

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

As hinted in the March newsletter, we will be having a meeting in April. It is coming up rather quickly though. We will be meeting on Saturday, April 6 at 10 AM. The venue is the TerryTown RV Car Museum at 7303 South Division Ave. in Grand Rapids.

We will also be having a board meeting on Saturday, April 6 at 9 AM at TerryTown RV Car Museum just before the membership meeting.

The final details are being worked out for the Spring Dust Off. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 with a rain date of May 18. We will be meeting up with the Detroit Area Corvair Club at the home of one of their members in the Lansing area. More details will be published in a future newsletter.

We have collected dues for 2024 from quite a few of you. Thank you. For those who haven't paid yet, you can pay at the April meeting or mail a check to the club address on the last page of this newsletter. Dues are still \$18 for the year.

Area car shows are starting to announce their dates and times. Look for a schedule on the club website by the end of April.

Lost and Found - nobody has claimed the plate and plastic spoon that was left at the Zoup Off. I will bring them to the April meeting or you can email me at zvair65@gmail.com to claim them.

WMCC Calendar

April 6 - April Meeting at TerryTown RV Car Museum; Board Meeting at 9:00 AM, Membership Meeting at 10:00 AM

May 11 - Spring Dust Off

May 18 - Spring Dust Off rain date

July 11 - 14 - Corvair Homecoming; Ann Arbor, MI

July 22 - 25 - CORSA International Convention; Dayton, OH

President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

Well, Spring is finally upon us, depending on the weather roller coaster we're on this week. Soon, we can get the cars ready for the first cruise of the season. I'm looking forward to getting the new/old 500 out for a nice long drive. I've updated my list of local shows and car related activities and as usual there's quite a few. If anyone is interested in the list just drop me a text or email. Same as with the recipe for the Zesty Italian and Tortellini Soup that a few people have asked for.

Pleased to report that Jamie R. has made arrangements for our Club to hold our April Board and General Meeting at the Terrytown RV Center and Car Museum. If you noticed, Dave Z. has already put out an email announcement. This will be on Saturday morning, April 6th, with the Board Meeting starting at 9am and General Meeting at 10am. A "must see" and a great way to start our season. Confirmation has also been made with the Detroit Area Corvair Club regarding the "joint" Spring Dust-Off planned for Saturday, May 11th (rain-date May 18th) at the home of Torre Miller, NW side of Lansing on the Grand River. Tents, porta-jon and grills will be available. So, mark your calendars now for both of these events.

Speaking of events, your Board will be finalizing our 2024 Calendar of Events shortly which will include our customary get-togethers along with a few changes like our "50th Anniversary Celebration". I've asked for your input earlier and received several ideas – thank you to those who have responded. We're also working on something new ... a Club Continuation Plan, to be used as a guide for future decisions. I might be asking for additional input on that subject before it is finalized so once again, I appreciate any and all feedback. Keep reading your newsletter for more to come on this.

For those who enjoy to watch those vintage muscle cars pound the pavement in old-fashioned head to head drag races, the FAST [factory appearing stock tires] Drags people are doing three shows this year at the US131 Motor Speedway. May, July and October. Plus, we'll also have the Pure-Stock drags at the Mid-Michigan Motorplex in September. These fully restored cars are truly amazing, always entertaining to watch and well worth attending. I know I'll be there.

Monthly Auto Fun Fact: Everyone knows HURST and their awesome shifters, but did you know that HURST also invented the Jaws of Life emergency response device? Now if they only had Linda cutting open up a crashed Gasser in a gold-foil bikini I would have known that!

Honestly, I don't know why they make pain relievers in Regular, Extra and Maximum strength. Just tell me how many regulars will kill me and I'll just back off a little bit.

Respectfully, DAVE

WMCC History

Does anyone go to a mall anymore? They did back in the 1970s and 1980s. That was also when the West Michigan Corvair Club would put Corvairs on display in area malls. Looking back through old newsletters, it looks like our club participated in two or three mall shows every year. The malls included Eastbrook Mall, North Kent Mall, and Rogers Plaza. They would often bring the cars in on a Friday evening after the mall closed or Saturday morning before it opened so they would be on display for the weekend.

Here are some rules that participants needed to follow for a show at Eastbrook Mall in April 1978.

THOSE SHOWING CARS: We have 4 simple rules you must follow;
1. Please, no more than 1/4 tank of gas in the car.
2. Disconnect one or both battery cables, possibly take battery.
3. Bring a black large poly trash bag for use as a drip pan.
4. Take 4 small squares of rug, tile, metal, anything to put under each tire. Tire rubber reacts to floor treatment wax.

Below are some scans of pictures that I took at Rogers Plaza in 1983. They were taken with a Kodak Disc camera and I was only a kid so they are sort of off center.



We would also participate in quite a few parades every year. It seems there was always a holiday parade, or the Coast Guard Festival parade, or a parade related to a festival. The last parade we participated in was the Douglas Fall Festival parade. Below are some blurry photos (not sure why) from that parade in 2010.



Other activities over the years included tours, rallies, attending area car shows, and even parade laps around the track at Berlin Raceway.

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