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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

As 2014 is winding down I have to say a big thank you again to Jim Brandberg and Fran Schmit. With Jim's mechanical skills and Fran's donation of his red '67 sedan, Cara and I enjoyed the Corvair driving season with a strong running car and absolutely no issues. I will admit that I drove my coupe with kid gloves for the first few weeks and didn't venture far from home. By July, though, we were zipping around the countryside like old times. If scheduling works out, I will have no qualms about driving to the CORSA Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee in 2015.

Speaking of conventions, for those members who missed the October meeting at the MUM, we had a very good discussion about the 2016 convention. CORSA President Paul Sergeant had contacted me in September about CMI hosting the 2016 convention. The Board of Directors talked about it at our September meeting and thought it was best to get input from the club members at the October meeting. As mentioned, the discussion concerning hosting or not hosting was very good. In the end, the consensus was to not put in a bid for the 2016 event.

Several points were made but the two largest were the short notice of the request and the difficulty of putting together enough committee chairs and manpower to host a quality convention. It was felt that trying to start putting a bid together with less than 18 months to arrange everything was just too short. That included culling enough CMI (and other clubs) members to chair various committees and volunteers to help make the convention run

November 2014

smoothly. As a couple members pointed out, we could have thrown something together but it probably wouldn't have been a quality show.

At our November meeting we will be electing officers for 2015. One nomination has already been made to keep the current officers in place. While we are more than willing to steer CMI for another year, it would also be welcome for some other members to take a turn at the wheel.

Nominations are open until the November meeting at the MUM. And even if no one else is nominated, please give us some input on what you would like the club to do next year. We had some great events in 2014. Your ideas for 2015 can only make CMI better.

We'll see everyone at the November meeting.

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knaf
CMI President



CORVAIR MINNESOTA

October 14, 2014

President Lee Knauf called the meeting to order at 7:00 at Messiah Methodist Church (MUM) in Wayzata. 20 members and Ralph Dier's frequent guest, Ellis Ludder, were present. Jim Becker was attending his first meeting at the MUM. Jim recently moved back to Minnesota from Texas and owns '64 & '67 coupes.

September Minutes: None as the secretary was on a well deserved vacation.

Treasurer's Report: We have a current balance of \$2657 in our treasury.

Recent Activities:

September 27 Adopt-a-Highway: Cliff reported we had another good turnout and a perfect day. The CMI treasury now sponsors the needed pie and coffee after the work is complete. However, we roughly broke even as President Knauf found \$70 while scouring the ditches.

October 11: Fall cruise: Four Corvairs and a number of water pumpers had another perfect day for touring apple orchards, the countryside, and ending at the Victoria House. We covered nearly 100 miles with no surprises! Thanks to Lee and Cara.

New Business:

January 4, 2015: Holiday Dues Party: Bill & Carol Cook are graciously planning a repeat of last year's successful party. More information will be in the Leeky Seel.

November 11, 2014 Membership Meeting: Election of Officers for 2015. Nominations remain open until voting. . .new blood is good. . .although the current officers are willing to remain in their duties.

Treats for Winter Meetings:

Tonight:	Lee Knauf
November:	Bill Cook
December:	Ray Alexander
January:	Chuck Johnson
February:	Cliff Picht
March:	Auto show
April:	Tom Quinn

HOST for the 2016 CORSA National Convention: Paul Sergeant, CORSA president, asked CMI to consider hosting a national convention. After a thorough discussion of manpower requirements and likely assistance from neighboring clubs, it was decided we do not have sufficient manpower to execute an excellent convention. However, members will be polled via email in case persons not in attendance have additional insights.

TECH SESSION: Gary presented details on workings and pitfalls of manual fuel pumps while Fran gave a pitch for converting to electric pumps.

Meeting adjourned: 9:03

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson



In Memoriam

CMI's thoughts and prayers are with Fran and Mary Schmit, brother, Peter (Kathy) Schmit, and son, C.J. Schmit (Abby) as they deal with the loss of Fran and Mary's son, Jim. Jim was a "Corvair-ist" for many years. His last Corvair was the one that son CJ drove after returning from Iraq with the US Marine Corp, a few years ago. (Jim Brandberg did the coup d' grace on that black '62 just last year.) Jim was just 51 when he passed away at the end of September in Arizona.



