

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our next event is the annual Spring Dust Off on Saturday, May 12. We will be making our way to Coldwater to attend the Coldwater Car Show and Swap Meet. We will meet at Burger King, 5135 Broadmoor Ave SE in Kentwood at 9:00 AM. If you want to eat breakfast before we leave, you are encouraged to get there earlier than 9:00. We will then take a leisurely drive to Dark Horse Brewing Company in Marshall where we will have lunch. From there we will make our way to Coldwater. Look for an outline of the route later in this newsletter.

Our membership meeting will be on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at Fricano's, 5808 Alpine Ave NW in Comstock Park. Note that this is the FOURTH Tuesday of the month. We moved the meeting out a week to coincide with the first night of Fricano's cruise night of the summer. Feel free to show up earlier if you want as the parking lot may be getting pretty full at 6:30.

The board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30 PM at Two Guys Brewing, 2356 Porter St SW in Wyoming (SE corner of Porter and Byron Center).

We have received many requests to have more tech sessions. We will be holding our first tech session of the summer on Wednesday, June 6 at 6:00 PM. We will be working primarily on Bob Muir's car as we try to determine why it won't run smooth. We may also have time to tackle some other small problems if someone has one. The tech session will be at D.C. Byers Company, 5946 Clay Avenue SW in Grand Rapids.

April Meeting Recap

The April meeting took place at Shots on the River after our bowling plans fell through. We had 12 people in attendance including a few people we haven't seen in awhile. It was nice catching up with Mark Di Trapani, Dave Teppo and John Cole. Dennis Willson also made his return from Florida. There was no formal business meeting. It was just an informal gathering and swapping of stories.

Message from the President of WMCC

By Scott Olivier

Hello, West Michigan Corvairians!

I write this having just returned from the April WMCC board meeting, and I'm happy to report we have some exciting events coming up this year! In this month's *Lifter Noise*, you'll see details on our May "Dust Off", when we'll finally get those Corvairs out of their winter mothballs and on the road to the Coldwater Swap Meet and Car Show. I'm hoping that Heather and I will have at least one (optimistically two?) 'Vairs roadworthy in time for the event. Some other highlights to look forward to in 2018:

- The "All Air Cooled Gathering" at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners is on June 16. The club has been attending this event for years, and the Corvair contingent usually represents well among the other air-cooled marques—Volkswagens, Porsches, Franklins, and others.
- Also in June, we'll hold a tech session to get WMCC member Bob Muir's early model back to driving condition. He hasn't been able to drive it for more than five years, so it will be cool to help Bob get back on the road. The date is tentatively set for the first week in June, and details will follow. Look for more tech sessions to pop up in 2018.
- The WMCC "Summer Party" will be held at the home of Doug and Becky Lectka. They have a beautiful new place on Algonquin Lake near Hastings, and it will be a wonderful location to gather for a summer afternoon.
- We're making our overnight trip to the Traverse City area (more specifically, Frankfort, just south of Sleeping Bear Dunes) in mid-September. We'll share details soon so everyone can book their hotel rooms with plenty of advance notice. We landed on September so we can avoid the summertime crowds (and, hopefully, hotel prices), and still enjoy good weather.
- We're planning a Fall Color Tour in October, but have yet to set the date and details. Should we go north, south, east or west? This won't be an overnight—just a day trip—so if you have a suggested destination, send it on!
- Thanks to Dave Dykwell, we're going to add a fun new event to the WMCC repertoire in November. I won't spoil it, but let's just say it involves something that most members probably haven't done since they were teenagers. Don't worry—it's a rated "G" activity.

I hope you're all enjoying the improved weather, and look forward to seeing everyone this year. We all need to take advantage of the no-snow months, and I intend to do much of it behind a Corvair windshield. See you soon!

April Board Meeting Recap

In attendance at the April board meeting were board members Dave Dykwell, Dan Konkle, Doug Lectka, Scott Olivier, and Dave Ziebarth. They were joined by Bob Muir.

