



Leeky Seel

Corvair



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter December 2020

President's message:

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

You will be reading this after the holiday, but celebrating in the grand fashion of years past, the thoughts still stick with me. Family, friends, lots of wonderful food, big questions about the weather, will we be able to drive somewhere or will relatives be able to make it to the family party. Oh well, next year will be tremendous!

The November meeting held at Ideal Hall was fun. We elected the nominated officers, had some adult beverages, had good food along with the fellowship of members. There will be no December meeting, as everything is closed again. If anything opens, I will let you know as soon as possible.

I would like to say thank you to Chris Bacon for putting the Seel together for the last few years. She really did a wonderful job; we will miss her! John Herkenratt will be taking over as Editor of the Leeky Seel.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas to all, stay safe and healthy, wear your masks!

Tom Quinn

President



**CORVAIR MINNESOTA
MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2020**

President Tom Quinn called the meeting to order @ 6:03pm.

Tom read the financial report as provided by Lee Knauf, Treasurer.

Treasurer's report

Beginning balance	\$5,333
Income	0
Expenses	(255)
Ending Balance	\$ 5,078

Tom read the October meeting minutes as provided by Amber Leah.

Financial report and meeting minutes were approved.

CMI annual election

The following slate of nominees were presented:

- President:** Tom Quinn
- Vice President:** Gary Nelson
- Secretary:** Amber Leah
- Treasurer:** Lee Knauf
- Activities Director:** Corey Cowden
- Directors:** Ron Scott, 1-year term
Dave Pederson, 2-year term

All nominees were approved.

President Quinn closed the meeting at 6:25 pm.

After the business meeting, there was a discussion concerning future meeting locations. Members present liked the Ideal Hall location. It was decided that no decisions would be made at this time because of possible upcoming state restrictions on restaurants.

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New Digs

We had the November meeting at the Ideal Hall on Dale St. in St. Paul. It seems to work well for our needs. It's a big room where we can have plenty of distance. They also have partitions in case we feel the need to be sectioned off. We got there early for dinner. It was Taco Tuesday, so I didn't even look at the menu, but everything looked good. There are two parking lots with plenty of room for our outdoor activities once the weather improves. Dale St. is not far east of the State Fair Grounds, so it's pretty well centrally located within the Twin Cities. The owner is a good guy and eager to please. We made a reservation or commitment for the 2nd Tuesday in December, January and February. We had been starting at 6:00 for a few months but that was mainly because of daylight considerations when meeting outside. We will go back to our regular 7:00 meeting time with people free to come in for dinner at 5:30 or 6. That is if quarantine and distancing requirements will allow it. I would expect we are all polite enough to curtail our dining and socializing activities to start our meeting activities. It worked out fine this month as we didn't have any late arrivals for dinner.

I didn't ask about video feeds if needed for tech sessions, but I bet they have that sort of stuff. It is primarily a meeting hall with civic groups and wedding receptions a big part of their calendar. Outdoor tech sessions in fair weather will certainly be possible and even encouraged. They are looking forward to a lot full of Corvairs. President Tom Quinn and Director Dave Pedersen discussed having our Dues Party there in January on a Saturday or Sunday. It would probably be a sit-down dinner with 3 choices sort of a thing like we've done in the past.

Of course, all this is moot if we enter another period of Covid limited activity. Please be mindful that the meeting could be canceled in

winter months if the weather is bad and safe travel is chancy. I believe Tom usually makes the call and Lee usually sends the e-mail notification. Our November meeting was postponed a week since having elections seemed important.

I don't know if this could be considered a permanent change of venue, it's certainly not up to me. Messiah United Methodist Church has been very good to us. We even enjoyed and had a good turn-out for parking lot meetings, although we did luck out on the weather. It may be good to move once in a while, every location is better for some and "worse" for others. Please let someone know if you have ideas or opinions, we are a member driven organization.

Speaking of elections, we had unanimous approval of Tom Quinn, President; Gary Nelson, Vice President; Lee Knauf, Treasurer; Amber Leah, Secretary; Corey Cowden, Activities Director; Dave Pedersen, Director and Ron Scott, Director. All good folks and we certainly look forward to good times when we return to normal or at least as normal as Corvair folks can be.

