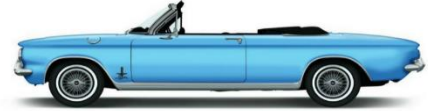




Leaky Seal

Corvair



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

November 2019

President's message...

Here we are with my last President's Message. I want to thank Jim Becker, Chuck Johnson and Lee Knauf for their support on the Board of Directors and help in running the club for the past three years. I also want to thank the membership for attending the monthly meetings and growing the attendance month after month.

It was a fun year starting with the Holiday Party in January, all the many car shows in the summer, the annual CORSA convention in Chicago and the tour of Fagen Fighters WWII Museum.

It will be a fairly quiet month as we put our cars in storage and get them ready for another long winter. Be sure to attend our November membership meeting. We will be voting to approve our new CMI Bylaws update and elect our new officers for the coming year. If time allows the tech session will be on winter storage.

Wrench, Ride, Repeat!

Jack Bacon



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 8th

Another surprisingly nice evening prompted more parking lot learning sessions. We moved indoors and at 7:20, VP Jim Becker called the meeting to order by reading the CMI creed to the 26 members in attendance

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance	\$3137
Income	21
Expenses	<u>(322)</u>
Current Balance:	<u>\$2836</u>

Current Paid Membership: 81

Secretary's Report:

Approved as written.

Motion by John Herkenratt to approve both reports, second by Rich Storlie, carried unanimously.

Recent Events Recap:

September 20: Fagen Fighters WWII Museum in Granite Falls: 22 CMI members and guests made the trek. Ken Laursen reported it was outstanding and definitely worth the trip. Emphasis was on WWII and the Normandy invasion. They even have a WWII glider on display—most were destroyed upon landing. Add to your bucket list if you missed the trip.

Upcoming Events Recap:

October 19: Fall Cruise: No Organizer stepped forward this year, so this is cancelled.

However, October 12: Frankensteiner's Car Show will be a substitute event. Watch your email for more info before next weekend.

Holiday Dues Party: To be held on a Saturday afternoon in early January, will have exact date after checking with venue. ORGANIZER(S) NEEDED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Leeky Seel Contributors: Thanks were given to Fran Schmit and Jim Brandberg for last month's contributions. Jim will write more "members and their Corvairs" articles IF you send him pictures and information. Fran volunteered to mentor anyone hesitant to write an article.

A club membership roster will be included in the December Leeky Seel. It will be deleted from the Seel on the CMI website. Contact any club officer if you prefer not being included, in whole or in part.

BYLAWS UPDATE: Jim Becker led discussions of provisions in the final draft which all members received in the last Leeky Seel, whether the E version or the printed version.

NEW BUSINESS:

November Election of Officers Slate:

Tonight's nominations:

- Ken Laursen for Secretary nominated by John Herkenratt, Ken accepted the nomination.

More nominations are encouraged and will remain open until the election ballots are distributed for each office.

November Elections:

Next Month's Election meeting will begin with:

- 1) **Vote to Approve the newly updated bylaws from NCCA, CMI's original name.** Each member will receive a paper ballot.
- 2) **Vote for 2020 Officers.** Since there are multiple candidates, each member will again receive a paper ballot.

A question was brought up about absentee ballots. At this time, there is no provision, but it is a consideration for future elections.

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BREAK: Gail Quinn baked chocolate chip cookies—and gluten free brownies--which disappeared quickly. **THANK YOU!**

Tech Session: Fuel Injected Corvairs: Jim Brandberg presented real parts and very clear slides of various means of fuel injecting Corvairs, including the approach he used on his race car. This included converting turbo engines which realize the greatest benefit from this technology.

Tech Session: Next Month: Jim Becker will lead “Winter Storage Preparations, time permitting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Johnson

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CMI 2019 Schedule

- Nov 12** Board of Directors meeting, 6pm
12 **Membership meeting, 7pm** Annual BOD Elections

Jim Becker will lead “Winter Storage Preparations”, time permitting.

- Dec 10** Board of Directors meeting, 6pm
10 **Membership meeting, 7pm**

- Jan 4** **Annual Holiday/Dues party (see information on page 5 in this issue).**
14 Board of Directors meeting, 6pm
14 **Membership meeting, 7pm**

**CMI Annual Membership Meeting
November 12, 2019 7:00 pm
Messiah Methodist Church
17805 County Rd 6, Plymouth, MN 55447**

Our next meeting is the annual membership meeting. We will start with a vote to approve the new Bylaws update followed by officer elections. The membership meeting will then follow. Nominations will be open until the ballots are handed out.

Bylaws November Update

A few updates have been made to the bylaws since they were distributed in the October Leeky Seel. This is a summary of the changes.

Several people reported typographical errors. All that were reported have been corrected. A member expressed confusion over the apparent contradiction between having the dues rate set in the bylaws and having them set by the directors. The troublesome statement was: "Club dues shall be \$20.00/year and may be adjusted as needed by the directors." It has been changed to: "Club dues shall be set by the directors."

