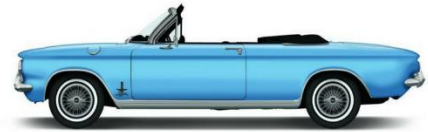




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Corvair



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter May 2019

President's message...

To celebrate our spring kickoff, fifteen CMI members had a delicious breakfast at the Moose Bar & Grill in northeast Minneapolis on Saturday, April 27. The weather was a little cool so not too many Corvairs were driven. A big thanks to Gary Nelson for organizing this event.

Our two Corvair mechanics, Gary Nelson and Jim Brandberg are already getting busy. If you need some work done, give them a call and get on their schedule. Continue to work on your Corvair and get it ready for the Corsa Convention and the rest of the summer.

Attending a Corsa Convention is always more fun if you drive your Corvair. This year's convention is in St. Charles, IL located in the western suburbs of Chicago. It will probably not be any closer for a long time, the 2020 convention will be in San Diego and after that they are looking for a chapter that will host.

The Board of Directors would like to know if you would like to attend more drive-ins in the summer months and also what you would like to do for social events, tours, etc. thru out the rest of the year. Suggestions are appreciated!

Hope to see you and your Corvair at the GMCCA Car Show June 2, 8am - 2pm at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds on Machinery Hill. This year let's try to get 40 Corvairs on display!

Wrench, ride, repeat!

Jack Bacon



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES April 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Bacon at 7:00 p.m. at the MUM, opening with the CMI creed. 21 members were present. We welcomed two new members: Mary and Dave Passe of River Falls, WI.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance	\$3333
Income	20
Expenses	<u>0</u>
Current Balance:	<u>\$3353</u>

Current Paid Membership: 76

Secretary's report: Approve as written. Motion by John Herkenratt and seconded by Peter Schmit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Events: Discussions were held regarding venues for summer membership meetings as well as potential day-trip social events.

Annual Spring Kickoff Breakfast, April 27: Once again, we will meet at the Moose Bar & Grill in Minneapolis.prep your Corvair!

GMCCA Show & Swap Meet, June 2. Dan Quinn described the moves for the Corvair, Saturn & Other GM, and the Car Corral this year. All 3 will move directly west across Underwood from our historic locations. The entire area is blacktopped, and we have a nicely groomed and irrigated area for our tent.

Gate worker signup sheets were circulated. We will be using wrist bands at the gates this year. For anyone you know wishing to sell a vehicle, the Car Corral is a real bargain. Remember to bring your registration to meetings in order to save postage.

North St. Paul Car Show: Tom Quinn confirmed we will be the official car club August 2!

Other Thought-starters: Possibilities of a trip to Granite Falls, River Falls, WI, Odessa Restorations, as well as a fall cruise in October were discussed.

Thank You: Jack read a very nice thank you card from CMI baker Gail Quinn for the CMI jacket she received at the Holiday Party.

BREAK: Home-made Brownies, 0 calories!

Tech Session: VP Jim Becker began his tech session series on preparing us to compete in events during the upcoming CORSA convention. The Concours event stresses "Quality & Cleanliness". Participate so you learn the strengths and weakness of your car. BE SURE to attend the Participants' meetings for any events you are entering; you will receive important last-minute details.

Most overlooked area during prep is the underbody.

Adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson

Corvair Minnesota FCs

In the spirit of “getting to know you” I’m assembling a list of folks’ with their town and Corvairs. It helps my brain to be able to associate a person with their Corvair and we often see the same Corvair associated with new faces.

- Ashley Ackley has a blue 64 Greenbrier in S Minneapolis.
- Jerry Audorff has a white 62 Rampside in Mahtomedi.
- Jack Bacon has a blue 62 Rampside in Saint Michael.
- Jim Brandberg has a red 63 8-door Van and blue 63 Van in Isanti.
- Dan Fritsche has a tan 64 Greenbrier in NE Minneapolis.
- Bill Gautsche has a 63 Greenbrier in Eau Claire.
- John Herkenratt has a white 61 Rampside in Hopkins.
- Stu Lenzke has a 64 Greenbrier in Minot.
- Kevin Martin has a red 61 Rampside in Lindstrom.
- Eric Prosis has 2 Rampside in DeWitt.
- Vince Rohr has a red 64 8-door Greenbrier in Minnetonka.
- Fran Schmit has a Coral 61 Rampside in St. Louis Park.
- Dick Shinofield has 2 61 Greenbriers in S Minneapolis.
- Bruce Silseth has a yellow 62 Rampside in Sioux Falls.

