

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club is Tuesday, March 19 Shots on the River, 5760 W River Dr NE in Belmont. Start time is 6:30 PM. Just ask where the Corvair club is seated.

The March board meeting will be on the 26th at Mill Creek Tavern, 3874 W River Dr NE in Comstock Park. Start time is 6:30 PM.

Our April meeting will be on the 16th at Hilliards Corner Lounge, 3508 18th St. in Wayland. Start time is 6:30 PM.

The April board meeting will be on the 30th at TwoGuys Brewing, 2356 Porter St SW in Wyoming. Start time is 6:30 PM.

Remember to pay your 2019 dues! Still \$18. Bring them to the March or April meeting or drop them in the mail.

We are starting to plan what car shows we would like to attend as a club. If you have any ideas, please let us know at wmcc@corvair.org or zvair65@gmail.com. Also let us know if you have any ideas for tech sessions.

Please keep WMCC members Mark Di Trapani and Bill Wright in your thoughts. They are both battling some health issues right now and could use some uplifting. Here's hoping for a quick recovery so we can them at a future club event!

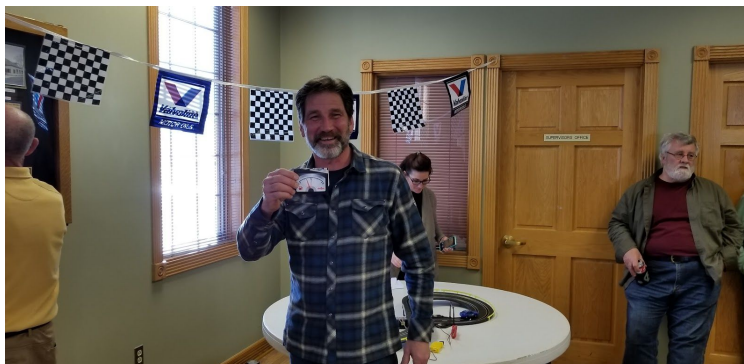
Zoup Off Recap

The annual Zoup Off was held on February 16 in the community room at Rockford Ambulance. We had eight soups and six desserts to judge. All of the soups tasted excellent and it was hard to pick a winner. After a tie-breaker ballot, Becky Lectka's White Russian soup was declared the winner. Second place went to Mary Ridderman. In the dessert category, Marilyn Dykwell took top honors with her Crispy Coconut Creamers. Second place went to Cheryl Ziebarth.



After the judging was done, we awarded the annual Member of the Year award. WMCC members get points for every event that they attend with their cars including club meetings, club shows, other car shows, etc. The winner for 2018 was Reggie Stroebe! Congratulations Reggie!

Up next was the Bob's Discount Furniture 500. A slot car track was set up and we ran single elimination heats until we got down to the final two - Doug Lectka and Reggie Strobe. Doug ended up being the big winner.



From the President

By Scott Olivier

Hello, WMCC members!

As I type this, it's March 3rd and I'm sure we're all looking forward to spring weather. It certainly doesn't feel like it now, but we're a mere seventeen days from the spring equinox. Every time I gaze into the barn, I telepath a few words of encouragement to its Corvairs-in-residence, and hope their slumber ends soon.

Heather and I were antiquing in downtown Grand Rapids this afternoon, and we ran into fellow Corvairians Mike and Ann Wildfong. They, like us, were out escaping their West Michigan cabin fever and just had to get out of the house. Ann apologized for missing February's Zoup Off due to some family issues and said that she and Mike had wished they'd been able to attend, and we assured Ann that family is more important than club activities. It was good seeing Mike and Ann again, if even for a few minutes.

Today's encounter reminded us of the community that springs from our strange little cars. We've made good friends from the short time we've been in the Corvair club, and continue to do so. Dan Konkle and I went to the Autorama in Detroit yesterday, and chatted with Norm Witte from the Detroit Area Corvair Club, who was there showing his "barn find" Oldsmobile Delmont. Dan has known Norm for many years, and I'd just met him. Dan built an engine for Norm's LM some years back, and it was neat to see them catch up and discuss Car Stuff. Norm seemed like a very nice guy, as have been all Corvair people we've met. All the connections we make because of cars...

The Last Corvair

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the last Corvair produced. On May 14, 1969, Corvair production ended. After Corvair #6000 rolled off the assembly line at the Willow Run plant, it was whisked away never to be seen again.

Hemmings recently ran an article about that day. Click [here](#) to read it on hemmings.com.

February Board Meeting Recap

The February board meeting was held on February 26 at 5 Lakes Brewing Company. In attendance were Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, and Scott Olivier. Minutes were submitted by Dave Dykwell.

Spring Dust Off

Members discussed potential locations, dates and other attractions or distractions. A "joint" event, as done several years back, with the DACC somewhere in the Lansing area was discussed as was the spring show in downtown Ionia [attended last year]. This would be mid-May, first of June. Scott will check with DACC first. Plan B would be Ionia. Of course, weather could impact either.

Parts Library

Dan K. prepared an Overview document summarizing the various pieces and parts we might want to consider for a Library. The list was meant to show what it would take for an all-encompassing inventory. Extent, use, costs and maintenance was discussed as was responsibility of the member for use (with Clark's a few clicks away). Adding Specialty Tools was mentioned. This could be a significant endeavor. Dan asked if we could peruse the list and offer any suggestions on additions or deletions or comments toward benefit/value.

March Meetings

The group decided on SHOTS on West River Road be the location for the March General Meeting, 3/19. Same time; 6:30pm. Dan K. may have worked out the bugs on his projector and will test the old reels. We could be thrown back in Club nostalgia nirvana. Dan will let Scott and Dave Z. know if all is working. The March Board Meeting will be held 3/26 at MILLCREEK Tavern in Comstock Park; 6:30pm.

April Meetings

Considering this year's winter, it better be time to bring out the Corvairs and cruise to HILLIARDS, in Hilliards on April 16th. Same time 6:30pm. Gizzards! The April Board Meeting will be held on 4/30 at TWO GUYS, Byron Center Road and Porter, Wyoming.

Tech Sessions

The Board would really like to have more of these. Scott's, with a Library and Lift, would be the logical location. Discussed was working on Vern's convertible, Bill's electrical issue or installing the motor in Dave Z's car.

WMCC Calendar

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| March 19 | WMCC Membership Meeting |
| March 26 | WMCC Board Meeting |
| April 16 | WMCC Membership Meeting |
| April 30 | WMCC Board Meeting |

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