



Leaky Seal

Corvair



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter October 2020

President's message:

Welcome to another edition of the Leaky Seal!

We got some bad news; we are not able to use the MUM facilities that we were hoping for. They are using that room for youth education, which in turn puts us back into the Fireside Room and that's just too small for all of us. So, back to square one. If anyone has any suggestions for a meeting venue, please call me if you have an idea. It's getting cold out and we need a warm place.

The October 13th meeting will be in the MUM parking lot and **will start at 6pm**. Depending on the weather it could be a short meeting. Wear warm clothes, bring an umbrella, chair, and wear a mask. If we start earlier, it should be light enough outside to conduct the meeting.

At the meeting we will assemble a slate of Board of Directors and Officers for the election in November:

Board of Directors: 2 yrs. Dave Pederson

Board of Directors: 1 yr. Ron Scott

President: Tom Quinn

Vice President: Gary Nelson

Secretary: Amber Leah

Treasurer: Lee Knauf

Activities Director: Corey Cowden

These are people that are actively pursuing the positions listed, nothing is closed, nominations can still be made. We will have the election at the November meeting, hoping we will have a warm place to gather, please keep looking and let me know.

Please note again, **we will start the meeting at 6pm on October 13**. In the meantime, stay healthy and hope to find a new warm venue.

Tom Quinn

President



CORVAIR MINNESOTA MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2020

Another MUM parking lot meeting in the cool, crisp autumn air occurred complete with social distancing and face masks. President Quinn called the meeting to order by reading the CMI creed to the 22 members in attendance. New members were Don and Joe Fricke, another Father/Son team with a '64 Spyder coupe: Welcome!

Fall meetings typically bring out a lot of Corvairs, but poor weather caused only 2 to emerge tonight: Ron Scott with his Oklahoma Grandson's really clean '63 Monza Coupe which he has been working on, and Amber Leah's white '62 Monza coupe which she purchased from Bill Van Hassel and has **really** updated!

Treasurer's Report: August 1, 2020

Balance	\$5431
Income	199
Expenses	<u>(180)</u>
Current Balance:	<u>\$5450</u>

Current Paid Membership: 78

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

Tech Session: None tonight as VP is vacationing up North, hope he packed a parka!

Upcoming Election: Discussed at several times throughout the meeting, the final slate to-date being:

President: Tom Quinn will run again
Vice-Pres: Gary Nelson has agreed to re-up.
Treasurer: Lee Knauf has agreed to re-up.
Secretary: Amber Leah volunteered to run.
Activities: **No candidate to date.**

BOD member at large: Dave Pedersen (2 years)
Ron Scott (1 year)

Nominating Committee: Gregg Peters volunteered.
Jerry Berge has been working behind the scenes and will continue.

Chairpersons: Membership: Jim Brandberg will continue.

Facebook: Amber Leah will continue.
Technical: Fran Schmit will continue.
Clothing: Bill Cook will continue.

Officer Participation:

- President Quinn suggested free annual memberships for the 7 members serving on the Board of Directors to encourage more candidates to come forward.
- Gregg Peters recommended this be for the year following completing their year of good service.
- Since this is a new proposal, it will not be voted upon until members have a month to consider.
- Vote on proposal at October meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

The MUM remains under Covid Restrictions. The indoor room we currently use is limited to 10 persons, so Tom and Lee are pursuing using a larger room and are authorized to negotiate accordingly.

Other suggestions are welcome, stay tuned!

Discussion on using the parking lot for free these past few months raised the question of paying rent, seeing church income is suffering now, too. Gregg Peters made a motion to submit a \$100 donation, Ron Scott seconded. Passed.

Clothing: Bill Cook brought the warm wearables for purchase. Please email Bill with anything you wish to order as there is no price mark-up:
HOLIDAY SHOPPING ANYONE??

Drawing: Steve Eckman's name was drawn but he was not present, so pot will be \$10 next meeting.

BREAK: Due to health restrictions, no cookies! Let's hope Gail has not forgotten how to bake once restrictions are lifted!