2014 Adopt-A-Highway, Fall Clean-up

A note from Cliff:

I just wanted to thank you all again for helping out Saturday. It was a great day weatherwise, and the clean-up went well with the crew we had. After three years we may have this thing figured out:). As usual the breakfast was great, and thanks to CMI, the pie and ice cream was a special treat!

Cliff



About a dozen of us met at Dobo's, as usual for a hearty breakfast. The weather was exceptionally nice for a morning of "picking". After breaking up into 4 teams we set out to clean our assigned stretch of highway. This really is a great time to do a bit of bonding with other club members. After a couple of hours work we were really looking forward to a slice of Dobo's pie and a having a good time comparing notes about what we discovered. Corvair Minnesota picked up the tab for the pie and ice cream which made it all the sweeter! Lee and Cara had the most "interesting" find with the discovery of \$70 cash! They graciously donated it to the club which went a long way to pay for the pie. All together an awesome day. You really should consider joining us in the spring for the next clean up day.

John



2014 Corvair Minnesota Fall Color Tour



A number of hearty CMI'ers met for a great breakfast at the Egg & Pie Diner in Chaska on a recent warm and bright Saturday morning. From there we headed out on the back roads to Sponsel's Minnesota Harvest Orchard. From there we headed to Jim's Orchard and the "Minnesota's Largest Candy Store" and finally ended up at the Victoria House for a late lunch. What a glorious day!





Corvair Minnesota Holiday Party

Sunday, January 4th, 2015 at LATUFF'S PIZZERIA
10820 Highway 55, Plymouth - just west of Hwy 169

Social Hour: 4:30 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm

Cash Bar with Pizza Appetizers

Cost is only \$20.00 per person (check payable to CMI)

MENU CHOICES:

Baked Meat Lasagna

Chicken Parmesan

Golden Fried Jumbo Shrimp

Italian Sampler (Rigatoni, Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs)

Dinners include: Salad, Beverage & Dessert

Chicken & Shrimp Dinners also include Pasta

Questions/directions: call Bill Cook @ 612-940-9179

Remember to bring your donation for the STEP Program

(see details elsewhere in the SEEL)

** \$20.00 dues for 2015 are payable at the Party or mail check to **

Ray Alexander

901- Woodlawn Court

Burnsville, MN. 55337-3627

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****** Annual CMI Holiday Party Response ******

Name _____ Lasagna ___ Chicken ___ Shrimp ___ Sampler ___

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Cost: \$20.00 per person (make your check payable to CMI)

Mail this response with your check for the Party no later than December 26th to:

