

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Coming up this month is 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. We will be meeting at Burger King, 5135 Broadmoor Ave SE in Kentwood, at 10:00 AM. We will leave there around 10:15 - 10:30 AM taking a leisurely drive to Barntopia (we will have maps available). We will be making a stop at Tony M's Restaurant & Banquet Center, 3420 Creyts Rd, to regroup before we arrive at Barntopia to make sure nobody is left behind. We are asking everyone to bring their own lunch, beverages, and lawn chairs. We will be at Barntopia until 3:00 PM and then everyone is free to disperse on their own.

In June, we will be attending the Father's Day Car Show in Charlton Park in Hastings. More details will be in the June newsletter.

Also in June is the annual Air-Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum. The date of this event is Saturday, June 17. While this is not an official club event, a lot of club members attend on their own and there is usually a good showing of Corvairs.

This is the final call to pay your dues for 2023. Dues are still \$18. For those who want to pay in person, we will collect them at the Spring Dust Off. If you can't make the Spring Dust Off, you can mail a check to the club address on the last page of this newsletter. If you do not have your dues paid by the Spring Dust Off, we will drop you from the club roster.

In the March newsletter, we published a calendar of shows and cruise nights in an effort to inform everyone of shows they could attend on their own. That calendar plus a number of other events is posted on our website - <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter495/events.php>.

Road Construction

It's that time of year - orange barrel season. Watch out for them. However, there are some areas in Michigan where you can go to avoid them.

Areas shaded in blue do not have road construction



President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

Our favorite pandemic has sure had its impact on our way of life. The stock market struggles, interest rates are back up and we still see shortages of the strangest things. One area where I was watching the impacts was in our classic car market. No car shows or live auctions and an innocent bystander would have thought that a plummet in sales would have affected prices. A correction was anticipated. But, no. Didn't happen. I've been looking to buy for a while now and have several models in mind but it's extremely difficult to find a reasonable, fair and affordable car. Our old time members would choke to see what you have to pay for a decent Rampside or Greenbriar today. Even the prices on basic Monzas are making me scratch my bald head. Why pay \$20K on a basic Corvair when I can buy a 2004-5 BMW Z04 for less than \$10K and have a fully electronic luxury sports car. How about a 2000 Corvette for \$15k. Available and worthy of consideration in my opinion. Still waiting for the market correction to happen. Which reminds me, I have a great idea for us this fall. A simple contest with prizes related to the topic above. Watch for more.

Spent some time with Scott and Heather Olivier this past week. All is good down in Tennessee. In fact, both are now working from home. The Nashville Club is not convenient and the drive to meetings is tough. Good news was given to Dave Teppo with his anticipated surgery being postponed while his doctors watch and wait for the right time. Maybe we can schedule a Tech Session at his place soon. I hear Eric Lectka needs a child seat or maybe two installed in the back and Matt Zerilli has experience with his early.

Here's hoping that the cold and rainy weather disappears for Saturday, May 20. The Spring Dust Off is almost here and I'm looking forward to getting the Spyder out – top down and sunny please. Make sure to read David's information for details. We are also collecting Annual Dues at this time. Let's have a good turn out.

Well, time to sign off now that spring is here and I must mow 3 acres twice a week after applying a bunch of fertilizer so it will grow faster, greener and thicker. Hummm.



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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

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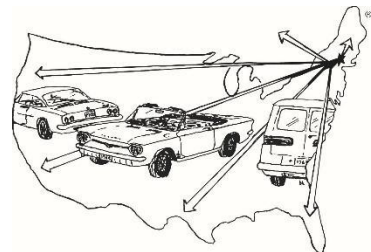
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WMCC Calendar

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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