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Corvair

August 2022



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message:

Our election cycles are about to begin in August. No names need to be submitted, but think about your choices for the open positions which are:

- > Director at Large
- > Secretary
- > Treasurer
- > Activities Director

The Activities Director, Secretary and Treasurer are a two year term with no limits.

The Director at Large runs two years, with two consecutive years served.

I will not be able to attend the August meeting, as I will be in Chicago for a convention. Don't worry, the Director of Treats will be there with some goodies!

Gary Nelson our Vice President will be conducting the meeting for me.

Our next meeting is August 9th at Ideal Hall. Social hour is at 530, meeting starts at 7pm. Please remember the kitchen closes at 630, so come early to get great food.

I will be back for the September 13th meeting, I will see you then.

President Tom

Tom Quinn

Birthdays this month:

August Birthdays

- > Chuck Johnson
- > Becky Lawrence
- > Vickie Peterson
- > Royce Long
- > David Quinn



Happy Birthday to you!



As always, let me know if I have missed your name on the Birthday list
Thanks! Gailquinn263@msn.com (Gail Quinn, Director of Treats)

Corvair Minnesota, Club Information

Meeting minutes

July 12, 2022

President Tom Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Of course that was after a few guys ran outside to close their windows on their cars due to the untimely rain.Â

Tom introduced the new members to the club. Ali and Travis Long and their son Royce. Brian and Becky Lawrence. Welcome CMI!

Jim Brandberg did the tech session, as I (Amber) was unable to make it. As well Gary had to excuse himself for the rest of the meeting due to the rain.

Jim Brandberg talked about car shows coming up. There will be one in Downtown Anoka, Saturday, July 23rd.

There will be a car show in Nowthen on August the 18, 19, and the 20th. Hopefully those dates are correct, if not, please confirm with Jim Brandberg, Dave Pederson or Ron Scott.

It was discussed as a possibility in October to have another Breakfast Club / Car Show at Ideal Hall. Information to follow.

28 members were in attendance.
I think 11 cars in total.
That's all folks!!!!

Notes take by Gail Quinn (thank you once again for stepping up to the plate and taking notes for me)

Typed up by Secretary Amber Leah

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I Pledge Allegiance

When I was a kid growing up it seemed like everyone was a dyed in the wool fan of some kind of a car brand. I suppose the most prevalent was the Ford vs Chevy thing and maybe a Mopar. I had a friend at work who said when he was a kid in the 60s in Big Lake, for something to do they would ride their bikes up to Hwy 10 to sit on the fence and count Fords and Chevys going by. You'd be hard pressed to tell one from another these days. I was a Chevy guy but my lines got blurred when road racing got to be more interesting to me than drag racing. Stints with VWs and Volvos and Opels further confused me. I don't know what I am anymore. I don't know if a Corvair guy is really a Chevy guy or maybe the real Chevy guys are just polite and roll their eyes after we walk away. I seem to be known as The Corvair Guy in my neighborhood, are you The Corvair Guy in your neighborhood? Of course I'm using guys in a modern gender neutral sort of a way. I don't think I could buy a new car of a brand that does not have sedans in their line-up, whether or not I was actually looking for a sedan.

My new car days are probably over. Regarding Activities I've been trying to get some things going in all directions but I'm a little new. Anoka Car Show last night was canceled due to weather but 4 of us still got together for dinner and walked around downtown a bit. It quit raining and was a nice evening to put the top down and take the long way home. I went searching for Berges and never did find any. Today I got an address for next time. We're practically neighbors these days. On August 13 some folks are getting together at Buffalo American Legion where they stop for lunch in the New London to New Brighton antique car run. On August 20 I'm hoping to get some Corvairs at the Nowthen Threshing Show, best to get there before 9 for a spot in the Car Show where you get 2 free admissions.