The \$20 reference was to set a starting point. Since the club is currently operating under a set of bylaws these are actually an amendment. So, the \$20 starting point isn't needed. Scanning the rest of the bylaws for similar references identified some simplification of the amendment process. Concern was expressed that dues "are due in January and will be delinquent at the first regular meeting each year" left little time to follow up with non-payers. Thus, "first" has been changed to "second" to allow some follow-up time.

Concern was expressed that the reference "as specified by state law" wasn't specific enough. It has been changed to "as specified by the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act".

A member expressed confusion over election of directors. He was unsure whether elections would simply choose 5 directors or select individuals for specific officer positions. Consequently, all references to "directors" in the elections article have been changed to "officers". The rest of the bylaws have been adjusted to correspond.

Concern was expressed that there was no provision for removing a director, should the need arise. A section has been added that addresses abandonment of office and allows the directors to fill the office that has been abandoned.

The slate of candidates is as follows:

President	Jim Becker Tom Quinn	Treasurer	Lee Knauf
Vice President	Gary Nelson	Activities Director	Tom Quinn
Secretary	Chuck Johnson Ken Laursen		

Convair Minnesota Holiday Party!

Saturday, January 4, 2020 at LATUFF'S PIZZERIA

10820 Highway 55, Plymouth, MN – just west of Hwy 169

Appetizer buffet & social time – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Cost is \$15 per person * Cash Bar *

Questions/directions: Jack Bacon at 763-291-1298

****We will be collecting donations for Home Free, a shelter for women and children who have needed to flee their homes due to domestic violence. See page 6 for more info. ****

**** \$20 dues for 2020 are payable at the party or mail your check to: **
Lee Knauf, 401 West Street, New Ulm, MN 55073-1527**

Annual CMI Holiday Party Response

Name _____ # attending _____

Cost: \$15 per person (make your check payable to CMI)

Mail your reservation with payment no later than December 20th to:

CMI Holiday Party
Lee Knauf
401 West Street
New Ulm, MN 55073-1527



Corvair Minnesota's Annual Holiday/Dues Party



Donate to Home Free Shelter

Home Free located in Plymouth, MN, is a safe haven for women and children who have needed to flee their homes due to domestic violence. The Shelter provides emergency housing and support services to over 600 women and children each year. Usually filled to capacity, the Shelter can accommodate 30 women and children with an average length of stay of 18 days. Services are provided free of charge to all residents.

Most needed items:

- Sweatshirts and sweatpants (adult sizes)
- Sports bras (e.g., Fruit of the Loom multi-pack)
- Diapers Sizes 1 year and older (for children at women's shelter)
- Target or Amazon gift cards (for supplies for residents moving to permanent housing)
- Personal care items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, combs)
- Cash

Want to donate from home? Please go to their [Amazon wish list](#) to purchase the items most-needed for residents and programs.

*Thank
You*

Changing lug bolts

Let's say you wanted to change out your lug bolts. Maybe because they are stretched or maybe they are beat up because you forgot to fully tighten them and then the wheel started to wobble or maybe they were too short for your latest modification (such as a five bolt flange behind a four bolt flange) or whatever! The question is: how do you get the old guys off? I thought about using a BIG hammer but I also thought about the wheel bearings and the bearings in the Differential that would all take the brunt of that BIG hammer. Not a good plan.



Here's a neat tool that Gary gave to me. It really did the trick. It's a ball joint tool that might work if you could get it positioned the right way – a lot like all the other ball joint tools, some work better than others.

It turns out that this guy works very well on this type of a job. It has a two-finger shape on one side and a middle finger shape to oppose the two but not over here where you are wrenching. When it is positioned to remove a lug bolt the front finger is mounted against the nut-end of the bolt and the back side of the tool is used to push against the flange in which the lug bolt is swaged. Let's see if we can show this.



Here we see two fingers behind the flange. The force applied by the Ball-joint tool's screw will bring these two towards the single finger.

Here's Mr. singleton with his business end right on the nut-end of the stud/bolt. In a sideview, of course.

As the Tool's screw is advanced, the bolt and the flange are in opposition. Not like a pliers, more like a teeter-tooter. As you



turn the $\frac{3}{4}$ " socket, or maybe it was 19 mm, that massive pivot swings into action and the bolt resists for a click or two but then it begins to move into the flange. Once the splines of the bolt are clear – out of the back – the whole unit falls on the floor and you are ready to slip in a new bolt.



The nice thing about this tool is that you can adjust the pivot position, to make it work in closer quarters. Above/left we see the tool in the "closer" configuration, so I could push the new stud all the way back into the flange. Sort of like shifting gears, with a long reach for removal and then the shorter reach for installation.

If you want a tool like this, I think they cost ~\$15 at Harbor Freight. New lug bolts are a couple bucks apiece and the nuts aren't cheap either.

BUT, well worth it!

Let's keep on CORVAIRing, shall we? Fran

Why Don't You Just Drop Dead?

I'm thankful that's not something I've heard lately but the phrase came to mind when I was getting ready for the October Corvair MN meeting. I have a 6-tube EFI intake manifold that I count as one my prized possessions, but I couldn't find it. Standing on a ladder I thought "how prized can it be if I don't know where it is"? At the time I was looking at a pair of boxes containing NOS 140 HP heads, another thing squirreled away for some perfect time. They are a matching pair although one came from California and the other from Michigan. I haven't seen or thought about them for a few years. There's a line in the movie Pulp Fiction, "I had what alcoholics call a moment of clarity". All this good stuff will just be Corvair crap to my ancestors.

Years ago, I told my wife Chris if something happened to call Fran Schmit, maybe some of the guys would come and buy the good stuff. Maybe tell Vince but don't tell Julie. After that just call the scrapper down the street to have it all hauled away. Apparently since then Fran had his own moment of clarity or maybe Mary had one for him, anyway most of his stuff is here now. Peter's stuff too for that matter. I'm trying to think of someone locally who can put tons of Corvair stuff to good use. Maybe there's no one who can, what if "good stuff" is just an illusion... Many of us remember the horror of filling the dumpsters with Egil Twedt's good Corvair stuff.

I get calls all the time with Corvair stuff for sale. It's increasingly hard to find the room, money and time. Should I scrap Don Schaefer's '61 80 HP so I have room to put another 140? To what end since I never seem to have time to use it anyway? I know it's hard to say "no thank you" once I get there, I get in a rescue state of mind, it's the same thing with kittens. I'm sorry to say that I have a lot of stuff stored outside for lack of room. The best shrouding is the oily stuff, it's like Jeeps with cosmoline. A wise man once said, "it's no good to build a shed that's worth more than the stuff you're

going to put in it". Probably a guy with old Volvo stuff.

Last year I had 36' of overhead shelf come down sometime in the night. I believe it made a lot of noise even though there was no one there to hear it. In reflection it probably wasn't a good place to store heavy stuff like disc brake parts, in fact mounted on a Corvair and actually causing friction would probably be the best place. I know what went wrong and replaced the shelf lately. In the course of sorting through things, my scrap pile has grown and I'm especially happy when the garbage cart is full, that way I'm getting my money's worth. Vern Sundbom up near Detroit Lakes is thinning out, if you're up north there's a lot of good Corvair stuff there. I'd like to see what he's got but I just can't, you know the kitten thing.

I've been sorting some things out into labeled boxes; milk crates are my favorite. Being able to find something adds a tremendous amount of value. I've got stuff here from Egil Twedt, Sheldon Strauss, Harold Norman, Clarence Jansson, George Hedges and Paul Thometz to name a few. I miss those guys and I think of them when handling their stuff. They couldn't take it with them.

It seems like Corvair stuff isn't worth much these days until someone needs something. Every year big collections are hitting the scrap piles even though scrap prices are low too. Do I have enough life left to realize an escalation in value? Yeah maybe, but what about if I just drop dead?

On "American Pickers" I see whole warehouses full of crap that people have left behind and think to myself "maybe I'm not so bad after all" but somehow it doesn't feel like a moment of clarity. I'm not giving stuff away yet either, sort of a tortured soul in limbo. How you doing?

Jim Brandberg

CMI Classifieds

For Sale:

'65 Monza Sport Sedan, dark blue with a blue interior, 110 hp w/ Powerglide and a new windshield, a new battery, new window fuzzies and a driver's seat extender. It also comes with new (uninstalled) gaskets for the trunk and engine lids and a nice cover. Tires, brakes and exhaust are good; the radio is non-op. Less than 55,000 miles. The finish looks better in pictures, but it is a solid, nice running car. \$3750. **Contact John (612)719-4580.**

(Oct 2019)



For Sale

- Two early FC headlight bezels, very good condition. \$50 each
- 1964 aluminum air grill, new, also fits thru '63. \$150
- Relined late front brake shoes \$30.

Contact Jerry Berge at 480-250-8816

(August 2019)

For Sale:

Black '64 Spyder coupe. Solid California car with a few paint issues. I'm freshening engine then returning it to owner in Eau Claire. I think it's in the \$9000 neighborhood. There's something about a Black Widow Spyder.

Jim Brandberg 763-444-933

(Sept 2019)

Remember this piece of hardware?

Someone else wants to use it and would like to play with it but, I didn't write down who took it home. Speak up whomsoever has it!

Fran Schmit

(Oct 19)



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:

Looking to buy a parts Corvair, early or late model. Doesn't need to run or be complete.

Contact Dave at: Dave14957@gmail.com

Leeky Seel Classified ads

Do you have a Corvair related item you would like to sell or are in search of? Send your request for an ad in the **Leeky Seel** to: corvairmleekyseel@hotmail.com.

Deadline is the 25th of the preceding month.

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November 12th Annual Meeting/ Membership Meeting at the MUM. See you there!