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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

Hard to believe another summer is almost two thirds over. This season has been a great one for Corvair cruising. The weather has been very cooperative as the temperatures have been nice and the rains seem to fall overnight, freeing up the days for outdoor activities.

Corvairs were the featured car at the July 17th North Saint Paul cruise night. We had 11 vehicles show up. The set up was on the southwest corner of Margaret and 7th, right in the middle of all the action. There were also a lot of different cars to see with many being from Wisconsin. This is a definite must do event for next year. Thanks to Tom and Dan Quinn for arranging our show.

New Ulm had its first cruise night the week before. This is the event the Cara set up through her job at the Chamber of Commerce so not only did I have our '69 down there, I provided free labor.

Cara said she would have been happy if 25 cars show up so you can imagine how ecstatic she was when the final car count was over 60. The city is hosting two more cruise nights in August and September. This might be an event we can get some Corvairs down to as well.

Speaking of New Ulm, Cara and I will be relocating there in August. We close on our house on August 7th and the moving date is the following Tuesday. We're excited about the move, especially Cara as she is getting the opportunity to move back to her home town. We're already discussing the club parti-

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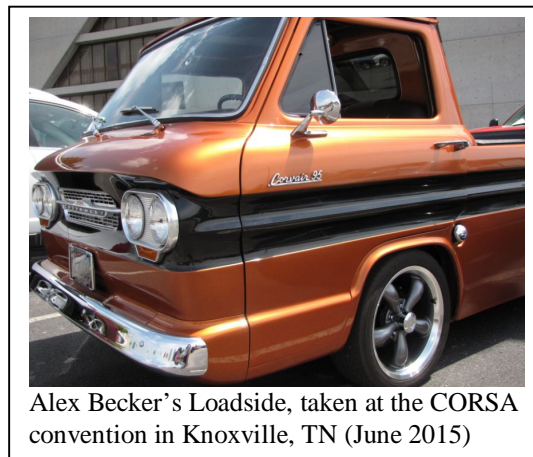
-cipating in the Bavarian Blast parade next year and hosting a picnic at our house. Incidentally if anyone knows of someone who wants to relocate to Chaska, we know of a great house for sale.

Tuesday the 11th is our member meeting at the Dairy-ette in Saint Paul. Hope to see everyone there. In the meantime, check the SEEL for the rest of the events and take advantage of the great summer weather in your Corvair.

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knauf

CMI President



Alex Becker's Loadside, taken at the CORSA convention in Knoxville, TN (June 2015)

CORVAIR MINNESOTA

July 14, 2015

The annual Minnetonka Drive-In meeting was called to order by President Knauf at 7:20. Turnout of members and spouses was great and we spied some Corvairs we hadn't seen before. In addition, a table of Cadillac club members was in attendance

New member Jack Zilliox introduced himself, he bought Bud Brady's '64 Monza coupe, so he has a great car. Last month's new member Walker Gautsche of St. Louis Park debuted his '64 Monza 4 door. Dave Pedersen likewise showed off his '62 Monza coupe.

June Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$2020 in our treasury currently, 73 paid members.

Recent Activities:

June 24-27: National CORSA Convention: Knoxville, TN. Jack Bacon reported about 400 people and 200 Corvairs were present and the show was a success. Also attending from CMI were Vince Rohr, John Herkenratt & Jim Becker. CMI's young friend Alex Becker along with his wife, baby and dad, Gary and mom, Renee from Yankton also attended.

July 4: The Delano parade was great. We were early in the parade and broke off short of the end to our reserved spots at the fair. The parade is over 2 hours long and has 30,000 attendees. It was packed with families and little kids, truly capturing the essence of historic July 4th parades. Even the **Minnesota Gopher Band** participates each year! Put this one on your bucket list, we only had 9 Corvairs this year.

Upcoming Activities:

July 17: North St Paul Car Cruise "**CORVAIR NIGHT**", a new event for CMI. We will be the featured marque thanks to Tom & Dan Quinn! Tom has a sign-up sheet for manning the gate.

August 8: New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. Another unique event recommended for everyone's bucket list.

August 8: Village Chevrolet Car Show in Wayzata.

