

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 PM. It will be at Shots on the River, 5760 W River Dr NE in Belmont. We will be holding both nominations and elections of our Board of Directors. The terms ending are Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, and Dave Ziebarth. If you are willing to serve on the board, don't wait for someone to nominate you; feel free to nominate yourself.

The November board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 PM. It will be at Bunker Hill Chill & Grill, 4203 30th Street in Dorr.

Don't forget about our annual Christmas Party! It will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 3:30 PM. It will be held at the home of Jamie and Tanya Reinhart, 8928 Stonepoint Ct. in Jenison. Jamie will be preparing the main course of pork ribs. We are asking that everyone bring a dish to pass and their own beverages. There will be entertainment after dinner (details are still being finalized).

October Meeting Recap

The original plan for our October meeting was our annual color tour. However in the week leading up to the color tour, we decided to cancel it based on the weather forecast; rainy, windy, and cold. Well Saturday, October 12 came and it turned out to be an ideal day for a color tour. But we had already changed course to meet at Railtown Brewing Company on October 15. We ended up having a great turnout for this meeting. 13 people including new member Joseph Toth. Joseph actually drove his Corvaire up from Okemos and he had a few items of interest to show us.

The meeting was mainly a social gathering but we did have a brief business meeting to go over the Christmas Party. The host of the Christmas Party, Jamie Reinhart, was soliciting opinions on what the main course should be. It didn't take long for everyone to agree on pork ribs. Our president, Scott Olivier, also discussed the model car contest that will take place at the January meeting. The car must be a kit that is built. It does not have to be a Corvaire.

Best Laid Plans

By Scott Olivier

Well, nobody's perfect. That includes weathermen (weatherpeople?) and West Michigan Corvair Club board members. Your boardpeople diligently watched the weather forecast leading up to our abortive Color Tour, and saw that the professionals predicted a miserable day: lake-effect rain, and a twenty-to-thirty mile per hour wind. We decided that driving up north with rain in your left ear wouldn't make for an enjoyable Color Tour. Boy, were we wrong. Three days after our decision to cancel the Tour, we were blessed with a gorgeous fall day. No rain, mostly sunny, and just a bit of wind. Heather and I spent the day on the deck next to the firepit, wishing we hadn't canceled the event. Dang it.

My opinion, for the future, is to just schedule events and let what happens, happen. We held our Spring Dust Off in Ionia in fairly frigid weather last year, had nearly zero color on last year's Color Tour (although the weather was beautiful), it rained like a banshee for the car show in Hastings this year, and we had fun on all of those events in spite of Mother Nature. We've all got sweatshirts and raincoats, eh?

I pledge, from this moment forward, that I will show up for WMCC events, regardless of weather. Our '63 has two-speed wipers and heat, and I'm gonna use both to full effect, dammit. Not everyone may show up, Heather included (she doesn't enjoy cold and wet, so she might follow in her Silverado), but I will. If an event isn't perfect, at least it can be an adventure.

Scott

October Board Meeting Recap

The October board meeting was held at the home of Dave and Marilyn Dykwell. Board members in attendance were Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Scott Olivier, Dennis Willson, and Dave Ziebarth. Also in attendance were Marilyn Dykwell, Becky Lectka, Bob Muir, Heather Olivier, and Daniell Willson.

November Meeting

- November 19 at Shots on the River
- Dave Ziebarth will make reservations
- Nominations and elections for board of directors will take place

November Board Meeting

- November 26 at Bunker Hill

Christmas Party

- December 14 at the Reinharts
- Include directions in December newsletter
- Start time is 3:30 PM
- Looking for ideas for entertainment
 - Heather and Becky thought about Holiday Family Feud

- All agreed this was a great idea

January Meeting

- January 21
- Model car contest
 - It has to be made from a kit
 - We'll see what kind of participation we get to determine if it continues after this year
- We'll have it at Shots on the River

Zoup Off

- We can reserve a date with Rockford Ambulance starting in December
- 1st choice is February 22; 2nd choice is February 15
- Dave Ziebarth will make reservation

Ideas for Activities for Next Year

- Dennis Willson had a few ideas for activities for 2020
- Club dance night that he would host
 - Even if we don't dance it's a good opportunity to get together
- Give rides in our Corvairs to patients at the V.A. hospital
- Go to a drive-in theater
 - Getty in Muskegon
 - Dave Dykwell thought there was one in Ionia; a quick internet search shows that it closed in 2016
 - Backup plan would be a movie night at Dennis'; he has a large screen we could put outside
 - After some discussion we thought the movie night at Dennis' would be a better idea as we could be more social

Garage Squad

- Do we do anything like the Detroit club where they do a Garage Squad and help someone work on their car?
- A guy in Kalamazoo needs some help
- Ryan Counterman has contact info from Clark Hartzel of the Detroit club
- We would be interested in helping out to at least determine what the issues are
- Scott Olivier will get contact info

Pinewood Derby

- A few of us have been talking about the idea of having a pinewood derby
- Jamie Reinhart may have access to a pinewood derby track



WMCC Calendar

November 19	WMCC Membership Meeting at Shots on the River
November 26	WMCC Board Meeting at Bunker Hill Chill & Grill
December 14	Christmas Party at the Reinharts

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