

Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



What's Going On

The next membership meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will take place on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 PM. The meeting place will be Brann's on Division (4157 South Division; between 36th St. and 44th St.).

There will be no membership meeting in December.

Planning is under way for our annual Chili Cook Off. The date has been set for Saturday, February 15 at 2:0 PM. It's never too early to start perfecting those chili recipes!

I would like to take this time to welcome John Cole back to the board of directors! He won in the voting at the November meeting.

Leaving the board will be Ryan Counterman. A big thank you goes out to Ryan for all he did which included a couple of terms as president as well as

November Meeting Recap

The November membership meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club was held on November 19 at Brann's in Wyoming. We had 11 members in attendance.

After some time of socializing and eating, we had a brief business meeting.

- No December meeting; our next meeting is January 21 at Brann's
 - Will try to have some fun activity
- Lambrecht Auction
 - Just some discussion over the price of some of the Corvairs

WMCC Calendar

January 21 – WMCC Membership Meeting
January 28 – WMCC Board Meeting
February 15 – Chili Cook Off
February 25 – WMCC Board Meeting

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chairing the autocross at the convention this past summer.

Look in the November meeting recap for the list of officers and board members.

- Some people seemed to be bidding the cars very high
- One of the low mileage Corvairs is back on the block after the buyer defaulted
- Chili Cook-off
 - February 15 at 2 PM
 - At Rockford Ambulance on Shaner Rd.
 - Could use some entertainment ideas
- Convention
 - We are still working with CORSA over a few items to clean up the books from the convention
 - Will have our share of the convention money once this gets resolved

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2013 Recap

The year 2013 was a very busy year for the West Michigan Corvair Club! Aside from hosting the CORSA International Convention we managed to squeeze in a few additional club activities outside of our regular winter meetings that took place at Brann's.

In February we held our annual chili cook off. This continues to be a very popular event and we had an excellent array of chilis, corn breads and desserts to sample.



Our spring dust off was held in early May. We had a leisurely drive from Fricano's on Alpine through the back roads over to Montague where we ended up at Dog N Suds.

Our May meeting was held at Fricano's on Alpine. It coincided on their first cruise night of the summer. There were quite a few cars there.

In June we had some of our members attend the All Air Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum. Our June membership meeting was held at Pizza Ranch.

*Our next meeting is at Brann's on
Division on January 21
at 6:30 PM*



In July, we hosted the CORSA International Convention in Kalamazoo. Over a year of planning went into this convention and by most accounts, it was a very successful convention. Our goal was to do something different, a Vairiation. We accomplished that by having a lot of the main events at different venues around the greater Kalamazoo area rather than at the host hotel.

We were back at the Gilmore Car Museum in August for our annual WMCC Car Display. There must have been some convention hangover as we had a smaller turnout of Corvairs for this show. However, there were over 800 cars total on the grounds that day.

In September we were back at Fricano's for their last cruise night of the year. Elvis even made an appearance.

In October we had our annual color tour. We met very early in the morning at Fricano's on Alpine for a drive to Muskegon where we picked up a couple of others. From there we had a very scenic drive along the lakeshore to Pentwater where we participated in their Oktoberfest celebration.



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After our business meeting we held our annual elections for board member positions. There were three positions open – terms ended for Doug Lectka, Paul Adams and Ryan Counterman.

We had four nominations for the three open positions: Paul Adams, John Cole, Ryan Counterman and Doug Lectka.

After all of the votes were counted, Paul Adams, John Cole and Doug Lectka were elected to the board of directors.

Following the meeting, the board members who were present elected the officers.

The WMCC Board of Directors for 2014 is:

- President – Paul Adams
- Vice-President – Dave Dykwell
- Treasurer – Doug Lectka
- Secretary – Dave Ziebarth
- Director – John Cole
- Director – Dan Konkle
- Director – Steve Ridderman

November Board Meeting Recap

In attendance at the October board meeting were Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Steve Ridderman, and Dave Ziebarth. Ryan Counterman attended as a guest.

Gilmore Show Update

- Dave Dykwell has been in contact with Mike Spezia from the Gilmore Car Museum
- Things have changed since our last board meeting
- Now will be classified as a “meet” instead of a “show”
 - Very little to no chance for profit
 - Can only charge \$8 per person which Gilmore gets 100% of
 - Event would be put on at our cost
- Could eventually become a “show”
- Gilmore is limited to so many “shows” per year and the “show” calendar is full
- At this time we are not sure if WMCC can absorb the cost of putting on this event
- Spezia seems to be back-tracking on his initial proposal of an All Chevy Show where we would get some of the gate money
- A motion was made to put together a committee to have a face-to-face meeting with Spezia
 - Committee will consist of Paul Adams, Dave Dykwell, Doug Lectka and Steve Ridderman
 - We might try to include a couple of people from the Kalamazoo Antique Car Club since they are in good with Gilmore
- There is still a desire to put on this event but not

if we are going to lose money every year; we have to look long term

- One side note: Dave Dykwell is in communication with CPF to see if they are in a position to start a major fundraising campaign; if they are not, then we may be spinning our wheels trying to align with Gilmore at this time

Chili Cook-Off

- Need entertainment ideas
 - Ugly sweater or shirt contest?
 - No entertainment?
- How to include the ladies more...
 - Ugly dress contest?
- Dave Ziebarth will put together a 2013 convention slide show that will just run while we are eating

Convention Recap

- Still waiting for a response from Harry Jensen to Dave Dykwell’s latest e-mail
- Dave communicated to the president of CORSA and he reassured us that the convention went very well

Overnight trip

- Dust off? Fall trip to Frankenmuth?
- Maybe better to do in favorable weather in late May or early August
- Find some summer car festival to attend...

Summer Activities

- Dust off
- BBQ

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