On the volunteer side of things, Chris Bacon will be handing the Leeky Seel Editor position off to John Herkenratt. Thank you, Chris, for your years of service, you did an excellent job, and you were always a pleasure to work with, even when we were late with our submissions. Those continuing are Jim Brandberg, Membership Coordinator; Bill Cook, Merchandise Coordinator; Amber Leah, Facebook Group Administrator; Dan Quinn, GMCCA Representative; Fran Schmit, Technical Editor and Bob Rowe, Website Administrator, although after many years Bob would like to hand those reins to someone else. I hope I'm not forgetting anyone, CMI is very fortunate to have many people willing to pitch in and help.

Jim Brandberg, Membership Coordinator

Corvair Society of America 2020 Membership Meeting

The Corvair Society of America held its Membership Meeting for Year 2020 on the evening of Tuesday, November 10 via Zoom. It lasted an hour and a half.

Presenters included Mike Hall (President), Jeannette Alberte (Membership), Jerry Brown (Merchandise), Allan Lacki (Secretary) and Paul Sergeant (Treasurer). After the presentations, Mike opened the floor for questions and comments.

Topics included:

- Providing more value to members by holding monthly Zoom meetings and podcasts,
- Improving communication between Regional Directors and their respective chapters,
- Reaching out to members, especially those who have no nearby chapter,
- Adding new kinds of merchandise for sale to raise revenue,
- Adding PayPal as a means for members to pay their dues to make it easier to join and remain,
- Giving members a choice to have their membership renewed automatically,
- Giving members a choice to pay dues in monthly installments,
- Combining the CORSA Facebook page and CORSA Facebook group into one to eliminate confusion,
- Giving public access to a sample of CORSA tech articles on the website to hook-in new members,
- Establishing an online archive where chapters can store their newsletters for posterity,
- Post CORSA board meeting minutes on the website,
- Opening up CORSA conventions to owners of cars other than Corvairs,
- Improving the CORSA brochure so chapters can use it for local recruitment

A number of questions were raised, too:

- How much revenue does the CPF raise through Amazon Smile? (We'll find out).
- What is the consequence when a chapter does not hold a single meeting during a given year, as required by the Chapter Plan Procedure? (No consequence this year due to COVID-19).
- When will a final decision be made on holding the 2021 Convention? (It will depend on the city's orders. We anticipate a ruling in April).

A video of the 2020 CORSA Membership Zoom Meeting is now available for viewing on YouTube. Here's a link that will take you there:

[Corvair Society Of America CORSA 2020 Membership Zoom Meeting - YouTube](#)

It is 1 hour and 24 minutes long. The first couple of minutes of the session were not recorded, so it starts with Mike Hall talking about plans for the 2022 CORSA Convention in Peach Tree City, Georgia. But aside from that, it's complete.

Sixty-eight members were participated in the Zoom meeting. Special thanks go to CORSA Board Member Josh Deitcher, who arranged, moderated and recorded the meeting. And of course, we thank all of you who were there with us.

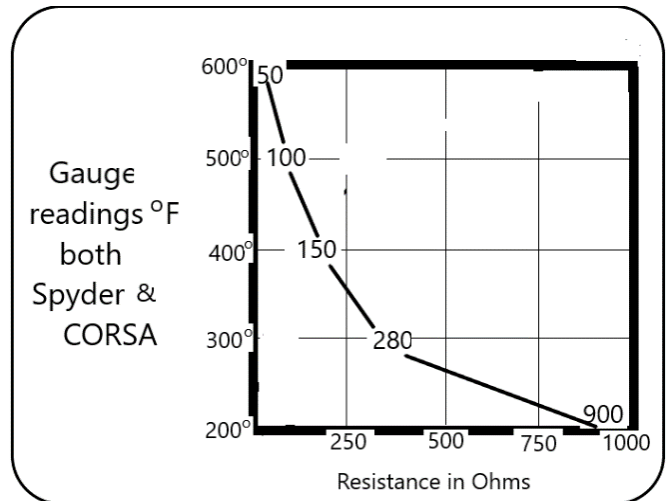
Thermistors:

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.

