

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

We will have a meeting in September! We are meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at Fricano's on Alpine (5808 Alpine Ave. NW) at 6 PM. This is their Tuesday night cruise night; the last one of the year. Note that this is one week earlier than we normally meet.

We will also have a color tour! It is scheduled for Saturday, October 17. We will be following the itinerary that we had planned on using last year before it was rained out. The tentative meet up time will be 8:45 AM at Fricano's on Alpine. We will leave at 9 AM. At this point we are unsure if we will be able to dine at a restaurant so a picnic lunch may be substituted for our stop in Ludington. We will have this finalized before the October newsletter is published.

We are not planning on a meeting in November so that will push the board of directors election into January (assuming we can meet then). We may have an informal meet up and cruise in November. If so, we will publish the details in a future newsletter.

Also it is very likely that we will not be having a Christmas Party this year. We will continue to monitor what is happening around us but we aren't very hopeful.



How's Everyone Doing?

By Scott Olivier

Hello, WMCC members!

I'm typing this from our underground bunker, where Heather and I have been holed up since March. We've been mostly surviving on canned goods and vegetables grown in the backyard. We haven't eaten any of the local squirrels, but they're starting to look more delicious as time goes on. They're quick little guys, so I'm sure they'll be tough to catch. I'll have to Google some squirrel recipes. Something with rosemary, maybe?

I'm kidding of course. We're doing well, and I hope you all are as well. I've worked through these past several months as hard as I ever have, as has Heather. These are challenging and stressful times for most folks. I've yet to meet someone who enjoys wearing a mask, but it appears it's something we all need to do to keep our most vulnerable friends safe. Everyone's "fear meter" looks different--some are low and they don't worry much (I tend toward this side of the scale), and some are pegged at the other end of the spectrum (my mom is one of them). My hope is that people are just trying to be kind to each other, and empathizing with their fellow humans. We're all in this together, and we'll all come out the other end together. This COVID stuff is temporary and better times are ahead, of that I'm sure.

We do have some "normal" stuff to look forward to! We have two club events upcoming, as Dave Ziebarth outlines in this edition of the Lifter Noise. Our September event is the cruise night at Fricano's on Alpine. We'll be in attendance for their last cruise night of the year, so I'm sure it will be well-attended. Our club event for October will be our Fall Color Tour, which will follow the route that was planned for last year's tour that was cancelled due to weather. We'll take a leisurely drive up to Ludington, then end in Newaygo. If things look safe, we'll dine at restaurants. If not, we'll picnic outdoors. Regardless of how the COVID situation looks in October, the event will go forward.

I hope to see as many people as possible at the next couple of events before we head into another Michigan winter and we have to put our Corvairs up for the season. This has been a weird year, and I feel disconnected with membership. Maybe we can get together for a bit the next couple of months. Come on out, stay six feet away, wash your hands, and say howdy. It would be good to see you.

Be safe and be happy,
Scott

August Board Meeting Recap

The July board meeting was held at the home of Scott and Heather Olivier on August 25. In attendance were Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Scott & Heather Olivier, Dennis & Danielle Willson, and Dave Ziebarth.

September Meetings

- Fricano's on 9/8 at 6 PM
 - We will try to park together
 - Last cruise night of the year so it may be busy
- Do we need a board meeting?
 - We determined to cancel the in person board meeting
 - Any discussion (color tour planning) will be done via email

Color Tour

- Dave Dykwell will verify the route he laid out last year but we did not use due to weather
 - Need to make sure the route is still viable (no construction)
- May need to substitute a picnic in Ludington instead of stopping at a brewery as originally planned
 - People would bring their own food like they did for the Spring Dust Off
- Dinner tentatively planned for Newaygo Brewing Company
- Back-up plan would be to just end the tour in Newaygo and people make their way home from there
- If we do go to Newaygo Brewing Company, those who are not comfortable dining in would be free to go on their way

November Meeting

- No meeting scheduled
- Would need to delay board of directors elections until January
- Dennis suggested that we could have an informal meet up
 - We could do a mini cruise to his sister's pizza parlor in Westphalia
 - Will discuss and plan further via email

Christmas Party

- 95% chance it won't happen
- Small chance if events change
- Next meeting will probably be January

WMCC Calendar

September 8 WMCC Meeting at Fricano's
on Alpine; 6 PM

October 17 Color Tour

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