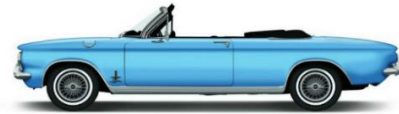




Leaky Seal

Corvair

July 2021



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message:

It sure was nice to get out and see everyone at the CMI monthly meetings, our breakfast get together, GMCCA, Back to the 50s and in general, being with friends again.

We had an excellent turnout for our breakfast / car show. We served 36 meals, there were about two dozen vehicles, and the weather was perfect. Is there anyone interested in doing a breakfast again, maybe late summer or fall?

Our monthly meetings have been fun, more and more people show up every month, and Ideal Hall is so accommodating and so gracious.

Dan Quinn set everything up for GMCCA, and it went well. We had a lot of cars there, we could have used more volunteers. GMCCA is our big money maker, so next year, we really need more help.

Back to the 50's was scaled back this year, but still the turnout was good. It was nice to see Corvair members and their cars. Dave Pederson was there with his "El Corvino" a work in progress, which has kept him and Jim Brandberg up late for quite a few nights before the show. Mr. Herkenratt was there with his Rampside, and had a little trouble with it. We all helped out, and got it working again and he was on his way. I want to thank everyone for showing up at these events, let's continue that!

Ron Scott's term as second Alternate with the Board of directors is expiring this fall. There will be an election, and volunteers are always needed.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday July 13th at Ideal Hall. Social hour starts about 5:30, business meeting is at 7pm. Tuesdays are Taco night at Ideal. Remember there will be no alcohol during the business meeting. Bring your cars!

Friday night July 23rd is our night at the North St. Paul car show. We have a new spot this year across the street and east about 3 blocks, next to Sidewinders bar. I hope to see everyone there. We have always had a good turnout with the club, put the date on your calendar!

Happy birthday to Steve Peterson July 24th.

Please let me know if we missed your birthday month on our list, I can always add it.

I hope to see you all Tuesday July 13th at Ideal Hall.

President Tom

Tom Quinn
President



Corvair Minnesota, Club Information

June 8, 2021

Meeting Minutes

President Tom Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Tech Session was given by Gary Nelson and me (Amber), on oil coolers.

A total of 29 Members showed up for the meeting at Ideal Hall.

Dan Quinn a GMCCA representative gave an update about the previous GMCCA car show.

There are 80 members in CMI, only 12 members stepped up to volunteer for the show.

21 Corvair showed up at the GMCCA show.

Financial Report

Was given by Lee Knauf:

\$5,088.97 Starting balance
 +\$100 Dues
 +\$360 Spring breakfast
 +\$12 Auction
 -\$55 Postage

\$4837.98 Ending Balance

Lee suggested a fall drive to Mankato for Unique Motors.

July 22 - 24

AACA National Meet

Cars have to go through a series of judging. The judging will be on the 24th from 10 - 3 pm. Cars have to remain there as well as they have to be able to drive on their own power.

We have received an email from the MUM, they will be reopening the church. July 11th, there will be a mini Corvair show.

Rob Pendleton of Delano

They are asking if anyone would like to be a part of their 4th of July parade. If you're interested, please contact him at 763-267-8777.

#17 was called... Bill Cook.

\$35 he said to 'let it ride', next drawing will be \$40.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Amber Leah

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Sixty Four and a Half Just Won't Do

Back To The 50s at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds is a big deal. It's interesting that it's for '64 and older cars. Not just a Corvair nemesis, the '64 ½ Mustang marked the beginning of a new era. I hate those meeses to pieces. I always enjoy going but quite often other things in life come up. Some years I need to just take in what I can in a certain timeframe and then get going. There's so many nice cars there that it's a little overwhelming. I find myself drawn more to a dingy Morris Minor than a perfect Street Rod but I'm weird that way. I was a participant rather than a spectator for the first time this year with my blue 63 Van. It's just a daily driver shop truck but folks enjoyed the Scooby Doo windshield screen. I arrived on Saturday at 5:45 and got to the appointed spot fairly easy by using a top secret procedure that I'm not privy to share. We've got a Corvair Corner thing going a block SW of the Grandstand but there's several more Corvairs sprinkled throughout the grounds. People like to be in their usual spots. It's a trip man.

