



Leaky Seel

Corvair



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter June 2020

President's message:

Well, here we are again....not much going on in the way of club activity. Actually, nothing going on! I have reached out to the MUM to see if/when they are re-opening, and no one answers the phone. I will keep attempting to contact them and will send out an email blast when we are finally able to meet in the building. Consider June meeting canceled. In the meantime, maybe we should attempt to hold a parking lot meeting? What are your thoughts? It would be much easier to maintain our "social distancing" and it would be fun to have some parking lot tech talk. It is hard to conduct business in a parking lot, but we might be able to get something done. The Twin Cities Volkswagen Club is holding their summer meetings at various drive-ins around the metro. We could do that too! At the same time, I also want to be aware of people's concerns about gathering in groups. Most of us are in the age group where we need to be careful and I am trying to do that as well. Health comes first, and if we don't have that, why have a Corvair in the garage? Let me know your thoughts, my contact info is on page two of this newsletter.

Jim Becker and Peter Schmit have been working hard on the new bylaws and an intro page is included in this newsletter. The proposed bylaws are attached as a separate document. These bylaws will need to be voted on by members. If the inability to hold an in-person meeting goes on for too long, we may need to vote using a mail-in ballot. The Board will decide and let everyone know.

I know you have not been sitting still for the last 2-1/2 months – what have YOU been up to? My challenge to you is to share a thing or two for our next newsletter that you are doing or have done to pass the time, include some photos. Send it to our newsletter Editor at: covairmnleekyseel@hotmail.com.

Be Safe! "6 feet apart might prevent 6 feet under."

Tom Quinn
President

Membership Updates

Membership meetings for the months of March and April 2020 were canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2020:

Beginning balance	\$ 5,337
Income	60
Expenses	(85)
Ending Balance	\$ 5,312

CMI Facebook page update

from Amber Leah:

CMI has a new Facebook page!

The previous CMI page on Facebook was outdated. The last post was August 2018. That Facebook page was setup where local Minnesota Corvaair owners could not interact with each other. Any and all CMI events and updates can be found on the new page – check it out! Search for Corvaair Minnesota on Facebook.

Link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2569924136441680/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

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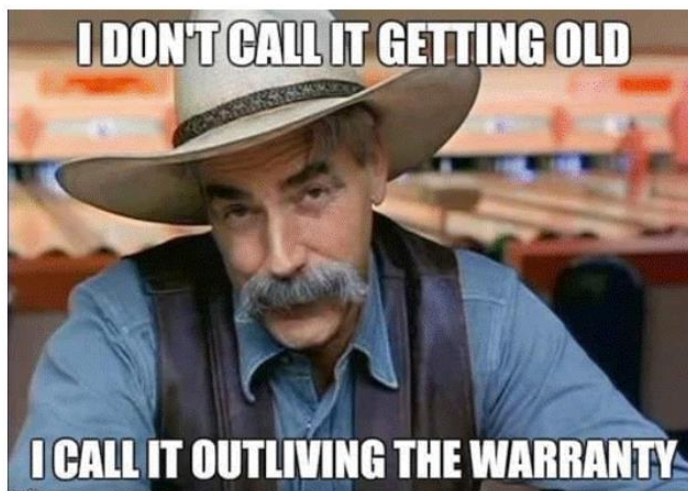
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Thanks for the humor Fran!

Corona Thoughts

This summer is shaping up to be a lot different than any of us planned, I'm afraid. Even if your household hasn't been touched by Covid-19, it has. (I'm just glad that they didn't find that the cure is toilet paper – I was worried for a while.)

I am continually in dread of the other shoe falling as far as events are concerned. GMCCA, Henderson, the CORSA convention, the mini convention at the museum, Back to the 50's – what's next? If we have a "second wave", our poor cars may not move all summer!

