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President's Page

A big thank you to Jim Becker for organizing the fall highway cleanup on our stretch of Highway 55. Everyone met for a delicious breakfast at Dobo's Restaurant followed by hitting the ditches. We can always use more people to help out! Following cleanup, we had the fall color run to Jim & Marie Becker's house for a wonderful lunch and a tour of Jim's tractor & Corvair collection. A big thank you to Marie for the great food.

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Our next membership meeting will be our annual elections and if you would like to run for office let one of the Board members know.

The Board of Directors is looking for a new winter meeting location that has a meeting room along with food and spirits...stay tuned. We are also looking for tech topic ideas for our winter meetings. Please let us know if you would like to see something discussed.



SEEL

CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

November 2016

The snow will be coming soon and now is the time to start thinking about insulating your garage and getting that gas heater installed. Then, you can work on your Corvairs all winter. My new Rampside will be sporting new tires and chrome smoothie wheels by the time you read this followed by a new brake system next month. Maybe, I can even take it for a ride before the snow flies!

In CORSA news, another round of digital banner advertising was approved for <https://www.hemmings.com/>.

The 2017 CORSA is June 27-July 1 in Independence, MO and the 2018 convention in Pittsburgh, PA and 2019 convention in St. Charles, IL were approved. The CORSA Membership Committee is having a conference call twice a month to generate new ideas to grow the CORSA membership. Lots of good ideas are being discussed and more information will follow.

Wrench, Drive, Repeat!

Jack Bacon



CMI 2016 Schedule/ Upcoming Events



- Nov** 08 Membership meeting – MUM (Voters' meeting?)
 24 Directors' meeting – need to re-schedule
- Dec** 13 Membership meeting - TBD
 29 Directors' meeting
- Jan** 10 Membership meeting - TBD
 26 Directors' meeting



Help Wanted (I appreciate any help you can offer!)

What I was looking for, is if anyone in the club may know more info about the newest Corvair I picked up. I've got a history of being a car nut!! I picked up a 68 convert last week, and some of the paperwork in the glove box said a Lee Frank from St. Louis Park. Do you know of him? I didn't buy from him...any info on the car would be great!!

Paul Beck, Clara City MN, 320-295-1671, vair73@yahoo.com

Adopt-A-Highway, Autumn 2016

Ten hearty souls showed up to clean our 2 mile stretch of Highway 55. We met at Dobo's for breakfast, as usual (we need our fuel, right?). The clean up went extraordinarily easy this time and we were done in less than two hours!



This Fall's participants

Jim Becker, Coordinator

Chuck Johnson	Lee Knauf
Vince Rohr	Dave Pedersen
John Herkenratt	Cori Judge
Fran Schmit	C.J. Schmit
Gary Nelson - observer	



Every year we have a little competition to see who finds the most unusual item on the clean-up amongst all the cigarette butts, empty airline size liquor bottles, wheel covers and dead critters. This year I think the winner might be Cori who found an almost new hatchet!



After the clean-up we drove up to Jim and Marie Becker's homestead to tour Jim's barn. We were treated to a nice lunch by Marie. The story continues on page 7.

Valve Seats

A funny thing happened while I was working on “Bud Brady’s old 64” the other day. I mean the 64 that Bud Brady used to own. I don’t know when it will stop being Bud Brady’s old car, my neighbor’s lived on a farm for 20 years and still wondered why people called it “the old Johnson place”. I always thought of a particular red (orange) and white Corvair as “Russ Rankin’s Lakewood”, even though I think it was also owned by Fran Schmit, Gary Nelson, Andrew Pietenpol and Caroline Traut in some sort of order.

But I digress. The funny thing that happened... Wait a minute, just one more thing. I don’t know why but I was surprised when he pulled up in a red Corvair. I had it in my mind that it was blue. How can I possibly remember it as “Bud Brady’s old 64” and have the color wrong? I don’t know if they offer professional help for that sort of thing but maybe I should look into it. Don’t ask my wife.

Anyway, the new owner is in Mora, sort of local to me. He may prefer to remain anonymous so we’ll just call him “Jack”. “Get me right back to the track, Jack!” So Jack mentioned that at home it started up really rough after it was sitting for a while but was better now. I noticed the left carburetor was underperforming so I cleaned that out a bit and it seemed better. I had it running and was adjusting with the Uni-Syn gauge, seemed pretty good so I revved it up a few times, pretty sure you have to do that, and an intake valve seat came out on the right side with the dreaded clattering sound. I revved it up a few times and it went back in, running good again. I never had one come out right at my fingertips that way and especially have it go back in. I felt like Houdini for a minute there. I did a Compression Test which was good and a Leakdown Test which was good too. You almost hate to make the phone call but we’re going to pull the head and see what’s up.

Of course you get into economics, risk management, neighborhood influence and philosophy when contemplating Corvair valve seats. Some might call it luck. Oversize deep seats frozen with the head quick out of the oven is the expensive and correct way these days. Not many people like to talk about having the bare heads heat treated first.

Also, why would revving it up have any effect on a valve seat coming out and going back in again? Coincidence?