August 11: Membership meeting at the Dari-Ette at 1440 Minnehaha Ave in St. Paul

August 29: Summer Spectacular at the beautiful Dakota County fairgrounds in Farmington hosted by the Southern Cruzers.

Labor Day Weekend: Track time is available in Hastings, Nebraska for \$250—which is a bargain. Details to follow!

September 12: Classics by the Lake Car Show in Buffalo.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson

New Members:

Jerome Johnson lives in Wilmar and has an early Monza

Nathan Rood lives in Burnsville

Darwin Borden lives in Robbinsdale

Lori Burkhart lives in New Ulm

Walker Gautsche lives in St. Louis Park and has an early Monza sedan

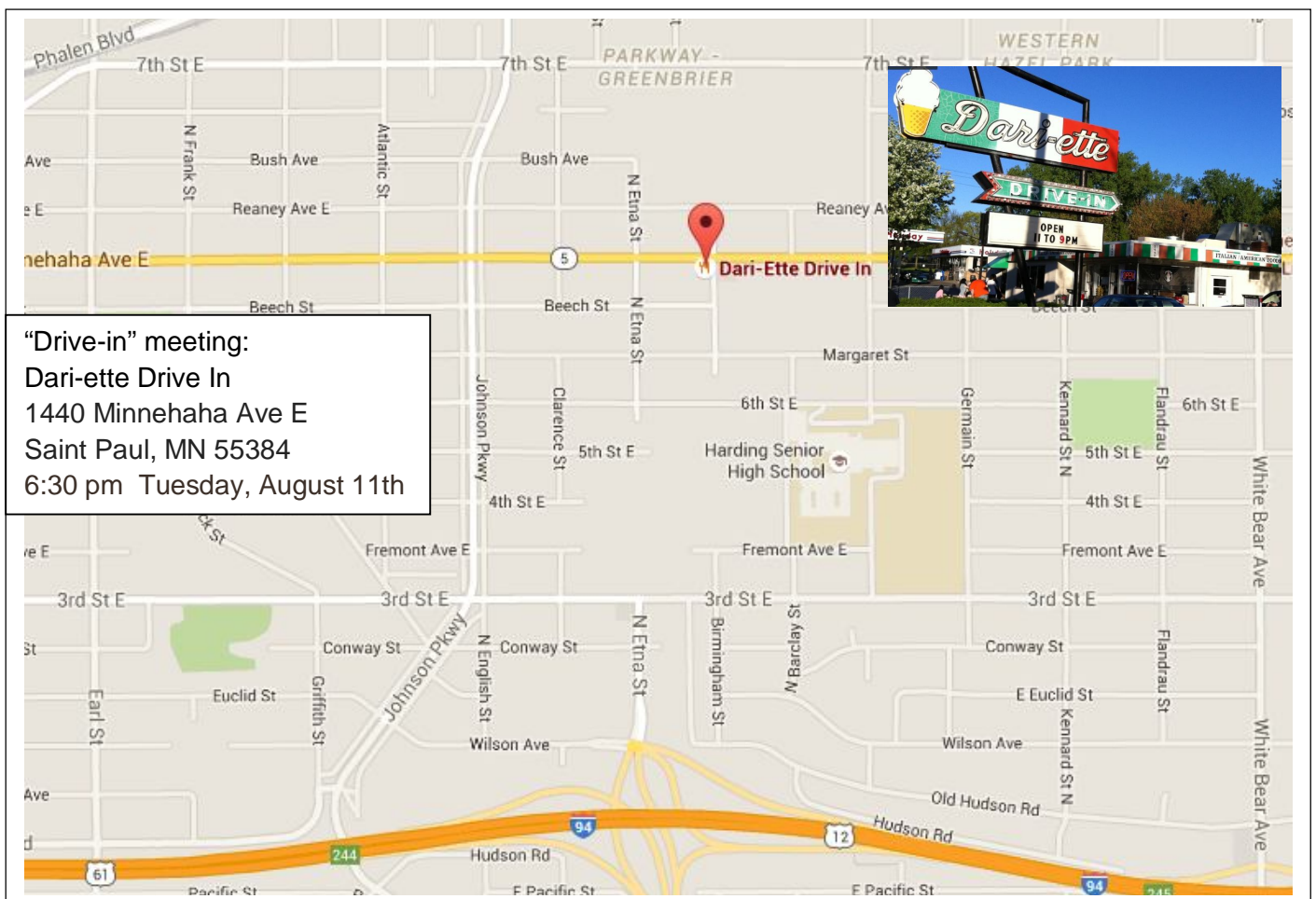
Jack Zilliox lives in Mora and has a 1964 Monza coupe

Jack Bacon



Upcoming CMI events:

- August**
- 08 New London – New Brighton Antique Auto Run (<http://www.anticuecarrun.org/>)
 - 11 Drive In meeting – Dari-ette, 1440 Minnehaha Ave E, St Paul
 - 16 Pantowners Car Show, Benton County Fairgrounds (<http://www.pantowners.org/carshow.html>)
 - 22 Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN (www.christscrosscarclub.org)
 - 29 Summer Spectacular, Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington
(<http://www.webboundinc.com/bubsbubs/thesummerspectacularsite2/>)
- Sept**
- 05 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN 10am – 2pm
 - 08 Membership meeting – To be determined
 - 24 Board of Directors' meeting
- Oct**
- 11 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds (<http://roadsterstwincities.com/>)
 - 12 11th annual Drive for Kids - 8 a.m. start (<http://bolderoptions.org/events/drive-4-kids/>)
 - 13 Membership meeting – MUM (Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, MN)
- Nov**
- 10 Membership meeting – MUM (Voters' meeting)



2015 Independence Day parade in Delano



The oldest and largest Fourth of July celebration in Minnesota; and what a great parade – you should consider joining us next year!

29th Annual New London to New Brighton *Antique Car Run* Saturday, August 8, 2015

Features

- 120 mile tour of beautiful Minnesota countryside
- Three days of shorter tours before Saturday's Grand Tour
- Food & Fellowship at five stops along the route
- Volunteer drivers to transport trailers to New Brighton
- Specially minted medallions to all finishers
- Special commemorative items

Visit our website at
www.anticquecarrun.org

Eligibility

Early Tours, August 5-7: all pre-1916 vehicles

For New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run, August 8: all vehicles up through 1908 and any 1 or 2 cylinder vehicles through 1915 are invited to participate. This includes bikes, motorcycles, steam and electric cars as well.

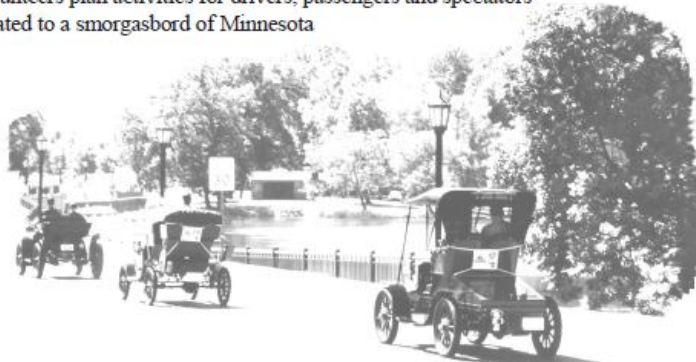
Early registration is highly encouraged. Participation limited to the first 100 cars to register.

History

The Run began in 1987 during New Brighton's Centennial Celebration to reinforce the City's namesake ties to Brighton, England. It is patterned after the prestigious London to Brighton Veteran Car Run held annually in England. The English Run celebrates the repeal of the "Red Flag" law in 1896. The law banned the first motorized vehicles from using the road unless a man carrying a red flag walked in front of the car. Over the years the 57 mile English Run has become the world's largest spectator event, where 2 million people gather to watch the ancient autos travel the crowded city streets celebrating motoring freedom.

The Minnesota Run is a 120 mile American version designed to showcase the beauty and endurance of very early automobiles. It travels from small rural New London, a beautiful city on a lake, through rolling Minnesota countryside to make its way to New Brighton, a suburban community north of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Volunteers plan activities for drivers, passengers and spectators as they pass through their communities. Everyone is treated to a smorgasbord of Minnesota hospitality second to none.

