

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our only event for December is the 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. It's being kept a secret for now!

Jamie's house is just off of Cottonwood Drive in Jenison, just north of Bauer Road. Once you make your way to Cottonwood Drive, you will have to head east on Taylor Street. Shortly after you turn on to Taylor Street, you will need to take a left (north) on Cavalier Court. Then you will turn right on Stonepoint Court.

There will be no board meeting in December.

Hopefully you've been working on those models! Our model car contest will be in January at our membership meeting. There are only two rules: 1 - it has to be hand built, either from scratch or from a kit; no pre-built models will be judged and 2 - you must be a member of the club or a direct family member (spouse or child) of a club member. The date is January 21.

November Meeting Recap

We had great attendance at our November meeting which was held at Shots on the River in Belmont. We had a brief business meeting where our president, Scott Olivier, went over our upcoming event - Christmas party, model car contest in January, Zoup off in February. Ryan Counterman volunteered to have a tech session at his barn sometime after the first of the year. Dennis Willson then went over some ideas he has for future events that he is willing to host at his home. One is a dance night and another is an outdoor movie night. We will work out the details once Dennis returns from Florida in the spring.

We then had our elections for the board of directors for our club. The four terms that are ending are Dave Dykwell, Dave Ziebarth, Paul Adams, and Dan Konkle. Dave, Dave, and Dan were nominated again. Paul declined his nomination. Jamie Reinhart was nominated. With only four people running to fill four positions, we moved to elect the four and the motion passed.

Nostalgia

By Scott Olivier

Car clubs are built on nostalgia, a memory of times past. I wouldn't be in our club if I didn't own a Corvair, and I wouldn't own a Corvair if I hadn't ridden in one as a kid. Back in Chicago, my grade school friend Don's dad's "side hustle" was flipping cars. He'd buy them cheap from ads in the local newspaper, tune them up, shoot them with a quick enamel paint job in his garage, and sell them for a small profit. One of the many cars he flipped was an early model Corvair convertible. After the tune up and paint, we only rode in it a couple of times before it was sold and he moved on to the next car. Seeing the rear-engine car really made an impression on me—the engine bay looked like something Willy Wonka would have dreamed up. More than forty years later, I finally owned one.

WMCC is looking forward to bringing back two events that play to our nostalgia:

The first is our second annual model car contest, which takes place in January, details of which will be shared by Dave Ziebarth in this month's Lifter Noise. We had four entries in our last model car contest (and an impressive display of wooden vehicles crafted by member Vern Metcalf) at our last event, and we're hoping for more this year. I started on my model car several months ago, and got stalled by summer projects. I need to get back on it soon so I can avoid the "thrash" that was required to finish my model before the last event.

Another event we're hoping to organize is the inaugural WMCC Pinewood Derby. We're not sure where we can work this one in, schedule-wise, but it's something we'd like to try. Newly re-elected board member Jamie Reinhart is able to borrow his church's pinewood derby track so we can hold our own race. I'm told that, surprisingly, hobby shops still sell affordable pinewood derby kits so we can all build our own cars. I haven't raced in a pinewood derby since I was in Cub Scouts (a story I'll share in a future Lifter Noise), and I'm hoping to fare better as an adult than I did as a Scout.

Our next club event is the Christmas party on December 14th, and I look forward to seeing everyone. For those who have been too busy to attend the summer events (Michigan has many wonderful distractions in the summer, so it's understandable), I'm hoping to see you at the party. We've planned lots of fun and lots of food. It would be good to see you.

Take care, and happy holidays!

Scott

November Board Meeting Recap

The October board meeting was held at Bunker Hill Chill & Grill. In attendance were Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Scott Olivier, Jamie Reinhart, Dennis Willson, and Dave Ziebarth.

The first order of business was to determine our officers. Scott Olivier will continue as president. Jamie Reinhart will be vice-president. Doug Lectka and Dave Ziebarth will continue their roles as treasurer and secretary respectively.

Doug reported a balance of \$5033.97 in our bank account.

Christmas Party

- December 14 at the Reinharts at 3:30 PM
- Jamie will be preparing hickory spiced and cider glazed pork ribs
- Everyone else needs to bring a dish to pass and their own beverages
- Entertainment is set to go

January Meeting

- January 21
- Model car contest
 - We decided that you must be a member or a direct family member of a club member to be eligible to enter
 - Model must be hand assembled
 - There will only be one winner
- We'll have it at Shots on the River

Zoup Off

- We will have the Pinewood Derby at the Zoup Off
 - We will need to publish Pinewood Derby rules in a future newsletter
 - Kits are available at Hobby Lobby
- Will be on February 22
- Dave Ziebarth will make reservation

March Meeting

- We are going to try doing our bowling event
- Dave Ziebarth will look into the availability of the lanes at 5 Lakes Brewing

Corvair Alignments

Dave Dykwell recently found out that Southkent Alignment will do alignments on Corvairs. They are classic car lovers who will treat your car right and charge reasonable prices.

They restored their old style "drive-on rack" and they've updated it with modern technology so they can align just about any older classic car or truck. Prices are \$75 front-end only and \$100 front and rear. SOUTHKENT is located at 5817 S. Division Ave. in Wyoming. You can reach them at (616) 534-6755. When making an appointment, make sure you tell them you're a member of the West Michigan Corvair Club. Note: while they can align your car, they do not stock any Corvair parts. So, if you need new tie rods, pitman bushings, knuckles or ball joints call Clark's first. SOUTHKENT will gladly install them.

WMCC Calendar

December 14	Christmas Party at the Reinharts
January 21	WMCC Membership Meeting and Model Car Contest at Shots on the River
January 28	WMCC Board Meeting at TBD

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