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President's Page

Wow! The summer is coming to an end and the kids will soon be back in school. It has been a lot of fun this summer with all CMI and CORSA activities. We had a good turnout at the Henderson Classic Car Roll In with 11 members and 5 Corvairs even though the weather was very hot and humid. The heat kept the turnout to about 150 cars and 50 motorcycles down from the usual 300 car turnout. Toody's Sweet Treats was very busy and the ice cream was delicious! We even signed up a couple of new members and give a big welcome to Jack Murphy of Cologne and Dean Williams from LeSeur.

The New London to New Brighton Old Car Run on August 13 was a lot of fun as 69 antique cars and one antique Indian motorcycle stopped in Buffalo for lunch and a quick check of their vehicles. CMI had six members present along with two Corvairs in the informal car show. If anyone has an interest, they are always looking for drivers to shuttle the trucks and trailers from New London to stops along the route and then to the end in New Brighton (antiquecarrun.org).

CMI will have a group attending the afternoon performance of Million Dollar Quartet at the Old Log Theater on August 31. Afterward, we will be attending the Victoria Car Show and having dinner. Even if you are not attending the Old Log, please come to the Victoria Car Show.



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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

September 2016

A special note to remember is that our September membership meeting will be Thursday September 8 in New Ulm. We will be attending the last cruise in put on by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce.

Some people will be staying overnight and there are plans to have breakfast in the morning and also to do some sightseeing. See elsewhere in this issue for the details, a big thanks to Lee and Cara Knauf for setting this up.

Classics by the Lake in Buffalo is Saturday September 10 and we will be meeting outside Sturges Park around 8:00am to drive in together so we can get our usual spot up on the shaded hillside. Contact Bill Cook for more information.

Wrench, Drive, Repeat!

