



Leeky Seel

Corvair

September 2021



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message:

It was good to see everyone at the August meeting!

We talked about the need for a Web master and a person to take over the clothing, Apparel coordinator, from Bill Cook.

Bob Kaczke has stepped into that position! He is working on the inventory, seeing what we might need in the months to come. Thank you Bob Kaczke!

Also we have a new Web master. Bob Krueger is our new person for that position. Thank you Bob Krueger!

We will see both Bob Kaczke and Bob Krueger at the September meeting.

We still need an Activities coordinator...
CMI is for everyone, jump in, we could use the help!

Don't forget our next meeting is September 14th at Ideal Hall.

Birthdays for September:

Chris Hefty
Alexandra Howes
Gail Quinn
Paul Schuler



If anyone has missed putting your name on our Birthday list, please contact gailquinn263@msn.com

Thanks,

President Tom

Tom Quinn



Corvair Minnesota, Club Information

August 10, 2021

President Tom Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

There were 28 members present at the meeting. It was good to see Fran and his son Peter who socialized outside. With Fran gratefully selling parts and items for the CMI funds from Bud Brady. We had 4 Coupes, 1 Greenbrier, and 4 Convertibles in attendance.

Gail, (who graciously wrote the meeting minutes the previous month during my absence) read the minutes.

We have a new member, Paul Schuler with a 1964 Coupe! Welcome to CMI Paul!

Tech Session was given by Vice President Gary Nelson on Spark Plugs.

Financial Report:

Previous Month \$5,117.90
Dues Collected: + \$40
CMI Merchandise: + \$5
Other Income: + \$10
Leeky Seel Publication: - \$201.96
Postage: - \$66
Ending Total: \$4,904.94

Fall season for car shows is around the corner with plenty of places to hang out and show off your beautiful cars, so be sure to check the events calendar for any upcoming events.

CMI will be electing for the President as well as Vice President. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, feel free to contact Dave Pederson.

#10 David Geier's name was called. \$50 will be the next drawing!

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We Five

It was good to see some Schmits outside before the August meeting. It was brief because I went inside to watch the Board Meeting which ran long and then of course I had to have my tacos. Fran's brother Chuck was visiting from California and it was good to see him, he's another long time Corvairst and a source for some rust free cars around here over the years. I noticed Gregg Peters was a little late coming in to the meeting and found out why later. Many moons ago Chuck Schmit had a green 68 coupe. He sold it to Fran Schmit who brought it to Minnesota and enjoyed it for a time. Fran sold it to his son Peter Schmit who did some improvements which included painting it a darker 69-like shade of green and he also enjoyed it for a time. He sold it to Bob Rowe who enjoyed it for a time until the 140 unceremoniously dropped a valve seat leaving a CMI meeting in St. Louis Park. I'll fix it one of these days somehow turned into 20 years and then last year he sold it to Gregg Peters. It's got a new lease on life and looking good with a Corsa dash and 15" rally wheels. It's not often you have 5 owners of a Corvairst gathered round, I wonder if anyone took a picture.

