

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our event for this month is our annual Zoup Off! It will take place on Saturday, February 17 in the community room at Rockford Ambulance; 8450 Shaner Ave NE (the corner of Shaner and 10 Mile Road). We will be starting at 2:00 PM. Just like past years, we will be judging the soups and desserts to determine a winner. The winner in each category will get a prize and have possession of the trophy for a year. So get your soup and dessert recipes ready! You can enter one or both categories. We are also asking everyone to bring their own beverages. For our entertainment, we will be holding a Pinewood Derby. The rules are published again this month for those who have got a late start on building their cars.

Planning for the Spring Dust Off has started. It looks like we will be meeting up with the Detroit Area Corvair Club again this year. A few options on where to meet are being debated. Look for more information as we get closer to May.

It is also time to start paying your dues for 2024. Dues are still \$18 for the year. You can pay them at the Zoup Off or mail them to the club address on the last page of this newsletter.

WMCC Pinewood Derby Rules

By Dave Dykwell

The following will be our Official Pinewood Derby Rules as grossly edited from the BSA National Rules to make things a lot simpler:

- Overall Width of car = 2 3/4"
- Overall Length of car = 7"
- Width between Wheels = 1 3/4"
- Bottom clearance (min) = 3/8"
- Overall Weight (max) = 5 ounces
- BSA Kit wheels and axles must be used

Not permitted: bearings, washers, bushings, springs, rocket engines.

The rest is up to you and your imagination, wood working skills, painting and trim.

WMCC Calendar

February 17 - Zoup Off at the Rockford Ambulance Community Room; 2:00 PM

July 11 - 14 - Corvair Homecoming; Ann Arbor, MI

July 22 - 25 - CORSA International Convention; Dayton, OH

President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

It won't be long [Saturday, February 17th, 2:00pm] and we'll be sampling some savory soups, delicious desserts and having a little fun with the Pinewood Derby Races. So, time to get that award-winning soup and dessert recipes *noodled* and *speed* it up on that Derby Car as well. Looks like we'll have 16 members racing, including four in the Youth Division. Plus, some members are bringing their "vintage" cars from years past to race in Exhibition. Boys will always be boys!

This year we'll be awarding \$25 Gift Cards to First and \$10 Cards for Second Place Soup and Dessert along with the coveted Trophies for each. We'll also award a \$25 Card to First Place and a \$10 Card for First Loser in the Pinewood Derby, along with special Youth Division awards. Generous Motors!

On behalf of your Board, I'd like to thank our members for making the annual Zoup Off one of our best Club Events. We have some outstanding cooks and participation is always good, not to mention the fantastic entertainment. I'd also like to thank Dave Z. for taking care of the facility rental, set-up and for the sundry items. Plus, I'd like to send out a gracious thank you to John Cole for his efforts in obtaining and transporting a real Pinewood Derby Track for us. "We Appreciate You" guys!

Lastly, please remember that ALL members are more than welcome to the Zoup Off. You don't have to compete with a soup or dessert nor in the Pinewood Derby. You can just show up and share in the good times. Unless of course you want to bring a Bill Knapp's Chocolate Cake. That would be cool, too!

P.S. - Don't forget to get me your 50th Anniversary Ideas. Anything, please.

Respectfully, Dave D.

Lifter Noise

The name of this newsletter, *Lifter Noise*, was put in place in February 1987. Up until then, it was just "the newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club". President Dick Hall solicited names at the January 1987 membership meeting. Some of the other names suggested were The Vair Review, Classy Incredible Automobiles, The Six Pack, The Grand Corvair, Vair Air, Air Cooled Cooled Hot Line, and Affairs of the Corvairs. These names were published in the newsletter to solicit votes from the club members. At the February 1987 membership meeting a few additional names were suggested - Lifter Noise, Blow-bye, Oil Sensor, and Murphy's Folly. Lifter Noise (which was suggested by George Slomp) received the majority of votes. The first edition of the officially named *Lifter Noise* was published in March 1987.

The WMCC Emblem



The emblem of the West Michigan Corvair Club was designed by the Board of Directors in 1974. The two arced arrows are modeled after the “Turbo-Charged” emblem from a 1964 Spyder. The crest inside the lower peninsula of Michigan is a Monza emblem (circa 1966 - 1969). The two dots represent Grand Rapids and Detroit. The official colors are silver for the arced arrows and lower peninsula, red for the circle inside of the arced arrow, and black for the lettering, Monza emblem, and the two dots. Below are some variations on our emblem that were used on our anniversary years.



WMCC Joins CORSA

Even though the club was chartered in 1974, the West Michigan Corvair Club did not become a chapter of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) until February 27, 1979. The idea of becoming a CORSA chapter was first brought up in the summer of 1975 but the membership felt there was nothing to be gained at that time. It was brought up again in the summer of 1977 and the club membership was polled on their thoughts and an investigation started on what requirements had to be met to become a CORSA chapter. Then it seemed like interest died down a little bit and the topic was revived in May 1978. Cliff Murphy was going to take this on as there were changes that needed to be made to the club by-laws in order to become a CORSA chapter. Formal communication was made to CORSA in July 1978. Shortly after that, the club by-laws were changed to accommodate the requirements of being a CORSA chapter, including the requirement that all WMCC members had to be members of CORSA as well (this must have been amended at a later date). Finally on February 27, 1979, we received a letter from CORSA stating that the West Michigan Corvair Club was approved as a “Chartered CORSA Chapter by CORSA President Allen J. Martin Jr.”

The Zoup Off

The Zoup Off started in 2009 but then it was just a chili cook off and was usually held in February. We thought that it would be a great winter activity that would have good participation.. In 2015 we decided to change it to a soup contest to get more variety. The dessert contest was always part of the event. We’ve always held it at Rockford Ambulance. We did have to take a break for 2021 and 2022 due to the pandemic. We’ve had a variety of entertainment over the years including slot car races, balloon

races, Corvair trivia, remote control car races, bowling, and a play on the Newlywed Game but with couples who have been married for a long time. This has proven to be one of our more popular events in recent years. Below are some pictures from past Zoup Off events.



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