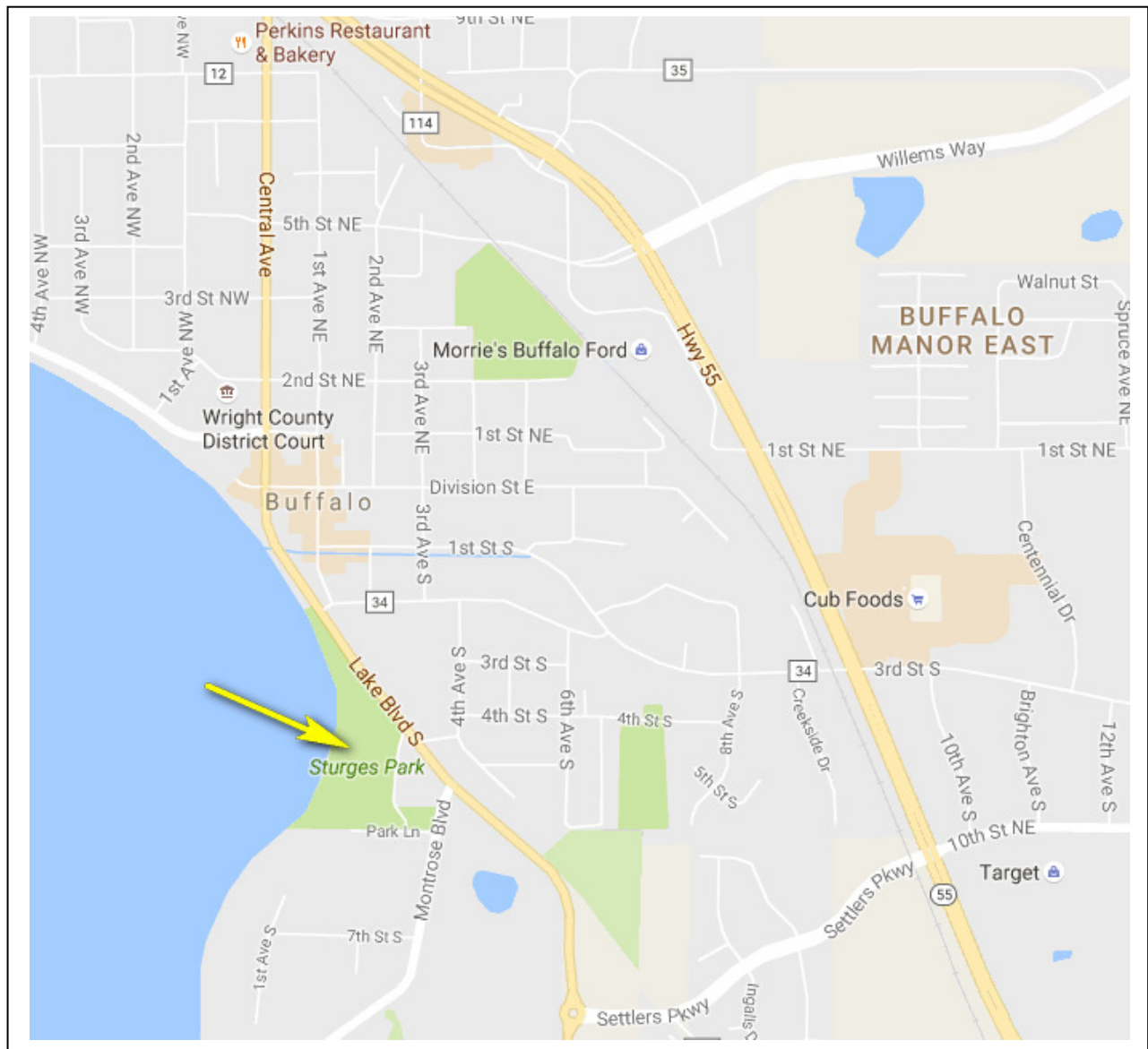
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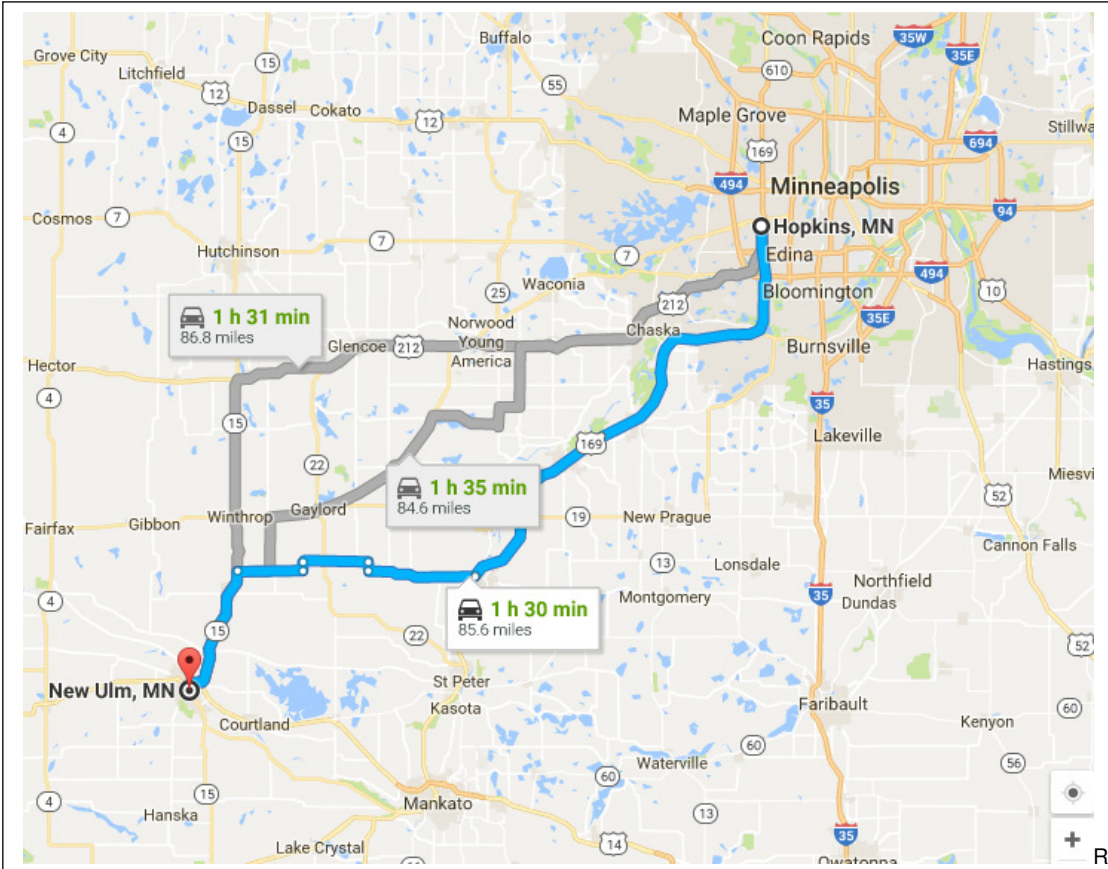
Dear Friends --

