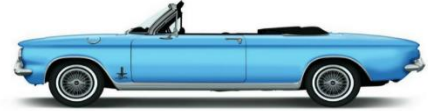




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Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

September 2019

President's message...

After three years as Corvair Minnesota's President, it is time to take a break and let someone else help guide the club into the future. Jim Becker has said he would be willing to take over as President. Both Chuck Johnson and Lee Knauf said they would continue on as Secretary and Treasure but would be happy with some new people stepping forward to take over.

At the minimum, we will need a new Vice President. That role involves running meetings when the President is absent, arranging for someone to have a tech session or program each month at our membership meetings and attend the monthly BOD meeting each month.

Please consider helping out with the future of the club by filling one of these positions

We have some great events this month starting Saturday, September 7th with "Classics by the Lake Car Show" at Sturgis Park in Buffalo. They get about 500 to 700 cars so get there early for a spot in the shade with your fellow club members.

CMI will visit Fagan's Fighters WWII Museum Friday, September 20th. So far, we have 14 members attending. We will meet at 9am for breakfast at Perkins in Chaska. Departure will be at 10:15am for the museum, arriving about 12:15pm. At 1pm there is a short presentation and then we will do a self-guided tour, ending by 4pm. If anyone is considering staying overnight, there is only one hotel in town but others in the surrounding area.

Wrench, ride, repeat!

Jack Bacon



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 13, 2019

Meeting was opened with the Creed.
24 members present. Visitor Introductions:
Charlie Kinney, member from years ago
attended.

Treasurer's Report

Jim read, as provided by Lee ahead of time.

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| Previous Balance | \$3036.96 |
| Income | 322.00 |
| Expenses | <u>(120.08)</u> |
| Current Balance: | <u>\$3238.88</u> |
| Current Paid Membership: | 81 |

Secretary's Report

Minutes approved as published, motion John Herkenratt, second Bruce Hubbard.
Approved.

Membership Chairman's Report

The club had 15 cars at N. St. Paul event.

Activity Chairman's Report

Old Business

Follow-ups:

- August 2 North St. Paul Car Show
- August 10 New London-New Brighton, Antique Car Run (Dean Dorholt 7th Run, Tom Masso navigator for brother-in-law). Good attendance of CMI members (no count), overall attendance and display cars was light due to weather.

Election

- Reminded membership of upcoming election and the need for new officers.
- Jack stated that he was stepping down as President after 3 years.
- Jim Becker stated he would be happy to move to President, leaving a vacancy for Vice President.

e-Seel Distribution

Jack started discussion with reminder of the discontinuation of hard copy distribution. Peter Schmit moved that the club return to hard copy distribution. After discussion of specific problems, Peter withdrew his motion. Jim Brandberg volunteered to make a list of individuals with problems related to electronic distribution. Individuals identified during the meeting: Tom Quinn, Jerry Berge, Mark Berge, Ray McMonigal. (Mark and Ray are already on the roster without email addresses.)

New Business

- August 17 Gearhead Get Together Show & Swap meet in Maple Lake, MN
- September 7 Classics by the Lake in Buffalo, MN
- **Club Event:** September 20 Friday, driving to Fagan Fighters WW II Museum in Granite Falls, MN.
 - Meet at Perkins in Chaska at 9am
 - Leave for museum at 10:15am
 - Arrive at museum at 12:15pm
 - Start guided tour at 1pm (10 people min.)
 - Finish guided tour at 4pm
 - If staying overnight, arrange your own hotel, only one hotel in town.

Sign-up sheet recirculated, 1 person crossed off, 3 people added, new count 12 plan to attend.

Announced 2020 CORSA Convention – San Diego, July 6 - 11

Jackpot

There was no jackpot due to no membership list present. \$15 next month.

Adjourn

Snack Break

Tech Program Jim Becker reported and told stories about CORSA Convention in July held in St. Charles, IL.

Submitted by Jim Becker for Chuck Johnson

Help Wanted!

It's election time at Corvair Minnesota. We're not quite like the government elections with 20 candidates vying for position a year ahead of time, maybe we don't have enough bones of contention. We often have crickets in the room and lack of eye contact for nominations in October and either a spur of the moment railroading or a reluctant willingness to continue by the same folks in November. As Membership Coordinator I was hoping we could do a little better this time around, at least think about it a little earlier.

Here's the current situation. Jack Bacon does not want to continue as President, which is fine and good, I was happy myself doing it for 2 years. Jim Becker has maybe had enough as VP but is interested in being President, which is fine and good, we have a heritage of folks who have served in multiple positions. He would be just as happy to step aside for someone new. Chuck Johnson would be willing to continue as Secretary but would be happy to step aside as he has been doing it for a very long time, he is a former President as well. Lee Knauf would be willing to continue as Treasurer but would be happy to step aside, he's been Secretary and President as well, adding up to a very long time. Tom Quinn is new as Activities Director which is slated to be a BOD position in the new By-Laws which are under construction and pending approval by the Membership.

