

# Lifter Noise



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## What's Going On

We only have one event going on this month, the March membership meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 PM. It will be held at Hilliards Corner Lounge, 3508 18th St, in Wayland. Note that this is the fourth Tuesday of the month. We moved it to avoid St. Patrick's Day.

The March board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 PM. It will be held at Peppino's in Jenison; 135 Chicago Dr # 4.

As of right now, our April meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 PM. The venue is yet to be determined.

We have new members to welcome to the West Michigan Corvair Club! Bill and Kathryn McCurdy live in Galesburg and they own a 1965 Corsa with a turbo and a 1961 Greenbrier.

If you have not yet done so, please pay your dues for 2020. Still only \$18. You can bring your dues to the March meeting or send them in the mail to the club address on the last page of this newsletter.

Scott Olivier has taken over collecting info for club member of the year. If you take your car to a parade or show, please let Scott know at [scott\\_olivier\\_mi@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_olivier_mi@yahoo.com) so he can give you the points you earned. We automatically count your points for club events. Thank you to Paul Adams for doing this task for the last few (actually many) years.

## Tech Session Recap

*By Scott Olivier*

On March 8, Ryan Counterman hosted a tech session at his barn in Cedar Springs. There were five members in attendance: Ryan Counterman (obviously), Dan Konkle, Jamie Reinhart, Steve Vander Helm, and Scott Olivier. We assembled the suspension for Ryan's Buick 3800 Corvair, including pressing in the new bushings and bearings. Ryan will install the suspension as soon as he gets the new fuel system in place. Ryan was worried that the cut springs that were installed may be too radical for the car, and won't know what they'll be like until they're installed in the car. Ryan provided a tasty pulled pork sandwich lunch for everyone. Look [here](#) on the club website for some pictures.

## Zoup Off Recap

We had a great turnout for the Zoup Off! There were nine soups and 10 desserts to judge. Everything was very tasty and it was hard to determine a winner. Once the votes were counted, the winning soup was a chicken noodle soup entered by Steve and Kim Vander Helm. For the desserts, there was a tie between Marilyn Dykwell (butterfinger dessert cups) and Becky Lectka (a pie that I forget the name of but it was tasty). This meant there had to be a bowl off to determine a winner. After bowling a few frames, Marilyn Dykwell was declared the winner. The winners got their names “engraved” on a trophy and a gift card.



For our entertainment, we had bowling. Scott Olivier brought some mini-pins and bowling balls and we each bowled three frames. After everyone finished bowling, the team of Dan Konkle and Dave Ziebarth emerged as the winners. For their efforts they each won a gift card.



We ended the day with a door prize raffle. This is always a popular event for our club and we are already looking forward to next year's Zoup Off.

Look [here](#) on the club website for some pictures.

## Mechanical Music

*By Scott Olivier*

I once read that we all feel a lifelong connection to music we heard during our formative years, after which we regard anything newer as inferior. We lock into our “era”. My grandparents loved Glenn Miller, my mom loves The Rolling Stones, my kids love whatever inferior junk they love (sorry, kids),

and I love rock from about 1977 to 1995. It's the music from those years that mostly fill the playlists that I enjoy during my hours of driving for work. It's what takes me to my happy place.

One of my favorite bands as a teen was Rush. I was introduced to Rush by middle school friend Vinnie Maniola, and I instantly connected to the sci-fi rock ethos of the band. Their drummer and main lyricist Neil Peart recently passed, which inspired me to put their songs into a heavier rotation as I drive. One of their songs is titled "Red Barchetta", which tells the story of a young man who lives in a future where cars are outlawed, but whose uncle owns a "brilliant red barchetta" that he's allowed to drive across the countryside when he visits. The lyrics of the song have always spoken to me:

Wind in my hair, shifting and drifting  
Mechanical music, adrenaline surge

Well-oiled leather, hot metal and oil  
The scented country air

Sunlight on chrome  
The blur of the landscape, every nerve aware

I got our '60 out this weekend, for the first time in a couple of months. It was a dry, snowless Sunday and it seemed the perfect time to burn some gas and stretch Old Blue's legs. I went only ten miles, but the lyrics of Red Barchetta instantly burst into my head. I felt in tune with the sound of the engine, the subtle thrum of the gas heater and, for a brief time, found the joy of that future young man driving his outlawed barchetta. I thought "this is why I own an old car". There's something about it that runs beautifully counter to what nearly everyone else today considers proper. It's old guy rebellion, and I love it.

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A few "club things":

- The Zoup Off was awesome, as usual. Congrats to the winners that Dave Ziebarth honors in this newsletter, and I'm sure next year's event will be just as competitive. It was nice to see kids at the event, as they're the future of our hobby. They seemed to have the most fun of anyone, which was great.
- We need to gather suggestions for a route for our Spring Dust Off in May, which is coming up quickly. If you have suggestions, please let a board member know. Our intent is to have more driving, rather than static, events this year. As mentioned in last month's Lifter Noise, we may make our summer meetings Saturday events rather than Tuesday events so they would be more than just meeting for dinner. It would be cool to get the 'Vairs on the road more in 2020.
- As always, if you have suggestions for how to make more of your \$18 annual fee, let the board know. We'd like to add members, and make WMCC events fun. You can always contact me at [scott\\_olivier\\_mi@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_olivier_mi@yahoo.com).

Have a great March. Winter is almost over!

Scott

## WMCC Calendar

March 24	WMCC Membership Meeting at Hilliards Corner Lounge; 6:30 PM
March 31	WMCC Board Meeting at Peppino's in Jenison; 6:30 PM
April 21	WMCC Membership Meeting at TBD; 6:30 PM
April 28	WMCC Board Meeting at TBD; 6:30 PM

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