There are only so many things to stream on Netflix before we become a permanent part of our easy chairs. Well, then what to do? You know what? Just because the big shows have been cancelled or postponed, doesn't mean that your car has disappeared! Now is the perfect "down time" to get your ride ready. What have you been postponing because you've been too busy? Deferred maintenance? Go check those tires; not just the pressure, but also the age! Is there un-even wear, cupping, etc.? Maybe this is the year to replace them.

Have you done a hard, harder test on your brakes lately – in the last year or two? How's the parking brake? When was the last time you changed (or checked) the fluid? Maybe this is the time to install a dual circuit master cylinder? Is it time for an oil change? Our collector cars tend to be lower on the list of cars to get their routine maintenance – but now's a good time to catch up!

How about appearance? Every car and truck likes a nice hand wash followed by a good coat of wax. Now is the time to check for corrosion and take care of those little chips in the paint we've been putting off repairing. The interior is probably due for a good vacuuming and dusting. My cars always seem to run better when they are clean and shiny!

I'm taking this time to get my rides back into shape because now that I don't have the big shows to go to, I can drive to the DQ, or take a cruise around the lakes, or out in the country and just enjoy the driving! I've heard of impromptu cruises taking place and I mean to find some of them. I believe Wagner's Drive-In is still doing informal drive ins on Monday evenings and I'm sure there are other restaurants that would be happy to see you and your ride. There's probably something going on in your neighborhood! If not, find a couple of other car nuts and do your own cruise!

Enjoy the summer!

John Herkenratt

Copied from the Connecting Rod, May 2020 issue, newsletter of the Corvair Atlanta, Inc. Club

*Real Life Stories
from our Members*

Tony and Judy Kruzich:

Yesterday, Tony was working on his 1977 Chevelle and needed to get a compressor for the air-ride out that's mounted in the trunk behind the rear seat. Without me knowing about it, he climbed in the trunk and got stuck. (Tony had a stroke in 2011 and has no use of his right side). When it was time to climb back out, he couldn't. I tried helping him get his legs out, but we couldn't get the rest of him out. I called 911 and 3 wonderful firemen showed up to lift him out. They got a big kick out the whole situation. After admiring the car and checking out his '66 Corvair, they went back to the fire station to have some barbecue ribs.



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These Days

It's been a little strange not having Corvair meetings for two months now. One of the reasons I signed up for this Membership Coordinator position was to improve my meeting attendance. For several years it was too easy to just stay home when it came time to make the drive. I must say I especially enjoy when folks gather for dinner ahead of time as well and hanging around in the parking lot is one of my favorite things too. An open hood draws me like a tractor beam.

I'm sorry to say I found it quite easy to just neglect my CMI responsibilities when there wasn't a meeting. Lee sent out a revised Roster May 5 and I didn't do a comparison until the 15th. I did contact most people in March who hadn't paid their dues and was happy to see several have ponied up. It seems most people just sort of forget, once in a while people move on to other things or only had a passing interest in the first place. The world is full of things to do and I should be branching out myself.

We've got some new people with some interesting Corvair stories. Ryan Johnson has a nice blue 65 Corsa turbo coupe. Around 2000 when he was a teenager it was supposed to be his. Somehow in the course of getting it running and such his Uncle got ahold of it where it got put on the back burner and then into storage. Ryan's got it going now, is sorting a few things and looking forward to connecting with some other Corvair folks.

Gregg Peters had a 69 back in the day and was looking for another Corvair. He got ahold of Bob Rowe's green 68 140 which had dropped a valve seat about 20 years ago. Peter Schmit had it before Bob and Uncle Chuck in California before that. It's good to see a solid California car getting a new lease on life, it's a solid and worthy cause.

Jeff and Lori Longworth swung by the other day in a yellow 66 turbo with the top down. We hollered at each other from 6 feet away. Jeff's not new to CMI but recently moved down here from Osage. He also has a lesser Corsa coupe that needs a new home and is coming here for a look. It's maroon with a white interior and priced under \$1000 so would be a good candidate for someone with some time and enthusiasm. I need another project like I need a hole in the head, so someone please come get it. I have a rescue mentality with cats and Corvairs.