One of my favorite cars at the St. Francis Car Show over the years has been a '57 or so Lincoln 4-door. I'm not especially enamored with 30' long sedans but he's been bringing it out all along starting with it's rough as found condition, picture rusty faded paint and a saddle blanket. Every year it gets a little better and now sports a modern maybe 460 Lincoln engine, leather interior and nice paint. It's been fun to watch the progression. I'm so glad it's not a Chevy 350.

Such a car is Dave Pedersen's "Corvair sedan pick-up like a '59 El Camino" project. He's been trying a few names on for size but I don't know if it's been decided. Gary Nelson started the project with Dave Peterson and now Dave Pedersen is finishing it. It was all he could do to get it running for Back To The 50s with rough-in welds and some primer. It will be fun to watch it improve like fine wine over time. It's easy to catch the vision. It drew a lot of people in to talk about it. I'm reminded of the refinement of Miss Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady.

Corey Cowden is a fairly new Officer for CMI as Activities Director. We haven't seen a lot of him yet because of family commitments like his son's HS baseball games. It's to his credit because you have to admire a man who has his priorities straight. He grew up in Anoka going to a lot of Car Shows with his father. He took a shine to LM Corvairs, especially the body lines, but also as something different. His father was in small engine repair for many years and helped Corey fix up an old unusual lawn tractor. He traded the lawn tractor for a '55 Ford pick-up that he fixed up with a Chevy engine and such. He traded the '55 Ford for a purple '68 Corvair with a 140 HP 4 speed. I heard of the car when it was around Dalbo but never saw it. He had to sell the '68 when his wife's car needed an engine, another example of his priorities being straight. He's got a 61 4-door now, kind of a low-rider with a custom roof paint job survivor sort of a thing. I'll bet he got some sort of a deal on it in true horse trader fashion. It's given him some trouble but he's hanging in there, persistence is a virtue too. He's also a member of Cold Steel Cruisers car club with a nickname of Airhead so he's locked into Corvairs to some degree. They do a regular event in Coon Rapids. The Cowden family had a big spread of farmland outside of Anoka near present day Coon Rapids in the 1800s. Corey lives in Nowthen.

CMI has events coming up in Plymouth, North Saint Paul, Mankato and New Ulm to name a few. Be there or be square. See you 2nd Tuesday?

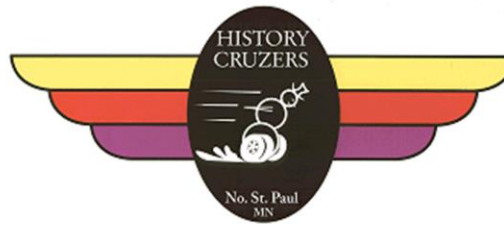
Jim Brandberg

A few upcoming car show opportunities:

July 11th, 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Messiah United Methodist
(MUM) car show

Corner of Highway 101 and
Country Road 6, Plymouth



Calendar

Every Friday, July 2 - September 24, 2021

6:00pm - 10:00pm

Dates subject to change according to COVID Restrictions

Corvair Minnesota will be featured on July 23rd

**North Saint Paul next to "Sidewinder's")
2573 7th Ave E**



JULY 23, 24, 25th 2021

Show Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

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June 9	June 23	July 14	July 28	Aug 11	Aug 25	Sept 8	Sept 22
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How to install a Third Taillight on an Early

Cut out the body stamping of the Back-up lights from a donor EM.. See that it fits where you want to put your third Taillight, even paint it and Light it to be certain. Shown sample is using magnetic rubber. Once you have committed to the project -



Screw it in place.
Remove the screwed-on unit



and sand off the appropriate paint.



