

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

The details have been locked in for our picnic in July. It will take place on Saturday, July 11 at the cottage of Bob Muir. The address is 7789 Margaret in West Olive. We will be grilling chicken, which will be provided by the club. We are asking everyone to bring their own beverages, a dish to pass, and lawn chairs. Bob's cottage is on Lake Michigan so bring your swimsuit if you want to go for a swim. Social time starts at 1 PM with dinner being served at 3 PM. In case of rain (which looks doubtful as of this writing), we will have the picnic on Sunday, July 12 at 1 PM.

In August, our official club event will be a movie night at the home of Dennis Willson. Dennis has an outdoor projector where he can project on a large screen. The date for this event is August 15. Look for more details in the August newsletter.

A couple of other optional events in August include the Red Barns Spectacular on August 1 and the rescheduled All Air Cooled Car Show on August 8. Both of these events are at Gilmore Car Museum. For those who are interested in rallying as a group to the Air Cooled Show, meet at Burger King on Broadmoor near 52nd St. at 7:30 AM on the 8th. We will leave promptly at 8 AM.



Going Analog

By Scott Olivier

I joined Facebook in 2009, after months of prodding by my sister. She proposed that it would be a great way to stay connected with her and our mom, both of whom live in California. It was great for years, and helped build my relationship with relatives who were simultaneously close, yet distant. We were able to share photos of what was happening in our lives, and it enabled me to connect with friends who I hadn't seen in person in many years. I also was able to find all of you West Michigan Corvair Club members through social media, when I posted an SOS in the Corvair Owners Group page on Facebook, asking for help with my ailing '63, and club member Jamie Reinhart responded with an offer to help. Heather and I have made friends with many club members, and we will always be thankful that we found WMCC.

The past couple of years, things have changed. It's not that I've grown less close to my loved ones, it's the general environment of social media that's evolved. We've become a world of Us versus Them, of Friends and Adversaries. It's not just politics (that's the obvious hot button), it's disagreements over things like how to treat animals, what to eat, what products to use, climate change, and more recently, COVID protocols. Social media has become a whirlwind that has whisked away its participants. My belief is that it's made us less patient with each other, less willing to listen to opposing viewpoints, less tolerant of others unlike ourselves, and made us more quick to judge others than to seek to understand.

I recently left social media, and deleted the Facebook app on my phone. I've done this twice before, thinking that it would stick both times. The first time, I think I was back in three days. The second time lasted a couple of weeks. Like a person trying to quit smoking, I can't guarantee I won't be back, but I'm going to try. My goal is to at least stay out until the election, as I'm sure things will get ugly on social media between now and then. We'll see. My mom might guilt me back in.

What does all this have to do with Corvairs, you ask? Well, read on.

At the end of the season last year, the '63 inconveniently ate its speedometer. I was driving home from The Score sports bar and suddenly, an incredible screaming noise came from the dash. The speedo needle buried itself at the end of the scale, and then the needle fell off into the dash. The dash screamed at me all the way to the garage and I parked the thing, promising that I'd get to it when the weather got warmer. After a bit of research, it was apparent the speedo needed replacement. I took the dash apart in the last few weeks, put in a donor speedo, replaced a fuse that blew because I'm stupid, and all was good. She started right up, and I headed to the gas station to put in a tank full of hi-test.

As I was pulling away from the pump, a guy in his sixties started yelling at me. He was excited to see the car, and screamed "Wow! I haven't seen one of those in years! It lives!" I stopped the car, and he asked his wife to get out of their minivan to take a look at the car. He was absolutely joyful to see a Corvair in person, and I'm not sure I've ever seen a bigger smile on a person than the one I saw on him.

I've posted photos of my car online on various Corvair pages, and other vintage car pages. I've always enjoyed the "likes" that the photos have received. I can say conclusively that those "digital likes" can't compare to the in-person enthusiasm of that guy today. I'm going to call those real-life encounters "analog likes". I'm hoping to go all analog from now on. Real life feels better than digital.

WMCC Calendar

July 11	Summer Picnic in West Olive; 1 PM
July 28	WMCC Board Meeting at Champ's in Middleville; 6:30 PM
August 1	Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum; 9 AM
August 8	All Air Cooled Car Show at Gilmore Car Museum; 9 AM
August 15	WMCC Movie Night at the Willsons; Time TBD
August 25	WMCC Board Meeting at TBD; 6:30 PM

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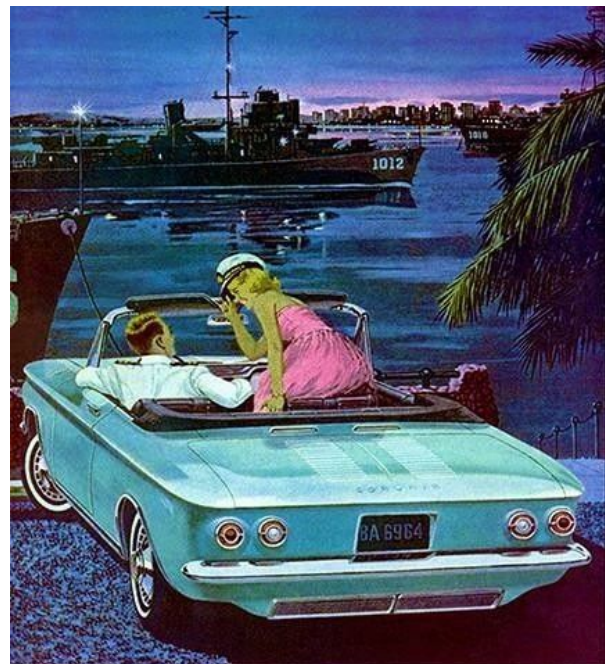
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It has a twinkle in its eye

It flirts with you, that's what it does. But its come-hither looks aren't the only attraction. Corvair's got a practical side that makes as much sense to women as it does to mechanically minded men. For instance, the engine's air-cooled so there's no radiator to add water to or buy antifreeze for. No hoses to check, tighten or replace. And you won't spend time or money getting brakes adjusted. They adjust themselves. Just nothing much for you to do but enjoy driving like you probably never have before.

The peppery standard engine's got about 19% more horsepower this year. Its location in back puts extra weight on your rear wheels, gives them a super grip on mud, ice and snow. And the easy-to-park size and easy steering make even downtown driving more relaxing.

In fact, this is the kind of car it's a pleasure just to think about driving. Why not do just that—all the way down to your dealer's? . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.

