



SEEL CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

We just kicked off the start of another Corvair season Saturday with our annual Spring Breakfast get together. As the club has evolved and changed, so has the first official car meet of the season. As you know we used to call this the Pancake Breakfast but as times change and club members relocate and/or get tied up with other activities, CMI has to change and adapt as well.

This year we met at Gabe's by the Park in St. Paul and had a nice turn out. I didn't get a final count but I think we had around 14 people. Three Corvairs made the trip as well, Chuck Johnson and Tom Quinn's early convertibles were there as well as Cara and my '69 coupe. After breakfast we went to the Minnesota Transportation Museum for a tour of their enormous workshop and blacksmith shop. Huge thanks to Dan Quinn for making the arrangements with Gabe's and the MTM.

It was great to get the Corvair out of storage and on the road. In the short ten miles from Jordan to Chaska I received several thumbs up and approving smiles from people. Hopefully everyone has their Corvairs (or Corvettes) out of storage and on the road as well. I have always maintained cars are meant to be driven and enjoyed. In the latest issue of Hemming's Classic Car, Richard Lentinello echoes that same belief in his column. He maintains that, while we shouldn't abuse collector cars, we should get them out on the road and enjoy them.

The next club event is the Highway Clean up in Loretto. Cliff Picht is heading this event (thank you, Cliff) so contact him if you are able to participate. The date is Saturday, May 9th. There is a rain date

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if the skies open up. Details are in the SEEL or contact Cliff at cap_minn@yahoo.com.

Our first Drive-in Meeting will be at Cuzzy's in Chaska on May 12th. We'll call it a drive-in meeting though Cuzzy's is actually an indoor only restaurant. You can't tell in May whether it will be 70 or 40 degrees in the evening. The rest of the summer is shaping up nicely though we still have an open date for our drive-in meeting in September (any ideas?). There was also some discussion on driving to Okoboji Museum in Northwest lowa for an August or September run. If anyone is interested in taking the lead and planning this, please let me or another officer know and we'll get you the information. Remember, this is everyone's Corvair club and three or four people can't plan everything. Get those Corvairs on the road and have fun.

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knauf

CMI President





CORVAIR MINNESOTA

April 14, 2015

The evening began with dinner at the Red Rooster in Wayzata. We were nearly 30 people strong and Caitlyn, a new waitress, did a commendable job of keeping us supplied with food and drink.

We adjourned to Dave Peterson's workshop, losing about half the dinner attendees. Gary Nelson held a short meeting as Lee had a work conflict. First, a welcome went to Jerome Johnson of Willmar.

Three highlights before the usual business:

Bob Dunahugh from ICE—lowa Corvair Enthusiasts—attended on his return trip from somewhere and is considering displaying his GMC motor home and Yenko Stinger at GMCCA this year.

Jim Becker is visible in the episode of Dallas Car Sharks where his Greenbrier was purchased to flip.

Gayle Quinn sent us **home made** cream puffs, it was fortunate we were on concrete and not the carpet at the MUM!

March Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$2415 in our treasury currently, 58 paid members.

Recent Activities: None this month!

Upcoming Activities:

April 25: Spring Pancake Breakfast: We will meet at Gabe's in St Paul this year at 9:30, thanks to the efforts of Dan Quinn. We will adjourn to tour the Transportation Museum of MN. Start prepping your Corvairs!

April 25: Pontiac Car Club Show: Held at route 65 Classics is Ham Lake from 9 – 2.

April 30: Inventors' Congress: Minneapolis Convention Center

May 3: Buick Car Club Show. Minnesota State Fair Grounds.

May 9: Adopt a Highway Spring Clean-up. Meet at Dobo's Restaurant for breakfast, work a little bit, and meet back in Dobo's for dessert! Back up date is May 16.

May 12: May membership meeting at Cuzzy's in Chaska.

May 16: Adopt a Highway Back-up Date.

May 16: Willmar Car Show

June 8: GMCCA Car Show and Swap Meet: State Fair Grounds. CMI is responsible for our display area, the

car corral, and for its second year, hosting the "Saturn/Other GM" display to make entrants feel welcome and motivated to recruit more of their friends for the 2016 event.