Meeting adjourned: 7:59

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson
Substitute Secretary

McMonigal Yard Sale

The Ray McMonigal estate sale of Corvair parts was on Friday in Maplewood. In the days leading up to it I heard that Mike Manthe might be interested in the Van. I've never met him, but he was one of the founders of our Corvair club in 1972. He built the Van in the early 70s while still in college in the Conversion Van style and it sounds like it was really nice in shows and such. I still haven't met him as he looked at it earlier in the day and decided it was a bit much of a project for him at this stage of the game. It's a solid FC but a little long in the tooth, I know a lot of us looked better 45 years ago. A fellow named John from St. Paul got a good deal on it along with a 64 FC engine and extra body parts. He's already got a Greenbrier and is an ambitious fellow who thinks outside the box.

Jim Olson got a mostly 140 engine in a good deal. Dave Pedersen got some stuff, I'm not sure what as sadly I had lapsed into tunnel vision mode. I hate when that happens. Tom Quinn was there in his convertible with the top down on a splendid second day of Fall.

A few months ago, I had talked to Ray's son Jeremy about cleaning out all the stuff. I'm glad it never came to that as the volume was overwhelming, more than I could ever have dealt with while retaining my sanity. The relatives got together and moved everything out of storage to the house. Ray's mother Minnie still lives there but she's 90 and will have to do something else soon. Ray's father Pat was into other kinds of cars so there was other stuff there, Ray's Harley stuff too. It's cool to see the family come together in this time of need, really nice folks. Minnie's little sister Esther is a real spark plug.

I gathered a pile and Jeremy said \$200. I gathered a bigger pile and he said \$300. Shrewd negotiator that I am I paid \$520. As I was leaving, Tom Merkel was arriving with a trailer to clean out the rest. The spirit of the thing all along was to get the stuff to someone who could appreciate it rather than going to scrap since that's what Ray would have wanted. I think that mission was accomplished.

If you thought about going but didn't, you missed out on a lot of good stuff. I laughed out loud when I came across a little Clarks box marked Torkenverter Seal. I laughed because it reminded me of the time, I was repairing the smashed front end of a water-cooled Volkswagen Cabriolet that I got from Hans Foreign Car Parts in Osseo. It came with most of the parts, but he didn't have the structure surrounding the radiator. I was on about the third place calling around for a Corsa port when the guy said "do you mean core support"? I'll be thinking of Ray while I'm using his stuff, he was a good guy who did the best he could with some difficult circumstances. Seeing his unique Harley Shovelhead gave me pause but I don't think I can return to those days.

Jim Brandberg

McMonigal Yard Sale



Thanks to Dave Pederson for the photos!

Activities Director Anyone?

We had a pretty good meeting in September. We mainly talked about filling club positions and made some progress. Gregg Peters volunteered to be on the temporary Nominating Committee, which is good. He's sorta new so I'm sure he could use some help figuring out who people are. Please call him if you can help. Jerry Berge had contacted people about continuing in their current non-officer positions. Tom, Gary and Lee have said they might be able to continue in their present positions. Amber Leah said she might consider the Secretary position. Dave Pedersen and Ron Scott are considering Director positions.

That leaves us better off than a month to go, although no one I know of has expressed an interest in Activities Director. The way that job is supposed to work is just being a point person for other people who are organizing activities. Years ago, we tried to have one activity a month besides the Membership Meeting. That could be anything. Some things were: a car show in your area; a picnic at someone's house or a park; a tour like a museum or business; a Corvair day run or overnight; a chili and soup party at someone's house or party room; a rally or econo run organized by us or others; a tech session or open garage; a canoe trip; a train or boat ride... just about anything and it doesn't have to be car related, we all have other interests.