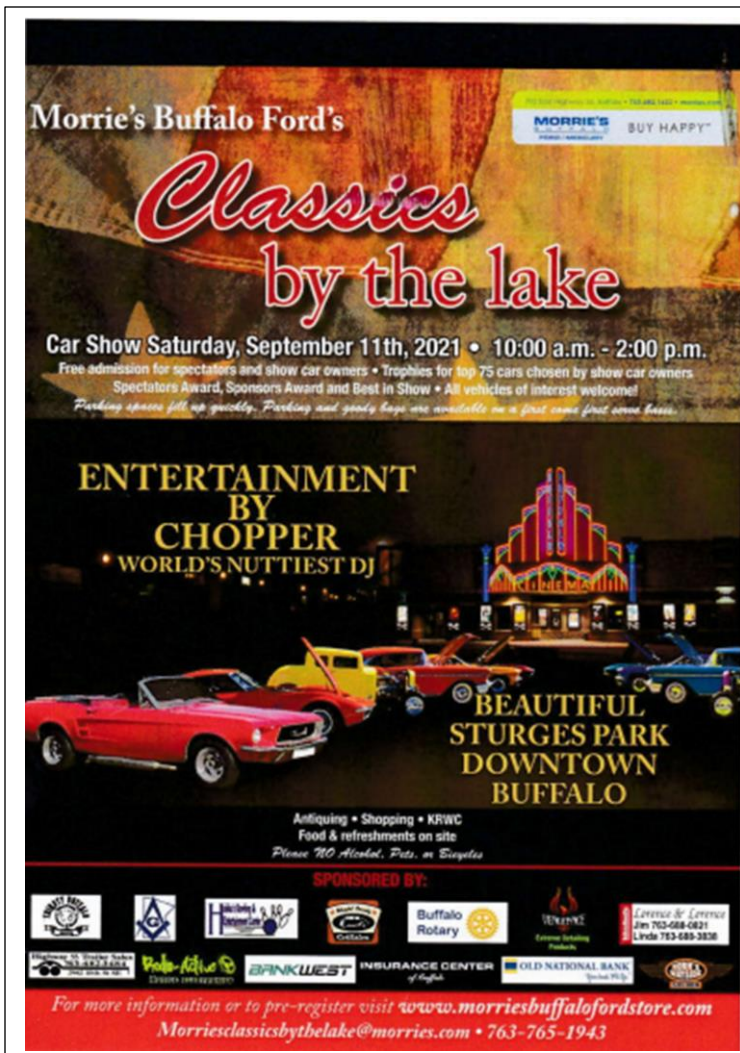
I must confess I had my doubts when President Tom Quinn got on us again about volunteering for open positions. Usually it's crickets in the room except for a little nervous shuffling and lack of eye contact. Tom must have struck the proper chord though, Bob Krueger has stepped up to take over the Website from Bob Rowe and Bob Kaczke has stepped up to take over Merchandise from Bill Cook. Bob Rowe has been doing our Website just about since computers were invented. Bill Cook has been carting T shirts in and out of our meetings for years, arranging a nice variety of styles. We may be some of the best dressed Corvairst people in the nation. Many thanks to Billy, Bob, Bob and Bob.

Just finishing a 1 year term as Director we have Ron Scott from Coon Rapids. Ron was a long time Teacher, Counselor and Administrator in Anoka-Hennepin School District and got interested in Corvairst partly as a result of being buddies with Mike Manthe, another Teacher and former CMI member. Apparently Mike always made Corvairst sound so interesting and in 2014 Ron came across a 63 Monza coupe at a Flea Market in Spicer that he couldn't pass up. It's now blue and white and residing with Ron's grandson in Oklahoma. It's named Marian because that's the name that came on the keychain. That was followed by another 63 coupe, Fawn this time. He would still have it but a White 63 convertible with a red interior caught his eye, the same colors as his 60 Corvette which now resides in Oklahoma with his son. He would still have the white Corvairst too but Clarence Jansson's maroon 64 Spyder convertible was just too good to pass up. Ron has good self-restraint when it comes to having too many Corvairst. When it comes to something interesting at a Car Show, it's hard to beat a 57 year old turbo. He's had a car at Back To The 50s something like 28 years, usually 2 or all 3 days. Ron has a real knack for making cars look sharp and he's especially good at bringing old paint back to life. Wax on wax off. Some of that discipline maybe comes from a long involvement in football. He was starting center at Augsburg University, lettering 3 times. He was Head Coach at Coon Rapids High School for 20 years where they won the Conference 7 times and State Championship once. He's in the Hall of Fame at Coon Rapids High School and Augsburg University. Ron's a good guy to have around and would be willing to do another term as Director or would be just as happy to step aside if someone else wants a turn.

We Five had a hit song in 1965 You Were On My Mind. Waking up with troubles and worries sounds a lot like working on old cars.

Jim Brandberg

Some upcoming car show opportunities:



Morrie's Buffalo Ford's
Classics by the lake
 Car Show Saturday, September 11th, 2021 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Free admission for spectators and show car owners • Trophies for top 75 cars chosen by show car owners
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Calendar
 Every Friday, July 2 - September 24, 2021
 6:00pm - 10:00pm
 Dates subject to change according to COVID Restrictions



DISCOVER VICTORIA Classic CAR NIGHT 2021 5-8 pm

June 9	June 23	July 14	July 28	Aug 11	Aug 25	Sept 8	Sept 22
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Sunday - Oct 10th
9am - 1pm
 Setup begins at 7:30

KJ'S Refuge
 26211 184th St
 Orrock, MN

\$10.00 per "car size" space to sell
 (No Pre-registration)
Buyers FREE

Questions? Bob Malarkey 763-442-0045 Keith Steies 763-439-6517
 Hosted by

Caffeine and Octane: October 2021

Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:00 AM 12:00 PM

Our monthly free car show. Parking on site for show cars, spectators can park at Loram, just north of the AutoMotorPlex Medina.

