

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

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! We will also be able to view the car collection while we are there.

Our Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 2 at the home of Doug and Becky Lectka. We are still in the early planning stages so look for more details in a future newsletter.

Color Tour Recap

It was a warm, beautiful day for our annual color tour. We had a great turnout of Corvairs! Oh wait, I wrote that in 2018. That was the last time we had really good weather for our color tour. It's either been cool or rainy or both. This year it was both. We even delayed it a week from the original planned date hoping for better weather but that didn't work out. A few cars showed up anyway at Fricano's but we decided to cancel it. That didn't stop Ryan Counterman from doing his own mini tour and taking a few pictures. Maybe we'll finally have nice weather next year.



Pinewood Derby 2024 - Idea to Reality

By Dave Dykwell

Our initial goal was to provide members with yet another unique, memorable, and fun entertainment idea for our annual ZOUP OFF Event, Tentatively scheduled for February 17, 2024. And, the idea we had was to hold our own Pinewood Derby Race on a real Derby Track with members racing head-to-head with their own hand-built Derby Cars. We even considered a future "Youth Division" for son's, daughters or grandkids? The idea included the Club furnishing the Derby Car Kits free-of-charge to any interested racer. And, the Club will award a **\$50** and **\$25** Meijer Gift Card to First and Second place.

Sound like a fun idea to you? Well, this is where we need your help. In order for your Board to determine the viability, we need to determine participation. To put everything together we need to know how many Racers we would need to plan for.

To accomplish this, a Board member will be personally calling you so we can get some accurate numbers. We'll be asking IF you plan to attend the ZOUP OFF and whether you want a Kit to make your own racer. Note: you can participate in the Zoup Off without doing a Derby Racer.

Calls will be made before November 20th so expect to be contacted soon. Results will be published in the December Newsletter along with our next steps. This should be a great addition to the ZOUP OFF!



President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

Heads Up! As you read through your November Newsletter you will see that we have a novel entertainment concept for our 2024 Zoup Off for you to consider. And, that we need your help to bring this crazy idea to reality. Afterall, next year will be our Club's 50th Anniversary. So, a Board member will be calling you shortly to get your personal response. We look forward to the results.

Speaking of results, I received a few late entries for the Car Model Trivia question I posed in September. They bring the total List of same model names used by different manufacturers up to seventeen. Looks like the poor Edsel was the biggest loser OR the best at picking good names for other manufacturers. Guess it depends on your perspective. Another naming tickle for me; marketing of automatic transmissions ... like Flash-O-Matic. So, what was your favorite? I'd like to hear from you and create an unusual Tranny Name List.

Unusual, yes, it certainly was. Just the other day, someone was knocking at my front door in the middle of the afternoon and wasn't a Jehovah's Witness. Upon opening the door, there stood a young lady (45ish) who asked me if I was into Corvairs. She thought so since my driveway sign kind of gave me away. She then proceeded to tell me that her son, 19 years old, also really liked Corvairs and wants to buy, restore, and use one as a daily driver. She asked me if he could stop by some time to look at mine and talk Corvair. In shock, I started to look around for the camera crew. Absent, my second thought – Is she casing the place? It didn't take long and I then realized she was serious. Did I just experience one of those rare opportunities to share Corvair with someone under 50? A week later, the young man actually showed up at my house. Bailey is his name and he thinks Corvairs are really cool. We gave my recent 500 purchase the once over – it's a perfect candidate! He also asked about joining the Club. He also wants to learn how to drive a stick. Like questionable Barn Find stories, guess these things do happen after all.

When reading those "Barn Find" articles have you ever thought ... are these things even real? Well, I'm glad to say that I have a tendency to believe they are. Recently, I was shown a '36 Plymouth Business Coupe running, driving and restored – some 35 years ago. I've looked at a '67 Amphicar and a '70 Cougar RX7 in pole buildings just down the street - rough but restorable. I know where to find an intact '65 Suburban, '53 Chevy Panel Truck, '49 GMC 1/2 ton and a really cool Cushman scooter. Now if I can only stumble upon a '69 Buick GS Stage 1 four-speed with flat tires and **LOTS** of dust. Convertible please.

Did you ever notice how absent of any outdoor plans, the weather is great. Make some plans and you automatically jinx the forecast - Holidays excluded, since we can't change those. But can we? So I'm confused. Which is it ... Columbus Day, Indigenous Natives Day or Dachshund Appreciation day?

Respectfully, Dave

WMCC Calendar

November 4	WMCC Meeting at Terrytown Car Museum on Division at 10 AM
December 2	Christmas Party at the Lecktas
February 17	WMCC Zoup Off (tentative date)

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'67 Corvair

the rear-engine road car

Even if Corvair weren't a crisp-steering, tail-finding joy to drive, the savings alone would be enough to make a lot of people happy. The '67 Sport Coupe, for example, is America's lowest priced hardtop. The spiky Corvair is fast little appetite for gas and is air cooled instead

of water cooled. You save the price of antifreeze and have no water hose, pump or radiator to repair or replace. Among other econominors you've got a Dyalotron generator to extend battery life, an inner aim under each fender to ward off corrosion.

And aluminum to protect your exhaust system. But if you're like most people, you'll get so enthused about driving your Corvair you'll forget all about how economical it is. Until every now and then something like your bank account reminds you.

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