

## What's Going On

Our next event is the annual Christmas Party which is scheduled for Saturday, December 7. It will be held at the home of Scott and Heather Olivier. Social time will start at 3:00 PM with dinner being served around 5:00 PM. The club will provide a main course (probably ham). We are asking everyone else to bring either a side dish, appetizer, or dessert plus their own beverages. The Oliviers address is 9469 Lake Gerald Dr. NE in Sparta.

We received no additional nominations for board of director candidates and we have enough volunteers to fill the open positions. Therefore the candidates that were put forward were elected by acclamation. This also means that we will NOT have a membership meeting in November.

With that being said, here is the West Michigan Corvair Club Board of Directors starting in December 2024:

- President - Scott Olivier
- Vice-President - Dave Dykwell
- Treasurer - Doug Lectka
- Secretary - Dave Ziebarth
- Director - John Cole
- Director - Ryan Counterman
- Director - Steve Vander Helm

As you will see later in the President's Prose column, we are exploring a new venue for our annual Zoup Off. Looking at something that is a little more budget friendly but still allows us the flexibility to bring our own food and drink and enough room to potentially have another Pinewood Derby. If you have any ideas, please contact one of our board members.

## WMCC Calendar

**December 7** - Christmas Party at Oliviers; social time 3:00 PM, dinner time 5:00 PM



## President's Prose

*By Dave Dykwell*

Back on track, our Color Tour 2024 was a great time. Weather was perfect and the color was at near peak further north. Best of all, we had eleven Corvairs and two daily drivers with no mechanical glitches to report. I'd like to thank Becky and Doug Lectka for coordinating this year's event. Excellent route and a super spot to end with a group lunch at Smuggler's Cove on Hess Lake. A big thanks to one of newest members, Chelsey Foster, for capsulizing the cruise with a video.

Elections for your 2025 Board of Directors ended without the need for a formal General Meeting and voting. We had enough volunteers and re-ups to fill the open slots so the lucky ones were voted in by acclamation. No debates, mud or annoying ads. See, we are an easy going bunch! Not to steal any fodder from Dave Z. but we'll have a new President, Scott Olivier serving a four year term, with myself as Vice President. Dave Z. and Doug L. will be Secretary and Treasurer and Ry C. will fill the open Director position. Thanks to Matt Z. for his service as a Director. Before moving on I'd also like to send a heart-felt "special" thank you to Dave Z. and Doug L. for their unwavering devotion to our Club serving continuously term to term – without hesitation.

Next up on the Club activities Calendar will be our annual Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7th. I am extremely pleased to report that Heather and Scott Olivier have graciously volunteered to Host this event at their new home in the Sparta area. As our new President and First Lady, I'm sure they already have some good plans in the works. So, mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The food and company are always good and we normally enjoy a terrific turnout. And, parking is free.

Your Board is also starting to discuss next year's Zoup Off. The changes in cost at the Rockford Ambulance building in Rockford (our most perfect long-term spot) has created some budgetary concerns. Several months ago I asked the membership to keep their radar out for a potential alternative. A few spots surfaced but we'd rather have this event in a more relaxed atmosphere where we can all be ourselves and do crazy things like a Pinewood Derby or Balloon Races. So, please, if you know of a place that might work let any Board member know and we'll check it out. We're also going to talk with the Rockford Ambulance people again before we make our final decision. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 7th (location TBD) where we're slated to discuss our Year-End Review, Dues, the 2025 Calendar, and making final plans for the Zoup Off.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to the Board and General Membership for putting up with me for the past few years as your President. I promise to step down graciously without inciting an insurrection. It may be hard to believe, but I do enjoy seeing that the Club stays organized and on track. I'm confident that Scott O. will do an excellent job with those two goals in mind. I did however, screw up again. Last month, I said you wouldn't be subjected to my questionable articles anymore. Well, you got one more. Now it's Scott's turn to bore you.

Monthly Auto Fun Fact: In 2025, we'll only have a total of (32) thirty two makes/models with a Manual Transmission. Only (3) three are from the Big Three. Kind of sad huh?