So, at the very least we need a Vice President. Perhaps the big part of that position is coordinating a program for a portion of the meeting. You don't have to present the programs yourself if you don't want to, we have had many fine presentations in the past from outside people or we have members who have things they can present. I could even do a few. It could be any number of topics; technical, paintless dent removal, model cars, literature, paint, polish, convertible tops, upholstery,

unique Corvairs, history and advertising to name just a few. The VP generally chairs the meeting if the Pres is absent, but I'll bet one of the other officers would be glad to do that if you're not comfortable.

We really need to have people revolving through the BOD. It's fun sort of work and a great way to cultivate Corvair buddies. We have folks who have been firm friends for 40 years and it all began when serving together in Corvair Minnesota. Many hands make the burden light.

After several years behind the scenes resting on my laurels, I decided this year that I could help out as Membership Coordinator. My goal has been to get to know everybody, but I haven't gotten there yet. I've got several ideas about people to write about. I'd like to continue in that position for the time being. It's not a BOD position, much like Editor, Website, Historian and Merchandise. It's good to have people revolving through these positions as well.

If you have even the slightest inclination to help please speak up. You can contact any one of us at any time, that way it's not like a big announcement in the middle of a meeting, something a person could easily chicken out on at the last minute. I find it very rewarding to be involved with Corvair Minnesota. Having something to do helps with my meeting attendance, something that I was sorely lacking for a long time. In any position you would not be all on your own to sink or swim, any predecessor would be more than happy to help you ease into it. It's really not a big deal. Any position is available. **We Want You.** (Imagine Index Finger and Penetrating Eyes).

Jim Brandberg

2019 CORSA Convention, Valve Cover Racing

This year I decided to subject myself to the humiliation of valve cover racing once again. What I didn't count on was how stiff the competition would be. The Corsa rules are fairly easy to follow: 1. Must have Corvair valve cover used in construction. 2. Gravity powered only, no motors, springs, magnets, jet-propelled, etc. 3. Maximum weight 4.5 pounds, no minimum weight. 4. Maximum length 16" long, maximum width 8" including tires. 5. No part of racer to hang over start gate which is 3" in height.

And the track similarly has a set of criteria that influence the design of a racer: 1. Track launch ramp to be 24 feet long, starting four feet high. Total length to be 40 feet. 2. Track to have sides and center divider. Outside rails to be one inch high and the center divider to be 3/4" in height. 3. Starting gate area to be 16" in length. 4. Starting gate to be 3" in height.

As you can see – everyone has a different idea what would be an effective design (how do you like Eric's tractor?)



The real test is the track:



But... when push came to race, the fastest racer is generally not mine! I went for durability this year so the wheels were not the fastest and despite the great amount of trash talk I gave to former CMI member Linda Soukup, she wiped up the track with me! Unfortunately, Vince Rohr and Jerry Berge witnessed the carnage!

Better luck next time! Sounds easy? I welcome everyone to give it a shot – it really is fun!!

John Herkenratt

Friday Nite in NORTH St Paul

A lot of members met with a lot of prospective members last Friday night in North St Paul. CMI had an entire parking lot to themselves and they took full advantage of the situation. Three FCs and a plethora of Converts/Sedans (oh, wait a minute, the 2dr is not a sedan but the 4dr is...!) my bad, let's say that again – this time with Gusto! There were more than a dozen CORVAIR cars there - plus the FCs! How's that?

Anyway, we had so much fun meeting all the old timers from No. St Paul who knew all about Ralph Nader and nothing about the Mustang, the one that actually "did the deed". Lots of comments about fan belts flying off - - all the old stories that never got put to rest. Well, I tried!

Many good questions about rear drive and comments about how good CORVAIRs were in the snow – until you high-centered it – but that's true for anybody, isn't it. I brought along a stool to sit on while I told folks about the wonders and failures of our WONDER-CHILD! Many of the 'students' were club folks who – being of the younger variety – have never been schooled in the art of "de-flashing". It's truly a wonderment about "how soon they forget!", WOW! How the air flow has to propagate through those fins - both into and out of – the cast Aluminum, seems to be news to everyone.

My cutaway cylinder head is a very good teaching aid and many folks got right in there with their fingers and poked around to see how the exhaust went from this valve port right out that hole with the fins around it. They loved my reference to trying to heat a piece of cast aluminum, say, to loosen a stuck bolt (a steel bolt!) I would say "you put the torch on right here - - and they would nod in agreement, and I would say – all that gets you is, the whole thing getting a little hotter but not getting HOT where you want it. Few folks have an awareness of what a good heat conductor aluminum is.

Of course, dropping the valve seats is not a function of conducting, as conducting has to mean "from here to there". If there is no air blowing past it then it can't, 'give it up'.



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De-flashing is the key word to virtually any CORVAIR discussion and this photo shows clearly what can happen to any engine when the flash has not been cleared out. You are looking directly into the BIG vent hole by the sparkplug that is supposed to cool the hottest part of the head – and it is plugged! The flash left by the factory allows dirt to catch on it and totally seal off the venting – NOT a good plan!

Lots of good visiting with the little grandkids - and their parents with them, it's always fun. Had a good discussion with a guy from Montana who decided he better join up – so I'm sending his stats to Lee. Also, the son-in-law of a club member who also wants to have fun with a neat vehicle said he wanted to join, as well. Came in a CORVAN with windows in the doors.

The Corn-Dog stand was only 100 feet from our parking lot area so we all made frequent trips over to it...they claimed their DOGS are better than the State Fair's and I can attest they were very good all by themselves. Sweetcorn was right across the street and of course lots of beautiful cars, up and down 7th Ave East. I wonder why they call it EAST as it can't possibly go all the way across St Paul – at that weird angle – and come out as 7th Ave West, by the river? Now Quinn will get on me and offer a "St Paul explanation". We'll profess our ignorance if he comes up with something fairly reasonable. Let's

Keep on CORVAIRing, to be sure!

Fran

BLING!

Fran found a pair of cool mud-flaps a while back and decided he couldn't run without them. Here's a little bling he has added to the underside of his FC.

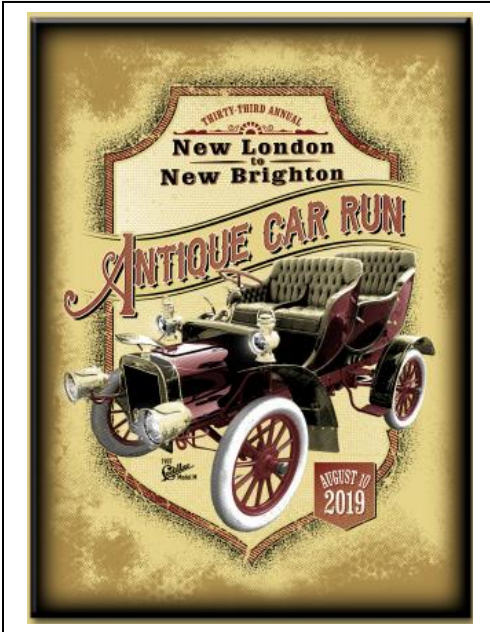
Granted it is not really necessary in modern times to worry about splashing mud on your neighbor, as we don't much drive in mud anymore, but the white BOWTIE with the Heartbeat logo kind of sells it.

Fran says he's going to keep the flaps, even if some guys laugh!



Of course, we'll have to see how they weather, and as such they may not last very long anyway!

Fran wishes y'all good running and hope's you keep on CORVAIRing!



The 2019 Antique Car Run stopped at the Buffalo High School for a lunch break. Buffalo burgers, brats and root beer floats were among some of the favorite treats. 49 cars were entered in the run and the last I heard, only about 5 didn't make it to the lunch stop. Even though it was a rainy day, the Wright County Car Club put on a show with some of their fine autos. Make plans to attend next year – you will see a good show!



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).

Sept 07 Classics by the Lake Show, 8am – 3pm, Buffalo, MN.

10 Board of Directors meeting, 6pm

Membership meeting, 7pm.

Fran will demonstrate/discuss the CORVAIR distributor. In addition, the possibility of having points that are “externally” adjustable- while the engine is running- will be explored. Come and see - you just might like it!

20 Fagan Fighters WWII Museum Tour, Granite Falls.

Details listed is the August meeting minutes

Oct 08 Board of Directors meeting, 6pm

Membership meeting, 7pm

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

Nov 12 Board of Directors meeting, 6pm

Membership meeting, 7pm Annual BOD Elections

Dec 10 Board of Directors meeting, 6pm

Membership meeting, 7pm



CMI Classifieds

For Sale:

\$100 for the Lot:
 2 NOS outside rearview mirrors
 1 pair headlight mesh stone guards
 1 Corsa 4sp shift lever box (that mounts to the floor)
Contact Al Vanderplatts at 763.234.6541
 11358 Chisholm Circle NE, #D, Blaine, MN 55449

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

Contact Jerry Berge at 480-250-8816

- 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.

(August 2019)

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 at 952.929.9174 or email: schmfran@hotmail.com**



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)

For Sale:

1964 Convertible Corvair - Monza Spyder/Turbo. Excellent condition, drives well, everything works. Good tires. Located in Woodbury Listed on Craig's list. For more info:
<https://tinyurl.com/y49fm5ht>
 (Sept 2019)

For Sale:

- New Rampside Dustop indoor car cover from California Car Cover. Soft flannel liner. \$175
- New 1965 Corvair chassis shop manual and body service manual. \$15/both
- Pair new front shocks for FC \$40

Contact Jack Bacon at 763-291-1298
 (August 2019)

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**

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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September 10th membership meeting at the
MUM. See you there!