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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

## September 2017

*Where did* the summer go? The days are getting shorter and the temperatures are cooling off. One of our huge maples in the back yard is turning red all ready. Wow, I am not ready for this!

Our August membership meeting at the Peppermint Twist in Delano had a great turnout with about 18 people. Thanks to everyone that drove their Corvairs! We also had a good turnout the following weekend at the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run lunch stop in Buffalo. Unfortunately, there were a number of the antique cars coming in on flatbed tow trucks.

Our September 12 membership meeting starts early at 6pm and returns to Messiah United Methodist Church (the MUM). You won't want to miss this one, we will be having a MEGA tech session and Corvair parts auction in the parking lot. We will need an early start so we don't run out of daylight. Please, please bring your car or FC even if you have to trailer it! We will offer advice on whatever your car might need or discuss what projects you are working on and what fixes you have found for your Corvair. Also, clear out those garages and bring your spare parts that you would like to sell in the parts auction. The seller will get 90% and the club will get 10% of the sales.

Plan on attending the Classics by the Lake car show in Buffalo Saturday September 9. Be sure to get there by 8am to get a good spot in the shade. This is a great show with about 700 cars and they usually give out about 70 trophies. Food service will also be available.

Also plan on attending the 12th annual Frankensteiners Ball that will again be held at the Isanti County Fairgrounds in Cambridge, MN on Saturday October 14th <http://www.frankensteiners.com/>. This is a great show with about 600-800 cars and is a great event for the kids and grandkids. The entrants have candy containers setup by their cars for the kids and the kids to wear their Halloween costumes. New this year, the Isanti County Fairgrounds are donating pumpkins for the kids to carve. There will also be numerous food vendors. I went last year and had a great time, don't miss it!

Wrench, Drive, Repeat!

*Jack Bacon*



# “Back to Corvair Basics” Night

September 12 @ 6:00 P.M.

Some of us recall the “until dark” tech sessions in the MUM parking lot over the years with smiles, so CMI is experimenting in September! Continuing our goal of getting more Corvairs on the road more often, this will be a 3-phase outdoor meeting at the MUM:

**Phase I: “Corvair Basics” Tech Session.** Jim Becker will start off with unique aspects of Corvairs that many newbies have not been exposed to and some of us more mature geezers have forgotten.

**Phase II:** We will cover **maintenance** items each of us needs reminding of. We may include some **easy evening projects** for incremental upgrades of our cars.

**Phase III: Parts & Tool Auction:** Ron Cowden has donated his leftover parts, tech manuals & books, and tools to the club. We will auction these off. Should we run out of time. . .or daylight. . .the manuals, books, and literature may be carried over to October.

We hope to get attendees’ comments from this meeting that will help guide us towards more interesting future meetings. Should more in-depth tech sessions be a part of each meeting? Or, more hands-on evening projects anyone can do? Should we do auctions on a regular or periodic basis?

Here are some thoughts on doing club auctions. As some of us phase out of active Corvair participation, parts and sometimes entire vehicles linger for years. Then an heir or designee must dispose of items they know nothing about. Since our hoards do NOT look like diamonds in the rough to these people, shockingly, they throw out, sell for salvage, etc. This is a loss not only to the owner, but also to our club and our members as something always needs fixing or upgrading—at reasonable prices--on our Corvairs.

If we have an ongoing auction program, all members will have the chance to put unneeded parts back into circulation. Many of us have parts which are too good or too valuable to just discard, therefor they simply accumulate. Maybe we would even give them to someone if only we knew who needed them. We are considering doing periodic auctions and using a 90/10 formula, where 90% of the sale price of any item will go back to the member who brought the item. 10% will go to the club. Our hope is parts members actually need and desire will come out of garages, attics, and basements. At the same time, this contributes a modest amount to our club treasury.

We think this will be a fun experiment!



