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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

## President's Page

*We* had a great turnout for the get together at Don Colburn's Downtown Auto on Saturday May 21. We had 14 CMI members and four Corvairs that made the trip along with Jim Brandberg hauling his car trailer just in case anyone broke down. Thanks to the Wisconsin Corvair owners who drove their 9 Corvairs and others that stopped by to say hello. Thanks to Don Colburn for the great hospitality along with water, pop, sweet rolls and cookies that were provided. Don has three 69 Corvairs and a Rampside all in beautiful condition and also had a lot of Corvair parts all priced and ready to sell. The weather was perfect and this fun event was followed by lunch at The Classic Garage Restaurant. Thanks to Rich Storlie and Lee Knauf for letting me hitch a ride with them to Eau Claire and back.

A special thanks to Cliff Picht for again organizing the Highway 55 Cleanup and the eleven CMI members that helped out after a hearty breakfast at Dobo's. After the cleanup was done, we met back at Dobo's for a piece of pie.

Another busy month ahead and please remember that the GMCCA car show is June 5 and the gates for show cars open at 7:00 am. If you have not yet registered your car the entry fee is \$15. Eric Prorise will be there from De Witt, Iowa and Dave Keilor from Rochester may also come. it's time to make those minor repairs, shine up your Corvairs and bring them to the GMCCA car show. See you there!

For the vintage motorcycle enthusiast, the Antique Motorcycle Club of America along with the Vintage

## June 2016

Japanese Motorcycle Club will be holding their annual show and swap meet at the State Fairgrounds Friday June 10 & Saturday June 11 in the Progress Center Building. It's a great show with seminars thru out Saturday.

<http://www.vikingmc.org/>

Back to the 50's is June 17-19

<https://msrabacktothe50s.com/>

Friday & Saturday 8 am - 10 pm, Sunday 8am - 3pm with the swap meet open at 6am. Hope to see a lot of early Corvairs there.

On Wednesday June 22, we will be going to the OLD Log Theater for a 1:30 pm matinee of Million Dollar Quartet followed by the Victoria Car Show and dinner. <http://oldlog.com/shows/million-dollar-quartet>.

A reminder that the Corsa Convention in Springfield, Illinois is July 12-16. I believe at this time we have seven CMI members attending and a few more undecided. Convention registration is now available so make plans or cancel other plans so you can attend this great event. I am running for Central Division Director of CORSA and would appreciate your support and vote by June 1. This year, CORSA members can vote online on the CORSA website [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org), it is very quick and easy.

See everyone at GMCCA!

Wrench, Ride, Repeat!  
*Jack Bacon*



# CORVAIR MINNESOTA

## May 10, 2016

About 20 members and significant others met at the Crooked Pint Ale House in Chaska. The acoustics were terrible, so we didn't have a business meeting, but here are a few updates:

**April Minutes:** Approved as published.

### Treasurer's Report:

March balance	\$2394	
Income	\$66	
Expenses		(551)
Current Balance:	<u>\$1909</u>	

Membership: 72

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 21:** Eau Claire Corvair & Parts Tour. Details in the works.

**June 5, 2016:** GMCCA Car Show & Swap Meet at the MN State Fairgrounds. SPREAD THE WORD! Bring your registration to any CMI event to save postage. **Admission Gate Sign-ups are Open!!**

**June 14, 2016:** CMI Membership Meeting – Wagner's

**July 4, 2016:** Bill Cook is looking for input on participating in the Delano parade, the Edina parade, something else, or nothing. The Delano parade is favored, 7 people with cars indicated they plan to attend so far.

**June 22, 2016:** Million Dollar Quartet and Victoria Car Show. Try something different! This is a re-creation of the only occasion when **Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, and Carl Perkins** performed together! CMI will attend the matinee performance and then travel to participate in the Victoria Car Show. Excellent opportunity for significant others to get their check mark for attending a car show with you each year! Venue and food are excellent!