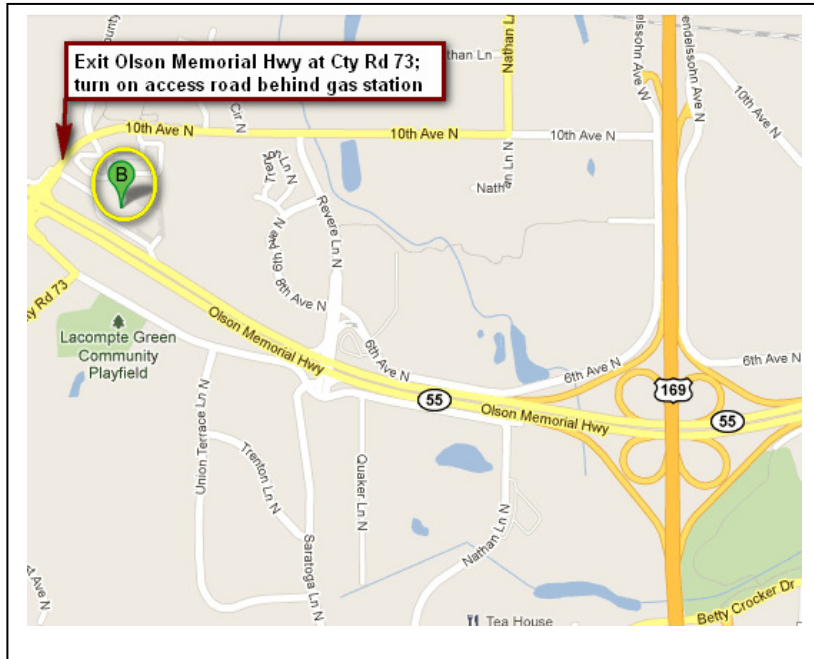
CMI Holiday Party

Bill & Carol Cook

1106 - 33rd St SE

Buffalo, MN 55313

Latuff's Pizzeria 10820 Highway 55, Plymouth, MN
(763) 545-2914



Corvair Minnesota's Annual Holiday/ Dues Party



S.T.E.P. will again be our Holiday/Dues Party charity this year. The people at S.T.E.P. have informed us that these items are needed....

- * CASH - STEP can get a better deal on food than an individual can.
- * CUB gift cards.
- * Personal care items: Toothpaste/brushes, Deodorant, Hand lotion/ bar soap, Perfume etc.

As with Susan's charities, "Hotel shampoo and Soap" are always welcome. If you wish to Purchase Christmas gifts:

- * Toys and games for younger children (please no \$-store toys)
- * \$15 - \$30 gift cards for older children - like from Target, are great.

Questions? Call **Mary Schmit** at 952.929.9174



OLD problem – NEW solution

I'm working on a late model with the central air cleaner - - '64 to '69 I believe, all use these air cleaner 'J-hooks' to attach them to the carbs. Many times, over the years, I have fought with those confounded J-hooks and cursed them up and down. Always saying, "There has got to be a better way". Again, when I was confronted with mounting the air cleaner - - this one needs four of them - - I said "stop – look around this shop and find a solution". I know what I need and I know how strong it has to be - - so find something to do it with; something that can be done here and now and that I can transfer to the members so they too can solve this miserable situation. I was surprised when I looked around and saw what appeared to be a good answer...so I tried it.

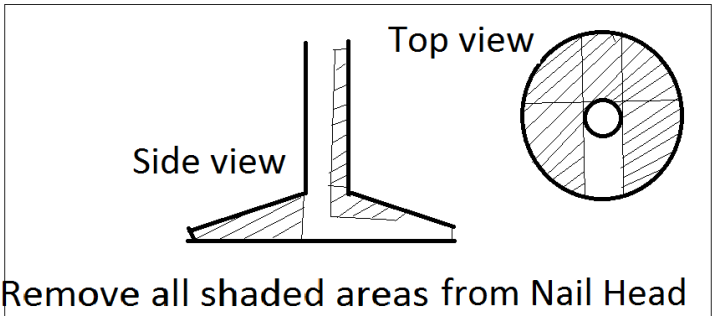


Start with the spring and nail that secure the brake shoes to the backing plate in all CORVAIRS. See pic

I just went in my parts can and grabbed a few of them and made a pile...knowing I needed four of them I had to try an idea that had enough parts to complete the project. I had lots of these!

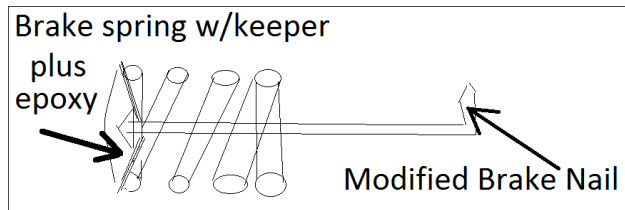
Obviously I'm writing this up as I think it was a good idea and that it worked...otherwise I'm just beating my gums and wasting your time.

