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President's Page

We had a great time touring JR Custom Plating (jrcustomplating.com) in North Branch. They do nickel and chrome plating, can straighten and polish your stainless steel trim and even plate 3d printed parts. If you are thinking of getting some parts plated or polished be sure to give John Colton a call.

We will have the March membership meeting at the Minneapolis Auto Show on March 14 at 7pm and will meet at the tables outside the far right side of the main display area.

<http://twincitiesautoshow.com/>

Registration is now open for the 2017 CORSA Convention June 27 thru July 1 in Independence, Missouri. They have now added a third hotel so make sure to reserve a room soon. We had a good sized group go the convention in Springfield last year and I am looking forward to again having our chapter well represented.

<https://www.corvair.org/2017convention/>

I was talking with a fellow member recently about how so many of our CORSA members were lucky enough to have grown up around Corvairs in the golden days of the sixties. The stories and technical expertise gained then is stored in the memories of many of our members.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but realistically, we can't all stick around forever. We're aging, and one day we will be part of other people's memories. And those who are left behind?



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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

March 2017

Who will teach them the things they need to know about these great old cars and tell them the stories of great racers and track performances? It is up to us, the older members, to pass this information along to another generation. Let's not let those memories fade away when we do; let's inform, teach and entertain a new generation who will love these cars like we do.

Wrench, Drive, Repeat!

Jack Bacon

Let's have a CMI day at Back to the 50's. Let's have all the 1960-1964 Corvairs in the club show up in mass, we can do it guys! Get your \$30 registration in before it goes up at the end of April. msra.com!



1/43 scale resin model Rampside by NEO

CORVAIR MINNESOTA

Valentine's Day, February 14, 2017

President Jack Bacon called the meeting to order at 7:15 beginning with the creed. 19 members were in attendance.

January Minutes: None as the membership meeting was canceled due to weather.

Treasurer's Report:

December balance	\$2689
Income	\$40
Expenses	<u>(\$108)</u>
Current Balance	<u>\$2621</u>

OLD BUSINESS:

The annual Holiday Dues Party was another very well attended affair. Sincere gratitude is extended to Bill and Carol Cook for undertaking and excelling at this CMI tradition.

Sympathy was expressed to Lee Knauf as his mother passed away.

NEW BUSINESS:

Check out the Corvair MN website! Bob Rowe has kept it leading edge!

Upcoming Activities:

February 24: JR Plating, North Branch: 10:30 a.m.

March 14, 2017: CMI Membership meeting at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Auto Show. We will meet at 7 p.m. at the west escalator. Some members will arrive about show opening at 4 pm should you want more time.

April 11, 2017: Membership meeting at the MUM. . .maybe drive a Corvair! TECH SESSION will be on building Valve Cover Racers!

April 29: Pancake breakfast at Park Tavern in St. Louis Park, details to follow.

May 9, 2017: Membership meeting at the MUM.

June 4, 2017: GMCCA Car Show & Swap Meet at the MN State Fairgrounds. SPREAD THE WORD! Bring your registration to any CMI event to **save postage**.

June 13, 2017: CMI Membership Meeting

June 27 – 30, 2017: Corsa National Convention in Independence MO—4 months to complete your Corvair projects!

July 4, 2017: Once again, we are considering the Delano parade, last year participation was a tad light so we need to assess the level of interest before committing.

July??: North St. Paul Weekly Car Show: Tom Quinn is confirming a date for our club.

Winter: Bill Bertram volunteered to host the Holiday Dues Party, details to follow.

Summer 2018: Corsa National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, 16 months.

Summer 2019: Corsa National Convention, St. Charles, IL, 28 months.

Summer 2020: Corsa National Convention, San Diego, CA, 40 months, 1978 miles.

OTHER: Rich Storlie is parting out 3 lates, one convertible has a good body, let him know what you need!

Cliff Picht brought a '64 Corvair full-line brochure to auction; Dick Mickelson was the lucky bidder.

Dick Mickelson shared Corvair manuals with us, most interesting was a '65 Assembly Manual and a very detailed map of the GM Proving grounds.

TREATS! oops!

Technical Session:

Fran presented a number of topics, all relating to the Delcotron adaptor including mounting bolts for the alternator, fuel pump plugs, mounting locations for oil temperature sensors and the adapt-a-bolt.