Respectfully, DAVE

## Color Tour Recap

For once, the weather gods smiled upon us for our color tour! It was a cool but sunny (and dry) day on October 12 for our annual color tour. We had 11 Corvairs and two non-Corvairs show up at Fricano's to follow an itinerary that was laid out by Doug Lectka. Our first stop was Nelson's Farm Market in Grant to fuel up on donuts and coffee (or some fruit for those who did not want donuts). The donuts were rather large.

After Nelson's we took a nice drive up to Hesperia where we made a stop at the White River Dam. There was a nice park right on the river where we could stretch our legs.

Our last stop was Smuggler's at North Shore on Hess Lake just outside of Newaygo for lunch. The food and atmosphere was very good. After lunch we went our separate ways.



## WMCC History - Miscellaneous Memories

I really don't have much of a topic for November. I was just looking through some old newsletters and below are a few of the "random" things that stood out.

- At one time, we had a club parts trailer. This trailer was kept at Cliff Murphy's garage and parts were available to club members as needed. It was sold around 1987 - 1988.
- There were also work parties at Cliff Murphy's garage - club members parted out cars for the club parts trailer and there was also work done on members' cars.
- In the 1980's, the club was selling complete Viton o-ring sets for \$10.



- Club jackets were sold in 1983. These jackets were beige with blue trim and blue lettering. A few members still wear these jackets to this day.

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- Club members would work the phones at the Channel 35 fundraising auctions in the 1980s and 1990s.
- Another club jacket was sold in 1993. These jackets were red with a WMCC logo pressed on to them. Similar looking red sweatshirts were also available.
- In 1999 we made a donation to the Gilmore Car Museum to help fund the replica of a 1930s Shell Filling Station. In exchange we received a personalized brick.



- We attended an open test & tune event at the U.S. 131 Motorsports Park in 2005. A few members drove their car down the ¼ mile dragstrip.
- In 2017 we held a baby shower for Ryan and Carolyn Counterman. It was hosted by Dave and Marilyn Dykwell. The women of the club did the typical baby shower activities while the men just discussed Corvairs and classic cars in general.



## WMCC History - How much for that Corvair?

While going through newsletters for the November history article, I was intrigued by the number of Corvairs for sale and the price of said Corvairs. Below is just a sampling of what I saw.

- June 1980 - 1966 Monza Convertible with a 110 automatic and 59,000 miles for \$700
- July 1980 - 1965 Corsa Convertible that needs some body work for \$1400
- March 1983 - 1966 Monza Coupe with a 110 automatic, a solid body with a new paint job and an extra engine for \$1200
- July 1984 - 1966 Corsa Convertible with a 110 4 speed that was restored in 1981 for \$3000
- February 1985 - 1966 Corsa Convertible with a 180 turbo and almost everything new for \$4500
- March 1985 - 1965 Greenbrier in very good condition outfitted inside for a camper for \$1500
- September 1985 - one owner 1962 Monza Coupe with a 102 automatic in excellent condition for \$2000
- September 1986 - 1964 Monza Convertible with a good top and new interior but needs minor body work for \$2500
- January 1987 - 1965 500 coupe with 17,000 miles in mint condition for \$3995
- March 1988 - 1960 700 Sedan that was a no-rust California car and had new red lacquer applied in 1987 for \$3500
- August 1989 - 1964 Monza coupe with air conditioning; all original Arizona car for \$2500 and a 1965 Corsa Coupe with a 140 4-speed for \$4250
- November 1991 - 1963 Monza Coupe with 48,000 miles, very good overall condition for \$1800 and a 1964 Monza Sedan with 57,600 miles and many new parts and a very good body for \$2600
- October 1992 - 1962 Loadside that needed a new windshield and was stored for 15 years for \$500
- June 1999 - 1964 Monza convertible with a 110 4-speed for \$3000; 1966 Monza convertible with a 110 4-speed for \$3000
- March 2002 - 1966 Corsa Coupe restored southern car 140 engine and a turbo engine and automatic transmission for \$4500; 1965 convertible that is close to mint condition for \$2500

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