Perhaps from outside our current membership (gasp) honorable mention could be made of Ken’s orange Rampside in Forest Lake, Lorne’s black Rampside in Fridley, Paul’s white Rampside in Roseville, Naomi’s red Van in Columbus, Casey’s blue Greenbrier in Two Harbors and Gary’s Ultra Van in Rochester. A fellow in White Bear Lake is converting Ray McMonigal’s old Ultra Van to electric power.

In “the ones that got away” department, “Flat Fred” was a maroon and diamond plate flatbed that went to Texas. The nicer Amblewagon from Egil’s collection is in Hungary, the other one is lost and was last seen at the Anoka Airport. The white Rampside with camper by DNR building at Back to the 50s was auctioned to unknown. The Schmit 64 Greenbrier went to California I think, it was sort of HQ at GMCCA for a long time.

I’m sure I’m missing some, please contact me with additional information. I’d like to see a new record for FCs at the GMCCA car show on June 2nd. We had lots of Rampside last year. My Vans are not running so I guess physician, heal thyself...

Jim Brandberg

Helpful hints on the Blower Bearing Greaser

Those of you who have never greased your blower bearing are few and far between. Those who have done it, were satisfied with the results but not pleased with the complications involved in “getting it done”.



I keep four ¼-20 bolts that are three inches long, [secured] nearby to my ‘greaser’, to ease the installation.

First off - the idea of pushing grease down past the seal of my blower bearing seemed to be a weird idea when I first encountered the idea. The only solution to a “howler” was to R&R the Blower Bearing. It’s a doable job but takes a while to get at it and get the housing off the engine and get the old bearing out (best done by heating the Blower Housing with a torch and letting the old ‘howler’ Assy. drop out) and again reinstallation is doable, but tedious. Much easier to mount the greaser tool onto the installed bearing, right there on the engine.

This steel disc with eight holes in it is the unit that does the greasing – note the zerk in the center of the disc. This unit is bolted down tightly to the top of the installed Blower Bearing

that sits right under the carb’s crossshaft. There is not a lot of room there for the disc but it does go in with a bit of wiggling around.

The bearing on my FC was howling when I first lit it up, this spring, so I decided to get after it right away.

OH, there’s an O-ring on the bottom of the disc that seals the unit to the bearing’s outer race, so the grease you push in there can only go through the bearing (and out the bottom) to the underside of the fan.



The four bolts that hold the Blower onto the Bearing can be removed without even loosening the belt.



Slipping the greaser disc onto the bearing is straightforward but getting the bolts down into those four holes can be a challenge. Looking around for bolts to do the job can also stress your eyeballs so I have setup what you see above. This is another view of the four bolts - separated. The ¼-20 nuts get set aside during the greasing process. They are used to keep the gang together during the off season. A couple pumps with the grease gun and the job is done. Storing the tool back on the shelf – till I need it

again – used to be a bother till I did it this way. Locking them together makes them into identifiable units that are “reserved”, so I don’t use them on some other project.



Just thought you’d like to have ‘one more’ helpful hint while you
Keep ON CORVAIRing, Fran

Fran's continuing EDUCATION...

HA! I sure did it yesterday! Again!

I made this invention that I will show y'all someday. What I made is not important to this note about my EDUCATION. It just goes to show that no matter how much you think something through, when it comes to making it happen – there's often another step that didn't get in the plans.

I made this electrical thing that needs to be powered all the time and then triggered by a push-button, whenever. I mounted it and wired it up and pushed the button a few times and it worked great. So, I buttoned it all up and put away my tools, etc.