Future Technical Session: Fran, Jim(s), and Gary, along with many others, have a wealth of Corvair knowledge and experience. Let JIM BECKER know what projects YOU want to know more about or even help performing. Operations can be performed during our regular meetings or we can have off-site gatherings at your house or a parking lot. What needs to be upgraded or fixed on your Corvair in order for you to drive it more this summer? The more Corvairs on the road, the more fun we can have!

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson
CMI Secretary



CMI 2017 Schedule

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

- March** **14 Membership meeting – (@ Twin Cities Auto Show, 7 p.m.)**
11-19 Twin Cities Auto Show, Mps Auditorium (<http://www.tcautoshow.com/>)
17-19 World of Wheels, US Bank Stadium (<https://autorama.com/attend/minneapolis/>)
30 Directors' meeting
- April** 08-09 GSTA, Coliseum, State Fair Grounds (<http://www.gstarod-custom.com>)
11 Membership meeting – MUM (Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth)
27 Directors' meeting
29 Pancake breakfast – Park Tavern, St. Louis Park, 9-11:00
- May** 07 Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(www.gopherstatebuick.org)
09 Membership meeting – tbd
25 Directors' meeting
- June** **04 GMCCA – State Fairgrounds**
13 Membership meeting – tbd
23-25 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds (www.msra.com)
27- July 01 CORSA convention, Independence, MO
29 Directors' meeting
- July** 04 Fourth of July Parade, Delano – Post Parade Picnic @ the park
06-08 Iola Old Car Show and Swap Meet (Featuring Camaro)
11 Membership meeting – tbd
27 Directors' meeting
28-30 Little Log House show, Hastings (<http://www.littleloghouseshow.com>)
28-30 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN (Classic car show 7/23; 9 am-3 pm)
(<http://www.montgomerymn.org/thursday-july-23/>)
30 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Excelsior (<http://10000lakesconcours.com/>)
- August** **08 Membership meeting – tbd**
12 New London – New Brighton Antique Auto Run (<http://www.antiquecarrun.org/>)
20 Pantowners Car Show, Benton County Fairgrounds (<http://www.pantowners.org/carshow.html>)
XX Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN (www.christscrosscarclub.org)
24 Director's meeting
- Sept** **12 Membership meeting (Thursday) New Ulm Car Hop & Shop 5-8 p.m.**
XX Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN 10am – 2pm ?
28 Directors' meeting



A CMI Field Trip to JR Plating

On February 24th, a contingent of hearty CMI'ers made the trek to North Branch to visit JR Plating. John Colton, the owner, gave us an end to end tour of the facility and described his process of prepping parts to be plated by sand blasting, grinding, nickel plating, copper plating, and finally chrome plating. One particular thing that John said stands out: the plating process will telegraph imperfections the same way that a coat of paint over an improperly prepared auto body does. The final result is an absolute reflection of the surface below! Thanks to Vince Rohr and Jack Bacon for providing photographic evidence!

The logo for JR Custom Plating features the text "JR CUSTOM PLATING" in a stylized, metallic font. Below it, the tagline "From No Shine To Show Time" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The logo is set against a dark background with a circular graphic element.

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www.facebook.com/GMCCAssociation

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Includes Car, driver & one passenger per admission.

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\$10 each preregistered before 5/15

\$15 each after 5/15

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NO 'For Sale' signs allowed in the show area

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March 17-19, 2017 - Minneapolis, MN

50TH ANNIVERSARY



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Plating, continued from page 4

Many steps are involved in a good plating process, but surface preparation is #1. On the previous page you saw the rough sanding and grinding. To properly prepare a part, it must be sand blasted to remove all corrosion (i.e. pitting) which creates voids in the surface. At this point any repair can be done to the part, as well, such as reattaching broken mounting tabs, replacing missing areas, etc. and then the voids can be soldered up and finished smooth. After repair, the parts are copper plated to build up the metal and hide some of the larger flaws on the surface. After inspection, the part may be sanded down and plated again – this process may be repeated many times to prepare a flawless foundation for the final plating.



This part was created by additive manufacturing (i.e. 3D printing) prior to coming to JR Plating.



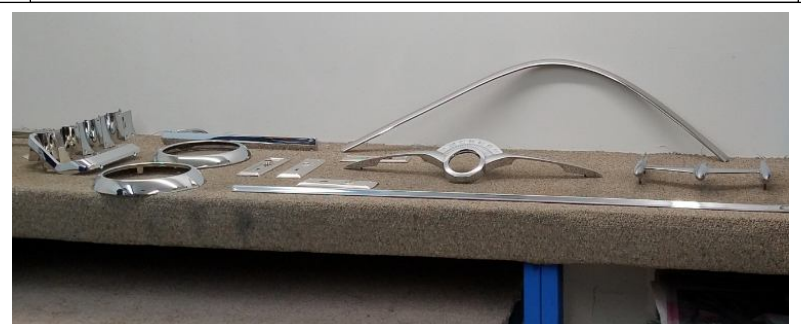
This room has a number of floor mounted grinders, a sand blaster and some work stations for hand work.



The small fixtures on the wall are used to hold small parts while being plated – metal deposition makes them look like Christmas decorations



Finished parts – probably better than new!



A LITTLE CORVAIR LEGAL HISTORY (As seen on VirtualVairs)

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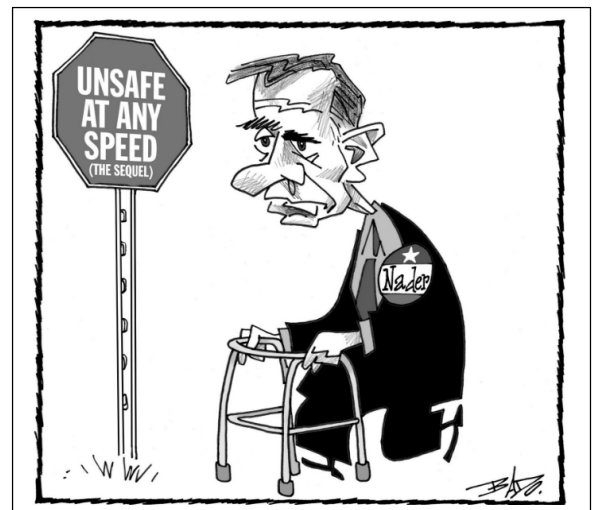
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A person, Nick Gigante, made the following comment on the Youtube video about my Crown conversion. I thought it might be of interest to some of us in the Corvair community. With his permission here it is:

"My grandfather, Frank J. Winchell, was GM's expert witness in the defense of the Corvair. In total there were 294 cases brought against GM, totaling claims of over 100 million dollars. Of these, 10 were tried to jury convictions. Of these, 8 verdicts were in favor of GM. Of the 2 loses; "Chart v GM," where 2 of the 5 occupants testified in court that the driver had a quarrel with his girlfriend and that after a 2 1/2 hour stop at Bronco's Beer Bar, where the driver was chug-a-luging his beer, and later they warned the him that he was driving recklessly and at an excessive speed, that he failed to make a right hand turn, locked up his brakes and struck a telephone pole. In what is know as a comparative negligence verdict, the jury found the driver 75% responsible, the girlfriend 3%, the state highway 5%, the county highway 5% and GM 12%. The other lose was 'Canthos v GM,' where the jury found in favor of the plaintiff, however, the judge set the jury's verdict aside stating 'There is not a scintilla of quotient evidence to support the claims against the handling characteristics of the 1960-63 Corvair (paraphrasing).' He went on to describe the testimony of the plaintiff's expert witness as "perhaps the most incomprehensible gibberish that this court has ever heard." A United Sates Senate Committee spent 2 1/2 year investigating the safety of the Corvair, the DOT as well as many other institutions, even Nader's own NHTSA came to the same conclusions as everyone else, that the Corvair was not defectively designed nor a defective product. In fact, it performed as good as or better than all cars on American roads at that time."

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Post script: Happy Birthday, Ralph Nader (b. 02/27/1934)



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



1964 MONZA convertible Palomar Red/ White top; Powerglide; twin carburetor; original wheel covers; dual mirrors; good interior; bucket seats; new Am/Fm radio/ MP3 Boss audio system; slight valve cover oil leak; everything works except heater. 608-444-9589 CJQUAGUSNA@gmail.com \$5750.



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



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Spot a 'Vair



1963 Greenbrier 1/43 scale resin model, recently released by NEO along with Corvaair Van and Rampside.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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