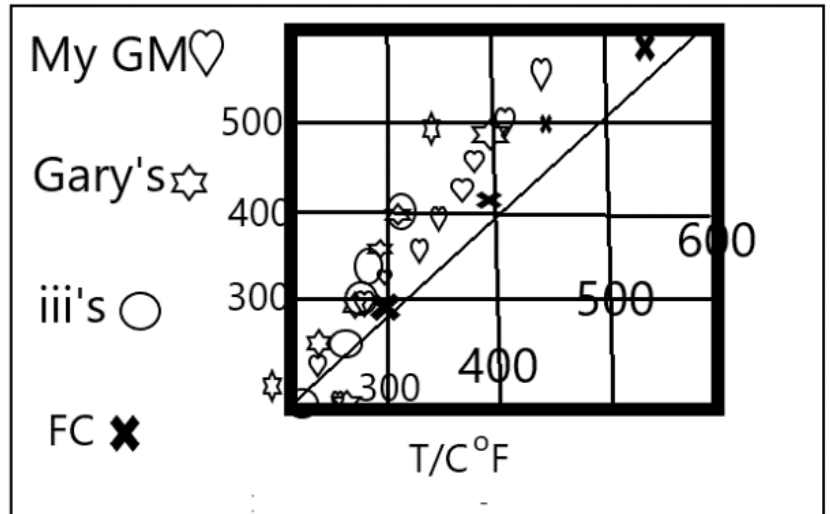
I don't blame the General for cheating on this, at all, as a higher reading will scare us off, from going higher – and then we won't burn up the engine and sue them!

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



DON'T STICK YOUR
ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.

Burma Shave

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT.

Burma Shave

Always something new, isn't there?

The other day I bought a Kitchen Thermometer. One with a probe to stick inside a turkey, while it's in the oven. It has a couple foot long wire on it that goes to the remote display. Cost about \$12 @ Thermopro.com

OK, we baked a Turkey breast that came frozen and the directions said about three hours to bake it, but the NEW Thermometer said the inside got to 165 in a little over two hours! So, we took it out and ate it. 'Twas good!

We saved the wrapper in case it had to be returned, but today I was throwing that stuff away and found this little 'condom-like' protector in the package. I vaguely remember taking it off the thermal probe, but I guess I didn't "look" at it, at the time.

Here I am, today, looking at a silicone protector, see photo, that looks to me to be a perfect fit for the vacuum port on an HV carburetor. I thought that if this fits as good as it looks, there would be a market for them.

Clark's has a hard plastic one, for \$2.50, that is a nice fit – I have had them on some carbs, but I wanted to see how this one fit.



It's perfect! The ID is a little less than the pipe on the carb so it has to stretch a bit to get on there – that's good, in case you have a poof or something that would rocket it off there into, 'who knows where?' When I went out to the garage to check 'the fit' there was no plug on this carb's pipe – must have had a poof! I don't think this one will pop off.

Looking at the RED photo (left) you can see that both pipes are terminated, as this is a primary carb being used (with appropriate modification) as a secondary. It's an "electric 2ndary", as I like to call mine. But you can see that I used a piece of shrink tube for the other. I had to fabricate an end on that one, but this little silicone guy comes with its own little dome!

Maybe Clark's could buy a bag of these and add them to their stock – I'll send them a copy of this note.

Anyway, just thought you'd like to rejoice with me on what I call, "a find!"

Let's all have fun, as we Keep-On-CORVAIRing, Fran

2020 Calendar of Events

Dec. 14 CMI meeting - CANCELLED

CMI used to do a Fall Run every year, usually up North or at times into Wisconsin, but always a good time. Some years we had better 'leaves' than others but it was a good time to be out with friends. Ordinarily it was an overnight with a dinner in a local restaurant on Saturday and then a nice drive back home on Sunday. A few times we even made it a three-day event!

I found this old dash plaque from AACA from the era when we used to do the same thing. I wonder if they have stopped doing it too, or has the idea gone south for all the clubs? Maybe next year you guys can get organized and try some of these fun things, with a more modern twist of course, but still having fun with friends.

Fran



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)



FREE

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



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)

FREE

Hour timer: 12-60vdc. Keep track of how long your something is on! Still in the box!

Fran @ 952-929-9174

(Dec 2020)

FREE

I mistakenly bought these flashing lights, can't think of any use for them. Remember the car in Knight Rider? Anyone want them?

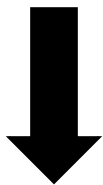
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(Dec 2020)

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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THE LEEKY SEEL

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TEMP – RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Spot a Vair!



Custom late model Corvair, photo can be found on the CMI Facebook page. Check out the page, you will find lots of fun pics + more!



**THE DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS**