

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

The annual summer picnic is our big event for July. It is set for Saturday, July 13 and it will be at t Bob Muir's cottage, 7789 Margaret in West Olive. The club will provide the chicken. Everyone who attends will need to bring a dish to pass, their own beverages, and lawn chairs. Also bring some containers in case there is leftover chicken to take home. Bring a swimsuit so you can take a dip in Lake Michigan! Social time will be at 1 PM with dinner being served at 3 PM.

Also in July is the CORSA International Convention. It is being held July 23 - 27 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL.

The board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30 PM. It will be at Woody's Press Box, 5656 Clyde Park Ave. SW in Wyoming.

Our event for August will be the Red Barns Spectacular on Saturday, August 3 at Gilmore Car Museum. We will probably meet at our usual place, Burger King on Broadmoor. Start time is to be determined. Look for more details in the August newsletter.

June Meeting Recap

For our June meeting we participated in the annual Father's Day car show at Charlton Park in Hastings. Well at least six of us tried to participate. The weather was miserable and wet and we didn't last long. Scott Olivier managed to capture a few pictures.



Mid-Year Update

By Scott Olivier

Wow, I can't believe 2019 is half over. Last I remember, we were all gathered together for our winter holiday party and suddenly, we're outside enjoying really nice Michigan summer weather. I'm sure many of our members have gotten their Corvairs out to a car show or two by now. I congratulate the few brave souls who attended the Father's Day show in Hastings in the pouring rain. We had six 'Vairs there, but we didn't last long. I hope we experience better weather for our events during the balance of the year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to look forward a bit. Your board makes every effort to schedule fun and engaging events, and I hope we're meeting the challenge for the second half of 2019. Here's what we've got going on in the next several months:

July:

We've got the annual WMCC Summer Party at Bob Muir's lakefront house in West Olive on 7/13. Get your swimsuits ready! Also, the national CORSA convention takes place at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL (near Chicago) 7/23 through 7/27. We'll probably have a few members attend the convention this year, given its reasonable proximity to West Michigan.

August:

A busy month, August. 8/3 is the Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Museum, one of my favorite events of the year. Red Barns will be our official club activity for August. The Woodward Dream Cruise takes place in Detroit on 8/17, and I hope to attend. Nearer to home, the 28th Street Metro Cruise happens in Grand Rapids 8/23 and 8/24.

September:

Our membership meeting is still a bit up in the air at this point, but I'm sure we'll plan an interesting event (perhaps a cruise night at the old favorite, Fricano's on Alpine?). There's a unique event taking place on 9/7—the 60th anniversary of the Corvair will be celebrated at the site of GM's Willow Run factory in Ypsilanti, MI. There will be a display of 1960 Corvairs inside the factory site, and we may have a car or two from WMCC represented!

October through December:

We're looking to combine our overnight trip with the fall color tour this year, and are entertaining several destinations in northern Michigan. If you have a suggested route, please let us know so we can add your proposal to the list. The anticipated date for the color tour is 10/12-10/13. We've also got 12/14 tentatively pegged as the date for the 2019 holiday party at the home of Jamie and Tanya Reinhart.

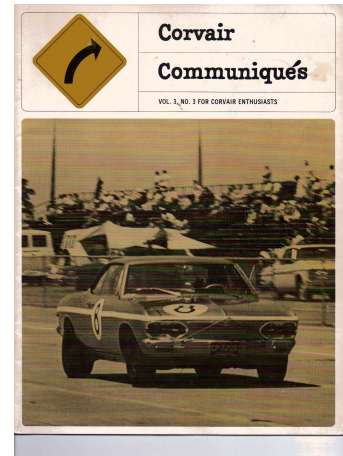
As always, we welcome your feedback! Let us know what's working (or not working) so we can continue to make your WMCC membership worth your eighteen bucks. I look forward to seeing many of you this summer!

Scott Olivier

Sparky on Display at Corvair Homecoming

By Ryan Counterman

The Detroit Area Corvair Club has invited me to bring “Sparky,” possibly the first ever late model Corvair race car, to be shown on Saturday August 24th as part of their annual Corvair Homecoming celebration. This event usually conflicts with Grand Rapids’ Metro Cruise, and this year is no different, but I encourage anyone willing to make the trip east to Plymouth, MI to do so, as there is a once in a lifetime historical presentation taking place. Long time Corvair racer Don Eichstaedt will be presenting on the early days of Corvair racing, so it is very fitting that his old race car be part of the presentation. I don’t think Don has seen the car since 1968. For those who are unaware of Sparky’s history, here is a brief summary. Don E. purchased the car new in 1965, and immediately turned it into a race car, starting the season with the Sebring 3 Hour Sedan race in March of ‘65. He raced it locally at his home track, Waterford Hills Raceway. In 1966 he returned to Sebring, and had a similar year racing in ‘66. His Corvair racing tapered off, and he sold the car to an unknown party in 1968. Fast forward to 1978, when WMCC’s Dan Konkle bought the car in the Grand Rapids area. Dan did not know the history of the car until later in life, when he recognized a few roll bar stickers and other features the car had in a few old magazine articles. Dan raced the car for over 33 years, at various autocrosses, hill climbs, and track days. The car came into my care in 2011, and have been doing the same. I have included some photos, from the early days of racing, to the several different colors Dan had the car over the years, to how it looks today. I hope to see you at the homecoming!



June Board Meeting Recap

In attendance at the June board meeting were Dave Dykwell, Doug Lectka, Scott Olivier, Dennis Willson, and Dave Ziebarth.

June Meeting Recap

- Father's Day car show at Charlton Park
- Weather was very wet
- Six people showed up with their Corvairs

Summer Party

- Saturday, July 13 at Bob Muir's cottage
- Club will furnish the chicken
 - Plan on purchasing 30 half-chickens
- We are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass, their own beverages (the club will not be providing any), chairs, and containers if they want to take home any leftover chicken
- Scott Olivier and Dave Dykwell will be doing the grilling
- Ryan Counterman providing his grill

CORSA Convention

- July 23 - 27 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL
- A few WMCC members will be attending

August Events

- The official club event will be the Red Barns Spectacular on August 3
- Corvair Homecoming in Plymouth on August 22 - 24
 - Don Eichstaedt will be speaking
 - Ryan will have Sparky on display
- 28th St. Metro Cruise on August 23 - 24

July Board Meeting

- Scott Olivier has volunteered to host at his house
- *Editor's note: the board meeting will now be at Woody's due to Scott being called out of town for work*

Overnight Trip

- Do we still want to do an overnight trip?
- Solicit ideas in newsletter
- Possible ideas from the board include Greenfield Village or Petoskey
- Ideal time would be September (if we don't combine with Color Tour)

Color Tour

- Possibly combine with overnight trip
- Looking at the weekend of October 12
- Would go north
- Petoskey or Charlevoix would be good for this time of year

WMCC Calendar

July 13	WMCC Summer Party at Bob Muir's cottage in West Olive
July 23 - 27	CORSA International Convention, St. Charles, IL
July 30	WMCC Board Meeting at Woody's in Wyoming
August 3	Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum
August 22 - 24	Corvair Homecoming in Plymouth, MI
August 23 - 24	28th St. Metro Cruise
August 27	WMCC Board Meeting

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