Charlie Kinney was invited to have his V-8 EMs in the Gopher State Timing Association show but the event was canceled. His father had a black 62 with a Corvette engine there in 64. I'm reminded of the American Graffiti movie poster "Where were you in 62?" although I was only 6.

I'm told that Jim and Peter have been working on a 3rd version of the bylaws. I am confident that we can get something passed to our mutual satisfaction. We very much appreciate all the work that's gone into the process so far, none of it has been in vain but all part of a process.

With GMCCA, Back To The 50s and Corvair night at North Saint Paul all canceled it's a strange year. Earlier I thought that tying into one of the events at Blacksmiths in Hugo might be a good fit, we could use someone to coordinate if you live over that way. Other ideas are most welcome. I believe with just about any venue concerning Corvair Minnesota people, simply "schedule it and they will come".

Call your Corvair buddies to see how they're doing. I'm sure they will be glad to hear from you. Some folks have interesting Corvair projects going on while they're staying close to home.

Jim Brandberg

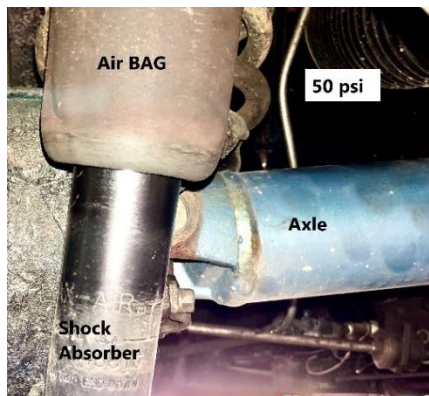
Membership Coordinator

Operator Controlled Air Shocks



Here is a view of a late engine compartment. Notice up in the air intake compartment that there are some extra pieces. They constitute an Air Shock control system comprised of a Tee to feed two shocks with the same air – pretty standard air shock stuff, right? There’s a little air compressor to pump them up, and a pressure sensor to read the pressure and send the info to a Dash mounted Gauge and a Solenoid to let air out of the shock’s air-bag when it’s time to lower the pressure. All of this sits in a row of devices up on that shelf, which could easily be put in the ‘frunk’, all except the Tee.

At the Dash are the control switches for raising and lowering the air pressure as well as the display telling us what is, the pressure. A very important part of this scheme is that it tells us that “YES’, there is some necessary pressure; as an air shock will be readily killed if you drive the vehicle with no pressure in the air bag - by the internal rubbing of its parts, which normally don’t touch each other. So, the gauge tells you there is pressure and, it also tells you how much. For those who drive at night it will be helpful to determine the correct headlight aiming for a specific pressure, so that should be noted. Higher pressure adds to this air-spring making the rear suspension firmer, as well as taller. The shock is unaffected by the pressure in the air-bag.



Below we can see the airbag @ 50 Psi – nicely fattened and exposing some clean shock (covered by the rolled down air bag at lower pressure)

A quick view of the Dash shows the switch that controls the up and down of the system, to the left of the steering column, and the Display of the system’s



pressure on the right side.

Regardless of how we enjoy them, we have got to have fun as we, *Keep-On-CORVAIRing, Fran*

Bulb Grease

This seems to be against the rules, for most of us, but when we see our very OLD cars with corroded connections it starts to make sense.

First off DO NOT grease the bulbs! Greased bulbs are hard to push/turn for either install or remove so let's get that clear.

What you need to do is to grease the contacts / the base of the bulb and inside of the socket.

This also goes for the very infamous umbilical connector - back there by the regulator on the EM and LM and on the truck's firewall.