ASSIGNMENT: Please have your kids, grandkids, etc. go to Facebook and "LIKE" the GMCCA site. Check out the extensive CMI coverage in the video of last year's show while there. Also check the new look of the CMI website.

June 9: Membership Meeting.

June 19 – 21: Back to the 50's: State Fair Grounds.

July 24-27: National CORSA Convention: Knoxville, TN, 743 miles from here and the home of Fast Women and Beautiful Horses. Only <u>3</u> months remain to complete your projects!

July 17: North St Paul Car Cruise "CORVAIR NIGHT", a <u>new event</u> for CMI. We will be the featured marque thanks to Tom & Dan Quinn! Details to follow.

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

<u>Work Session</u>: Air Cleaner Clamps Production. My words cannot adequately describe this project where we got to hone our grinding and welding skills. Study the pictures and you will see everyone had a good time and have another enhancement for our vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson



Info: http://www.corvair.org/2015convention/

CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET







www.willmarcarclub.com

Check Willmar Car Show on YouTube

LMAR, MINNESOTA KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

SCHEDULE **OF EVENTS**

CAR CRUISE -SATURDAY, MAY 16

4:30 p.m.

Meet at the Country Stop/A&W in New London - Eat or snack on your own -

Cruise leaves the A&W

– CAR SHOW – SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:00 a.m. Gates Open

7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Swap Meet

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Car Show

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Drawings

11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Shuttle Bus

3:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

The Willmar Car Club holds the right to reject participation to any vehicle or person.

ADMISSION

\$10 per Show Car (Driver and 1 Passenger) Registrations close at 12:00 Noon

\$15 per Swap Space (12x20) Registrations close at 11:00 a.m.

\$20 per space in Used Car Corral Registrations close at 11:00 a.m. Single vehicle trailers only allowed.

\$4 per Pedal Car or Bicycle

\$5 General Admission

\$3 Seniors over 62

Kids under 12, FREE with paid admission

KANDI MALL DISPLAY

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

◆ CAR MUSEUM TOUR ▶

Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Several vehicles are displayed in the Kandi Mall Shopping Center. On Sunday (11:30-3:00) Willmar Bus Service provides a FREE shuttle bus to and from the Mall, the Museum and the main gate Show. Schwanke's the Car Museum & Gift Shop (3310 Hwy. 71 South, open May-October) has over 350 cars, trucks, tractors, engines and much more. Admission \$5

Museum Info: (320) 235-4341

INFORMATION

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(320) 444-0368 Email: knlipinski@yahoo.com

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(320) 444-7894

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Please call after 7 P.M. or write to:

WILLMAR CAR CLUB P.O. BOX 428 WILLMAR, MN 56201

www.willmarcarclub.com

FEATURES

One of the largest shows in the state with 37 classes and a tradition of variety. Dash plaques, goodie bags, door prizes, concession stand, playground area, free shuttle bus to mall and car museum, disc jockey playing 50's to 70's music during show.

Please note the information and the registration blank on the other side of the poster.

CLASSES

STOCK (restored or Original) (no Custom Wheels)

1. 1931 and Older

2. 1932-1948

1949-1959

4. 1960-1966

5. 1967-1969

6. 1970-1979 1980-2014

8. Convertibles 1939-1959 9. Convertibles 1960-1969

Convertibles 1970-2014

11. 4 Door Sedans and Station Wagons through 1957

12. 4 Door Sedans and Station Wagons 1958-2014

Corvettes

14. Imports

15. 1960-1973 Muscle Cars

16. 1934 and Older

17. 1935-1938

18. 1939-1948 19. 1949-1959

20. 1960-1966

21. 1967-1969

22. 1970-1973

23. 1974-1981

24. 1982-2014

25. Open Rat Rod Class through 1959

26. 1955-1957 Chevys

27. Special Interest (Includes Kit Cars)

TRUCKS AND VANS

28. Stock - 2014 (Restored or Original)

29. Through 1966 4x2 Modified

30, 1967-2014 4x2 Modified

31. 4x4 Modified - 2014

MOTORCYCLES

32. American

33. Import

34. Custom Motorcycle

35. Motor Scooters

SPECIAL CLASSES

36. Pedal cars

37. Bicycles (Includes Stock, Custom, or Motorized)

OTHER AWARDS

Peoples' Choice (Spectator Vote)

1. Stock

2. Custom

Best of Show (Participant Vote)

1. Stock

2. Custom

Club Participation (Cold Spring Street Machines club in 2014)

Oldest Vehicle: (1914 Ford Model T runabout in 2014)

"Chairman's Choice"

Please! No "For Sale" signs on show vehicles.

