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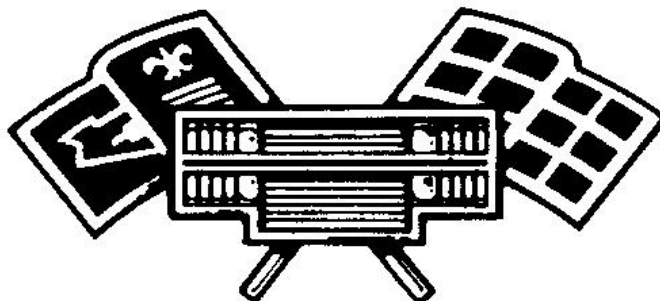
What's Going On

Our next event will be our annual Spring Dust Off. It will take place on Saturday, May 20. Like last year, we will be meeting up with the Detroit Area Corvair Club. This year, we will be hosted by former WMCC member Norm Witte at Barntopia near Grand Ledge. Barntopia is the collection of Norm's barns that hold Corvairs, Oldsmobiles, an Imperial, an old boat, tractors, and the newest addition - a 1972 Starcraft pop-up camper. Details are still being worked out but should be finalized in time for the May newsletter.

We have our calendar for 2023 in place. You can see it on the last page of this newsletter. Details for the various events need to be worked out but at least there are dates so you can plan your summer accordingly.

For those of you on Facebook and are interested in attending car shows, I recommend joining the group [Car Shows West Michigan](#). There is already a lengthy list of shows planned for this summer. I plan on adding what I think may be of interest to our club to the club Facebook group. If you are not a member of our club Facebook group, click [here](#) and ask to join. I will also list them on our Events page on our website. We also have a list of shows that may be of interest later in this newsletter.

Now is the time to pay your dues for 2023. Dues are still \$18. Since our next in-person event is the Spring Dust Off, I would recommend mailing them to the address on the last page of this newsletter. I have received a number of checks already; I just need to get them to our treasurer so if you sent a check and it hasn't been cashed yet, don't worry.



Zoup Off Recap

We had a great showing for the Zoup Off! This is the first time since 2020 that we have been able to hold this event. It was even a nice enough day that two Corvairs were driven! We had a total of nine soups and eight desserts to judge. Everything was very tasty and in the end, we had a four-way tie in each category. It was decided to just draw the name of the winners out of those who tied.

Soup results: 1st place - Ryan Counterman; 2nd place - Becky Lectka; honorable mention - Dave & Marilyn Dykwell and Krisann Lectka.

Dessert results: 1st place - Bob Muir; 2nd place - Cheryl Ziebarth; honorable mention - Becky Lectka and Kim Vander Helm.

After everyone filled their bellies, we had a remote control car competition. Dave Dykwell laid out a track around the room for us to attempt to race some remote control cars. After the heat battles, the finals came down to Ryan Counterman and Matt Zerilli. Matt prevailed to win.

It was a lot of fun to get this event going again. We are already looking forward to next year with the possibility of a Pinewood Derby. Look for more pictures from the Zoup Off on our web site.



President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

Lower forties and bright sunshine made for a beautiful Saturday in February which put all of us in good spirits as we enjoyed the return of our annual Zoup-Off – our last was in 2020. I wish to thank Dave Z., Doug L. and Steve VH for helping to make this yet another great WMCC Event. The competition was fierce this year as we had a four-way tie for First in Soup and Dessert! I think we're all getting better at this. First Place Trophies went to Becky L. for Soup and Bob M. for Dessert (yes, it was home-made just not by Bob). Your's truly created a WMCC Off-Road RC Car Derby. Races gave up some good giggles. Matt Z. was the champagne Winner and Ry C. received Second place chocolate milk! Raffle prizes were drawn and your Board presented Carolyn & Ry with a giant box of Huggies.

With our abbreviated 2023 Calendar our next WMCC Event will be the Spring Dust Off where we'll rally to Grand Ledge to meet up with the Detroit Area Corvair Club at Norm Witte's Barntopia. Should be another great time. Dave Z. will put out more information and a reminder as we draw closer – May 20th. Now that our world is recovering, the Board wanted to provide you with a list of “other” Activities. If you see something you like (i.e., FAST Drags at US131 May 13th) and plan on attending, shout it out so other club members might join you!

Speaking of Club members, I called Bill Wright to check in. Bill has had difficulty with mobility and nerve issues. However, he's doing OK and uses a cane. He sounded in good spirits and wants to attend our Dust Off and possibly Red Barns but is not currently driving. I also spoke with Vern Metcalf. He's had his struggles with Covid but is back and all better. I'm sure we'll see Vern around this year. If you haven't heard, Carolyn & Ry are proud parents of healthy TWINS – Lincoln Colby and Adeline Kay, born on February 16th. Congrats! We're also excited to hear that Steve & Mary Ridderman's granddaughter Khloe is recuperating very well from her surgery. Lastly, Sean L. underwent some strenuous surgery (seven hours) to correct nerve signals to his heart. Back at work and doing fine now.

