
- There were three options in Frankfort
 - They were over \$200 per night
- Beulah and Empire were around \$250 per night
- Traverse City had a Howard Johnson and a Knight's Inn
- Dave Dykwell booked a block of eight rooms for \$170 per night
 - King beds
- The trip will take place on September 15 - 16
- Dave Ziebarth to put article in newsletter telling everyone to make their reservations
- The rooms are reserved under West Michigan Corvair Club
- Valerie was the person in charge of booking
- Rooms are reserved until August 15

August Meeting

- Couldn't come up with any ideas for the August meeting
- Would like to try to tie it to a car show if possible
- Dave Ziebarth will do research



WMCC Calendar

July 21	WMCC Summer Picnic & Board Meeting
July 21	WMCC Board Meeting
August 4	Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum
August 21	WMCC Membership Meeting at TBD
August 28	WMCC Board Meeting at TBD
September 15 - 16	Overnight Trip to Traverse City

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A most unusual car for people who enjoy the unusual

If you perked up when you turned to this page, our research computer says you're probably well informed, earn above average income and have more or less "in" type tastes. That's the kind of person who usually drives a Corvair. But then you can't always go by research. The fellow who turned all this up on our computer, for instance, was a frugal soul who read nothing but technical stuff and drove the same black sedan for 15 years. Then one day he showed up in a Corvair convertible a shade redder than the one above. How did he square this with his research? He didn't. That was the same day he asked to be transferred to a job that would get him out on the road more...driving his new Corvair.

'66 Corvair by Chevrolet