Cost of the Million Dollar Quartet is \$29 per person, less if we have 10 people. Contact Fran or Chuck for tickets.

**July 12 – 16, 2016:** **Corsa Convention** in Springfield, IL—2 months to complete your Corvair projects! Six members have signed up to attend.

**July 22:** **North St. Paul Weekly Car Show:** Tom Quinn confirmed this date. Plan to arrive by 5 if you can, this was a fun event last year!

**August 9:** CMI Membership Meeting.

**August 13:** **New London to New Brighton Race,** lunch at Buffalo High School.

**NEW ULM CAR SHOW DATES:** May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8. Cara will always welcome Corvairs!

NOTE: Anoka Car Show will be EVERY Saturday this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chuck Johnson*

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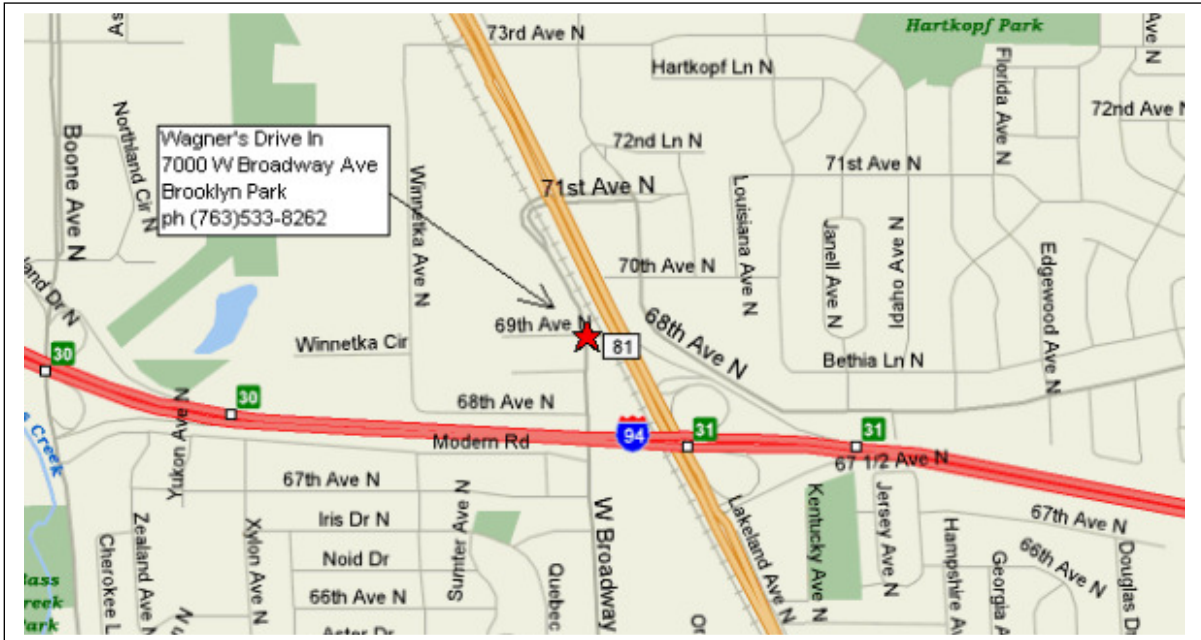
Hagerty sends us these 10 Helpful hints for the spring checkup.

- 1.) Check for nesting animals under the hood and in the exhaust system.
- 2.) Make sure there's water in the battery.
- 3.) Clean off the battery terminals and reconnect the cable, lube the Positive terminal, too.
- 4.) Inspect under the oil pan and other components for leaks.
- 5.) Check fluid levels and change the oil.
- 6.) Examine belts for cracks and dryness.
- 7.) Check tire pressure and examine tires for cracks, especially if your tires are OLD.
- 8.) When you first start the car, check the fuel system for leaks. If you see any do not drive to the shop – fix it there or have it towed.
- 9.) Before you move the car, test the brakes for feel- if brakes feel okay, move slowly and see if they'll stop the car.
- 10.) Grab a buddy to help check all lights, including brake lights and turn-signals.

