

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our event for this month is our annual color tour on Saturday, October 14. We will be meeting at 10:00 AM at Fricano's on Alpine. Look for the details later in this newsletter.

Our November meeting will be on Saturday, November 4 at 10:00 AM. We will be meeting at the TerryTown RV Classic Car Museum at 7303 South Division Ave. We will be holding our board of director elections at this meeting. There are three positions that will be opening up. If you are willing to serve on our board of directors, feel free to nominate yourself!

There is one change to the calendar regarding our Christmas Party. It will now be held on Saturday, December 2 instead of December 9. More details will be posted in a future newsletter.

One other note - 2024 will be the 50th Anniversary of the West Michigan Corvaair Club! I hope to write up a few memories from over the years and I may republish a few articles that appeared in past newsletters.

In other news around the club, a couple of our members just added some new Corvairs to their stables. Dave Dykwell picked up a very nice 1968 500 Coupe back in late August. Then a few weeks ago, John Cole picked up a 1963 Monza Coupe that has not been on the road since 1991.



September Recap

We were supposed to have our September meeting at Fricano's on Alpine as part of their cruise night. Due to various circumstances, a few of us who were planning to attend could not make it. We did have two members show up - Matt Peterson and Steve Vander Helm. Steve reported that there was a great number of cars that showed up. Steve also said that the Fricano's regulars appreciated that a couple of Corvairs showed up.

Color Tour

By Dave Dykwell

This year we'll be rallying at Fricano's, 5808 Alpine NW, at 10:00am and leaving at 10:15am. Total driving trip time will be 1 hour, 36 minutes with a distance of 80 miles.

First STOP will be Ed Dunneback & Girls Farm, 3025 6 Mile Rd NW. We'll spend 20-30 minutes there if the weather is nice, bringing total trip time to +/- 2 hours.

Then start north on a trip up to HESPERIA.

From Hesperia we'll go east to WHITE CLOUD.

From White Cloud we'll go south to NEWAYGO for lunch, approximately 1:00ish.

Where: Newaygo Brewing Company, 19 State Rd.

They have a good selection of beers, pizza, sandwiches, salads.

After lunch, the group is "one their own" with an easy trip down M-37 back home.



President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

Last month I posed a Car Trivia question [How many car Model Names were shared or used by different car Brands?] which I thought was interesting. Sadly, I guess I was wrong since I received only one response. However, it was a good one. Thanks to Paul/Barb Adams for submitting their winning entry. They got seven of fourteen – Lincoln/Bentley Continental, Hudson/AMC Hornet, Rambler/Nissan Rogue, Aston/Pontiac LeMans, Edsel/Lincoln Corsair, Edsel/Chevy Citation, and Edsel/Ford Ranger. The others included: Plymouth/AMC Matador, Edsel/AMC Pacer, Opel/Dodge Diplomat, AMC/Dodge Spirit, Studebaker/Dodge Daytona, Renault/Buick Encore, Chevy/Plymouth Suburban and Olds/Ford Fiesta. Could be more? As far as the Surprise Prize, how about one-year Paid Club Dues! Thanks for reading Barb and Paul.

Speaking of reading, not sure how many of you subscribe to Hemmings but they do put out some interesting stuff. Tracking the changes in valuations of sold cars, they report a consecutive monthly drop at auction for the average “collector” cars (<\$50K). Reasons cited were post CoVid correction, inflation concerns and over supply from flipping to cash-in. Sounds like the “way above market” prices might be slipping and you might just be able to buy that car that was out of reach?

I always thought the Opel GT was a cool little car. I've had my eye out for some time and they seldom appear in classifieds. Found a nicely refurbished '70 in Michigan listed for \$20K. Called the guy to see if price was negotiable since it was nearly \$5-6K over market and it has the smaller engine. It's not in the garage yet so it was not. Three months later it's still listed. Maybe I should send him the Hemming's article?

To me, the worst part of buying a new “used” car is having to go to the Secretary of State office. However, I had to do it since the seller dated the title. So I go to the Hudsonville location, explain what I need and give up my phone number. Believe or not, I was in and out in less than fifteen minutes! I'm still in shock. GO Benson!

Lastly, we have three Club Events coming up. Time to GO on this year's Color Tour, Saturday October 14th. I see a lot of trees already starting to turn and the UP is reporting near peak. We'll be doing a shorter route north rallying at Fricano's at 10:00am. Our November Meeting will be held at Terrytown RV to view the owner's extensive collection of beautiful cars – compliments of Jamie Reinhart. Coffee and donuts served. Elections to follow. See Dave's article for more details. The annual Christmas Party date has been moved to Saturday, December 2nd.

Respectfully Dave

WMCC Calendar

October 14	Fall Color Tour
November 4	WMCC Meeting at Terrytown Car Museum on Division at 10 AM
December 2	Christmas Party - NOTE DATE CHANGE

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