With the costumed drivers and gleaming vintage cars, this unique event promises "turn of the century" charm for at least one day.



Antique Car Run, Inc.

The New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run is planned and put on by a 12 member Board of Directors made up of antique car owners, and representatives of New London, New Brighton and other cities along the 120 mile route. In addition, over 300 volunteers assist. It is financially supported through drivers' fees, sales, and contributions from local clubs and businesses. The mission of the non-profit organization is to foster an appreciation of the beauty and endurance of vintage automobiles.

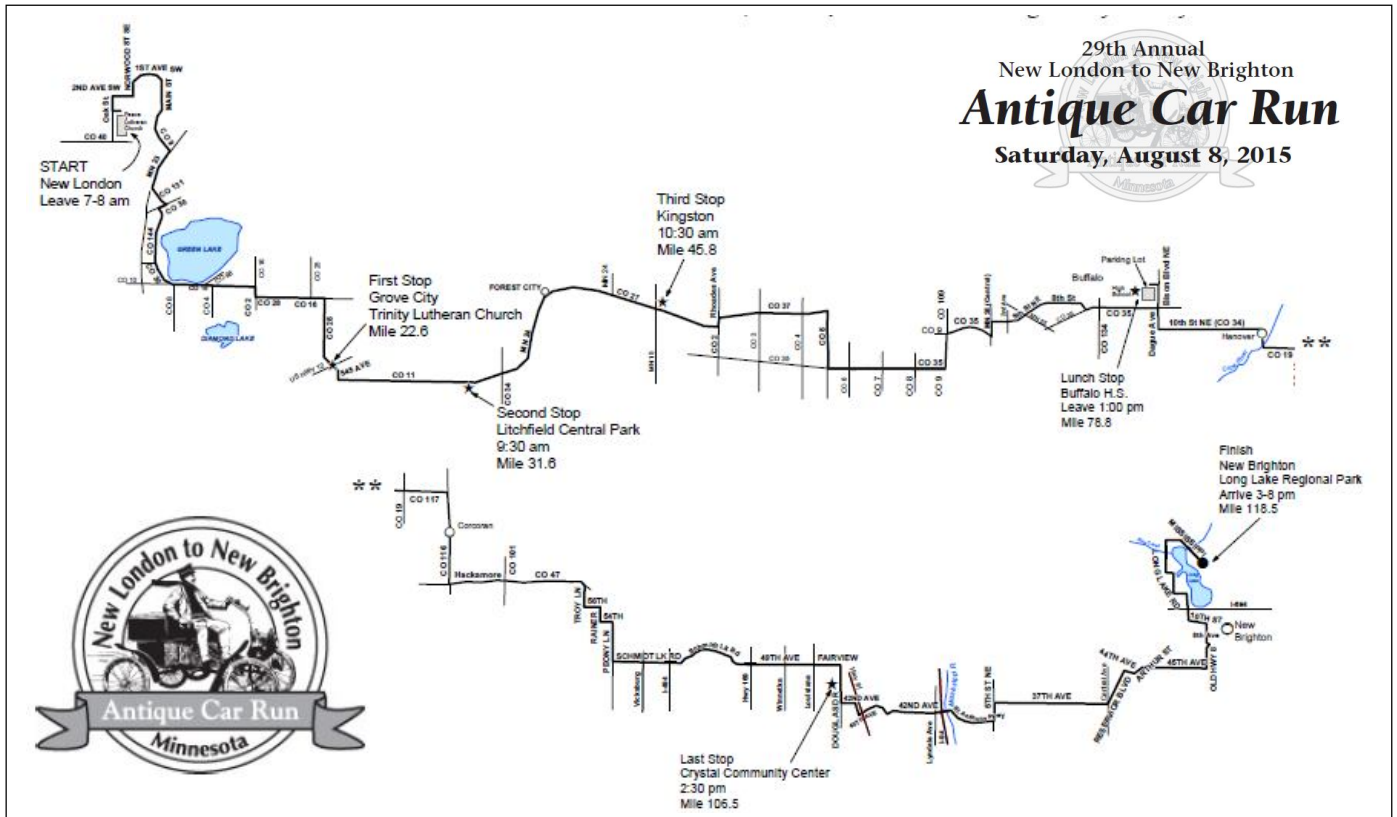
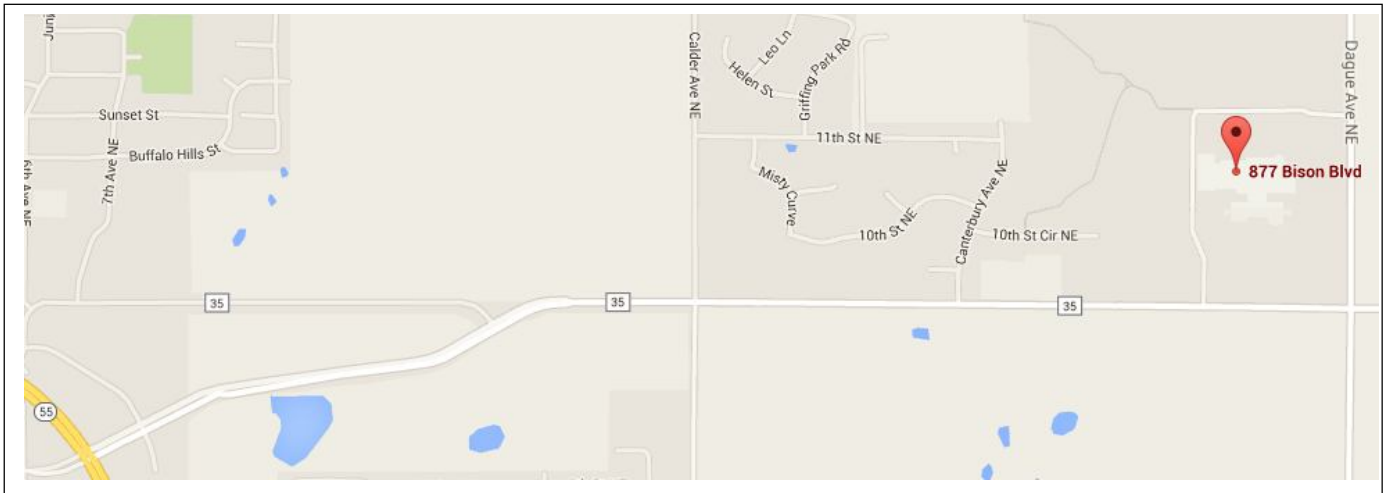
For more information about the Antique Car Run, call, write or email Bill Dubats, President, Antique Car Run, Inc.
803 Old Hwy 8 NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, 763-757-4143, or visit www.anticquecarrun.org