Jim Brandberg



Found on the Internet

A Cuban Corvair as seen recently by Geoffrey Flynn, member of South Coast Corvair Club in Santa Monica, CA. Check out Geoff’s ’64 at:
<https://www.hemmings.com/magazine/mus/2007/06/-Vair-force/1466604.html>



Corvair Minnesota Holiday Party

Saturday, January 7th, 2017 at LATUFF'S PIZZERIA

10820 Highway 55, Plymouth – just west of Hwy 169

Appetizer Buffet & Social Time - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Cash Bar is available

Cost is only \$5.00 per person (check payable to CMI)

BUFFET SELECTIONS:

Sausage Pizzas

Chicken Tenders

Stadium Brat Bites

Barbeque Meatballs

Deep Fried Cheese Raviolis

Deep Fried Mozzarella Wedges

Non-alcoholic Beverages

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

****Remember to bring your donation for the STEP Program****

**** \$20.00 dues for 2017 are payable at the Party or mail check to ****

Ray Alexander

901- Woodlawn Court

Burnsville, MN. 55337

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

Name _____ Name _____

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Cost: \$5.00 per person (make your check payable to CMI)

Mail your reservation to the Party no later than December 28th to:

CMI Holiday Party

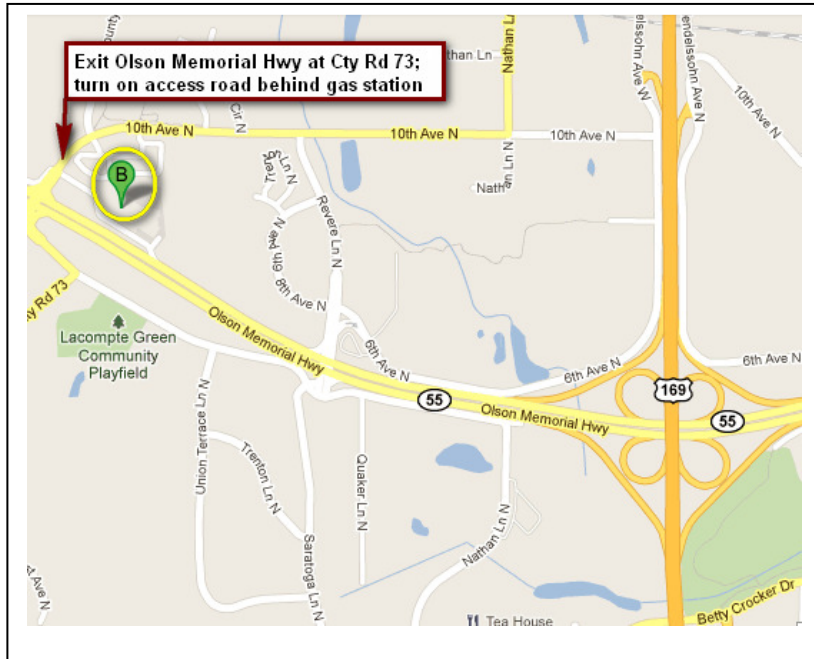
Bill & Carol Cook

600 – 10th Street South

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.

If you wish to Purchase 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



Jim Becker's Barn Tour

After the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up we took a beautiful Autumn color drive up to the Becker's house in Clear Lake (near Monticello).

After enjoying a wonderful lunch that Marie prepared, we went out to tour Jim's 34" x 96' barn/ toy shop.



The Becker's driveway...



and home



Jim's barn (approx. 34' x 96')



The parts department





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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 612-644-1258

1965 CORSA 4sp, 2dr <SHOW QUALITY – ed.>
Complete Restoration, factory A/C ('66 style), Black/black
\$18,000 Hill Sweet 952-926-7803



1965 MONZA convertible
Mint condition; 47,000 miles on this beauty. Everything is original except for the convertible top. Professionally repainted (original color). Runs great; mechanically sound. It has its original 140 hp. Automatic transmission. Never driven in the winter. \$15,500. Randy Young 612-219-2688



1963 Monza 110 Engine 4 speed, was running when put in storage, we have title, need to have key made. The car is located in Rogers, MN. \$2,000 obo. Ron Lucas 763-242-4090; 763-226-8440; 763-420-2569 lorrainelucas7@gmail.com



1967 Monza coupe, family owned for almost 50 years. Stored inside all seasons and I do not drive it on wet roads or chemically treated roads. The odometer says about 117,000. New carpet and seat covers and repainted. Documentation from original purchase to current. Asking \$12,000. Greg Helm helmster@integra.net or my home phone 952-447-6495 Savage

1963 Monza convertible
2 door, 102 HP, Powerglide, 47,000 Miles, Fawn on Fawn Car is original or parts have been replaced to original. This is a great driving car. No engine oil leaks. Everything works as it should. There are many Corvairs but few are as nice and solid as this one!

Contact Ron Scott in Coon Rapids, 612-600-0360



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Spot a 'Vair



October 2nd marked the 57th year since introduction of the Corvair (in 1959)

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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!

THE LEEKY SEEL

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TEMP - RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Time for indoor meetings - see you at the MUM!