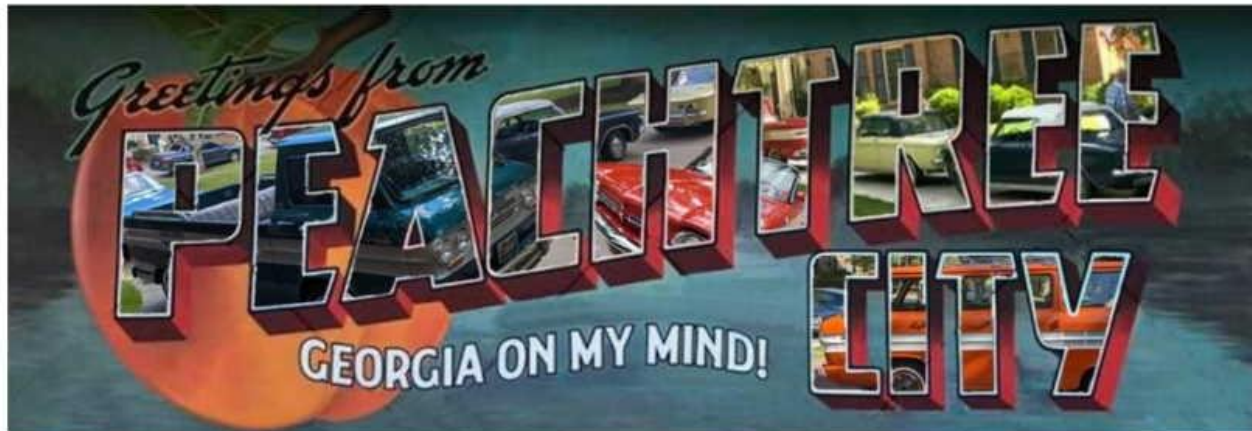
Historic Hastings Car Shows in 2021

Join us on 2nd Street in downtown Hastings the 3rd Sunday of every month May through September 19th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.. This historic main street bordering the Mississippi River fills with classic cars, piped in music, and great food.

If you have questions on showing your car at this event, contact the Hastings Chamber of Commerce at 651.437.6775 or Hastings Downtown Business Association at 651.437.8982.

Cost to attend and show a car is free.

The show is limited to classic cars & trucks 1985 or older.



Make plans now for the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) International Convention to be held in Peachtree City, Georgia, July 12th-16th 2022.

Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia, Queen City, Corsa SC, and Vulcan Corvair clubs are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the 1962 Corvair and will be your hosts for this premier Corvair event of 2022.

Many of you are familiar with these five Southeast Corvair clubs 'Springfest' shows held during the last weekend of April in Helen, Georgia for the past 40 years. The host clubs are anxious to get things underway and have a very enjoyable time planned for everyone who attends. We intend to show y'all true southern hospitality during your stay in Peachtree City which is an award-winning master planned community located just south of Atlanta where the 1992 Corvair International Convention was held 30 years ago.



The host hotel will be the spectacular Crowne Plaza Atlanta SW Peachtree City Hotel and Conference Center.

Convention rates are \$119 per night, plus taxes and state of GA fee. This rate will be honored July 10th-17th.

To make reservations contact IHG Reservations at 1-877-227-6963 and provide them with your specific dates and the following information:

GROUP NAME: CORSA
GROUP CODE: TUS



The convention committee is working on a schedule of events which will allow you to participate in all the planned activity and social gatherings. These will include the Southern Hollywood Film Tour, Commemorative Air Force Dixie Wing Museum, and the World of Coca-Cola Museum, to name a few. Additional activities will be announced in the coming months. There will be plenty of fun, good food, and surprises in store for you. The final schedule will be published in the Communique and posted to the CORSA website as well as social media. Now is the time to make your plans and get your Corvairs ready for this gala event. Make your reservations early, as the Southeast Corvair clubs are enthusiastically awaiting your arrival to display their southern hospitality.