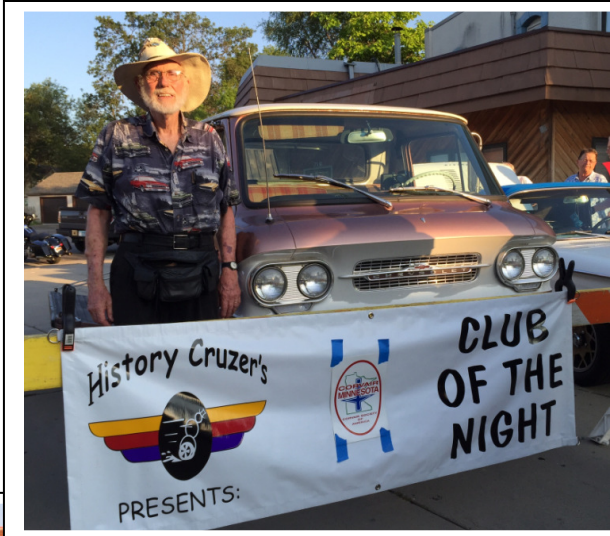
**Antique Car Run, Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation that has a 501-3C designation.
Donations are accepted by the organization and are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.**

These past few years, Corvair Minnesota has substituted the Annual CMI picnic for an event held at the Buffalo Minnesota High School. The Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run makes a mandatory stop at the high school until 1 p.m. Lunch is available for sale in the high school and a car show is held in the parking lot.

