

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be a tech session on Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 AM. We will be installing an in-tank electric fuel pump on Scott Olivier's car. It will be held at Jamie Reinhart's shop located in the Riverview Airport in Georgetown Township. The address is 805 Taylor St. and Jamie will have signs directing us to the correct building.

We are starting the preliminary planning for the Spring Dust Off. It will happen on Saturday, May 17. There will be more details in the May newsletter.

This is the last call to pay your dues for 2025. Per the article in the January newsletter, the dues rate is now \$25. You can pay them in person at the tech session in April or mail a check to the club address which is on the last page of this newsletter. If we do not receive your dues by the end of April, you will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list. I will notify those who have not yet paid via email.

President's Prose

By Scott Olivier

Hi y'all! I'm happy to report that spring is just around the corner...alright, officially it's here as of March 20, but it's not quite here yet to me. Temps are in the 20s as I type this, so it just doesn't feel like it just yet. At least I hope the snow is behind us.

I look forward to seeing all of you hibernating bears come out of your winter slumbers and join us for this year's warm weather (and hopefully rain free) events, the first of which is the tech session at Jamie Reinhart's shop, where we'll be installing the in-tank fuel pump in my '63. At Ryan Counterman's recommendation, I've purchased a kit from Brown EFI (corvair-efi.com) that's specific to early model Corvairs, along with an inertial safety switch from a supplier on eBay and some waterproof inline fuse holders from Amazon. If it all works as advertised, I should have many miles of worry-free fuel delivery and, more importantly, attending club members will see how to do the same conversion themselves.

WMCC Calendar

April 26 - Tech Session at Jamie Reinhart's shop; 10 AM

May 17 - Spring Dust Off

June 14 - Air Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum

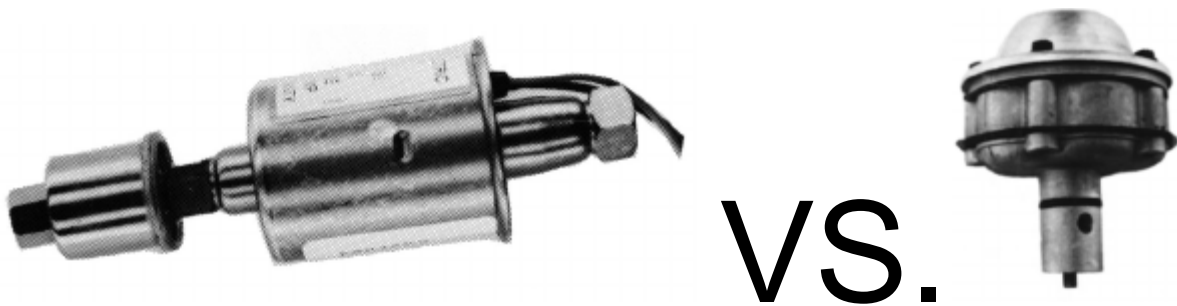
July 19 - Summer Picnic at Bob Muir's cottage

For a complete list of car shows and cruise nights, check out the [Events](#) page on the club website.

Clark's Corvair Parts mailed out their 2025 catalog supplement a few weeks ago, which I'm sure many of you received as well. The front page touts their newly designed mechanical fuel pump, which they say will be available in "May or June 2025". They state they've tested the new pump on a test car for over 2,000 miles without failure, which is encouraging. I'd order one to replace mine, but I imagine they have quite a pre-order list and it may take some time to get one. It will be interesting to see the feedback from real world drivers as hundreds of the new units make their way into their cars. I'm not sure I'd want to be one of the "early adopters" on such a new product. Time will tell...

Get out to your garage, take the cover off that Corvair and get 'er out to the driveway for a wash and detail. We'll all be driving in the beautiful Michigan sun soon!

Scott



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