I'd like to offer up a new suggestion, Osceola Wheels and Wings on Saturday September 10. It's a good time at the Osceola Airport with all sorts of cars and airplanes. I ran into some Corvair aircraft folks there one year and someone flew in a Pietenpol Air Camper. It seems like some years they have radar runs on the airstrip for a while and then all sorts of old aircraft start taking off. It started off years ago being hosted by Classic Motorbooks and I think they still bring in a truck load of books for sale. They have local civic groups with food stands and such, I really enjoy it. If you don't get there early it's best to cross the river somewhere else to avoid the traffic jam. Easiest from the south as you can just turn right and not have to go through town.

I've been trying to plan a Car Show or something each month in addition to our monthly meeting. It's getting a little filled up this year but some others like Stillwater sound good sometime. Probably try Anoka again. If you've got something good I can help arrange announcements by e-mail and Facebook, it's good to have someone there to sort of be a host or contact. If someone wants to have something in their home or garage I could sure use some ideas in November through March. Maybe we could go on some tours or something? I'm trying to get a grip on reservations for Wisconsin Dells CORSA Convention next June. I tend to hold back a little on beating the Back To The 50s drum because it's only appealed to EM Corvairs, essentially leaving half of us out :(but rumor has it that they are considering opening it up to 1965 cars. It's not a done deal or anything and the wheels of change can turn slowly. I hope I'm not turning into a gossip columnist.

Jim Brandberg

CMI 2022 Schedule

Some upcoming events, shows and cruise-ins

- August** **09 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul**
 13 New London, New Brighton Antique Auto Run, Buffalo Legion: 12-1
 19-21 NowThen Threshing Show, NowThen; 7:00-9:00 (Fri/Sat) 7:00-5:00 (Sun); \$13 daily
<https://www.nowthenthreshing.com>
- September** 02-04 Rice County Steam & Gas Show, Dundas, <https://www.ricecountysteamandgas.com>
 10 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
13 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul
- October** 02 Roadsters Swap meet, State Fairgrounds, 5:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; \$5
<https://twincitiesroadsters.com/swap-meet>
11 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul



Frequent Events:

Saturdays, Buffalo American Legion Cruise-In, Buffalo, (~~May 21, July 16, Oct 1~~) **11:00-4:00**

Saturdays, Anoka Car Show, corner of Fourth Avenue and Van Buren Street. **4-8 p.m.** (~~June 4, 11 and 25; July 16, 23 and 30; Aug. 6, 13 and 27; and Sept. 3~~) The season will wrap up with the Sept. 17 finale.

3rd Tuesdays, Culvers Cruise Night, **Savage, 5:30 p.m.** 4725 Hwy 13

3rd Tuesdays, Montgomery Classic Car Roll-In, May-Sept; **4:00-7:00**

Wednesdays (every other), **Victoria** Classic Car Night (June 8- Sept 28) **5:00-8:00**

Wednesdays Cruise Night, **St. Paul Park, 4:00 – dark**; near railroad tracks on both sides of Broadway

Wednesdays (every other), Rum River Rods Bi-weekly Car Show, **Isanti, MN** (June 1 – Aug 24) **5:00-8:00**
 Junction Bowl, 123 Cajima St NE

Thursdays Classic Vehicles Roll-In @ The Little Market That Could, **Prior Lake 3:53-7:19** 16907 Hwy 13 S

Fridays, North St. Paul History Cruze, North St. Paul **6:00-10:00** Downtown, 7th Ave

*Do you have any shows/ cruises that you wish included?
 Let us know at the membership meeting; or contact Jim Brandberg (jimbrandberg@aol.com)*



Three beautiful days in July at an antique power show in Hastings.

Many antique tractors, machinery, vintage cars, vintage buildings, a large number of swap meet vendors and... two Corvairs!