# CMI 2017 Schedule

Membership meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise announced)

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

**September**    **12 Membership meeting – MUM/ tech session and Corvair parts auction 6 p.m.**  
14 (Thursday) New Ulm Car Hop & Shop 5-8 p.m.  
09 Classics by the Lake Car Show, Buffalo, MN 10 am – 2 pm (**be there by 8 for a good spot**)  
17 Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN (<http://www.christscrosscarclub.org> )  
28 Directors' meeting  
Sept events on Autoswalk.com:  
[https://autoswalk.com/component/joomlistings/search/search.html?keyword=+&sidf0\]=2&region=2&location\\_id=24&month=9](https://autoswalk.com/component/joomlistings/search/search.html?keyword=+&sidf0]=2&region=2&location_id=24&month=9)

**October**        **07 Adopt a Highway**, start @ Dobo's, 8 a.m. (rain date October 14)  
**10 Membership meeting**  
15 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds ( <http://roadsterstwincities.com/> )  
26 Directors' meeting

**November**    14 Membership meeting – MUM (Voters' meeting)  
29 Directors' meeting

**December**    12 Membership meeting  
28 Directors' meeting



*Seen at Barney's Drive In – Waseca on 08/24/2017*



*North St. Paul show, July 28th*

## AGE old question finally answered!!!

Many times in the past fifty years I, and others too, have asked the question about those three huge dimples on the top of the FC fuel tank. For those of you who've led a more sheltered life this is how it looks to see an FC tank by itself. Notice the banana shape – about half the volume is in that lower portion. Note the position of the sender unit's location at the top of the tank- totally unlike that of the cars. And here's a closeup, of those holes (dents) purposefully placed in the top of all those tanks. Many times I have wondered and have asked many different folks - - all with no definitive answer...actually no answer at all...ever!



Today I saw why they were put in there, and also saw the perfectly good reason for doing so. Let me digress a bit – Remember the “exploding PINTO” where there were some factory mounted bolts that were improperly positioned; such that they punctured the Pinto’s gas tank in a collision? Well, here’s an example of someone seeing a problem and avoiding it by putting a dent in the tank where there is a nice sharp -pointed - machine screw perfectly situated to punch a hole – or three – in that FC ‘s tank.

These dimples are 2 ½ inches across and over an inch deep. Unfortunately, crap accumulates in these dents and as such they are more prone to pinholes. That’s why you see flat bottomed dimples on my nice clean tank as I had them heli-arc'd in, about a ¼” deep. BTW, Tank RENU in Shakopee does a very nice job of cleaning, coating and welding gas tanks.



OK, I've teased you enough. Here's why there are big dimples in the FC gas tank. The body of this truck is bolted together and unlike other CORVAIRs sits on a substantial frame. The FC is load rated from the factory to carry more than ¾ Ton and the deep frame shows it. I actually carried 1-1/2 Tons in my Rampside and nothing broke! I would not recommend doing it as the machine is not built to steer or stop or barely GO with that much load in it. 500 pounds in the bed feels 'good and solid'. Anyway the tank is under the front seat and the truck bed...where the floor slopes down to meet the low floor of the bed is the corner the tank fits around...between the frame members. In the Greenbrier that slope is where you put your feet when riding in the center seat. That sloping floor meets the low bed where a series of bolts locks the metal sheets together. As you can see they weld a nut in place and drop a 3/8” screw down into it. The tops of these bolts are visible in a Rampside at the very base of the pocket behind the front seat. The bolts are 8-10” apart, all the way across the truck, three of which are directly above thi interesting lower portion of the fuel tank. The tip of the screw you see in te photo sticks down about ½” leaving room for a half inch of dirt to accumulate – again! The straps that support the tank hold it tightly up against the truck bed. The factory put slabs of greased cradboard between the tank and the body. I put a few piles of Silicone on top of the tank just before it goes up. Sort of glues it in place.



Anyway - - There's the answer to that Question from long ago.