Willmar Car Club members vehicles will be in a special display and not entered for trophies and awards.

- DOGS SKATEBOARDS
- LIQUOR
 - CIGARETTES **FIREARMS**

The Kandiyohi County Rescue Squad has the franchise for the Concessions served at the Willmar Car Show.



REGISTRATION BONUS

Persons who preregister for the car show by May 5 could win a FREE NIGHT stay at a Willmar hotel listed below. Drawing will be held on May 8. Send \$10.00 registration to the address on the form.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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Beautiful Standard Rooms and Spacious Suites!

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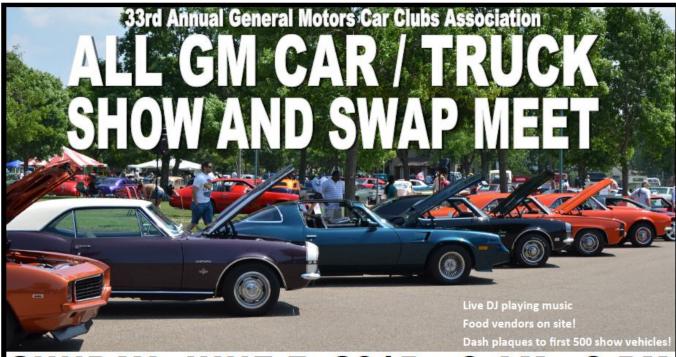
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Willmar	(PLEASE PRINT)		PREREGISTRATION (PAYMENT REQUIRED)	SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015		
Car	NAME	-	ADDRESS	Some Mant		
Club	спу	Jane	STATE	ZIP CODE		
P.O. Box 428	CAR YEAR	_ CAR MAKE	CAR MODEL.	BODY STYLE		
Willmar, MN 56201	CAR CLUB AFFILIATION(S).					
SWAPPERSWAP SPACES NEEDED (MN SALES TAX NUMBER REQUIRED)CAR CORRAL SPACE(S) I hereby release the Willmar Car Club and the Willmar School District #347, and any member, of any responsibility for any accidents and damages on the day of the car show or on the way to the Kennedy Elementary School in Willmar, MN.						
SIGNATURE	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO		DATE _			



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015 • 9 AM - 3 PM

MINNESOTA STATE FAIRGROUNDS - MACHINERY HILL

SPECTATORS

*General Admission: \$5.00/Adult

*Children under 12: FREE

EVENT INFORMATION

www.gmcca.com www.facebook.com/GMCCAssociation *STATE FAIR RULES PROHIBIT: OPEN FIRES, BBQ's AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. PETS ON LEASHES ONLY.

PARTICIPANT AWARDS FOR

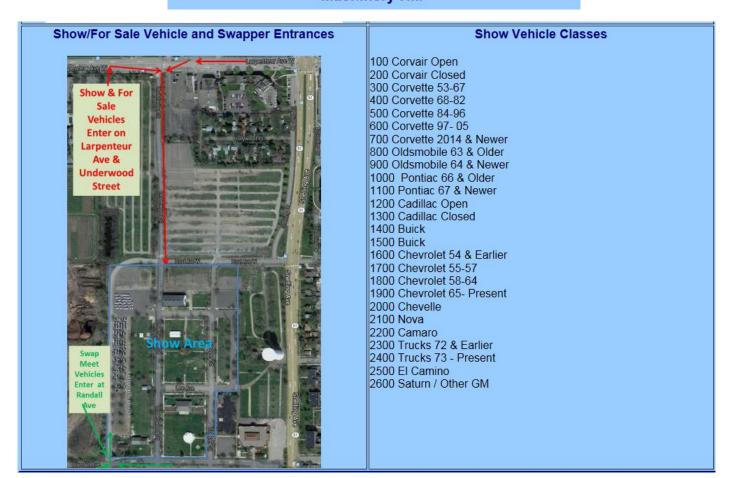
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OLDSMOBILE • PONTIAC • SATURN / OTHER GM • CHEVROLET/GMC TRUCKS