You will have to modify the nail-head. Here's a sketch of what I did to the circular



end of this very hard steel - - I didn't know it was such good stuff! Sketch:

Notice when you have removed the shaded areas from



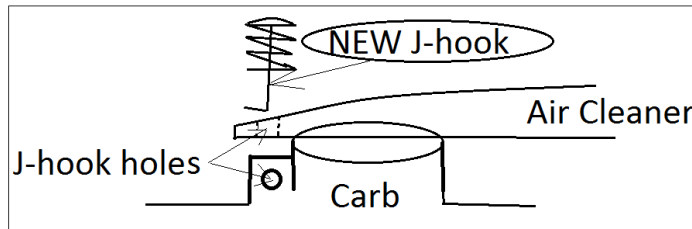
the nail-head you end up with a hook.

That's practically all you have to do to make this work. I used a little epoxy on my first one and then I just welded the next three in – but basically the job is done. You put the new nail into the spring and its keeper as if you were putting on new brake shoes.

This unit, with the epoxy, is

your new J-hook.

Here's how it will be used
To 'hook on' your air cleaner.



This is how it looks next to the bad old thing!:

I made one and it worked so then I made another and that worked, right away, too. So I made two more and they went on without a hitch..Bingo!

You too, can stop cussing the old fixture and start over with a BETTER one.



Fran

Fran EXTRAS

June 2014

Dave Peterson shows Mary Schmit his "new" Model A. He says it took him a while to get to this point but he is really pleased with how it is coming along. Mary says, "cool!"

Note the out-rigged, large "trunk" behind the Rumble Seat.

Fran



Last Friday (July 25th) the 1964 class of High School grads, from Minnetonka H S, had their 50th reunion at the Mtka Country club. They asked some people they knew who had 1964 cars to come and have them on display for the amusement of the old grads.. They also had the cheerleaders from the current Mtka HS come and do cheers for the grads as they entered the CC. Here's a photo of those cheerleaders and my 1964 CORVAIR - - which happened to be the right color for their Minnetonka HS uniforms.

Fran



CMI Classifieds

New: Engine electrical harness, ball joints, Pertronix ignition; headers (110 and 140); custom exhaust; Wallen rebuilt starters generators and alternators; mufflers; rebuilt flywheels; new belly pan for late; crank and rod bearings.
Used parts: complete engines, transmissions, differentials: call for parts – I have a large inventory.
Also: 1969 110hp engine (runs great, sealed & pretty) Rare – aftermarket tube style early air grill – Solid flywheel

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Gary Nelson 612-866-3247 or cell: 612-644-1258

I have four Corvair Bucket seats if anyone has a need ...
 Two are black not sure of year, one white 64, one red 65.
 Bud Brady, 952-891-4790....Cell 942-303-2340

Wanted: Looking for a “fixer – upper” Greenbrier or van.
 Ken Laursen phone 612-735-8955 or:
rockabillyrebel61@yahoo.com

1962 Monza Coupe- Slightly over 42,000 miles, runs well, no rust, in very good condition. Automatic transmission, four new tires. White with black interior. Fun to drive but at my age it's getting tougher to get in and out! Make offer
 Bill Von Hassel 952-946-2245 or VonH9700@aol.com





1964 Spyder. Low mileage runs & drives excellent. W/ 5 factory orig. knock off wire wheels. interior very nice. rare tissue dispenser. new tire & brakes. tuned up; new silicone wires.some rust on bottom but not through floors. 20 footer could use paint but presentable as a driver. \$6000/ offer. Bruce Alexander 605-996-1039 Mitchell, SD.
brucealexander11@yahoo.com
<http://sd.craigslist.org/cto/4609889228.html> for more pics

1963 Spyder 22,000 ACTUAL miles. Great shape & we do have all four hubcaps for the vehicle. Very rare Chevrolet It is a classic! Was asking \$10,000 for this vehicle, have decided to drop asking price to \$9,000. We will accept offers, but no less than \$8,000. Call/Text 218-251-3484 Kathy



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Spot a 'Vair:



Emily Caldwell with her 1963 Chevy Corvair
Malibu California, November 2013 by Ryan Schude
<http://carstories.com/2014/07/ryan-schude-photographs-californians-in-love-with-their-cars/>



Happy Thanksgiving!

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Time to sign up for the Holiday/ Dues Party!