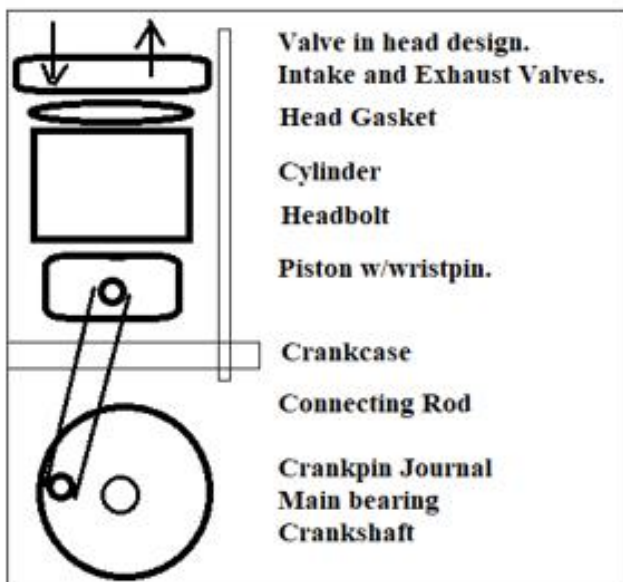
It's too easy to squirt solvent in those connectors when we are cleaning the engine compartment - but if you do that, then after all the cleaning is done, you have to go back and re-lube that big guy in the corner.

In some cases, an oil can would do the job, nevertheless those brass fingers get eaten up by the environment leaving you with blinking lights, poor connections, stuck bulbs and even fires!

So, a word to the wise: now that you have a little free COVID time, take out all your bulbs - YES, you'll have to open those closed-in little chambers behind the lenses, etc. and kick out the spiders. Lube those screws too!

Let's remember to have fun while we
Keep On CORVAIRing,
Fran





Amazing Similarities!

I took apart a small air compressor the other day and was amazed at what I found.

Intake and exhaust valves were in the head. The head was held down with long threaded rods past the cylinder into the block.

The individual cylinder was sealed into the head with a removable head gasket.

The piston had carbon 'rings', with a wristpin and connecting rod that was driven off a crankpin (journal) of [the crankshaft](#) on a main bearing .

I was struck by the similarity to our favorite CORVAIR design.

I snapped a few photos of various inside parts so y'all could enjoy this little "engine" as I did.

While being 'amazed' we can still Keep-On-CORVAIRing.

Fran



Proposed amendments to the CMI Bylaws

Included with this newsletter is a proposed set of Bylaws for CMI. This proposal adapts concepts from both previous proposals. The major new feature is composition of the Board of Directors. This proposal calls for 7 Directors, elected for 2-year staggered terms. The Directors will be the 4 officers we have today, an Activities Director, and 2 at-large Directors. We will be voting for approval of this proposal at our next regular meeting with an agenda item as described below. If you have any questions or comments on this proposal, contact any CMI officer or the Bylaws committee (Peter Schmit, Jim Becker).

The following amendments are recommended for approval by the 3.0 special committee on bylaws:

“Corvair Minnesota Incorporated” was organized and incorporated by the State of Minnesota on the 27th of November 1978, under the name “North Central Corvair Association.” Thereafter, in March 1991, the Association was allowed by the Minnesota Secretary of State to change its name to “Corvair Minnesota Incorporated” (CMI).

The Articles of Incorporation of North Central Corvair Association (later CMI) provide for the adoption of bylaws to conduct the affairs of the corporation.

THEREFORE, the membership of CMI adopts the following:

AMENDMENTS TO CMI BYLAWS

These Bylaws rescind and replace all existing bylaws of Corvair Minnesota Incorporated.

2020 Calendar of Events From MCCA substitute flyer exchange

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION

We have researched car shows through July for updates. Please email information you may have on the status of shows that have been cancelled and are not on the list. Likewise, if you are aware of shows that are not listed and should be, email to the Leeky Seel Editor: corvairmnleekyseel@hotmail.com

