

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

On Tuesday, January 21, our monthly membership meeting will be held. Start time is 6:30 PM. It will be held at Shots on the River, 5760 W River Dr NE in Belmont. We will be having a model car contest. There are only two rules for this contest: 1 - it has to be hand built, either from scratch or from a kit; no pre-built models will be judged and 2 - you must be a member of the club or a direct family member (spouse or child) of a club member. Everyone in attendance will vote for their favorite model with the winner receiving a fabulous prize.

The January board meeting will be Tuesday the 28th at 6:30 PM. It will be held at 5 Lakes Brewing Company, 1638 142nd Ave. in Dorr.

Our first tech session of the year has been scheduled! We will be meeting at Ryan Counterterman's barn on Saturday, February 8 at 11 AM. We will be working on the front suspension of Ryan's latest Corvair project. Ryan will provide lunch; just bring your own beverage. Ryan is located at 2315 18 Mile Rd. NE in Cedar Springs.

The date, time, and venue has been set for our annual Zoup Off. It will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 2 PM. The venue once again is the community room at Rockford Ambulance, 8450 Shaner Ave NE in Rockford. Just like past years, there will be prizes for best soup and best dessert. We will also be having a Pinewood Derby. Look for an article later in this newsletter explaining more about what a Pinewood Derby is.

Holiday Party Recap

By Scott Olivier

This year's Holiday Party had twenty two members in attendance--a great turnout! We all feasted on spare ribs expertly cooked by Jamie Reinhart, and numerous side dishes and desserts brought by all who attended. Everything was absolutely delicious, and everyone left full. We all played a "get to know you" bingo game. Each member had a unique bingo card to fill, and had to find a member whose past experience filled a square for them (example: "has more than two siblings"). The first person to call "bingo" was Krisann Lectka, who won a \$25 Meijer gift card for her efforts. The club also held a gift raffle, and six lucky WMCC members left the party with a special holiday gift. It was great seeing everyone, and a big thanks to Jamie and Tanya Reinhart for opening their home to the club!

State of the Club

By Scott Olivier

Happy New Year, WMCC members!

It's another year in the books, and I thought we'd take a look back to the events of 2019, and a brief look forward to 2020. The highlights for 2019 were:

- In February, our annual "Zoup Off" was held at Rockford Ambulance. First place for soup went to the Lectkas for their White Russian soup, and first place for desserts was taken by the Dykwells for their Crispy Coconut Creamers. Yum.
- Fast forward to June, and several WMCC members and six Corvairs participated in our annual club "dust off", which was held at Charlton Park in Hastings for their Fathers Day car show. The park was a neat venue, but the weather wasn't very cooperative—we got poured on. This seems like a venue we should try again when there's better weather.
- The July event was the club's Summer Party, this year held at the beach house of member Bob Muir. We had ample attendance, and absolutely perfect weather to enjoy Lake Michigan and food cooked by everyone who came.
- In August, WMCC attended the Red Barns Spectacular show at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners. We had a great turnout—there were ten Corvairs at the show, most belonging to club members. The museum parked us under a large tree which was a blessing, given the warm and sunny day.
- In September, the club showed strong at the last cruise night of the year at Fricano's on Alpine, with seven Corvairs on the field. There was a brief rain shower, but we dried off and enjoyed pizza and company.
- Our October Fall Color Tour was, unfortunately, canceled. The weather forecast in the days leading up to the event looked dire, and we decided to pull the plug. When the day actually arrived, it turned out to be a beautiful fall day. I'll never trust weathermen again, and future events will go on, regardless of the forecast.
- WMCC's Christmas Party was held at the Reinhart's place this year, and we had twenty two members in attendance. As usual, we all enjoyed the food and fun that comes with the annual event.

Looking forward, our next event will be the second annual WMCC Model Car Contest, the details of which are shared by Dave Ziebarth within this newsletter. As with the last event, I'm way behind on my build and I hope to show a car whose paint has fully cured. Wish me luck.

As always, please share your feedback on the club with any board member. We all want WMCC to be worth your \$18 dues, and would love to hear suggestions for how to improve your club experience, and also for how to increase membership. I've been in the club for a number of years now, and Heather and I have always enjoyed the company of club members. I hope you all feel the same. My email address is scott_olivier_mi@yahoo.com, and my phone number is (586) 719-3797, if you wish to contact me directly.

Take care, Scott

What is a Pinewood Derby?

From Wikipedia.org: The pinewood derby is a racing event for unpowered, unmanned miniature cars. Pinewood derbies are often run by chapters (packs) of the Cub Scouts program of Boy Scouts of America. With the help of adults, Scouts build their own cars from wood, usually from kits containing a block of pine wood, plastic wheels, and metal axles. You can see a Pinewood derby on [YouTube](#).

As part of our Zoup Off, we will be having a Pinewood derby. Anyone who participates will need to bring their own car that they built. Kits can be purchased at Riders Hobby Shop or at many online retailers. Prices for each kit start at around \$6.00 and can run up to \$80.00 or \$90.00. Most kits consist of a block of wood, four plastic wheels, and four nails for axles. The finished car must use all nine pieces, must not exceed a certain weight (usually five ounces (150 grams)), must not exceed a certain width (usually 2-3/4 inches (7 cm)) and length (usually 7 inches (17.8 cm)). There are many YouTube videos that give hints on how to build a winning car.

This should be a fun event!

Here is a picture from the Holiday Party (I didn't have room for it on the first page to go along with the article).



WMCC Calendar

January 21	WMCC Membership Meeting and Model Car Contest at Shots on the River
January 28	WMCC Board Meeting at 5 Lakes Brewing Company
February 8	Tech Session at Ryan Counterman's
February 22	Zoup Off at Rockford Ambulance
February 25	WMCC Board Meeting at TBD

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