DAILY EVENTS

- Living History Demonstrations
- Re-enactments by Cannon Old West Society Sat. & Sun.
- Parade 11 a.m.
- Pancake Breakfast 7-9 a.m.
- Primitive Camping Available
No Reservations Needed!
- WWII Re-enactments

ATTRACTIONS

- Historic St. Boniface Church
- Large Flea Market & Crafts
- Lumber & Shingle Sawmills
- Antique Tractors, Farm Equipment, Trucks, Cars etc.
- Millinery & Dress Shop
- Threshing
- Gas Engines
- Rock Crusher
- Children's Barnyard
- Hand Printing Press
- Blacksmith Shop
- One Room Schoolhouse
- Fully stocked General Store
- Large annual and perennial garden with 1,000's of blooms





Truly embarrassing!

Boy, this is hard to do! I'm always telling other people how to do this or that and now I find that I have done a really stupid thing. A simple common everyday activity that is absolutely routine and should never be missed or skipped over – that's what I did. I still have a hard time telling this to myself! Much less, telling y'all.

Let me work up to it, please. I needed synchronizers in my Saginaw 4 speed transmission. I ordered a set from Clark's and got them right away. They sat in the box for a while as I read up on what and how to do them. Measure and verify that you need them – in the first place (the book said) and then I opened the Saginaw and looked inside. A truly beautiful piece of machinery! Hard to imagine that any person could conceive of such a wonderful machine.



I went by the book and accomplished the task – this was on the bench in my garage, I bolted the tranny up against the front of the Differential and it went in when I installed the engine. A while later I noticed a drip on the floor and later on still observed that it was coming out of the side cover of my tranny. It has been slowly leaking for quite a while since, and I tightened the bolts just to make certain I had not slipped up on such a simple task, admitting to myself that sometimes I miss things. Well a couple days ago I jacked it up and opened that Saginaw – still beautiful as can be and still leaking. Sure, it's complicated and is going to be more difficult now, since this summer seems to be so HOT. OK, I've danced around this point for half a page now so – here it is. Take a look. I did all that work on that beautiful transmission and when I put it back together I did NOT scrape the cover's gasket surface. I still remember that I did the case and used a new gasket, etc. Which still looks really good up there on the case, but the cover is a crime scene.



When I cleaned it off, now, I even found old gasket that had been leaking for the last guy who had it as there was an inch long section that was loose and crusty underneath and could even have been where the leak was - but that's certainly no excuse. No excuse, at all! I did it, not my helper or the guy before me - it was me who did not clean BOTH surfaces. Everybody knows to do that, but I didn't do it.

I'm only telling you about it, as a reminder – so that you will learn from my mistakes and not do this to a nice piece of machinery and then have to berate yourself afterwards. It's also a BIG job to change this out when the tranny is in the car.

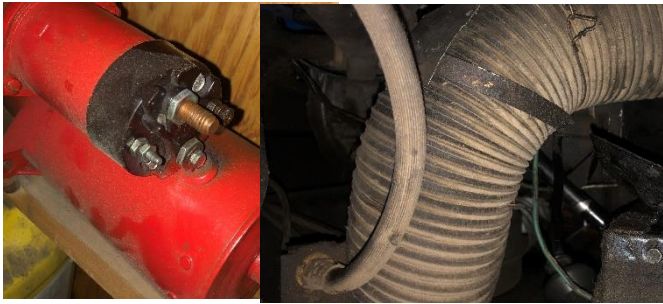
Another small story to go with this, is that case has a quarter inch thick steel cover on it that is bent under the bolt holes! When I was cleaning it, I noticed my tool was catching on the edge of the bolt holes so I took a flat file to that surface and was surprised to see this – on each hole.

This obviously comes from really cranking on those bolts and it does surprise me a little, so I am cautioning you, again, not to be sloppy – as I was. Gaskets are a truly important part of any procedure and LEEKY SEELs are truly something we know plenty about!.



