

# Lifter Noise

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## What's Going On

Our event for May is the annual Spring Dust Off. It will be on Saturday, May 17 at 9:30 AM. Look for details later in this newsletter.

Looking ahead to June, we will be going to the Air Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum on June 14. Details on a meet up time and place will be in the June newsletter.

The organizers of the 28th Street Metro Cruise held a Spring Dust Off event on May 3 at the Wyoming Moose Lodge. Dave Dykwell and Dave Ziebarth were in attendance. There were close to 200 cars at this event.



## WMCC Calendar

**May 17** - Spring Dust Off at 9:30 AM

**June 14** - Air Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum

**July 19** - Summer Picnic at Bob Muir's cottage

For a complete list of car shows and cruise nights, check out the [Events](#) page on the club website.

## President's Prose

*By Scott Olivier*

Last weekend was our first tech session of the year, and the turnout was incredible. By my count, we had thirteen West Michigan Corvairians in attendance, including four folks we'd never met—Andy, Dana, Jacob and Jeff. It was great seeing old friends and new faces!

The outstanding turnout made me think that members (current or potential) may be hungry for more tech sessions, and that's something our board will consider for this year's events. People join car clubs to be social, for sure, but they also join to learn about how to repair and maintain their own Corvairs. It was trouble with my own car that inspired me to reach out on Facebook, which led to joining WMCC nearly ten years ago, and I'm sure others are in the same boat. We've had a few folks post on the WMCC Facebook page recently asking for guidance, so I know the need is there.

On another note, spring has sprung and the Dust Off is near. Dave Z. shares the itinerary for this year's edition, which should be fun. We'll pray for dry weather, but the event will kick off regardless of Mother Earth's whims. The driving will be outdoors (make sure your wiper blades are in good shape!), but the social parts will be inside. I hope to see you all on the 17th!

Side note: several years ago, Dan Konkle pointed out that the front "grill" bar on my '63 was installed upside down. It was something that was easily fixable, but I thought I'd let it ride just to, you know, bug him. Dan mentioned it again during the tech session and I thought I'd finally rectify it so his mind could rest. I sent him a pic of it (below) this past weekend and asked "are you happy now"? His reply was "my heart soars like a hawk". Sometimes, it's the little things.

