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What's Going On

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, September 10 at Fricano's Pizza, 5808 Alpine NW, at 6:00 PM. We will be participating in the final Tuesday night cruise night of the summer. Some of us will probably end up going inside for a pizza. If you don't feel like waiting for a pizza, other nearby dining options are Perrin Brewing Company and Bow Tie Tavern.

Attention WMCC board members - we have an in person board meeting scheduled for this month. It will be on Tuesday, September 17 at 6 PM at Salvino's, 700 W Superior St. in Wayland. As always, all are welcome to attend.

Coming in October is our annual color tour. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 12. More details to come.

We will be holding a membership meeting in November for elections for our Board of Directors. Exact date and venue will be determined at the September board meeting. Also, the Christmas Party is scheduled for December 7.



WMCC Calendar

September 10 - WMCC Meeting at Fricano's on Alpine; 6 PM

September 17 - WMCC Board Meeting at Salvino's in Wayland, 6 PM

October 12 - Fall Color Tour

November 19 - WMCC Meeting

December 7 - Christmas Party

President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell



A good time at Bob's comes through again. On Saturday, August 24, we held a simple get together at Bob Muir's cottage on the Big Lake. Thanks again Bob! The weather was perfect with just a little breeze and hardly a wave. Though the water was a brisk 65 or so, we still enjoyed it. So, who says that our Club is aging out? I don't think so. Just take a look at all this potential. Kids are always a hoot!

Next on the calendar is the last Cruise-In of the year at Fricano's Alpine on Tuesday, September 10th. I believe people start getting there early around 4:30-5:00. Plus, with the 131 to I96 exit still closed you might want to think about alternative routes if coming from the South going North. This event usually draws a good mix of local cars. If we can find a table to fit we'll eat there. If not, we always have the Bow Tie (Smelt Basket). Then we'll follow that up with our annual Color Tour mid-October.

We need a Route Coordinator so let me or Dave Z. know if you are willing. It's a simple task really and we could all use a different perspective. Color is predicted early this fall.

Crazy is all I can say. You would not think it would happen there. The other day I heard thru the vine that Steve Peterson was rear-ended in his '64 Coupe as he was leaving a Tuesday night cruise-in at Gilmore. I was told it caused major damage. Spoke with Matt Peterson at Bob's, and though he was short on details, he did confirm the mishap. Sure hope Steve can put it back together.

Losses are something we should all be used to by now. However, it still bothers me at times. Have you tried to find a Shoe Repair shop lately? Forget a local TV or small Appliance Repair Shop, gone long ago yet we still use them daily! I'm surprised you can still find a regular old Barber Shop. And, why do Vacuum Repair Shops still exist? Something is wrong here. Did you ever stop to think about today's multi-computerized cars/trucks? Will they be around 50 years from now? Will junk yards keep these systems around for the DIY'er or restoration? I think not. So, embrace your classic(s) now by spending time with your Club.

Forget about the misery of this year's Election and take your turn on your own Board of Directors. We promise there will be NO broken promises to make, Mud to sling or Bogus ads to run. WMCC Elections are coming up as well this November. We need You and You can do it!

Monthly Auto Fun Fact: Did you know that Henry Ford is credited with saying; "Car racing started when the second car was built."

Respectfully, DAVE

August Recap

We had two events in the month of August. Firstly, we had a pretty good turnout for the Red Barns Spectacular on August 3 with 10 Corvairs showing up. The event organizers even kept our group together on the show field! The photos below are from Dave Dykwell.



Our second event was a last minute get together at Bob Muir's cottage on Lake Michigan. We usually have our summer picnic at Bob's but we shifted to Fallasburg Park as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. Bob still wanted us to come out so a number of club members were on hand on August 24. The weather was beautiful and a number of us took advantage of jumping in Lake Michigan. Thank you, Bob, for hosting us once again! The photos below were taken by Marilyn Dykwell.



WMCC History - Meeting Activities

Most of our meetings throughout the years consisted of a brief business meeting followed by some sort of entertainment. Early on, a popular choice for entertainment was watching a movie (with a real film projector). Sometimes it would be an old, popular movie and other times it would be either a tech film related to the Corvair. Slide shows were also very popular. Once the VCR came into vogue, a video would be viewed.

We also had tech sessions. The first evidence of a tech session was in 1975 where Jack Corcoran showed how to rebuild a carburetor. He actually took one apart and put it back together with a rebuild kit. Bill Wright rebuilt a generator in a tech session in 1987. Sometimes the tech session would be held at Cliff Murphy's garage or at the home of a member. Some meetings just had general Q&A sessions where members would ask for help in troubleshooting an issue with their Corvair.

During the 1970's into the early 1980's we would attend a meeting at a site where we would get a tour of a manufacturing plant. We toured the GM plant on Burlingame multiple times as well as the Kent Skills Center and Sherwin-Williams. The content of the Sherwin-Williams tour would often revolve around tips for painting our cars.

Once the West Michigan Whitecaps arrived in 1994, we would attend one game a year until 2001.

Other activities included bowling, lawn games at a members home, and a tour of an automobilia collection.

A more recent activity for our meetings is attending a local cruise night. We usually hit Fricano's Pizza once a summer. We've also attended cruise nights at Gilmore Car Museum, Rosie's Diner, and Culver's.



*Left - Doug Lectka tossing a fan belt in 2014,
Right - Dennis Willson down the center of the lane in 2015*



Left - Scott Olivier adjusts rocker nuts during a tech session in 2016 while Dave Dykwell looks on, Right - Ryan Counterman on the ladder turning the crank while Dan Konkle and Dennis Willson adjust the rocker nuts in 2018



Left - Fricano's cruise night in 2019, Right - suspension tech session in 2020

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