Screw it back on; and weld it in place. Bondo where needed And fill/sand to your hearts content.



When the priming looks good, paint it and re-assemble your third Taillight.

With three taillights you have filled in that gaping hole the designers left. Remember the '58 Impala?



This allows you to install sequenced lights as in the old Cougars.



they are a perfect fit!

Of course you can use original taillight assemblies as



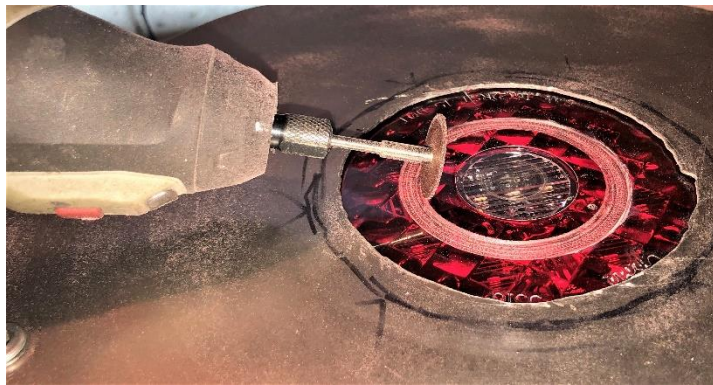
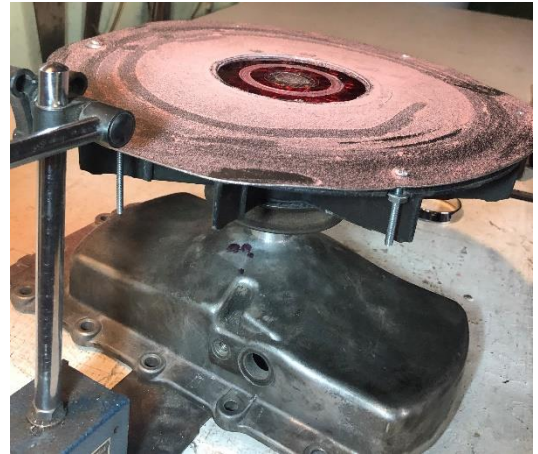
I chose to vary the design of my '64 taillights, slightly. Keep on CORVAIRing, Fran

Machining my taillights

Once upon a time I made a jig for balancing flywheels...it worked great so I kept the gadget. I think you can see how it's made. The other day I



decided to machine a groove in my taillights to hold the '64 chrome ring, as these are lights on my '64. I secured the light assy onto the rotating platform and centered the red part. The dremel tool did the cutting, the hard part was holding the tool steady as the unit rotated...Red



stuff was flying!



Final assembly was to glue the chrome ring down into the machined groove.

The chrome rings are now permanently centered in place and present PROUDLY!

Here's how they used to look and how they look today. **Fran Schmit**



A Nibbler Tool

I needed to cut a piece of steel without bending it, too much. I tried a few tools but nothing I had was doing it, so I went out to Harbor Freight and bought a Nibbler. It's an air powered tool, could be electric but with air you don't have to buy the motor. Anyway, I got it home and got a hose fitting on it and started to Nibble my way across my sheet of 18 gauge material. It cuts well and does not distort the sheet metal.



As it was "nibbling", it was also spitting! Teeny little pieces of very pointy needles were flying out everywhere. I stopped nibbling and look down on the floor and saw a really nasty pile of sharp – penetrating – 'crap' – all over the floor!

I stopped and got a magnet to pick up about a thousand of them. Then I got a paper bag and put the whole project inside the bag so I could finish the job. Afterwards I swept the floor and could still see little shiny flecks in the dirt. These things are insidious and very sharp! I should have known better than to just spray them out in the air like I did. I probably thought it would be like grinding which sprays its sparks around but once they cool off, there's no problem. Not these guys!



