

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our event for December is the Christmas Party! It will be held on Saturday, December 2 at the home of Doug and Becky Lectka, 1797 Iroquois Trail in Hastings. Social time will start at 4:00 PM with dinner being served at 5:00 PM. The club will provide the main course of ham and a couple of sides. We are asking everyone to bring an appetizer or dessert to pass as well as their own beverages. We will also have the pinewood derby kits available for pick up (more on that in a bit).

Looking ahead to 2024, our first planned event is the Zoup Off! The tentative date is Saturday, February 17. That could change based on the availability of our preferred venue but we won't know until the middle of December. Most, if not all, of you should have received a call or email from a WMCC board member asking if you plan on attending. The reason we did this is we plan on having a pinewood derby for our entertainment! The club is providing the pinewood derby car kits and we needed to know how many to order. They will be available for pick up at the Christmas Party. If you are not attending the Christmas Party and you reserved a kit, you can contact Dave Dykwell to arrange pick up.

At the November meeting we held our elections for board of director positions. Please join me in welcoming John Cole back to the board of directors. John has served on the board many times in the past. Also, thank you to Dennis Willson who served on the board since 2018 and helped plan a few of our tours in that time.

November Meeting Recap

By Dave Dykwell

We were greeted with sunny skies and mild temps for once as we gathered at the TERRYTOWN RV Center and Automotive Museum. Access and our tour was provided by Jamie Reinhart. A total of 10 members were present. The Club provided donuts and coffee. Our meeting was held directly in the museum surrounded by remarkable pristine classics – one of which was the venerable 1935 Auburn Boattail Speedster. Jamie patiently practiced his Docent skills as we viewed nearly 100 assorted cars from early Ultra Classics to 50's luxury's, 60's muscle and today's Super/Exotic cars.

Two matters of business were discussed after completing our tour; Pinewood Derby Plan and the Annual Election of Board Members and Directors.

Pinewood Derby Plan – Dave D. discussed our plan to proceed toward determining viability and personal contact with members. After polling among present attendees we had eight people interested in building and racing a derby car already. Dave noted that only nine other potential members would need to be contacted. The group also discussed racing prior built derby cars. In turns of competition in racing for the first and second prize (\$50 & \$25), only newly built kits provided free-of-charge by the club could be used. However, racing among those bringing vintage racers was encouraged with bragging rights or possibly a consolation prize involved. Discussion of a Youth Division also resurfaced with potential numbers appearing low. The group felt that should a member wish to assist a son, daughter or grandchild with a derby car that would be encouraged, with a possible prize. John Cole reminded us that he has access to an official track and would help with set-up, tear-down and return. The club will need a volunteer(s) to assist. Dave D. will complete contacts, order sufficient kits and prepare a rules sheet. He will have kits available at the December Christmas Party, Saturday, December 2nd hosted by Becky and Doug Lectka or by pick up at his house.

A motion was made to proceed with the Pinewood Derby as our Zoup Off 2024 entertainment. Motion unanimously carried.

Annual Elections – As we draw near to the end of 2023, three members' terms of office are to expire; Doug Lectka, Treasurer, Dennis Willson and Steve VanderHelm as Directors. Both Doug and Steve graciously re-nominated themselves and John Cole stepped up to nominate himself as our third Board Member for election. A motion was made to accept all nominees. Motion unanimously carried. West Michigan Corvair Club CORSA Chapter 495 will proceed into 2024 with the following Board of Directors; Dave Dykwell – President ('24), Ry Counterman - Vice President ('24), Dave Ziebarth – Secretary/Editor ('24), Doug Lectka – Treasurer ('25), John Cole ('25), Steve VanderHelm ('25) and Matt Zerilli ('24) as Directors.

Below are a few pictures from the meeting. Look for [more](#) on the club website.



President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

Let the fun begin! I'm pleased to report that we had an excellent response to our Pinewood Derby idea with a total of fifteen kits being requested by members interested in building and racing. That includes three for the Youth Division. And, I understand some members will be bringing their vintage cars for a separate exhibition race! So, with haste I went to the official Boy Scout Store here in GR and bought our official kits. The kit sells for \$6.99. Amazon's price was \$14.99. Humm, do I detect a rip-off Amazon? Kits will be available free-of-charge at our annual Christmas Party. Or, if not planning to attend, you can pick up your kit at my house [4449 108th St SW, Byron Center, 616-885-3902]. This should give our members plenty of time to design, whittle, sand and paint before the ZOUP OFF – slated for February 17th

Speaking of time, I wanted to make sure you don't forget about our annual Club Christmas Party, to be held Saturday, December 2nd, graciously hosted this year by Becky and Doug Lectka. The Club will provide the main dish and some sides. We simply ask members to bring either a small appetizer, dessert, plate of brownies or cookies or whatever holiday treat that lights your tree. Please bring your own beverage of choice. The fun begins at 4:00pm., at 1797 Iroquois Trail, Algonquin Lake, Hastings. ALL members are more than welcome to simply show up and share some holiday cheer. Plus, don't forget about the Christmas Gift Raffle. Maybe we'll forget the Fruit Cake this year?

Something we can't forget is the fact that our Club will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2024. It would be a shame not to plan several special Club Events in honor of this momentous journey ...considering it's not just a Corvair. I'll be asking our Board Members to meet for a beer, I mean brainstorming session some time in the near future. Meanwhile, I would certainly appreciate any ideas you may have. And, I encourage you to "think out of the box". Here's a good example; Corvair Fans in Cancun ... 5 days in sunny Mexico Group Vacation. So, if you have an idea please send it my way.

Visiting the Terrytown Classic Car Museum was a great idea. We had ten members attend on a beautiful Saturday morning in November. The Club had coffee and donuts and was treated to a private showing of over 50 cars from the earliest Classics to the latest Super cars by our own Docent, Jamie Reinhart. Thank you Jamie for allowing us into your day-dream side hustle. This is something our club must do again, maybe when the snow starts to melt? We also held our annual elections. Two members renewed their terms (Doug Lectka and Steve VanderHelm), and John Cole was nominated to serve yet another term after an extended hiatus. We now have a full Board and are back in business.

Canceling the original Fall Color Tour and moving it a week later proved to be a Not So Good idea. The weather was even worse. I am sorry for that. But, we were not the only ones. As I was driving to meet up for a No-Go decision, I noticed another Car Club in the parking lot of the 100th Street J&H all huddled under umbrellas wishing they were either smarter or for the weather to get better. It got worse. So, next year, we may try a Date Range. We'll go on the first day where the weather looks good with a quick email blast to remind everyone. That way we can roll with the flow of Mother Nature.

Have you noticed how many of the new truck models have an angry, mean or depressed front-end grill design? It's probably done to fit how you feel about the monthly payment you incur from buying one. Harley Earl, we miss you!

Sincerely, Dave

WMCC Calendar

December 2	WMCC Christmas Party at the Lectkas; 4 PM
February 17	WMCC Zoup Off (tentative date)

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