Show Vehicles: Pre-register for guaranteed space (until 10AM) & reduced entry fee - Enter from Larpenteur Swappers: All Makes of Auto Parts are Welcome! Enter from Snelling avenue Main Gate Show Vehicles & Swappers: Gates Open at 7am

	REGISTRATIO	N FORM	
Name		SWAP SPACE - 15'x 20' Space	
Street		\$10 each preregistered before 5/15	
City	State Zip	\$15 each after 5/15	
Phone ()		NEW PRODUCT VENDORS \$20 (In Display Area)	
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Car Club Affiliations (if any	/)	FOR SALE AREA (All Makes)	
GM SHOW VEHIC	CLE	\$15 per vehicle preregistered before 5/15 \$20 per vehicle after 5/15	
Make	Year	NO 'For Sale' signs allowed in the show area	
Model	- 145 - 144 - 146	Make checks payable to and send	
Preregister before Ma	ay 16th - \$10 per vehicle	pre-registration form to: GMCCA	
Register after May 16	5th - \$15 per vehicle	9632 Wyoming Terrace	
Includes Car, driver &	one passenger per admission.	Bloomington, MN 55438	

GMCCA Car / Truck Show and Swap Meet Sunday, June 7, 2015 9 AM - 3 PM

Minnesota State Fairgrounds Machinery Hill



2014 Corvairs



CORVAIR MINNESOTA IS INVITED!

UltraVan Motor Coach Club Eastern Summer Rally, June 2-6, Rochester, MN.

Come to Rochester. Camp in the woods (or not). Eat Hotdish. Touch a whale.

The rally will be held at Olmsted County's **Chester Woods Park** (chesterwoods@co.olmsted.mn.us), located in Southeastern MN on US 14 between Rochester and Eyota. Camping fee is \$30/night plus a one-time park entrance fee of \$5 for the duration of your stay. Facilities include level parking pads with electric service in an area shaded with mature hardwoods. A dump station is provided, as are hot showers. The park surrounds a lake nestled in a wooded valley. It has nice hiking trails, an attractive sand swimming beach, a boat dock and fishing docks. Outboard motors are not permitted (electric trolling motors are ok), making for a sane and peaceful water experience.

Activities (As always, the schedule is subject to change to accommodate weather)

Daily. Breakfast Coffee & goodies: (This may be expanded to full cooked breakfasts. Stay tuned.) **Swimming, boating & canoeing.** Attendees will have the use of boating equipment provided by the hosts. This includes several canoes & aluminum fishing boats plus allied equipment to include electric trolling motors.

Tuesday, June 2. Welcome Dinner: Olga and Gary Anderson will provide the evening meal. BYOB. (RSVP)

Wednesday, June 3. Brief business meeting, followed by Technical Sessions: Glenn Lemke (engineer, designer and UV renovator extraordinaire) will give a presentation on aspects of his stem-to-stern UV rebuild, with focus on his redesigned suspension. Club Tech Advisor and fount of knowledge, Jim Davis will be present to answer your questions on Ultravans (and Corvairs) and will give a presentation on the SafeGuard spark management system. David Keillor, owner/builder of an outstanding late model Corvair touring coupe, and Fran Schmidt, author of more tech tips than you can count, have also been invited to present. (Fran hasn't yet committed. He may be holding out for an honorarium. Good luck with that, Fran.) Also, a Tech Session for spouses. Details TBA. Coach Hopping: Open house. A chance to check out your neighbor's coach & show off your own. (If yours isn't to brag about, don't worry. Ours is worse.) Canoe races? Yes, if there's time before we leave for the cruise-in car show (free) on the lawn at the Eagles Club, 5pm – whenever. Tap beer, burgers, brats, etc. are available on the patio. Let's bring an Ultra Van and some Corvairs! Did I mention they have beer?