Air Cleaner Turbulence

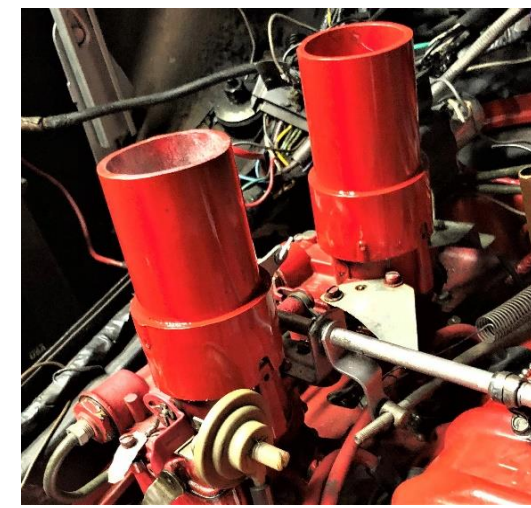
When I found out that my air cleaners, both Early and Late, were choking off my intake of air, not the paper, the Tin!, I started to ask around. Most people just said they used different kinds of air cleaners that have an individual stack of a filter material on top of each carb. I allowed that I had seen that in some CORSA pictures



PVC plumbing pipe with coupler. This allows me the coupler onto the carb pipe coming into it. Had and paste a bit to make it nicely, where I wanted it, There are bumps on the clamp, so I had to



paint is always a good Here you see four stacks mounted, with a close-up of them. The air cleaner, mounted four inches fits exactly into the fiberglass Engine pad. So, not have gone a half-inch When asked, my advisor is enough and more won't anything, so I'm good shape, for now.



but never paid much attention to that, as those were the highly motivated guys going for top placement. I was sort of upset that my factory unit was not giving me an OK deal. Then the guy who says he knows about this, agreed with my observation that the EM Tin is really bad (!), which is what I saw, I figured he might have some good suggestions.

He said to put a 4" piece of pipe on top of each carb to let the air smooth out after it makes that corner, from the cleaner down into the throat of the carb. I said I could do that. Got some 2"



a straight to slip with the to cut fit

but a little BONDO is a wonderful thing. carb that receive the EM air cleaner fabricate around them. It actually made a nicer fitting mount, with a little Bondo inside, I got a tighter fit. A little Red thing.



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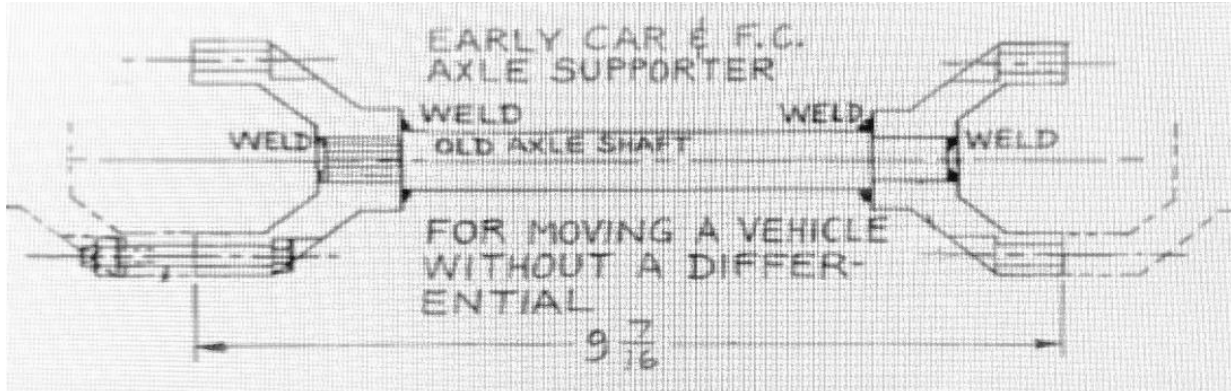
To hold these tall guys down on top of the carbs I had to make loonger "Fran Schmit Spring Loaded J-hooks" - 6 inches long! Turns out I had a nice piece of iron wire that bent when heated and otherwise lent itself to fabrication. With the stacks and the 'Big-X' air cleaner mounted, I can grab the cleaner and shake the car and nothing moves. I think I'm ready to run a test at 6000+RPM and see if they allow the air to turn that corner - smartly! Stay tuned!