JUNE	6	Rum River Rods Show/swap	Isanti Rodeo Grounds
	7	Sunday in the Park Show	VFW, Spring Park
	14	Remnants Car Club Show	445 95 th Ave, Coon Rapids
	19	MSMA Car Show – Fridley Festival	7000 University Ave, Fridley
	20	Chateau St. Croix Winery Car Show	St. Croix Falls, WI (see separately attached reg. form)
	19-21	Back to the 50's	MN State Fairgrounds
JULY	3	Acme Speed Shop Show -- Veteran's Park	Richfield
	4	Jack & Jim's Food & Liquor	Duelm, MN 10am - 2pm
	11	Outlaw's 3rd Annual Car Show	Ole's Bar & Grill, Schaefer, MN
	18	Fete des Lacs Show & PARADE	Laurie LaMotte Park, Centerville
	17-19	Street Machine Summer Nationals	MN State Fairgrounds
	19	All AMC Show	36th & Lyndale, Minneapolis
	24-26	Suburban Corvettes of MN Weekend	Jimmy's, 1132 Cnty Rd E, Vadnais Hts
	26	Isanti County Fair Show	Isanti County Fairgrounds
	26	Scavengers Show	Mermaid in Mounds View
AUG	1	River Cities Days Car/Truck Show	Bay Point Park, Red Wing
	7	I.C. Summer Jam Show	4030 Jackson NE, Columbia Hts
AUG	8	Summer Spectacular Show	Downtown Isanti
	9	49 th Annual Show/Swap Meet	Fairgrounds, Proctor, MN
	15	DAV Muscle Car Bash –France Pl.	3601 MN Dr., Edina
	22	VFW CAR/Truck Show & Pig Roast	VFW, Coon Rapids
	29	Kruzin for Bri's Lodge Show & Spaghetti	Trobec's, St. Stephen, MN
SEPT	7	Labor Day 2020 Show	Blacksmith Lounge, Hugo, MN
	4	Jack & Jim's Food & Liquor	Duelm, MN 10am - 2pm
	13	Lone Eagle Show/Swap, Fairgrounds	15575 Hawthorn, Little Falls, MN
	17	All Ford Show	Apple Ford, Shakopee
	19	Fall Cruise w/ Rally Games - Applebee's	7250 Valley Creek, Woodbury
	20	Car Show – Fleet Farm	8400 Lakeland, Brooklyn Park
OCT	9-11	Suburban Corvettes of MN Fall Color Run	to LaCrosse, WI
WEEKLY		2 nd & 4 th Wed, June thru Aug, 5:30 – 8:30 pm	Isanti VFW
		Thursday, 4 – 7 p.m.	Tractor Supply, 16907 Hwy 13, Prior Lake
		Friday nights	Dayton, MN
		Saturday, 5 pm	Main Street, Hopkins
		Saturday, 6 – 9 pm	Coon Rapids Blvd.
		Saturday, 6 – 9 pm	Lyndale Ave., Bloomington

CMI Classifieds

For Sale

- 1960-69 rebuilt starter, includes drive & housing
- 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

(April 2020)

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)

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW

OUT SO FAR

IT MAY GO HOME

IN ANOTHER CAR.

Burma Shave

For Sale:

Two '66 coupes, many parts and toys in Savage, MN. Will trade for good GM car or \$1,500.

Contact Rudolph Poppe at 612-425-7479.

(April 2020)

Selling some of the Fleet:

'69 (VIN 4184) Monza Coupe--\$4,000. Owned almost 14 years. New white wall tires in 2019 (not shown in photo). Including original wheel covers. 110hp rebuilt by Jim Brandberg several years ago. Auto transmission. Electronic ignition and fuel pump. Yellow with black interior.

'66 Monza Sedan--\$4750. 140hp (not the original engine) rebuilt in 2018. Auto Transmission. Electronic ignition and fuel pump. White wall tires in 2017 (not shown in photo). Turquoise with aqua interior. Neither are show cars but great drivers. Cars are located in New Ulm. **Contact Lee at vairy69@comcast.net if interested in either.** Prices are somewhat negotiable.

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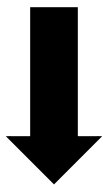


Leeky Seel Classified ads

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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NOT FOR SALE!! I'm gonna restore it one day!
~Jim Brandberg

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JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS CANCELLED.