(Thanks Fran!)



# CMI 2016 Schedule/ Upcoming Events



**Membership meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced)**  
**Boards of Directors' meetings are on the last Thursday of each month (unless otherwise announced)**

- June**      **05 GMCCA – State Fairgrounds**  
 05 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Excelsior (<http://10000lakesconcours.com/>)  
**14 Membership meeting (Wagner's Drive In – see map above)**  
 17-19 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds ([www.msra.com](http://www.msra.com))  
**22 Old Log Theater/ Victoria Car show**  
 30 Directors' meeting
- July**        **04 Fourth of July Parade, Delano – Post Parade Picnic @ the park**  
 07-09 Lola Old Car Show and Swap Meet (Car club day – Sunday)  
**12 Membership meeting - TBD**  
**12-16 CORSA convention, Springfield, IL**  
 15-17 Car Craft Summer Nationals Car show, *moved to Milwaukee*  
 28 Directors' meeting  
 29-31 Little Log House show, Hastings ( <http://www.littleloghouseshow.com> )  
 22-24 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN (Classic car show 7/23; 9 am-3 pm)  
 ( <http://www.montgomerymn.org/thursday-july-23/> )
- August**    **09 Membership meeting - TBD**  
 13 New London – New Brighton Antique Auto Run (<http://www.anticquecarrun.org/> )  
 21 Pantowners Car Show, Benton County Fairgrounds ( <http://www.pantowners.org/carshow.html> )  
 20 Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN ( [www.christscrosscarclub.org](http://www.christscrosscarclub.org) )
- Sept**        **05 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN 10am – 2pm ?**  
**13 Membership meeting - TBD**  
 29 Directors' meeting

# Corvair Minnesota's May General Membership Meeting

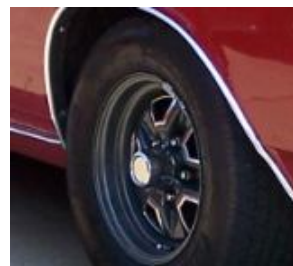
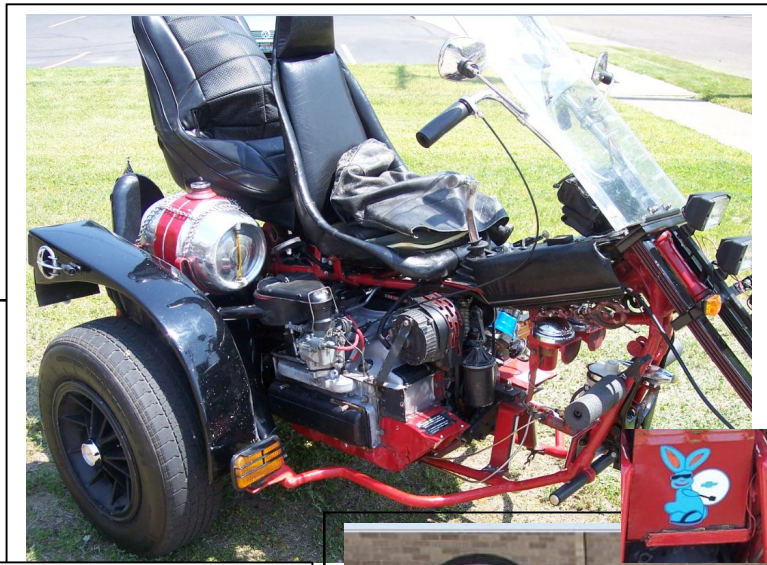
The meeting was held at the Crooked Pint Ale in Chaska's new Curling Center (It's quite the place). Attendance was good, but only Lee and Chuck drove Corvairs!? Where are the others?