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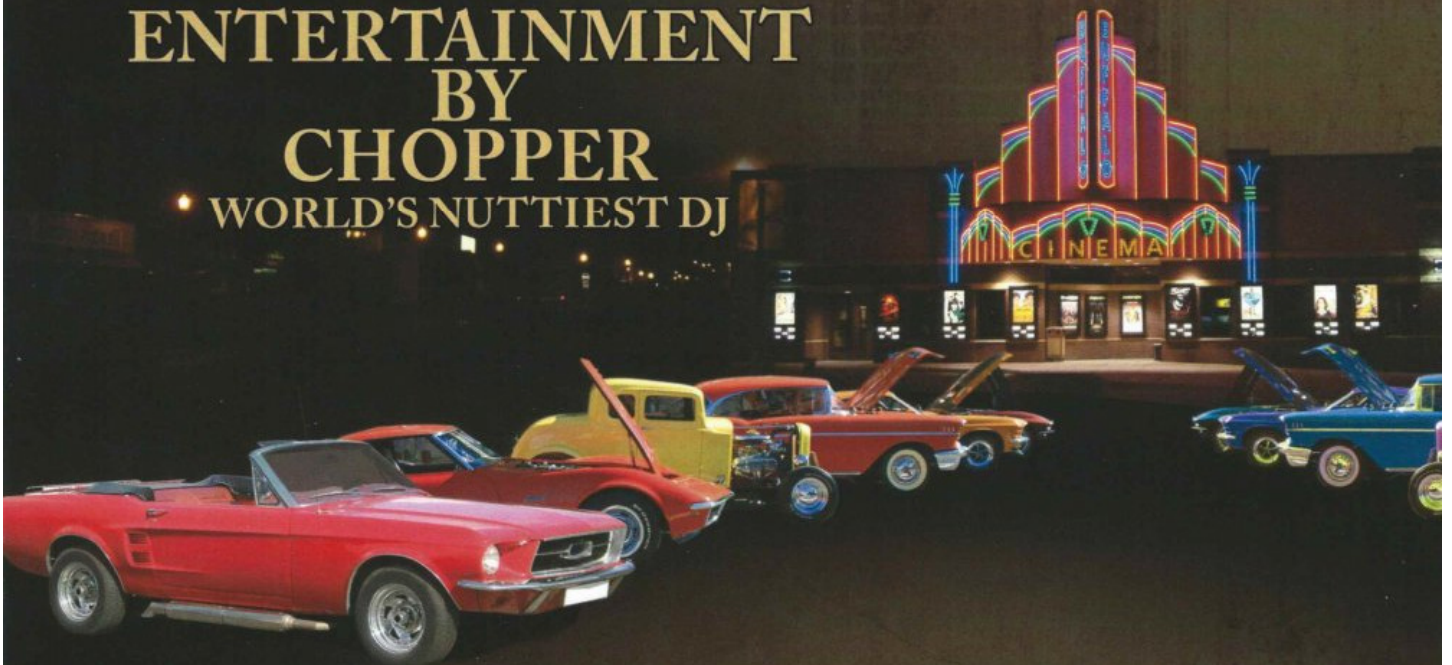
# Classics by the lake

**Car Show Saturday, September 9th, 2017 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Free admission for spectators and show car owners • Trophies for top 75 cars chosen by show car owners  
Spectators Award, Sponsors Award and Best in Show • All vehicles of interest welcome!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle Description

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Free admission for spectators and show car owners.

Top 75 vehicles receive trophies, picked by car owners, plus additional awards for Best in Show, Spectators Choice, and Sponsors Choice.

No Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, or pets allowed in show area.

By participating in this event, you agree that photos of you or your vehicle may be used in electronic or print form, in-store or on the web for promotional purposes.

I knowingly release Morrie's Automotive Group and Morrie's Buffalo Ford Mercury, their employees, and sponsors from any liability to the fullest extent of the law. I agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless Morrie's Automotive Group, Morrie's Buffalo Ford Mercury, their employees, and sponsors from all injuries whether to person or property caused by me or my property to the fullest extent of the law.

Participant Signature

Date

# ORDER YOUR CORVAIR APPAREL NOW !!

Our current supplier for apparel is Visions Embroidery of Buffalo. We have really nice quality clothing to choose from, and the prices are very reasonable. We usually have LG and XL in stock, but we can order whatever you want.