After a few years of No Shows, most local shows are now back in force. Last summer, I noticed a significant resurgence in attendance both with cars and lookers. I enjoyed several and strongly encourage you to attend a few. And, don't be concerned if your car is not Concours. Most local shows do not have them and most cars are average. What I like most is the diversity of makes, models and the people you meet. All Corvairs cause a lot of attention! A few local churches are pulling in good crowds, offering No Entry and Free Food. Same with Todd Wenzel's Show. How can you go wrong!

If you haven't caught it yet, the Corvair Preservation Fund has realized the dream of establishing a permanent Museum in Glenarm, Il..The museum has been approved and officially recognized by GM as the “National Corvair Museum” and entered in the Route 66 Historic Travelers Tour Guide. Visit www.corvairmuseum.com for more.



Other Ideas and Events

Compiled by Dave Dykwell with some help from the WMCC Board of Directors

CAR SHOWS

- *All Air Cooled - Gillmore June 17th
- Zeeland Show-N-Shine - July 8th
- *Todd Wenzel Hudsonville Classic Chevy Show - July 15th (free food)
- Gun Lake Casino Car Show - July 29th
- Byron Day Classics Show – July 29th (free food)
- *Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Car Show – July 30th
- *Red Barns Spectacular – Gillmore August 5th
- Del Shannon Show - Coopersville August 11th & 12th
- Metro Cruise - August 25th - 26th
- *Silver Lake Apple/BBQ Car & Buggy Festival – September 9th
- WoodHaven Ministries - September tbd (free food)
- VerHage Motors Holland - Thursday September 21st (free food)

*best shows to attend

CRUISE INS (more info. Hotrodtime.com Carshowz.com)

- Fricano's Pizza Alpine Every Tuesday night
- Dorr ACE Hardware Every Thursday night
- Byron Center ACE Every Saturday night
- Various CULVERS Each has a scheduled night

RACES/DRAGS

- FAST Drags Spring Nationals – US131 MSW May 12th & 13th
- Northern Nationals – US131 MSW August 4th & 5th
- Funny Car Weekend – US131 MSW September 8th & 9th
- Berlin Raceway - Senior's FREE August 12th & The CHET September 9th
- Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags – MidMich Motorplex September 16th
- FAST Drags Winter Nationals - US131 MSW October tbd

GROUP Activities

- CLASSIC CARS DEALER Showrooms – two locally
- WHITECAPS Night – Saturday

OUR 50TH ANNIV – 2023

Thanks to the support of 1,000's of Corvair owners over the last 50 years we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. We respect your trust and always put our customers first. We would also like to thank our 24 employees, 10 have been with us over 20 years and some as long as 46! Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all year-Joan & Cal Clark

SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH- each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and also list in a special sale section on our Home page www.corvair.com

FREE 50th MEMENTO gifts with your first order in 2023

FREE CATALOG WITH AN ORDER- if you have not received a free 2019-2025 catalog yet, just ask for one.

LIST YOUR CORVAIR FOR SALE- NO CHARGE- sell your Corvair or a spare you just don't have time for! For all of 2023 we will list it on our website at **NO CHARGE-** check the website for details (Corvairs For Sale)

CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES- See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Cal will be giving an old fashion "slide show" showing the building of our complex and history. Parts on sale! **SEPT 16, 2023 -rain or shine**

2023 SUPPLEMENT- On our website or as a hard copy -many new repros & updates.

INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION-Wisconsin- We will be there Tues, Wed & Thurs with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates June 19- June 24

CATALOG- over 450 pages, free with an order, \$8 postpaid in USA

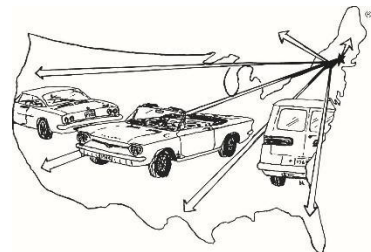
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WMCC Calendar

May 20	Spring Dust Off with DACC - tour to Barntopia in Grand Ledge
June 18	Fathers Day Car Show in Charlton Park in Hastings
July 15	Summer Picnic
August 5	Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum
October 14	Fall Color Tour
December 9	Christmas Party

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take your pick of a pair of
Corvair MONZAS
(with two or four doors!)

Corvair Monza Four Door—offers Monza luxury with the added convenience of two more doors!

Corvair Monza Two Door—just one of 10 Corvair models to choose from in '65!

If you've been able to resist a Monza up to now—and that's quite an accomplishment—get ready to capitalize. For now you can choose this most distinctive Corvair with either two or four doors! In either case, the Monza offers luxury-car features, custom interiors like sports-car type bucket seats,* custom door and window fixtures, deep-twist carpeting, and a de luxe steering wheel. Things that go with the spirit of this machine. Of course, if you need any more persuasion, then apparently you've yet to sample such Corvair advantages as rear-engine traction, Full Coil suspension, precision steering and a virtually flat floor. Your Chevrolet dealer's eager to show them off. Just ask him! . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

De luxe Monza steering wheel features stylish chrome-finished horn ring with convenient thumb button.

Exquisitely crafted vinyl door trim adds bits of luxury. Monza interiors are offered in six color combinations, too.

*Individual bucket seat vinyl seats are standard on the Monza Four Door and are extra-cost option on Monza Two Door.

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