Here's a shot of the magnet, bristling with nasty stuff and a close up of a bunch the little "C"s. Picking them up with a magnet made them into magnets so they dragged along any rusty stuff to make them look fuzzy. If you must have/use a Nibbler, try to pre-arrange a pickup system!



Remember to have fun whether you are nibbling and/or **CORVAIRing!** *Fran*

CORSA is now offering 12-Month Virtual memberships for just \$25!

Corvair enthusiasts can become members of (or extend membership in) the Corvair Society of America for a new low price.

Join and get all the benefits of CORSA membership: On line access to the monthly Communique, Members only events, technical information and more- all for about \$2 a month!

Give a gift to a new member at this special price.

Here are the details:

Price: \$25 for twelve months instead of the usual \$37 for online access to CORSA

Eligibility: All new and existing CORSA members.

Offer Period: Now to December 31, 2021.

Effective date for new members: Membership will begin on the date payment is received- (register on line)

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Important information about the offer (*the fine print*):

- *Offer good for 1 sign up or renewal: Individuals can take advantage of the Offer one time only. Renewals at this price for one year only.
- *Offer for membership only - Book with Membership offer only good for new members signing up with a Full Membership.
- *Offer is only good during this time period. No refunds for prior purchases of membership.

Full Members who purchase this offer or any Virtual Membership have their membership extended and immediately transition to the Virtual membership- which allows for online access to the CORSA Communique.

Sign-Up Today on the CORSA Website:

<https://www.corvair.org/index.php/membership/join-or-renew-here>

CMI Classifieds

1966 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convertible



- * Manual Trans
- *85,000 miles
- *\$10,000
- *Contact: Ralph
- *(612) 554-1251
- *Car is in Howard Lake

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For Sale

1960, 1961, 1962 & 1963 New and Very Good Rocker Panel Trim (3 sets)

Also:

- 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

(June 2021)

FREE

Seats: Fabric VW Jetta seats adapted to fit front and rear of Late 4 door.

Seats are light beige with black stripes. Front seats can be adapted to other Corvairs, not sure about back seat.

Contact: Chris Hefty @ chefty@usfamily.net (I can send pictures)

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Pietenpol Project - \$8,500 (New Richmond WI)

Very nice Pietenpol, 320.2 hrs TT, Corvair engine with 320 hrs, Last condition inspection was in 1996, Always hangered, fabric is very good. Engine is a hand prop and still needs to be run.

[Pietenpol Project - aviation - by owner - airplane aviation parts \(craigslist.org\)](https://www.craigslist.org)

**For Sale?
Wanted?
Lost/ Found?
What have you got?**

Lecky 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 **Lecky Seel** to: corvairmleekyseel@hotmail.com.
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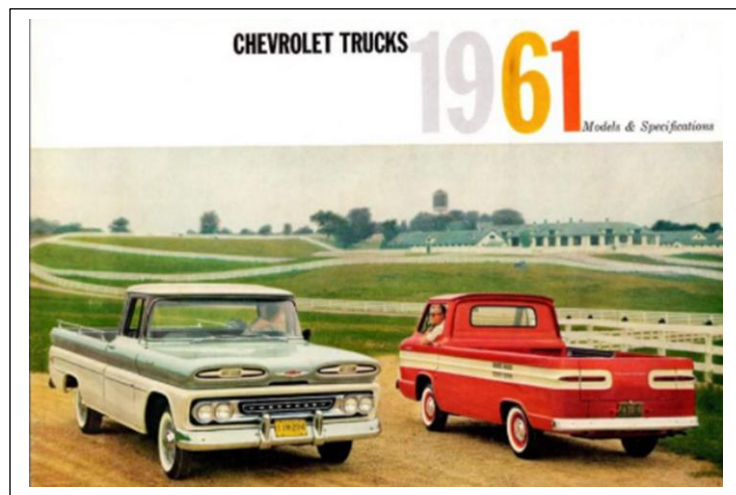


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The July membership meeting is scheduled for the 13th at Ideal Hall – social hour at 5:30 and meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.