Treasurer's Report

- Our bank balance is just over \$5500
- Just collected the last of the 2018 dues; over \$100
- Discussed who did not renew and why

Spring Dust Off

- Coldwater Car Show on May 12
- Mulling over two possible routes
 - Yankee Springs route through Hickory Corners
 - Another option through Hastings
- Meet at Burger King on Broadmoor
- Plan on leaving at 9 AM
- It was suggested that we try to work in Dark Horse Brewing for lunch on the way to Coldwater or dinner on the way home
- Scott will work out the route and get it to Dave Ziebarth to publish in the newsletter

May Meetings

- May 22 at Fricano's on Alpine
- Moving to fourth Tuesday of the month (since May has five Tuesdays) to coincide with the first cruise night at Fricano's
- Board meeting on May 29 at Two Guys Brewing in Wyoming

Air Cooled Show

- Saturday, June 16 at Gilmore Car Museum
- Meet at Burger King on Broadmoor
- Leave at 8 AM

Optional Event

- Discussed an optional event that club members may be interested in - FAST Muscle Car Drags at US 131 Motorsports Park on June 29 - 30
- We would attend the Saturday session
- Admission fee of \$20

July Event

- Annual Chicken BBQ
- Doug Lectka is volunteering to host it this year
- Settled on July 14 as the event date
- Need to determine who will do the grilling
- Will need to get a grill; possibly contact Ryan about it

Overnight Trip

- Settled on the Traverse City itinerary
- Looking at doing it in September instead of August to try to save on room rates
- Will probably stay in Frankfort
- Looking at September 15 or 22
- Dave Dykwell and Scott Olivier will continue planning

July Board Meeting

- Will be held at Bob's cottage on Lake Michigan

Tech Session

- Doug willing to host at D.C. Byers
- We will have access to a lift
- We can do it during the week or on Saturday
- Wanted to originally do it in May but that month is busy; settled on June 6
- Doug will work with Bob to get his car there

Idea from Dave Dykwell

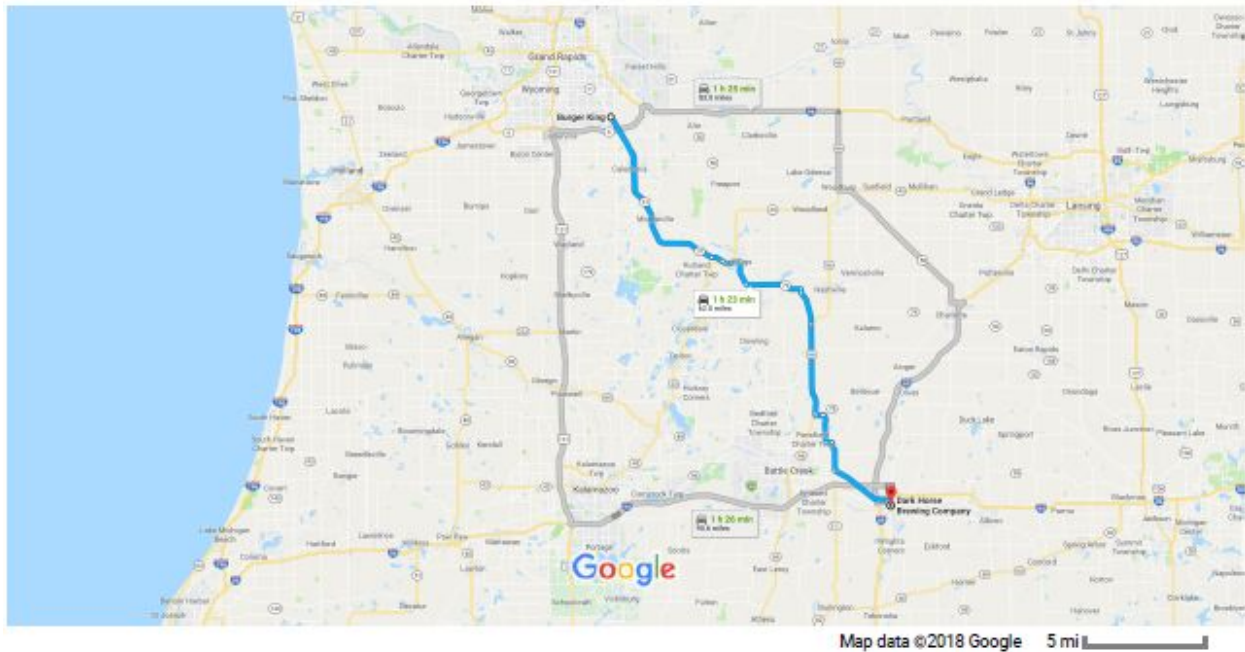
- Dave Dykwell mentioned that our March and November meetings are usually sparsely attended
- He has an idea that may generate some interest in attending the meeting
- Everyone was in favor of the idea
- *Editor's note - I am not publishing the idea right now so we can flush out the planning and surprise everyone with it*