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

Fran

An OLD Tech Tip

It's pretty obvious how this would work, when moving an Early or an FC without the Power-Train installed.



I recently saw this neat idea, reprinted from 30 years ago, in the Corvan-Antics, and wondered about going around a corner. Of course, this is only for moving things around the shop, or yard, and a person would just skid the tires and there would be no bother. BUT, I thought, what if that old axle shaft they welded between those Yokes were made up of two threaded pipes with a greased coupler between. Let's say you build this and install it with the coupling "un-screwed" a turn or two. Now, when you move your dead vehicle the axles would thread together, or apart, depending on which rear wheel went the ahead of the other. I would think you'd have to do a lot of 'always turning the same way' before you'd have a problem. I checked on a piece of pipe and the threads are an 8 pitch. If you are moving your vehicle with this setup, and the wheels get a full turn out of whack, that only changes the wheel separation by 0.125"!



Here's how it looks, when you build one. Kinda like a dogbone! Regardless of which vehicle is being pushed around, don't forget to...Keep-On-CORVAIRing, **Fran**

An “OLD” story but one that needs repeating.

The other day I happened to want some info off my tires (the ones on my 2012 Buick) and since it was pretty small print I just snapped a photo of the tire so I could read it more easily. Oh. I was looking at the Tire-Pressure legend was why I took the picture. OK, here’s the punch line: later on, after I resolved the TP issue I noticed something in the picture. Here’s part of the Photo I took. See where it says 4911? That means the tire was manufactured in the 49th week of 2011. That brought me up short when I realized my tires were ten years OLD. I thought about that for a while and was showing the picture to someone when I looked a



little closer at the Photo in my hand. Take a look at what I saw! To the LEFT! The entire sidewall is checked with some serious cracking.



This is why 10 years is considered to be “Time is up” for tires that go

on the freeway. Folks who have OLD cars often have OLD tires!

On the right, you see the Date-Stamp of my six year old tire on my 60 year old FC, it looks like a new tire to my eyes and the due date says it’s still good to go! too!



Let’s pay attention to these tires that are often out of time but still look good on our OLD cars! Keep-on-CORVAIRing! *Fran*

From: [Nolan Grant](#)

Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 6:18 AM

To: [Fran Schmit](#)

Subject: Re: Timely note

Hey Fran,

I have a slow leaking tire now that needs a new valve stem but nobody can fix it because the tire is too old. I reckon it is better to be safe! Thanks for the article.

Take Care, Nolan

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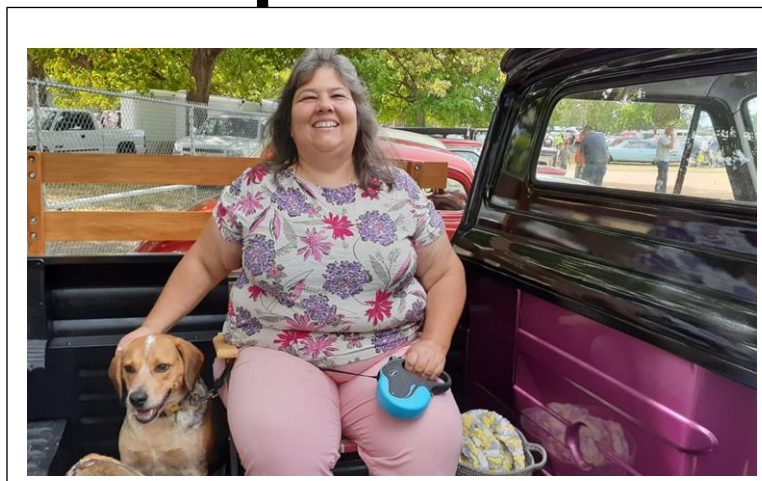
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THE LEEKY SEEL

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Spot a Vair!



Heidi Olson on National Dog Day 8-26-2021
(in the Olson's Rampside)



The September membership meeting is scheduled for the 14th at Ideal Hall – social hour at 5:30 and meeting beginning at 7:00