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SHORT SLEEVE BLUE DENIM SHIRTS (size S - XXL)	\$25.00
LONG SLEEVE BLUE DENIM SHIRTS (size S - XXL)	\$30.00
SWEATSHIRTS : Hanes crew neck 90oz heavy fleece (size S - XXL) Colors : black, gray, navy, red	\$25.00
POLOS : L.A. Loving Egyptian cotton (size S - XXL) Colors : black, white, navy, red	\$25.00
JACKETS (unlined) : Port Authority Classic Poplin (size S - XXL) Colors : black w/tan	\$45.00
JACKETS (lined) : White Bear 3-Season nylon (size S - XXL) Colors : black w/gray fleece lining	\$50.00
FLEECE VESTS : Port Authority Polar Fleece (size S - XXL) Colors : black, navy	\$25.00
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\*\* All clothing items are priced with CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo on the left crest

\*\* If you want your first name embroidered, add \$5.00

\*\* If you want the oval CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo embroidered, add \$25.00

\*\* If you want to place an order, call Bill Cook at 612-940-9179

# Corvair Seat Extenders

For those of us that are a bit long of leg.

From: Matt Nall via VirtualVairs <[virtualvairs@corvair.org](mailto:virtualvairs@corvair.org)>



**1 1/2 x 18 x 1/4 steel flat stock**

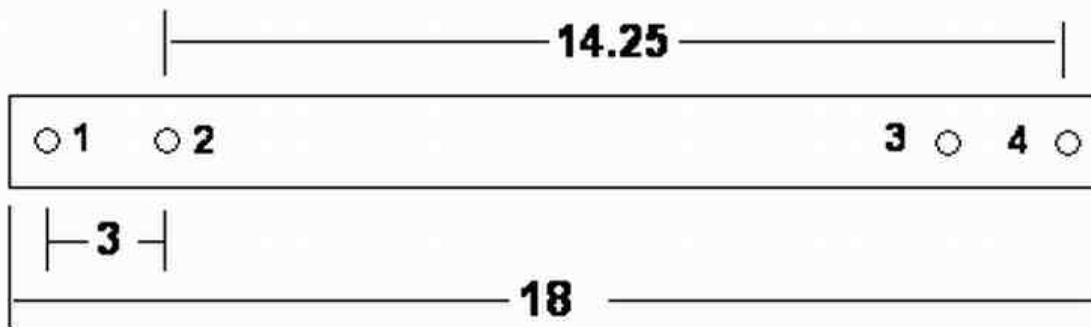
**drill holes 1 and 3 with 3/8 thru holes  
2 and 4 drill and tap 5/16 NC**

**bolt bracket to floor first**

**then bolt seat to bracket with 3 original bolts and 1 nut per seat**

**front**

**rear**





# CMI Classifieds- cont.

**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

**1964 Corvair** Convertible 2nd owner, 43K miles, four speed, 110HP Exterior: Maroon, Interior: Black, no rips/tears. Top & rear window in excellent condition. Dual exhaust, spinner hub caps. \$8,900. Curt Robinson 952 934-6069 or [Curtanrob@aol.com](mailto:Curtanrob@aol.com)



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**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](mailto:lorrainelucas7@gmail.com)



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**For Parts:** 3 lates, 2 coupes and 1 convert. Probably too much rust to restore, but they may have the part you need. Contact Rich Storlie [storlieaircooled@yahoo.com](mailto:storlieaircooled@yahoo.com)

**1967 Monza** Convertible. 110 hp, 4 speed manual transmission. Located in Minneapolis, MN. For sale \$500 or best offer prior to October 2, 2017. One owner, now too old to continue restoration.

Comes with: New Convertible top & window; New Muffler; Rebuilt Starter; Stamped Steel Floors; front & rear, left & right; Rocker Panels; left & right 2/side.

Body has some dents, floor is rusted out and upholstery chewed up by raccoons.

Questions/offers–DeWayne Townsend: [d-town@umn.edu](mailto:d-town@umn.edu)



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**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](mailto:helmster@integra.net) or my home phone 952-447-6495 Savage

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**1969 Monza** coupe with a 2.7 liter, 164 cubic inch engine, automatic transmission, royal blue exterior and interior. It is in very good condition with 33,491 miles on the odometer. \$14,500 or best offer. Gary H. Olson 3610 90th Avenue N Moorhead, MN 56560 e-mail: [garyholson@702com.net](mailto:garyholson@702com.net) cell: 218-790-5130 office/home: 218-233-5130

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