I've thought that perhaps I could be Activities Director if someone could be Membership Coordinator. I would not leave an empty post and I will only do one job at a time. I enjoy doing this and feel I'm better suited to this than that, but I also want to be willing to serve where needed. I've sort of shaped this job as I see fit but it's not the way someone else would have to do it. I've tried to figure out who everyone is and contact them. I contact new people, usually by e-mail when I get the

information from Treasurer Lee. I especially try to talk to new people at meetings and introduce them to others with similar interests or who live in their area. In February I contact people who have not paid their Dues to see if they just forgot or if there's something else. This winter I tried to contact everyone, not just the Dues slackers. I made a list of members along with their town and what Corvairs or Corvair interest they have as a way to remember who people are, it's a good thing to carry along to events. I update Lee if I find changes in people's contact information. I inform the BOD of people's concerns that I come across. I've taken to writing a page every month for the Leeky Seel, I especially like to write about people's Corvair stories, not so much lately but I'd like to get back to that. Last but not least I enjoy spouting off at meetings without being accountable since I'm not an Officer. Again, I enjoy the job I have for CMI and really hope someone else steps up as Activities Director.

Don Fricke is a new member who was at the September meeting. His uncle drove a 64 Spyder coupe from California to North Dakota many years ago and it's been in storage ever since. It's in Red Wing now and they're carefully preparing to start it up. Jerry Berge is a good guy to have as a Corvair neighbor. Was it Cliff Ekdahl who had a white/red LM convertible in Red Wing? Last time I saw it was in a garage in the alley behind Kwik Trip. He was a retired HS band teacher and just loved a good parade. I think he had a daughter, maybe she has the Corvair. Bob Kaczke and I both dealt with troublesome hydraulic lifters lately, somewhat unusual for them to act up beyond an occasional lazy boy. We may have something different for the October meeting, but I'll leave that for the President. I don't know what we can do in November.

Jim Brandberg
Membership Coordinator

Thermistors:

Used by CORVAIR to indicate Cylinder Head Temperature – (fins in the air, not the oil temp)
 One came from Gary, a spare one I had, a new one I got from David iii and one I was running on my FC.



I used the base of a Carb for a heat sink to hold the Thermistor and a thermocouple. A “Cyl Head Temp Gauge” (from Clark’s) was bolted up tight to that Carb base so they would both be at the same temp, while I read the gauges. First off, I ran a test between the SPYDER dash gauge and the CORSA gauge (by using various resistances to mimic the Thermistor’s reading – at temp) and got the same readings – so, I would say both gauges read the same.

I also ran my old standard Thermocouple on this test bed to be certain they were both reading the same (correct) temperatures. They tracked each other well enough for me to say, “together”! One has a digital readout and the other, above, is analog...can you read that gauge (above, right) and tell if it says 310° or 320°? Neither can I, so I called them even.

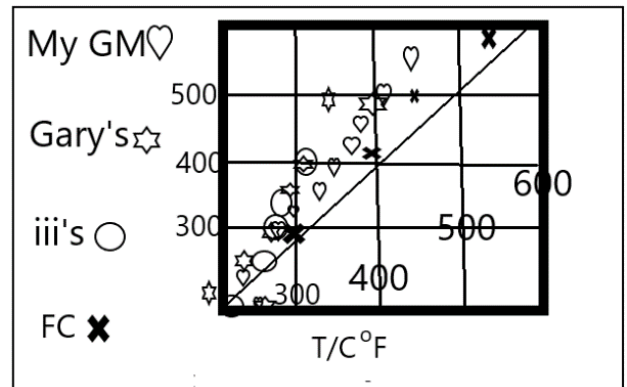
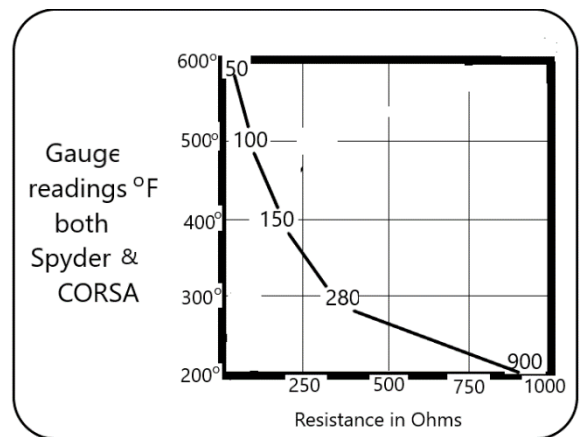
I show here, the plot of the four Thermistors that I used in this test. They did not track together, but they all read higher than the real temp and got further off track as the Temp got up to the “watch it” zone.

