

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our meeting this month will take place on Tuesday, September 12 at Fricano's Pizza, 5808 Alpine Ave. NW at 6:00 PM. This is the last night of their Tuesday Cruise Night for the summer.

Our annual color tour is happening on Saturday, October 14. Planning has just started so there are no details to share yet.

Our November meeting will be on Saturday, November 4. Start time is yet to be determined. We will be meeting at the TerryTown RV Classic Car Museum on Division. We will be holding our board of director elections at this meeting.

On December 9, we will be holding our annual Christmas Party. Make sure you put it on your calendar and look for details in a future newsletter.



What a 1970 Corvair may have looked like if they were continued another year.

August Recap

Our official club event in August was the Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum. Five Club Members rallied at the McDonalds in Caledonia for a leisurely drive to Gilmore. We met up with two more on the way. Getting there a little early is a good idea when it comes to the Red Barns Spectacular. This show is amazing. It keeps growing and changing due to the overwhelming crowds of cars. There was a new mile-long entrance and new set-up – twice the vendors (moved to along the fence), twice as many cars (old vendor area all cars +/- 1,200), more food trucks, live music and less Car Corral. The Porsche Club had over 50 cars alone! Met up with John & Kathy Koning (former WMCC members) next to the main drive under a tree with lawn chairs in total spectator mode. Blessed with great weather, it was an excellent Show Day. I highly recommend attending next year!

Also in August was the 28th Street Metro Cruise. While we did not officially participate as a club, a few of us attended on our own. Doug Arnold and Dave Dykwell participated in the All GM Show at Berger Chevrolet. There were also two other Corvairs there. Dave Ziebarth cruised in his Corvair on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Dave also spotted the Corvair of former WMCC member Charlie Wells. Ryan Counterman also cruised but he opted for his 1965 Mercury Colony Park station wagon.



President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

Spotted an interesting factoid in Hemmings last month. Appears that car manufacturers have increased production of Manual Transmissions in '23 (1.9) over '22 (1.3) and '21 (.9), with plans for further increases in '24. Now before you get all excited, we're only talking 2 to 3% of production. But I'm glad to see that sticks are not dinosaurs just yet. According to the WSJ, it's the 20 somethings fueling the renaissance stating greater control on winding roads, driving enjoyment rather than A to B fast and the act of driving – brain, feet and hands combination (gaming I suspect). EV's will not be for everybody. There's hope.

Talking about hope, a long-time friend of mine asked me how to sell his pristine 1970 Yamaha 1100 Midnight Special. He was hoping for a higher dollar. His local Facebook post netted only \$5K and the bike is a collector item [only 273 made]. Told him to try Hemmings to reach those who he needed to see his ad. Sold the bike for \$9k in one week. I should start collecting commissions.

Here's another hope story. The other day I spotted a nice early Corvette on the side of the Wilson/M-6 overpass. Hood up with owner underneath. So I stopped just in case. Beautifully restored '57, but with a rebuilt older 350. Seems the owner inherited the car from his deceased brother. It was his first drive after shipping it up from Florida. He said the car had not been driven in over 15 years. All he did was put a new battery in and it started so he went for a spin. Apparently the gas was also 15 years old and the vintage rayons were even older. I thought ... what car guy does that? Asked if he wanted any help and he said he'd already called his wife and a tow truck. Asked if I could buy the car since it was clearly apparent that this guy was a true classic-car idiot. He admitted to knowing little about cars - but couldn't sell. So much for a little hope.

In my June article I wrote about my 17 year-old tires on my Spyder and how I reluctantly needed to replace them. In the Hagerty Jul-Aug '23 issue, feature writer Jay Leno, wrote about how he just had two tires explode on a recent road trip. His article explained exactly what I was concerned about and reinforced my decision. Being Jay, he ended with a complaint about having to now buy 1200 new tires. Faith in maintenance.

So, here's a car related Trivia question; How many car Model Names were shared or used by different car Brands? An easy example is a Plymouth and Chevrolet Suburban. I've started a good list. How many can you come up with? Custom is not one. Text your answers to 6168853902. You might just WIN a Surprise Prize!

Guess I'd rather be driving on faith than hope.

Respectfully Dave

WMCC Calendar

September 12	WMCC Meeting at Fricano's Pizza on Alpine; 6:00 PM
October 14	Fall Color Tour
November 4	WMCC Meeting at Terrytown Car Museum on Division; time TBD
December 9	Christmas Party

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