- Could roll June board meeting into it

Google Maps

Burger King to Dark Horse Brewing Company

Drive 62.5 miles, 1 h 23 min



Burger King

5135 Broadmoor Ave SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

1. Head northwest on Broadmoor Ave SE

1 min (0.1 mi)

2. Turn right onto M-37 S/Broadmoor Ave SE
 - Continue to follow M-37 S
 - Pass by Chemical Bank (on the right in 12.2 mi)

27 min (21.0 mi)

Take Green St to M-37 S/S Hanover St in Hastings

3. Turn left onto Heath Rd

1.3 mi

4. Continue onto Green St

2.0 mi

Take M-79 E, Assyria Rd and M-66 S to V Dr N in Pennfield Charter Township

5. Turn right onto M-37 S/S Hanover St
 - Continue to follow M-37 S









2.6 mi

-  6. Turn left onto M-79 E 6.1 mi
-  7. Turn right onto Devine Rd 0.4 mi
-  8. Continue onto Assyria Rd 3.6 mi
-  9. Turn right onto M-66 S 9.8 mi
-  10. Turn left onto M 66 0.2 mi
-  11. Turn left onto M-78 E 0.7 mi

Follow 10 Mile Rd/Pine Lake Rd to Bellevue Rd

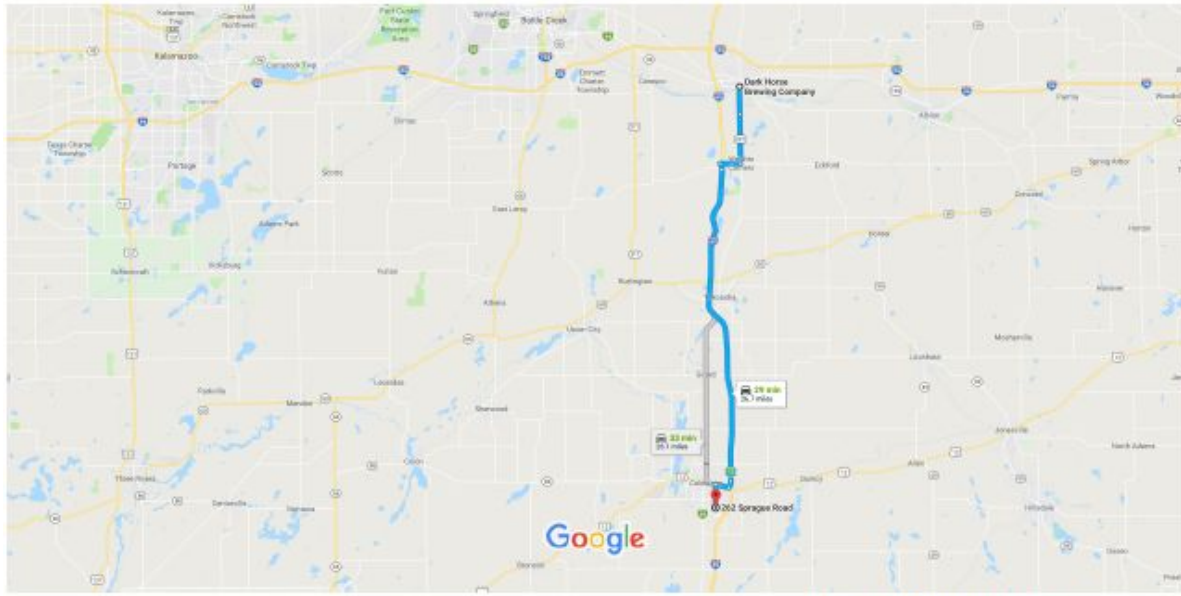
-  12. Slight right onto V Dr N 6 min (3.2 mi)
-  13. Turn right onto 10 Mile Rd/Pine Lake Rd 0.2 mi
- 3.0 mi