Bring your lawn chair, and join us about noon to watch the antique cars as they arrive for lunch and then leave again at 1 p.m. Be sure to get, perhaps, a buffalo burger and stroll the car display. Bring your own Corvair and join the fun! See you there!

Directions: Take Highway 55 West to County Road 33, 34, or 35 then East to Dague Ave SE, then North to Buffalo High School at **877 Bison Blvd, Buffalo MN 55313**





**North St. Paul
History Cruze night
July 17th**

Minnetonka Drive In
Membership meeting
July 14th



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

I also offer full time Corvair repair

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

Parts for Sale:

- '64 - steering box (core value \$200.00) rebuilt \$260.00
- '62 - 3 piece front trim NOS \$250.00
- '65 - front grill - very good \$150.00
- '63 - 700 rocker trim (narrow) NOS \$150 ea.
- '62 - 500/700 (narrow) rocker trim NOS \$150 ea.
- '61 - '63 car steering box - used (core value \$180.00) \$180.00
- '65 - '66 steering box - used (core value \$170.00) \$170.00
- '65 - '69 headlight bezel NOS (left) \$150.
- '64 rear exhaust air grill NOS \$180

FOR SALE ---- (25) 1965 WHEEL COVERS - (2) WITH CORSA INSERTS ONE OR ALL - - REASONABLE
Jerry Berge 480-250-8816

I found a Corsa Coupe so I have to place Flat Bed Fred up for sale. Originally restored by club member Jerry Berge in 1995 and still in excellent condition. Fred received 2nd place closed Corvair at the 2015 GMCCA car show. Comes with a very nice car cover and spare parts. The title will be corrected to show the proper information \$10,900. Jack Bacon 763.479.6214 or jackchrisbacon@hotmail.com



VIN Numbers

I thought I had Flat Bed Fred sold to a retired truck driver from Pittsburgh I met at the convention. He sent me a check and I sent him the title. However, when he called the Pennsylvania DMV to talk about transferring the title he was told the VIN decoded as a 1962 Greenbriar Sport Wagon plus the matching VIN tag was riveted to the door frame instead of being welded. Also 'the title only said Chevrolet with SW as the model. He was told that if the truck was in his p;ossession it would be confiscated and crushed. We found this out about six hours before Fred was to be picked up by the transport company. After talking to Jerry Berge about Flat Bed Fred it turns out Louie Van Kyken used the title and VIN tag of the Greenbriar Sport Wagen he scrapped and used on the rust free South Dakota Rampside with no title. All this leads to when buying a car, ask to see the title and VIN plate. Decode the VIN and see if everthing matches the vehicle you are thinking of buying. I According to a friend at the DMV, I should be able to straighten this out with the State DMV. Just bring all paperwork, photos of the stamped serial number on the frame and VIN tag to any DMV and they will call the State and get the process started. Some States are more picky than Minnesota so remember to have all your titles correctly match your vehicles.

Jack Bacon

2 – Rampside “projects” for sale:

One is disassembled, I have all the parts , has been dipped and primed now minor surface rust; the engine ran when parked; been sitting in my shed for 10 years; I have the title.

One is assembled, with re-built engine, the engine ran when parked in my shed 6 years ago; has good body except for left rear corner. Needs minor assembly to be able to drive it. I have the title.

As I said they are project trucks and I am motivated.

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Spot a 'Vair



Traville Campside spotted at the Corsa convention in Knoxville, TN. This rare camper top is mounted on a 1961 Ramside and is owned by Willard Moody of Lexington KY.

CMI is a non-profit corporation, chartered with The CORVAIR Society of America. Send CORVAIR Minnesota's \$20.00 annual dues, payable by Jan 01, to the CMI Treasurer. Membership in CORVAIR Minnesota entitles you to the monthly newsletter, "The Leeky Seel", with free ads for members, a club window sticker, discounts on club activities, information on parts availability, and good advice on the preservation and enjoyment of the CORVAIR automobile.... Yeah!



*Still some activities this summer
– will we see you at some?*