If you'd like to have your car in the "Classics by the Lake Car Show" on **Saturday, September 10th**, in Sturges Park on the shores of Buffalo Lake near downtown Buffalo, please e-mail me your name, address, phone number, make, model, and year of the car you plan to show. I will pre-register for you. (I've attached a flyer for more information). I need the registrations no later than **September 6th**, so get your info to me as soon as possible. There is no cost to participate, and you might even win a trophy. There are food vendors in the park and lots of places to shop in Buffalo. The show runs from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**, but we'll try to park up on the hill by the upper pavilion by **8:00am** so we can all park together (look for my silver Camaro). The show organizers expect over 600 cars again this year, so it's important to get there early. Because of the road construction in Buffalo the easiest way get to the park is from the south via Hwy 25. Call my cell (**612-940-9179**) if you have any questions, or if you get lost on the way to the show. This is one of the nicest shows of the year, so I hope you can make it on the 10th.

Thanks -- Billy



CMI 2016 Schedule/ Upcoming Events



Remember –this map is only for a general idea of routing; your mileage may vary.

Note: Highway 169 is closed south of St. Peter and Highway 14 is closed between Mankato and Courtland (good planning MNDot) so the best way to get to New Ulm is to take Highway 212 west to Brownton and then turn south onto Highway 15 which takes you right into New Ulm. Turn left onto Minnesota Street (KFC/Taco Bell are on the right hand side and there's a sign pointing to Downtown).

Or you can take Highway 212 to Highway 5 south through Arlington and Gaylord. Turn left on Highway 19 to Winthrop and then south on Highway 15.

Thursday the 8th--Cruise In (Car Hop and Shop) runs from 5 to 8pm. Brown County Museum is open all day and has free admission during the cruise. Lots of places to eat including Kaiserhoff, George's Steak House (kinda spendy great food), Lamplighter, Lolos. Also open for drinks are Rodney's, American Legion, B&L Bar, and Mowas. Most stores are open as well.

Friday the 9th--Breakfast at Perkins starting at 8am.

Tour of Flandrau State Park Group camp, which was used as a POW camp during WWII at 10am (\$5 day pass is needed so carpooling may be advised).

Depending on how long the tour takes, we'll then go to the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame then Kaiserhoff for lunch.

The Hall of Fame closes at 2pm so we'll probably do that first then have lunch.

We can disband after lunch. If there's anything else somebody wants to see, please let me know and I'll set it up if possible (not sure what Schell's hours are after Labor Day).

Sept

08/09 Membership meeting – New Ulm, Car Hop & Shop 5pm-8pm, downtown

<http://www.newulm.com/2016/06/10/car-hop-shop-classic-car-cruise-ins/>

10 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN – Sturges Park 10am – 2pm

17 4th Annual All-GM Car Show – Merit Chevrolet, I94 & Century Ave, Maplewood 10am – 3pm

<http://www.northstarcamaroclub.com/>

17 Historic Hastings Saturday Night Cruise In; 5pm – 9pm Second Street, Hastings, MN

29 Directors' meeting

Oct

01 & 10 Historic Hastings Saturday Night Cruise In; 5pm – 9pm Second Street, Hastings, MN

02 46th Annual Midwest Fall Swap Meet & Auto Show; 7:30 am – 4 pm. All Makes Welcome!

Minnesota State Fair Grounds <http://www.midwestswapmeet.com/>

11 Membership meeting, Tin Shed, 12250 Zinran Ave, Savage

16 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds (<http://roadsterstwincities.com/>)