# A casual road trip to Eau Claire

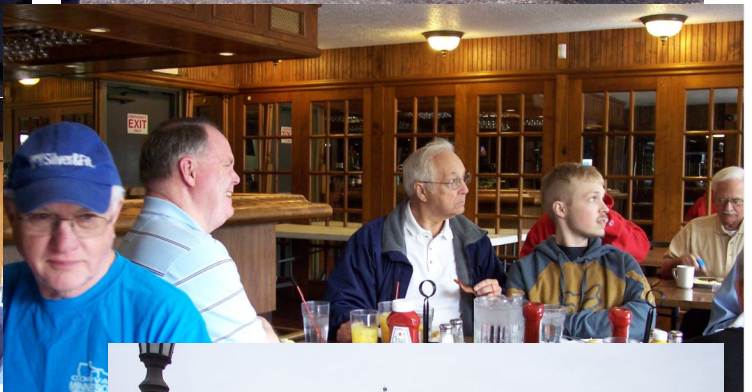
Had a great day with the Corvair Club Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. We drove to Coburn's Downtown Auto in Eau Claire. Spent several hours visiting with Don and Corvair owners from Eau Claire as well as Marshfield, Appleton, and Northern Wisconsin. The weather was perfect for cruising. We had almost 20 Corvairs there. We then went the The 50's Garage for lunch. All in all a near perfect day. Lee Knauf.





The **Annual CMI Pancake breakfast** was held at Gabe's by the Park on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Close to 20 members were in attendance to enjoy a breakfast buffet (nope – no pancakes). There were 4 Corvairs in the parking lot, as well.

Post- breakfast some of us headed over to the Como Park Conservatory to enjoy the flora and fauna. You should make a point of getting there this year, sometime, if you haven't yet.



## Adopt a Highway Spring Clean-up

Thanks to all of you that helped at this year's **Adopt A Highway** spring clean-up. The weatherman cooperated and gave us a good day, which is always a plus! We didn't have quite a quorum, but the highway cooperated and provided a smaller than usual amount of trash. As usual, the breakfast at Dobo's was great (as was the pie after our chores were done). We are committing to another 2 years of clean-up under the guidance of Jim Becker and we hope that you will consider helping for a few hours on a Saturday morning – either in the spring or in the fall (or both!). A special thank you to our out-going chairperson, Cliff Picht, for his faithful service these past four years.



### This year's participants:

Cliff Picht, Chair-person

Ray Alexander	Jack Bacon
Bill Bertram	John Herkenratt
Nancy Olberg	Ron Olberg
Vince Rohr	C.J. Schmit
Peter Schmit	Rich Storlie

### ***A note from our out-going Adopt A Highway chairman:***

I just wanted to thank you all for helping with our Adopt A Highway cleanup yesterday. We ended up with a good crew, and hope you all made it through without too many aches and pains. As we get older that's a good thing, right?

Thanks again.

Cliff



# CMI Classifieds

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**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 612-644-1258

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**For Sale:** LM front passenger side replacement floor pan excellent unused condition \$50. Set of 4 1965 Corsa wheel covers in good driver quality condition \$60 Jack Bacon 763-479-6214 [jackchrisbacon@hotmail.com](mailto:jackchrisbacon@hotmail.com)  
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**FOR SALE:**

(DO YOU NEED A STEERING BOX IN THE FUTURE?)  
 - 60-63 for car used \$100.00  
 - 65-66 for car short staff \$100.00  
 - 64 for car - rebuilt \$200.00  
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 WANTED; Left vent window for 1962 convertible  
 Jerry Berge 480-250-8816 [ljbgbp01@aol.com](mailto:ljbgbp01@aol.com)

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I have a **1969 Corvair** two door coupe which is in very good condition. I would like someone to contact me if there is interest as I may sell it. I note that there were only 6000 Corvairs made that year in total. It is royal blue in color and runs great. Car is in Moorhead, MN  
 Gary H. Olson  
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HAPPY FATHER'S  
DAY!



**Spot a 'Vair**



Cuban Corvair courtesy Geoffrey Flynn

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*Summer events are in full swing -  
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