Later on, when I went to start the engine – the device deployed! Not when I wanted it to, but when I turned ON the Ignition. AND THEN, it did not work when I wanted it to work....! Bummer

Back to the drawing board, with it still plugged in and waiting to be fired up.

So, I sat down and penciled out what I had done that worked so well when I was installing it ...to see where I had gone wrong.

With the key OFF the push-button fires my device. BUT it also fires the Ignition (without the starter, so I didn't notice that I was turning on the ignition, when I was testing it).

Oh, just in case anyone is still reading this far down; the device I made was a pair of horns that go Beep-Boop...once. If you release the button you can push it again for another single Beep-Boop. Together they take about one second to do their thing. I don't like honking the BIG horn to make a gentle little 'hello' sound, or if I notice you at the curb but don't want to BLOW you away with a FREEWAY BLAST, just a little Beep-Boop. It should work well in a parade when all the kids shout, "honk your horn!" This is supposed to be FUN, right?

It's a Hi-Lo pair of horns that make the two sounds.

Remember, it's fun to keep on CORVAIRing!

Fran



CMI 2019 Schedule

Membership meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced)
Board of Directors' meetings are held one hour prior to the Membership meetings (unless otherwise announced).

- May** **05** Buick Show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.
 09 Board of Directors meeting, Messiah United Methodist, 6pm.
 09 Membership meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 7pm.
 Meeting Program topic: Prep'ing for the CORSA Convention – Autocross.
 17 -19 Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum Open House, East Decatur, IL.
- June** **02** GMCCA Annual car show and swap meet, MN State Fairgrounds.
 11 Board of Directors meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 6pm.
 11 Membership meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 7pm.
 Meeting Program topic: Prep'ing for the CORSA Convention – Rally.
 14-15 Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Meet, MN State Fairgrounds.
 21-23 MSRA Back to the 50's, MN State Fairgrounds.
- July** **09** Board of Directors meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 6PM.
 09 Membership meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 7pm.
 Meeting Program topic: Prep'ing for the CORSA Convention – Econo-run.
 11-13 Iola Car Show, Iola, WI.
 23 – 27, 2019 CORSA CONVENTION, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL. Hotel rooms can now be booked. All info can be found at www.Corvair.org and click on "Events".
 31- Aug 2 Iowa Gas Swap Meet, Des Moines, IA.
- Aug** **02** Corvair Minnesota Night at the North St. Paul Car Show.
 03 Hanover Festival Car Show, Hanover, MN.
 10 New London – New Brighton Antique Car Run/Car Show, Buffalo, MN 10:30am – 1:30pm. As in previous years, we will convene about 10:30 for a unique event as these vehicles arrive and depart their lunch break. While there, you can stand next to them as they perform maintenance and re-water their Steamers. Wonderful event to bring kids of all ages to!
 13 Board of Directors meeting, Messiah United Methodist, 6pm.
 13 Membership meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 7pm.
 17 Gearhead Get Together, Maple Lake, MN.
 22-24 Corvair Homecoming, Plymouth, MI.
- Sept** **07** Classics by the Lake Show, 8am – 3pm, Buffalo, MN.
 20 Fagan Fighters WWII Museum Tour, Granite Falls. Mark your calendar, this is a club event. Watch for details.
- Oct** **12** Frankensteiner's Car Show, Cambridge, MN Fairgrounds.
 19 Fall Tour Mark your calendar, this is a club event. Watch for details.
 29 – Nov 2 Hershey, PA Swap Meet





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SECOND ANNUAL CARS AND CAVES EVENT SEASON RETURNS TO THE CHANHASSEN AUTOPLEX

ChanhasseN AutoPlex, 8150 Audubon Road, ChanhasseN, Minn. 55317

ChanhasseN, Minn. (April 22, 2019) – The second annual Cars and Caves season hosted by the ChanhasseN AutoPlex returns the last Saturday of each month, from April through September, 8:00 a.m. - noon. The event features collector, classic and exotic cars and motorcycles displayed all throughout the AutoPlex’s 120 garage condominiums. These nationally-known “man caves” are themed to reflect the owners’ specific interests along with their personal car and automobilia collections.