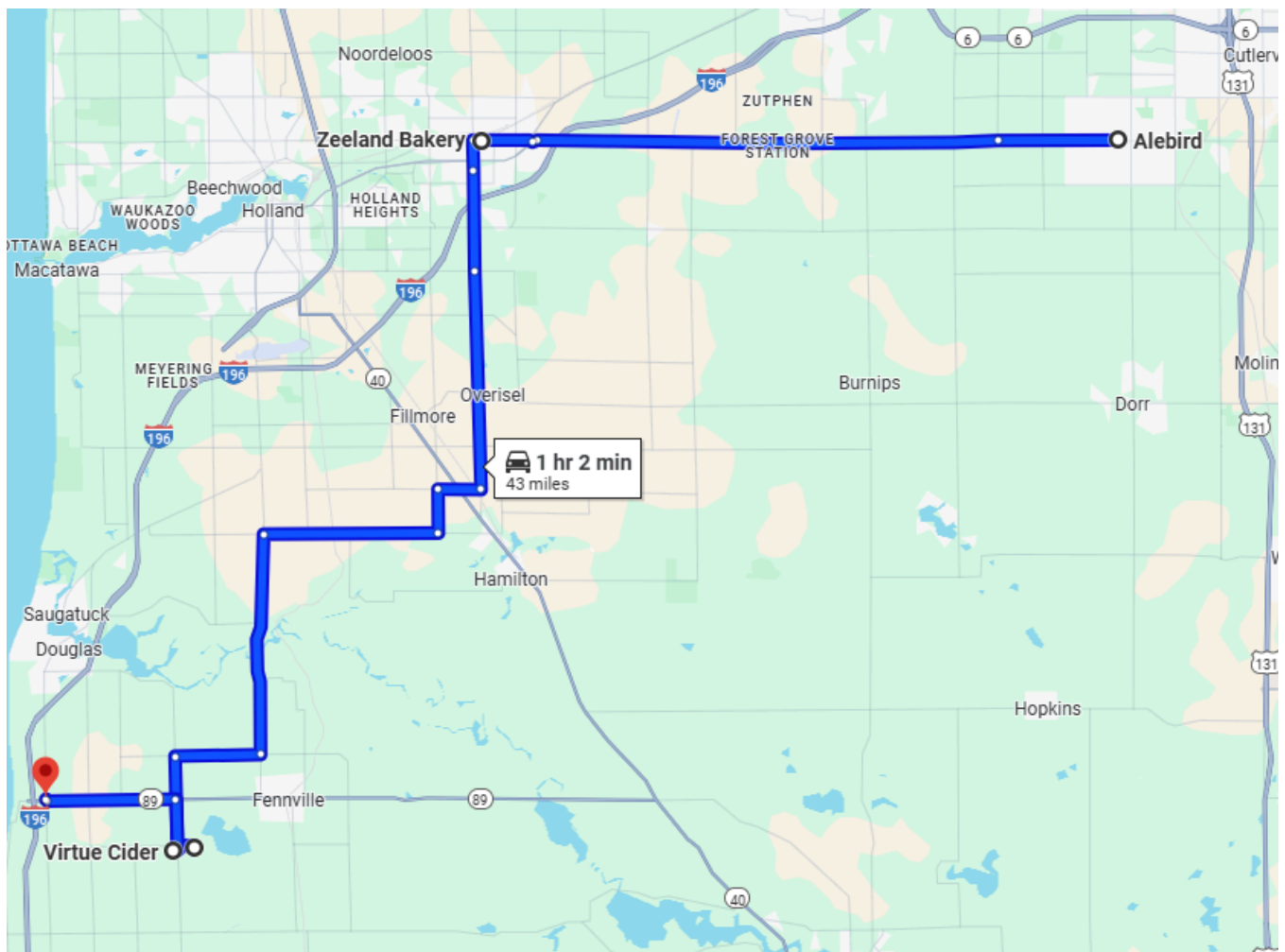


Take care,  
Scott

## Spring Dust Off

Our Spring Dust Off will take place on Saturday, May 17. We will meet at Alebird Taphouse and Brewery in downtown Byron Center (2619 84th St. SW) at 9:30 AM. We will be leaving promptly at 10:00 AM. Our first stop will be Zeeland Bakery to get our sugar rush. After that we will take a leisurely drive on county roads to Fennville where we will stop at Fenn Valley Winery. After some wine tasting we will make our way around the corner to Virtue Cider. For those who don't want to taste wine or have some hard cider, there will be time to walk around the grounds of these venues. Virtue Cider has a series of walking trails around the farm. We will eventually make our way to What-Not-Inn for a late lunch; around 1:45 - 2:00 PM. After that, we will disperse on our own. There will be suggestions for other sites to see for those who choose to remain in the area for a little longer. There will be maps with turn-by-turn directions available to everyone at the meet up site.

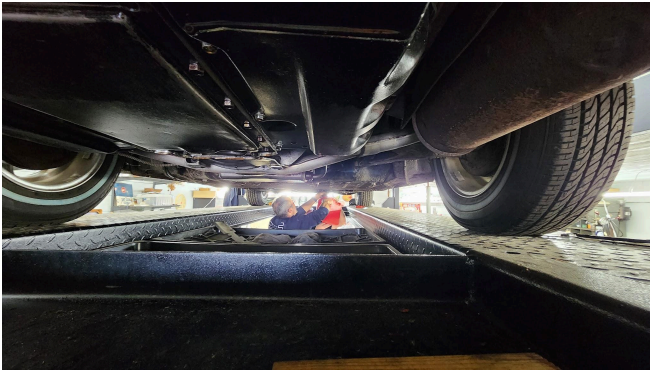
This is our only shot at the Spring Dust Off for 2025. If the weather is really bad, we will cancel and not reschedule.





## Tech Session Recap

Wow, we had quite a turnout at our tech session on April 26. There is a lot of interest in converting to an electric fuel pump. We had about 15 people attend including a few new faces. Our host Jamie Reinhart and car owner Scott Olivier did a lot of the heavy lifting. Jamie did take time here and there to explain what was happening so everyone could learn. It was interesting seeing a mechanical fuel pump taken apart. After a few hours, Scott's car was running again without leaking any gas. Thank you to Jamie for hosting us at his shop!



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