Thursday June 4. 10 am **tour of Mayo Clinic** followed by lunch at **Victoria's Italian Restaurant** and **Thursdays on First**, a weekly street festival and outdoor market of art, craft and food vendors and live entertainment in downtown Rochester. Live dance and performing arts featured from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Music festival performances at 5:00 and 7:00 on two stages. Potluck dinner back at the campground. Bring your best Tater Tot hot dish or Lime Jell-O Surprise. Wear your tux (or not).

Friday, June 5. Friday, June 5. Tour scenic areas on and near the Mississippi River. Stops will be chosen from among the following: (1) L.A.R.K. Toys (one of the "Ten Best Toy Stores in the World," according to USA Today) for a ride on a hand-carved carousel, (2) the National Eagle Center in Wabasha for an interpretive program, (3) Nelson Cheese Factory, a mandatory ice cream stop for anyone crossing the bridge into Wisconsin, (4) Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum on Eagle Bluff, the highest point on the Mississippi River Valley. Elmer's collections are extensive and the view from the bluff top is incredible. Another alternative is (5) the Minnesota Marine Art Museum, a first-rate collection of maritime paintings and sculpture. Chinese Take-Out Night upon our return?

Saturday, June 6: D-Day. (D, as in Departure.) **Morning coffee & goodies.** (Probably expanded to include cooked breakfast.) Fond goodbyes, followed by "Gentlemen, start your engines."

Interested? Contact rally hosts Gary and Olga Anderson @ 507-289-2084 or ganderson8@juno.com for more information, including camping recommendations. **Coming?** We hope so! **Please RSVP.**

Upcoming CMI events:

May Apr 30- May 1 Inventor's Congress Expo (nee: Invention & Idea Show), 10:00–6:00 Mpls Conv Center (http://inspireexpo.org/) note: this is a Thursday and Friday event.

- 03 Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, 7-3, (www.gopherstatebuick.org) State Fairgrounds
- 09 Adopt-A-Highway (clean-up) Dobo's at 8:00 a.m. (make-up date: May 16)
- 12 Membership meeting Cuzzy's see directions below
- 16 Adopt a Highway (Back Up Date)
- 16 Willmar Car Show 8:00-3:00
- 17 First Fifty Auto Parts Sale & Swap Meet, 7-3, State Fairgrounds
- 28 Board of Directors TBD

June 07 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance 10:00-4:00, Excelsior

- 07 GMCCA State Fairgrounds 9:00-3:00
- 09 Membership meeting -
- 19-21 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds (www.msra.com)
- 23-27 National CORSA Convention, Knoxville, TN
- 25 Memorial service for Carol Nelson 1:00 visitation; 2:00 service; luncheon to follow
- 25 Board of Directors TBD



- 09-12 Iola Old Car Show and Swap Meet (Car club day Sunday)
- 17-19 Car Craft Summer Nationals Car show, moved to Wisconsin
- 24-26 Little Log House show, Hastings (http://www.littleloghouseshow.com)
- 23-26 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN (Classic car show 7/25; 9 am-3 pm) (http://www.montgomerymn.org/kdaycar.html)



LIOUS 1st "Drive-in" meeting: Crosstown Blvd Crosstown Blvd Cuzzy's 2880 Chaska Blvd 0 Chaska 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12th Brickyard Dr York Ave Mow Brick Circle Holiday Stationstores 61 McDonald's (1) Lenzen Chevrolet Buick, Inc. (41) 2280 Chaska Blvd Matthew Dr

A note from Life Member Gary Nelson:

"My family and I want to thank you all for the cards for Carol – we appreciate it a lot."

The following arrangements have been made: The funeral will be held Thursday, June 25th at Mt Olivet Lutheran Church at 7150 Rolling Acres Road in Victoria. Visitation will be at 1:00 p.m.; Service at 2:00 and luncheon will follow at Julie and Bret Meridith's home at 1041 74th Street, Victoria. (Maps will be in next month's SEEL.)

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.

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