I don’t blame the General for cheating on this, at all, as a higher reading will scare us off, from going higher – and then we won’t burn up the engine and sue them!

In my case, I like to know the real temp.

If you have a factory Cylinder-Head Temp Gauge on your CORVAIR you can feel safe if you happen to run it up in the 500+°F range – I might stop at the 600 mark, just to be safe. Your engine can easily take a real 400-500°. I once tested the standard over-temp click-switch installed on the right head at over 700°F and it never tripped, so I don’t have much info on it. Anyone interested can send me a couple of them and I will process them for a little info! Nice to know if they work!

Until then, let’s have fun and,
Keep-On-CORVAIRing, Fran

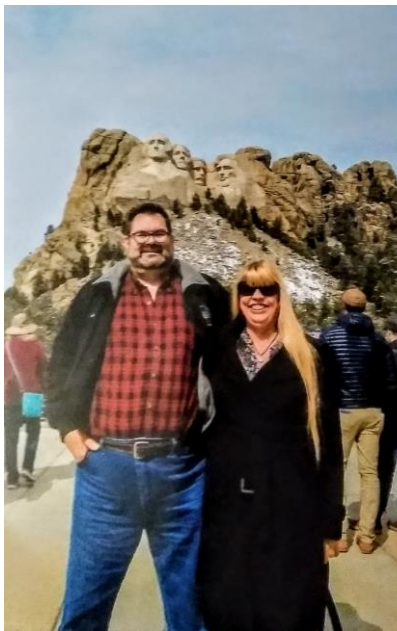


2020 Calendar of Events

****PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION****

Please email information you may have on the status of shows that have been cancelled and are still 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.
To check on more MN car shows visit: carshownationals.com

OCT	3	Buffalo American Legion	11 am – 3 pm
	4	Classic Car Sunday's	North St. Paul American Legion post 39, parking lot (Century Ave. & 7th St, North St. Paul), Noon – 4pm
	10	Frankensteiners Ball Car Show	Isanti County Fair Grounds
	18	Classic Car Sunday's	North St. Paul American Legion post 39, parking lot (Century Ave. & 7th St, North St. Paul), Noon – 4pm
WEEKLY		Mondays, Wagner's Drive-In Friday, 6pm – 9pm	Brooklyn Center, 3-8pm El Loro's Restaurant, American Blvd & Hwy 100



PROOF OF ABSENCE:

This is why I couldn't make it to the last meeting but was proudly wearing my Corvair Minnesota jacket to Mount Rushmore! Ken Laursen

From Fran:



I brought this home as a present for my Mary. She was thrilled. I added some red LEDs to brighten it up and we have it openly displayed in our living room- even if today is only Sept 10. Which happens to be our 60th Wedding Anniversary! Hooray! 🍷🍷❤️😊👍👍

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)

The *World's Fastest Indian* is a very good movie. I happen to have purchased a copy recorded in Blue Ray. I don't have a player. Anyone who wants this DVD can have it just for the calling.

Fran Schmit @ 952-929-9174

(Sept 2020)



I got a new jack because my old one was giving me fits. Also, the new one is a two speed unit which I like and always wanted an excuse to get!

If anybody wants to clean up a 3-ton floor jack or just sell it for scrap, they are welcome to it. I might even deliver it if you ask nice!

Fran Schmit @ 952-929-9174

(Sept 2020)



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)

Wanted:

Want to buy a project car, any style of the early body. Doesn't need to run or be complete, just looking for something without too much rust.

Contact me at: dave14957@gmail.com

(October 2020)

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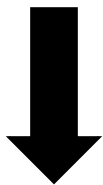
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***NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCT. 13, 6 pm
parking lot meeting at the MUM (note change in time).***

Spot a Vair!



Nice Greenbriar Camping Van!