Take Wheatfield Rd and Verona Rd to S Kalamazoo Ave in Marshall

-  14. Turn left onto Bellevue Rd 18 min (11.5 mi)
-  15. Turn right onto Wheatfield Rd 0.7 mi
-  16. Turn left onto Verona Rd 3.1 mi
-  17. Turn right onto Plum St 6.7 mi
-  18. Turn left onto Michigan Ave 476 ft
-  19. Turn left onto Michigan Ave 0.3 mi
-  19. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto S Kalamazoo Ave
 Destination will be on the left 0.4 mi

Dark Horse Brewing Company

511 S Kalamazoo Ave, Marshall, MI 49068



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Get on I-69 S in Fredonia Township from S Kalamazoo Ave and M-227 S

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| ↑ | 1. Head south on S Kalamazoo Ave toward Industrial Rd | 8 min (5.9 mi) |
| ↑ | 2. Continue onto M-227 S/17 Mile Rd | 1.6 mi |
| ↗ | 3. Turn right onto M-227 S | 2.8 mi |
| ↙ | 4. Turn left to merge onto I-69 S toward F1 Wayne | 1.2 mi |
| | | 0.4 mi |

Follow I-69 S to US-12 W/E Chicago St in Coldwater. Take exit 13 from I-69 S

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| ↙ | 5. Merge onto I-69 S | 17 min (18.7 mi) |
| ↘ | 6. Take exit 13 for US-12/Interstate 69 Bus toward Quincy/Coldwater | 18.3 mi |
| | | 0.4 mi |

Drive to S Sprague St in Coldwater Township

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| ↗ | 7. Turn right onto US-12 W/E Chicago St | 5 min (2.1 mi) |
| | Pass by Little Caesars Pizza (on the right in 0.3 mi) | |
| ↙ | 8. Turn left onto S Sprague St | 0.8 mi |
| | | 1.3 mi |

262 Sprague Rd

Coldwater, MI 49036

WMCC Calendar

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| May 12 | Spring Dust Off |
| May 22 | WMCC Membership Meeting at Fricano's |
| May 29 | WMCC Board Meeting at Two Guys Brewing |
| June 6 | Tech Session at DC Byers |
| June 16 | All Air Cooled Car Show at Gilmore Car Museum |

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A most unusual car for people who enjoy the unusual



'66 Corvair Monza Convertible. Outside rearview mirror and back-up lights among the safety details that are now standard equipment.

If you perked up when you turned to this page, our research computer says you're probably well informed, earn above average income and have more or less "in" type tastes. That's the kind of person who usually drives a Corvair. But then you can't always go by research. The fellow who turned all this up on our computer, for instance, was a frugal soul who read nothing but technical stuff and drove the same black sedan for 15 years. Then one day he showed up in a Corvair convertible a shade redder than the one above. How did he square this with his research? He didn't. That was the same day he asked to be transferred to a job that would get him out on the road more...driving his new Corvair.

'66 Corvair by Chevrolet