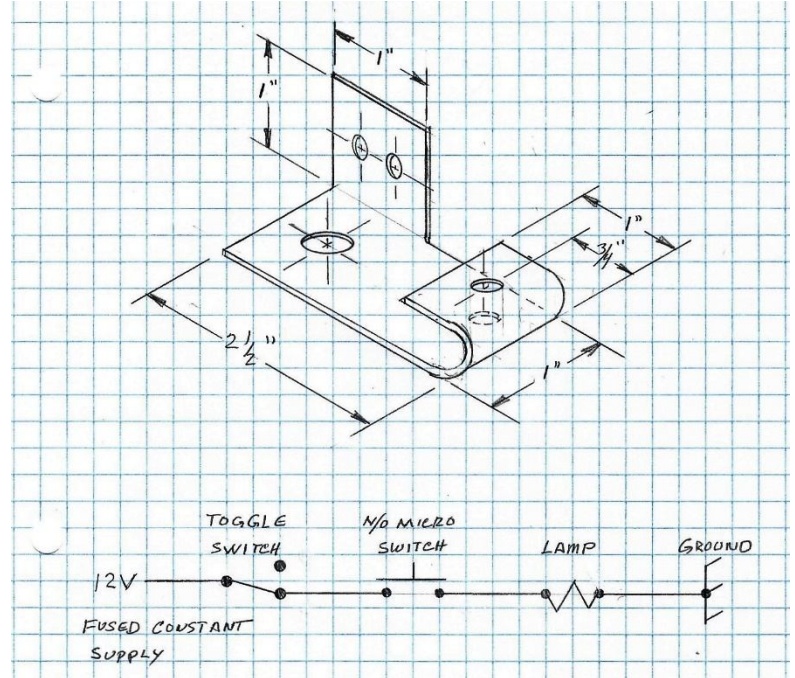
15 12th annual Drive for Kids - 8 a.m. start
(<http://bolderoptions.org/events/drive-4-kids/>)

27 Directors' meeting



A neat Trunk lite by Joe Schwert

At last month's CMI meeting (Wagner's Drive-in) Joe Schwert was there showing off his great Early. His car has many built-in gadgets. One of them is this automatic trunk lite with a manual override. This trunk lite is clean, LED-bright and automatic. As some of you may recall the Earlies have their torsion bar (for the trunk lid support) inside the trunk and accessible. Accessible for what? You might ask... well, let's take a look. He has mounted a contact switch and a toggle switch together on the torsion bar. When the lid goes up, Joe's device moves with the bar – closing the fused circuit that lights a bar of white LEDs mounted onto the deck lid. If you want to have the lid open for some time and wish to manually darken the lite, Joe has built in a manual override.



Here we see the entire setup with the lite turned on – automatically. Joe also has an automatic Engine compartment lite that lights up the oil-dipstick for night-time checking.

What we don't see is how nicely he did his Dual Master cylinder. We should look at other member's handiwork to see the good jobs they are all doing. Here's Joe's Dual MC sitting just past his custom lite setup. Looks as if he needs some color in the fluid in the washer jar.



Let's all thank Joe for sharing his ideas with us.

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The 30th Anniversary of the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run was held on Sturday, August 13, 2016. 75 cars were registered, 67 started from New London and 59 finished in New Brighton



The Corvair club has listed this event each year as a standing invitation to meet the cars at the Buffalo High School as they stop for a mandatory lunch break. It is a wonderful opportunity to view 100+ year old cars and to speak to their owners.

A sponsored lunch is always available in the high school (brats, buffalo burgers, hot dogs and root beer floats) and it's another opportunity to speak with Car Run participants.

Please consider coming out to next year's event on Saturday, August 12, 2017. For additional information, check out the official web site at: <http://www.antiquecarrun.org/home.html> .



1903 Ford

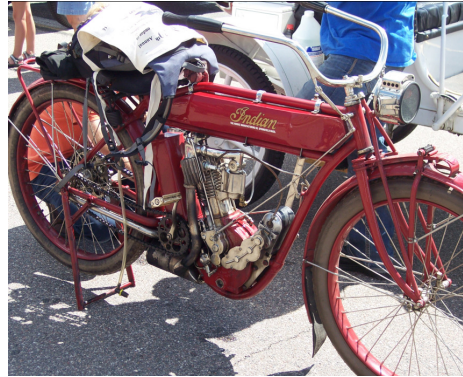


1903 Oldsmobile (tiller steering!)



period clothing is welcomed!

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1912 Indian



1905 Maxwell



1904 Ford

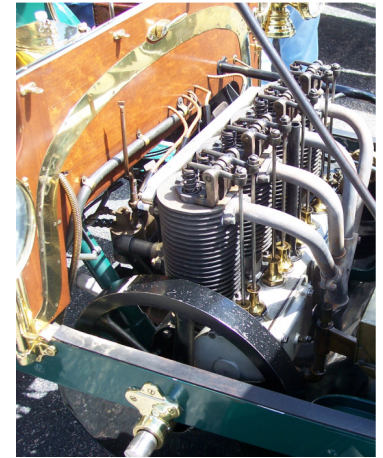




Jeff Haslen's 1904 Franklin



1910 Maxwell ("Oh, Rochester!")



Celebrating 30 years of Minnesota countryside touring!



TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 46 mile tour to Meadow Star Dairy in Willmar, dinner at Neer Park in New London

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

- 78 mile tour to Bob Lange's Animal Mounts Museum, evening includes MN Shore Dinner at Neer Park in New London

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- 43 mile tour to the Rosenquist Hobby Farm in Atwater, dinner with volunteer tow drivers at Peace Lutheran Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- 35 mile tour around Neat & Green Lakes starting from the New London Legion around 12:30 pm
- Root beer float stop at Salisbury Beach in Spicer
- Car Review, 4:30 pm at Glen Oaks Nursing Home in New London
- Antique car parade down Main Street New London at 5:30 pm followed by community chicken & rib buffet at the Legion

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- Grand Tour starting gun, 7:00 am, Peace Lutheran Church
- Spepectors welcome at Rest Stops along the 120 mile route
 - Grove City - 8:30 am, coffee and donuts hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church
 - Litchfield - 9:30 am, refreshments at Central Park sponsored by the American Legion
 - Kingston - 10:30 am, pig roast and corn feed put on by the Lions Club
 - Buffalo - Lunch Stop until 1:00 pm at Buffalo High School, sponsored by the Wright County Car Club
 - Crystal - 2:30 pm, New Location at Becker Park, hosted by Crystal Lions Club
- New Brighton Finish Line, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, Long Lake Regional Park, hosted by Stockyard Days - food, entertainment, fireworks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 30th Annual New Brighton Car Show & Swap Meet, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Long Lake Regional Park, where Stockyard Days continues

START: New London, Leave 7-8 am

First Stop: Grove City, Trinity Lutheran Church, 8:30 am

Second Stop: Litchfield, Central Park, 9:30 am

Third Stop: Kingston, 10:30 am

4th Stop - Lunch: Buffalo H.S., Leave 1:00 pm

5th Stop: Becker Park, 2:30 pm

Finish: New Brighton, Long Lake Regional Park, Arrive 3-7 pm

PLEASE NOTE: There may be changes along the route due to unexpected highway construction. Check www.anticquecarrun.org for the latest update.

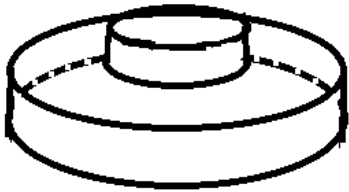
Special Thanks to
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More information at www.anticquecarrun.org
320-894-6663

IMPROVED HOLE PUNCH

Hey, remember last month when I told you about that rubber gasket for the gas line? I said the hole in the middle was not in the center as centering was not critical. That's still true but it would be nice to reduce the reject rate, so I don't waste so many of my scrap pieces.

I asked the Directors, at a meeting last week, for suggestions. I got some that I didn't understand and some I rejected AND THEN JIM Becker drew one on a napkin that looked catchy, but I didn't get it. I asked him to explain it and he did, a couple times - - till all of a sudden I saw it! Brilliant, I said. "I'll do it!" Thanks, Jim.



My original problem was that I could punch the two holes but not get one of them centered on the other, giving me an eccentric gasket. Not desirable! I needed a way to line-up the two punched holes, using two separate punches. This is a sketch, by me, of Jim's suggestion. He said to make a filler that fits inside the big punch and let the outside of this device

bump on the device is stuck in the first hole...obviously, punch the smaller hole first.

So, I made what I thought would do just that. I did not get what I had hoped for, as the device sat inside the big punch but would not stay where I put it. This is what I got. Nowhere near close enough! Sure, you could use such a gasket but I was not satisfied with that outcome.

