

# Lifter Noise

Newsletter of the West Michigan Corvair Club



## What's Going On

The next meeting of the West Michigan Corvair Club will be on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 PM. It will be at Jake's Goodtime Bar & Grill, 1638 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave in Dorr.

We have a date set for our Spring Dust Off! The event will take place on Saturday, May 21. We will be visiting the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing. Look for more details in the April newsletter.

Also put Saturday, June 18 on your calendar. We will be attending the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Air-Cooled Gathering at Gilmore Car Museum.

Just a quick reminder that we are still collecting dues for 2016. A good number of you have paid already; thank you. For those that haven't you have until April to pay before we drop you from the club roster and newsletter distribution. Dues are \$18.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be at Woody's.

## Welcome New Members

We have had a number of new members join our club since the beginning of the year. Please join me in welcoming the following new members!

Scott Olivier is from Kentwood and he owns a 1963 Monza convertible.

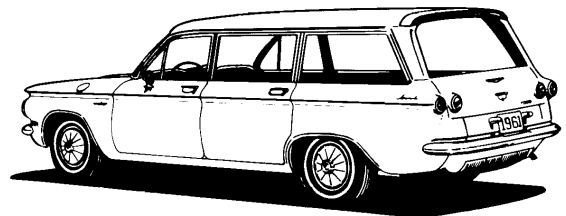
Chris Thompson lives in Traverse City and she owns a 1966 Monza convertible that she received as a Christmas gift from her husband Bernie.

## WMCC Calendar

March 15 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
March 29 – WMCC Board Meeting  
April 19 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
April 26 – WMCC Board Meeting  
May 17 – WMCC Membership Meeting  
May 21 – Spring Dust Off  
June 18 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Air-Cooled Gathering

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Jr. Bohn lives in Lowell and he owns two Corvairs: a 1962 Monza sedan and a 1965 Corsa.

Bob Housekamp and Bob Housekamp, Jr. are from Grand Rapids. They just purchased a 1961 sedan but it turns out that it wasn't quite what they thought it was so it may be parted out. Hopefully they'll be able to find another one that they can restore.

Welcome to all of our new members!

## Zoup Off Recap

On February 13, we held our annual Zoup Off at Rockford Ambulance. This was the second year in a row for the Zoup Off after six years of the Chili Cook Off (the first year for this event was 2009).

This year we had 12 soups and 10 desserts to judge. Everything was very tasty and there were some tough choices to make when picking your favorite in each category.



In fact, it was so difficult, we had a three-way tie in both categories. After a second round of voting via a show of hands, first place in the soup category went to Becky Lectka with her Winter White Bean Tuscan Soup and second place went to Anne Wildfong with her Taco Soup.



After the vote off for desserts, the winner was Dave Dykwell with his Old Fashion Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce and second place went to Marilee Stroebe with her Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Cheesecake.

After we finished eating and judging, our host for the event Doug Lectka had a fun event put together. We had three couples "volunteer" to play a spin on The Newlywed Game except this was "how well do you know your spouse". The first three couples to play were the Tengens, Wildfongs, and Dykwells. The questions were along the lines of what is your spouse's favorite food or what is your spouse's favorite restaurant.



The second set of couples to play the game were the Countermans, Oliviers, and Willsons. Everyone enjoyed being entertained by how "wrong" some of the answers were.

The final piece of business conducted was announcing Member of the Year for 2015. Members earn points throughout the year for their participation in club activities, driving a Corvair to club meetings, and hosting a club event. Congratulations to Jamie Reinhart who was named as Member of the Year for 2015!

Thank you to Doug and Becky Lectka for being event coordinators! Start working on those recipes for next year...

## February Board Meeting Recap

The February board meeting took place on February 23 at Woody's with only Dave Dykwell, Bob Muir, Jamie Reinhart and Dave Ziebarth in attendance.

### Zoup Off Recap

- Great turnout
- A lot of soups
- Do we want to go back to a chili cook off?
- Great entertainment with the couples game Doug came up with
- Jamie Reinhart was announced as member of the year

### Member of the Year

- Paul Adams kept track the last couple of years but he is no longer on the board
- Dave Dykwell to get the criteria from Paul
- The board will review and propose any changes if needed
- Winner for 2016 will get their 2017 membership paid for as well as a Clark's gift certificate

### Rockford Ambulance

- How far in advance can we reserve the room?
- Projected date for Zoup Off – 2/11

### March & April Meetings

- Dave Ziebarth to confirm our room at Jake's for March meeting
- Dave Ziebarth will talk to the bowling alley manager regarding the April meeting to inquire about having a pizza party to go along with our bowling

### 2016 Activity Brainstorming

- Fricano's on Alpine for May meeting
- Spring Dust Off in May
- Rib cook off in Grand Haven
  - Memorial Day weekend so it may be a tough sell
- Food drive
  - Try to partner with a local retailer
  - Fill Corvair trunks with food to donate
- Corvair Day
  - A day for us to drive and promote our Corvairs as well as have some fellowship
  - Breakfast at a restaurant

- Drive around town and have lunch at another location
- Other possibilities would be to gather at someone's house for a BBQ
- Have dinner at a drive thru like Sonic or Dog N Suds
- Gilmore Car Museum Cruise Night on Wednesdays
- Auburn/Cord Museum trip
- Corvair Ranch trip
- Another visit to the gentleman in Dorr
- Canadian Lakes car show on September 4
- Apple & BBQ car show in Mears on September 10
- Berlin or Kalamazoo race night
- Do something for veterans; give them rides in our cars
- Overnight trip

### Spring Dust Off

- Firmed up May 21 as the date
- Tour to RE Olds Museum in Lansing
- Have dinner at Clara's
- Meet at Burger King on Broadmoor



OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
ANTIQUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

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