

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our annual summer picnic makes its return to Bob Muir's cottage this year! It will take place on Saturday, July 19. Social time starts at 1:00 PM with the eats being served at 2:00 PM. We are going a little more simple this year with the club providing hot dogs and all of the fixings (chili, cheese, condiments) as well as soft drinks and water. We are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass, beverages if you don't want soda or water, and chairs. Also bring your swimsuit if you want to take a dip in Lake Michigan. Bob's cottage is located at 7789 Margaret in West Olive.

Another event to consider for July is the annual Corvair Homecoming put on by the Detroit Area Corvair Club. That event will take place on July 10 - 13 in Ann Arbor. For more details, go to <https://detroitcorvairs.com/Homecoming2025.html>.

For our August event, we are changing things up this year. Instead of the Red Barns Spectacular, we will be attending the All GM Show at Berger Chevrolet on Saturday, August 23. This show is part of the Metro Cruise and this year Berger celebrates their 100th Anniversary. It is also the last All GM Show that they will be hosting. There is a show fee of \$20 but it is free for spectators. Dave Dykwell is making arrangements for the club to park together so we may have to get there a little early. Look for more details in the August newsletter.

For September, the board is considering one of the following two events: the Apple & BBQ Festival in Silver Lake on September 6 (cost \$12 in advance, \$20 day of show) or the Pure Stock Drags in Stanton September 12. **We want your input!** Please respond to the email that contains the newsletter or email one of the board members listed at the end of the newsletter with your preference.

WMCC Calendar

July 10 - 13 - Corvair Homecoming in Ann Arbor

July 19 - Summer Picnic at Bob Muir's cottage; 1:00 PM

August 23 - All GM Show at Berger Chevrolet; 8:00 AM

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



Air Cooled Show Recap

It was a beautiful day on June 14 for the Air Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum. There were cars from our club as well as the Detroit club. Scott Olivier estimated 15 Corvairs were in attendance including an original Shriner's car that is owned by Chris and Raven Hand from the Detroit club. Scott posted these pictures to the club's Facebook page.



Welcome New Members

We have two new members to welcome to the West Michigan Corvair Club!

Dan Chapin joined our club at the Air Cooled Show.

Matt Flowers joined our club after he purchased a very nice 1966 Corvair Monza Convertible.

Welcome to WMCC Dan and Matt!

President's Prose - "The Garage"

by Scott Olivier

We didn't even have a garage until I was nearly 12 years old. The early 1900's house I grew up in near Chicago had a 12' x 15' rectangle of gravel in the backyard whereupon my parents parked their '68 Plymouth Satellite, followed by their '76 Oldsmobile Cutlass wagon through sun, rain and snow. I have no recollection of where they even stored gardening tools, snow shovels, or the lawnmower up to the time they finally inherited some money from the passing of my great aunt Vivian and were able to build a brand new two-and-a-half car garage that took up about 60% of our tiny yard. I remember watching excitedly as the contractor poured that beautiful slab of concrete that would host my first car a few years later. I was tagged with the responsibility of spraying water on that slab with a garden hose several times a day until it cured and they built the garage atop it.

As adults, wife Heather and I have been blessed with the fortune to be able to afford homes with garage space, other than the early marital years when we lived in sketchy apartments. We (okay, mostly I) have accumulated an impressive array of home maintenance and repair items over the years, and I have no idea where we would keep them all without the garage. Spoiled we've become.

In our empty nester years, we've owned some homes with garages worthy of more than just storing cars and tools. We could do a little more than just store stuff—we can make it look cool. Our current home thankfully fits that bill.

I have a small collection of "old guy" stuff for it—a few Corvair- or Chevy-specific signs my kids have given me ("Corvair Parking Only – All Others Will Be Towed", that kind of thing), a small collection of wheel covers/hubcaps from defunct makes, some small automobilia, a pretty cool rolling tool chest festooned with decals from dozens of breweries we've visited, a workbench, storage cabinets, and two

non-automotive neon signs that I'm not sure fit with the garage motif—one from the optical business in which I work, and one from Arby's that my youngest daughter gave me a few years back.

The latest addition is a four-post lift, which I've always wanted. I got it new from a local guy last month, and it now sits unassembled and chilling in the garage. All 1800 pounds of it. I need to figure that part out. My plan? Bribe some friends with beer and pizza to help



me put it together, but that's for a time when it's not boiling outside.

So, here's the thing—I'm clueless about what to do with the garage now. I want to see your "Garage Majals," past or present. Share your ideas--hit "reply all" to this newsletter and show us how you've creatively stored your tools, flaunted your automobilia, organized your space, kept your Corvair from dripping oil everywhere, and all that good stuff. It doesn't have to be anything real big—just something you're proud of when you go into the garage and look at it. Inspire the group, man.

Side note: I'm hoping for some "division of labor" when it comes to monthly articles. I spoke with member Matt Peterson recently, who promised to write an article for the August newsletter (I'm holding you to it, Matt!). We're not limited to one article per newsletter (more content is better), so we'd love it when members contribute. If you have a topic you're passionate about or have a story to share, please write something up and email it to our secretary, Dave Ziebarth (his email address is where the newsletter comes from) so it can be included in a future newsletter. I'm sure we have some authors in the group we'd love to hear from!

See you at the summer party at Bob's place!

Scott



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