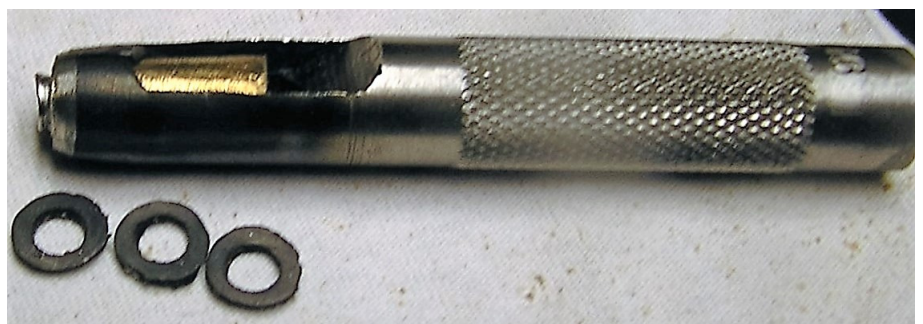


So, I made another device. This one was a lot taller than the first and it fit inside the big punch and looked good. Here's what I got with that one. Maybe it was a little better but certainly not acceptable, I thought.

So, I made an even longer one. This one was so big I had to shorten it after I made it as it was too long to fit inside the big punch. See the gaskets that I made...three in a row that are good enough to work inside the flare fitting. Anyone who wants to stop those pesky gas leaks can come over for lessons. This is the 9mm punch I made just for this project.

Oh, somebody mentioned that 9mm and 3/8" are nearly the same size, so I punched a hole in my material with a 3/8" punch and the disc I cut out would not stay in the flare fitting. I measured my "9mm" discs and they are about 0.005" bigger than 3/8". 3/8" is 0.375" and the inside of the threads of the fitting measures 0.400", and my discs come in ~0.380".

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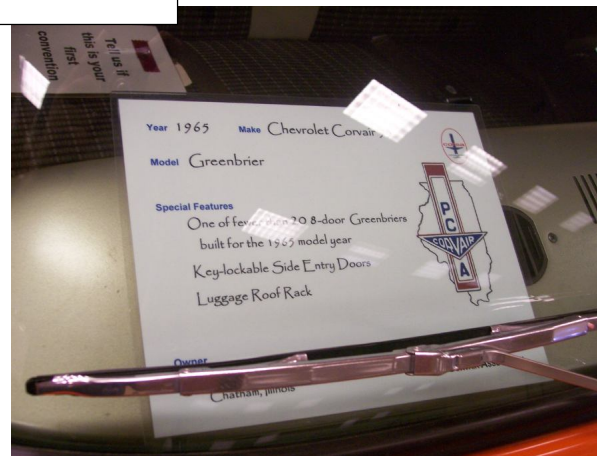


Additional pictures from the annual CORSA convention in Springfield, Illinois!



CORVAIRS ON THE PRAIRIE

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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.
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1965 CORSA 4sp, 2dr <SHOW QUALITY – ed.>
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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



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

Wanted: 1965 Corsa Turbo 180 Turbocharged emblem for the rear deck lid in near mint to NOS condition
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14ft air boat with 100hp 6 cylinder corvair engine. Boat make is alumacraft with a 48in. floor and a steel flex bottom coating. Has running lights, spot light and bilge pump. Needs nothing all tuned and ready to go. Trailer takes 1 7/8 hitch(price reduced)\$ 2895. Sorry no trades.
<https://eauclaire.craigslist.org/boa/5695106669.html>

1963 Corvair Monza

2 door, 102 HP, Powerglide, 47,000 Miles, Fawn on Fawn

This car is original or parts have been replaced to original. Parts that have been rebuilt or replaced in the last 3 years: Generator, rear brake cylinders, silicone brake fluid, underside of hood repainted, air cleaners, powder coated, fron wheel alignment, new draglink, new idler arm, new package area with insulation, correct battery cables, four new shocks, new fuel pump, new under car 4 inch heater hoses, matching interior console, new wiper blades, correct jack and lug wrench, trunk reconditioned and repainted, new spark plugs, points and condenser, carbs balanced, correct battery hold down plus hours of detailing of engine compartment and exterior paint and interior components.

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!

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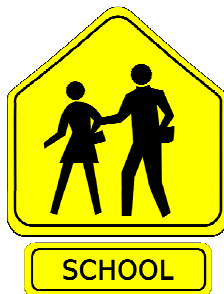
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*School's back in session soon –
watch out for kids & busses!*

Spot a 'Vair



At the 2016 Corsa Convention, Springfield, Illinois:
1953 Kaiser Darrin/ 1961 Corvair 95 – both white with red interior, 6 cylinder, manual trans – he wouldn't swap keys!

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