Cars and Caves is a free, open to the public event, and guests are encouraged to drive to the AutoPlex in their collector, classic or exotic car or motorcycle, which can also be displayed at Cars and Caves. All guests are encouraged to arrive early due to limited on-site parking. Coffee, beverages and food will be provided by local food trucks at this family-friendly event.

Each Cars and Caves event will spotlight a charity group, and donations will be collected for that charity on site. Events will also feature an automotive theme or car club each month.

2019 Event Schedule

Saturday, May 25

Benefitting Charity: Pain Free Patriots

Featuring vintage military vehicles

Saturday, June 29

Benefitting Charity: Special Olympics Minnesota

Saturday, July 27

Benefitting Charity: RivAlz Alzheimer’s Association

Featuring Chrysler 300 Club International

Saturday, August 31

Benefitting Charity: Shriners Hospital Twin Cities

Featuring Nord Stern Region Porsche Club of America

Saturday, September 28

Benefitting Charity: ChanhasseN Fire Department

For more event information please visit <http://chanhasseNautoplex.com/events/category/public/cars-shows/>

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ALL GM CAR / TRUCK SHOW AND SWAP MEET



Live DJ playing music
Food vendors on site
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*Children under 12: FREE

EVENT INFORMATION

www.gmcca.com
www.facebook.com/GMCCAssociation

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Show Vehicles: Gates open at 7am - Enter at intersection of Larpenteur Ave & Underwood.

For Sale Vehicles: Gates open at 7am - Enter at intersection of Larpenteur Ave & Underwood.
Pre-register for guaranteed space (until 10AM) & reduced entry fee.

Swappers: Sunday gates open 6am - Enter Randall & Dan Elmer Way - All makes of parts are welcome!
Saturday Setup Available 9am-12pm only

Spectators: Gates open at 7am to the show/swap area.

Please print legibly or use address label

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

Car Club Affiliations (if any) _____

GM SHOW VEHICLE

Make _____ Year _____

Model _____

Preregister before May 15th - \$10 per vehicle

Register after May 15th - \$15 per vehicle

Includes Car, driver & one passenger per admission.

SWAP SPACE - 15'x 20' Space

\$10 each preregistered before 5/15

\$15 each after 5/15

[ST-19 Required](#)

FOR SALE AREA VEHICLES (All Makes)

\$15 per vehicle preregistered before 5/15

\$20 per vehicle after 5/15

NO 'For Sale' signs allowed in the show area

Make checks payable to and send
pre-registration form to: GMCCA
9632 Wyoming Terrace
Bloomington, MN 55438

CMI Classifieds



For Sale:
1964 Corvair Monza, original engine. 108,000 miles. 164 cu in. 95 hp. Power glide trans. Licensed and running. \$3500. Located in Elk River, MN. **Please contact Georgia Thometz at gthometz@gmail.com**

For Sale:
2-'66 Monza 2drs Lots of accessories \$3,000. **Contact Rudy at 612-840-9788**

For Sale:

- Equalizer hitch for trailer
- Tow bar and setup for F.C.

Contact Jerry Berge at 480-250-8816

Corvair Wanted:
Looking to buy a parts Corvair, early or late model. Doesn't need to run or be complete.
Contact Dave at Dave14957@gmail.com

Corvair Wanted:
New member is looking for a late model convertible. Would like to get a car that has been sorted out and running good or not need a lot of work. Manual transmission preferred. #2+ to 3+ condition car.
Contact Dean Dorholt at 612-803-0836.

Corvair Wanted:
Friend is looking for a reasonably priced Corvair that he and his 6-year-old daughter can work on together. Fair body would be good, engine does not have to be perfect. **Please contact Clarence 507-534-2442 or email: clarncyboy@aol.com**

For Sale:
Complete set (8 pieces) of Early Beltline SS trim. They need work or I would have installed them. \$80 + shipping (if out of area)
Contact Fran Schmit @ 952.929.9174 or email: schmfran@hotmail.com



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*May 9th membership meeting at the MUM.
See you there!*