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What's Going On

Welcome to 2025! We don't have much on the WMCC calendar yet but planning is starting for the 2025 events.

One event that is scheduled is our annual Zoup Off! It will be held on Saturday, February 15. We will start setting up at 1:00 PM with sampling and judging starting at 2:00 PM. We will have a new venue this year - the TerryTown RV Classic Car Museum! We will be able to sample and judge our soups among some very nice classic cars! The TerryTown RV Classic Car Museum is located at 7303 South Division in Grand Rapids. There will be more details in the February newsletter.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:00 PM. It will be held at Shots on the River, 5760 West River Drive NE in Belmont.

Dues for 2025

It is now time to start paying your dues for 2025. However, for the first time in 20 years (yes it's been that long), we are raising our annual dues for the West Michigan Corvair Club. Starting in 2025, annual dues will be \$25.

The WMCC Board of Directors spent a good part of 2024 discussing the topic of raising our dues. It was a decision that was not taken lightly. With our current income vs. expenses, our club treasury would be dry in six years if we left our dues at \$18.

Our big expenses every year are the Zoup Off, summer picnic, and Christmas Party. For the Zoup Off it is primarily room rent and prizes. For the summer picnic and Christmas Party, it is providing the main course for dinner. We also have some smaller administrative expenses (stamps and envelopes for the few newsletters we still mail are some examples).

We want to keep the West Michigan Corvair Club going for more than six years! Raising the dues now will ensure the club lasts longer than that.

WMCC Calendar

January 29 - WMCC Board Meeting at Shots on the River; 6 PM

February 15 - Zoup Off at the TerryTown RV Classic Car Museum; 1 PM

President's Prose

By Scott Olivier

I type this article looking out the window at several inches of snow in the front yard. Dolores the Corvair slumbers in her section of the garage, as I'm sure most of your beloved hoopties are doing. We have our second big winter event coming in February—the annual Zoup Off, this time being held at a terrific facility thanks to Jamie Reinhart and his gracious employer. Heather and I have been brainstorming our culinary strategy, and really need to start some trial runs in the kitchen soon. It would be nice to finally have one (or both) of those trophies on our mantle for the upcoming year. Truth be told, it's just good to have something to break up the winter, win or lose.

But what I'm really looking forward to is something a little further in the future. We are only about 17 weeks from the WMCC Spring Dust Off. Sure, it seems like an eternity now but it will be here before we know it. The snow and cold will be a memory, the sun will be shining, birds singing, and convertible tops will be in the down position. Heaven. It makes me want to slather on some sunscreen just thinking about it. This optimistic thought also leads me to the list of things I should get done on the 'Vair as soon as we get a hint of warmth:

- Fix that leaky fuel pump. I think it's time to vault into this century and go electric.
- Overhaul the brakes which, I'm told by outside observers, are absolutely terrible.
- Replace the worn (okay, practically gone) pitman arm bushing.
- Fix the wipers which inexplicably stopped working just before winter storage.
- Give 'er a good spring cleaning.

I hope you'll all start thinking about a destination/activity for the Spring Dust Off and share your thoughts by "replying all" to this email (or writing a letter or making a phone call if you're not an email-er). Also, start pluggin' away at your own to-do lists so you're ready to go when we reach the next beautiful Michigan spring. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Scott



Christmas Party Recap

We had a very nice turnout for our annual Christmas Party on December 7. We started out with a social hour where we enjoyed appetizers and cocktails. For dinner, we had two main courses: ham and turkey. There were also a good number of side dishes. Once everyone got their fill, there was still dessert and there was no shortage of options there either.

Thank you to Scott and Heather Olivier for opening up their home to us for the Christmas Party!



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