

Lifter Noise



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What's Going On

COVID-19. Quarantine. Social Distancing. Clark's Corvair Parts is closed because they are "non-essential". That is "What's Going On". I keep hearing everyone referring to this as "the new normal". I certainly hope not. To me that implies this is our permanent situation. I would rather call it "the temporary normal". This gives me hope that things will return to normal some day.

Because of our "temporary normal" situation, we will not be having an April membership meeting. The March board meeting (and possibly the April board meeting) was conducted via email. Hopefully things will get back to normal in May with the Spring Dust Off.

If you have not yet done so, please pay your dues for 2020. Still only \$18. At this point your only choice is to mail them to the club address on the last page of this newsletter. At some point I will get the checks over to our treasurer, Doug. I have a few of them now.

I am looking forward to the day when we can get together again. Until then, I have my WMCC coffee cup to keep me company in my home office.



Board Meeting Recap

Well we really didn't have a board meeting for March. It was just an exchange of emails discussing possible events and when we may even be able to get together again.

One thing that was decided is that we will not have an April meeting. This was decided even before the restrictions were extended to April 30. Our April board meeting will probably be done over email as well.

We would like to plan a Spring Dust Off. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 30. We pushed it as late as we could into May but even having a gathering on that date could be doubtful.

We also discussed what we wanted to do in June - All Air Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum vs. Father's Day car show at Charlton Park in Hastings. Even though it was a little damp last year, it was decided that our official June event would be the Father's Day car show.

For April we will probably discuss more summer events including the picnic as well as the dance night that Dennis Willson would like to host.

Just to fill space, here is a picture from last year's Spring Dust Off.



Strange Times

By Scott Olivier

Early spring greetings, West Michigan Corvairians!

I hope this article finds all of you happy and, most importantly, healthy. These days, we all struggle against a strange new microscopic threat, and I'm hopeful that we're all successfully coping with it. The next few weeks will likely be the worst of it, and I have faith that we'll all come out the other end in good health.

As much as I'd enjoy pontificating about all things Corvair, we have more important issues at hand. I wish I could look forward to our April membership meeting. I wish I could be confident about motoring off to somewhere for our Spring Dust Off. The fact is, we have more important things to worry about right now. We all need to buckle down, follow recommendations, be safe, and keep others safe. We'll all be together soon after our brief time of "social distancing".

Once we get past this period of necessary isolation, the first likely club event that I look forward to will be in June. The board is debating between two events: the first is the annual All Air Cooled Gathering at the Gilmore Museum, and the second is the Father's Day Car Show in Hastings. WMCC has been a longstanding participant in the Gilmore event, and we attended the Hastings show last year, albeit in the pouring rain. I'd like to attend both shows, but my leaning for the "official" club event is for the Hastings show. I'd like to experience that beautiful venue in the sunshine, as it looked like a neat place to explore. If you have a strong opinion on one show or another, please let a board member know.

Lastly, I want to extend assistance to anyone in the club that may be struggling in the current COVID-19 situation. If you're not able to comfortably get to a store to get food or necessary items, let me know. Heather and I would be happy to make "Meijer runs" and bring you whatever you need to get through this crisis. Please don't hesitate to call me at (586) 719-3797, or email me at scott_olivier_mi@yahoo.com. We're here to help, and will do anything to get you through the next few weeks. If you're too prideful to ask for help, please check your pride and reach out. I mean it. I want to see all of you when things return to normal. We're all in this together, and we'll all get through it together.

Take care,

Scott Olivier

WMCC Calendar

April 28	WMCC Board Meeting at TBD; 6:30 PM
May 26	WMCC Board Meeting at TBD; 6:30 PM
May 30	Spring Dust Off
June 21	Father's Day Car Show at Charlton Park in Hastings

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'67 Corvair

the rear-engine road car

Even if Corvair weren't a crisp-steering, tail-finding joy to drive, the savings alone would be enough to make a lot of people happy. The '67 Sport Coupe, for example, is America's lowest priced hardtop. The spunky Corvair 4 has little appetite for gas and is air cooled instead

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And aluminum to protect your exhaust system. But if you're like most people, you'll get so enthused about driving your Corvair you'll forget all about how economical it is. Until every now and then something like your bank account reminds you.

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