

LIFTER NOISE

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



WHAT'S GOING ON

Another year has come to an end for the West Michigan Corvair Club. Hopefully it was a fun year for everyone with the different meetings and events that we had this year. A big thank you goes out to our board members as well as our event coordinators for their work in planning our activities this year. Some of our bigger events (chili cook off, spring dust off, Gilmore show, fall color tour) take some additional planning. These events are not possible without someone giving up their time to plan and organize.

Just a reminder that we do not have a December general membership meeting. The board of directors will be meeting sometime during the month to continue convention planning activities.

Our next general membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will take place at Brann's on Division in Wyoming.

Our annual Chili Cook Off is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 16. We are looking to have the event at Rockford Ambulance again. We will be awarding prizes for the best chili, the best cornbread and the best dessert. Look for more details in the January edition of *Lifter Noise*. In the meantime, start

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

The November meeting was held at Brann's on November 20. There were 18 members in attendance plus our special guest Tom Lannon. There were even five Corvairs in the parking lot! The mild November has allowed some extended driving time for some people.

President Ryan Counterman opened the meeting by

WMCC CALENDAR

No December Meeting

January 15 – WMCC Membership Meeting

January 29 – WMCC Board Meeting

February 16 – WMCC Chili Cook Off

February 26 – WMCC Board Meeting

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perfecting those recipes!

We are now collecting dues for 2013. Dues remain the same as last year - \$18 for an individual membership. You can send your dues to the club address listed at the end of this newsletter.

We have a new member of the West Michigan Corvair Club! Please join me in welcoming James Muntean to the club! I'm sorry that I don't have any information on James as to what type of Corvair he has. Hopefully I can provide that info in January.

announcing he heard about a 1962 Monza coupe available for sale for scrap price. He has the contact information for anyone who may be interested. Ryan then recognized our charter members that were in attendance – John Shipman and Rob Van Sledright.

Dave Dykwell gave a convention planning update. We

Please see *November Recap* on page 3

A LOOK BACK AT 2012

We had a fun year in 2012! From the Chili Cook Off in February to the Fall Color Tour in October. On top of all of our activities we were awarded the opportunity to host the 2013 CORSA International Convention in Kalamazoo.

Enjoy this look back through the year.

Balloon race at the Chili Cook Off:



Spring Dust Off at Gilmore Car Museum:



All Chevy Show at Berger Chevrolet:



WMCC Car Display at Gilmore Car Museum:



Fall Color Tour:



*The Chili Cook Off is scheduled
for February 16.*

We hope you enjoyed 2012! We're looking forward to a fun (and busy) 2013!

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are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the awards as well as an individual to coordinate the Saturday car display at Gilmore. Dave also highlighted some of the areas where we need additional volunteers – security, GingerMan high speed event, concours. He gave an update on the tours we are looking at – wine tasting, Shipshewana, FireKeepers Casino. He also mentioned that representatives from CORSA were coming to Kalamazoo to meet with our committee.

Ryan then mentioned the Chili Cook Off taking place in February and that we will have prizes for best chili, best cornbread and best dessert.

Tom Lannon then took over the meeting with a special presentation. He had a slide show that WMCC presented to CORSA in 1982 in an attempt to land a convention in Grand Rapids. He also highlighted what they went through when planning the 1986 convention. He said it was a lot of work but in the end there was a great feeling of gratification. He personally became closer to a number of the people on the committee and

forged lifetime friendships. He said he was excited that we are taking it on again.

One thing that was really fulfilling was that the 1986 convention was the first convention in some time to make money for CORSA. That allowed CORSA to publish the first version of the Tech Guide and do a few other things to “right the ship”. Tom felt that the articles that appeared in the *Communique* to promote the convention really helped pique the interests of the CORSA membership.

After the slideshow we viewed a promotional video that was made about Grand Rapids that John Cole brought with him. This was the video that was shown at the 1985 CORSA Convention to promote 1986. John also brought a few award plaques, a program, and some other ephemera from the 1986 convention.

Thank you to Tom Lannon and John Cole for the stroll down memory lane.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING RECAP

The November board meeting was held at Pete’s in Byron Center. It was a combination board meeting and convention planning meeting.

Board Meeting

Finances

- Doug mentioned that he opened a separate bank account for the convention finances

November Meeting Recap

- A very nice presentation by Tom Lannon
- Presentation was the one given to CORSA when trying to get the convention to be in Grand Rapids
- John Cole does have slides of the actual convention
 - Would like to schedule a presentation in the spring or maybe the chili cook off

Chili Cook Off

- Preferred date is 2/16
- Secondary date is 2/23
- Dave Z. will call Rockford Ambulance and reserve
- Reinstate the prizes for best cornbread and best dessert
- Total of 3 prizes – best chili, cornbread, dessert
- Maybe have John Cole present slides of the 1986 convention

Convention Planning

- Dave Dykwell reminded everyone to have their budget numbers turned in
- He and Doug will go over them on December 4
- Went over the layout of the indoor vendor sales room
- Discussion around agenda for CORSA visit on December 7

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