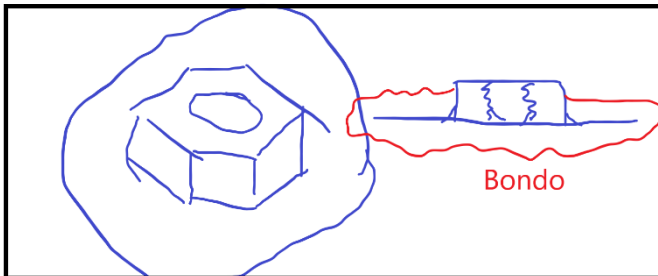
So, here I am – confessing my sins – Please, don't do this to your own machines. So that you can, Keep-On-CORVAIRing for years to come. *Fran* (Hanging his old head in shame)

A CORVAIR Problem: and a Solution!



drain the Battery. Sometimes it was our own wiring that would contact

Once upon a time there was a problem with the CORVAIR design. The Heater hose, shown here, would lay across that exposed Battery Terminal uppermost on the Solenoid. In short order the wire inside the hose would make contact with the terminal and drain the Battery. Sometimes it was our own wiring that would contact that big Copper stud and cause other problems.



Since there was no fuse involved when you go from the Battery Cable to Ground, (or wherever) it was a difficult problem to find/solve. The factory fixed the Heater Hose problem with a foam rubber band around the heater duct. This temporarily solved the problem but time was against the General and the foam disintegrated. We CORVAIRists came around with our own solutions. Most of the fixes

involved roping the hose back away from the problem area - a lot of the fixes were certainly 'good enough'.



I came up against it again - recently, and thought there should be a nice, clean, straightforward way of solving this age-old problem. It's a CORVAIR problem so nobody else is going to solve it for us. Here's my 2022 solution. Just a few Years (Decades) late!

If you hookup the Heater Hose in your CORVAIR (folks in the Baja don't usually need one!) then it will go right past the Starter Solenoid Battery Terminal. One end of this bolt is, of course,

BARE.

It's easy to take a nice 3/8-16 nut and attach it solidly to a plate, see blue pencil drawing. I soldered a Nut to some Sheet Metal. If you do this, wrinkle the edges of the plate for good grip and pile a gob of BONDON on, over and around that nutted-plate. When all the wiring is done and before you cram the Heater Hose against 'that' Terminal - You screw your big Nut on the very end of the Copper Stud in question.

Not only will this solve "The Problem", that we all have, but CMI could get some folks together and easily make a couple hundred of these. WHY?... with our CMI LOGO embossed in the face of the Bondo'd-nut, it would be a great CMI Promo. Could charge a buck to cover costs.

Here's a shot of an 'Install', and its deflected Heater Hose.



Fran

CMI Classifieds



The El Corvino has been getting attention at car shows and I'm thinking about the next project. I'm looking for a few cars to make another custom Corvair.

I need a station wagon, an early 2 door and an early 4 door, none of which need to run.

The wagon needs to have a good body - nothing else matters, I'm going to put in a 64 suspension, different interior and customize the body.

Send me an email with some information and pics.

Dave Pedersen dave14957@gmail.com



"FRESH ENGINE!" Good show-able, every day driver, I bought it from the original owner, came from Massachusetts. Just had all seals and engine inspected over winter, All matching numbers, perfect interior, perfect mechanical condition, runs perfect, not interested in any trades other than a Harley Wide Glide or a motorhome in equal value and good running shape. NOTE: Hearing Impaired, Text is best

(612) 735-8955 \$9,500 (Mound)

1966 CHEVROLET CORVAIR MONZA



Project in need of finishing . Runs and drives good. Good brakes. Air cooled 6 in rear with automatic transmission . Tires are old but hold air. Good title. Missing mirrors and air cleaners. Solid body. Engine has low miles on rebuild. Doesn't smoke. Kinda rare , only about 8000 built. 10 window , 6 door. Have had for many years, but have lost interest. Needs seat covers. Needs proper battery to fit in compartment .All glass good. Odometer unknown.

1964 Corvair Greenbriar - \$10,000 (Onamia mn)

58009757f0603bcaa33286adbfd4c55e@sale.craigslist.org

I have parted out many Corvairs and have a wide variety of parts. I now have good used starters. They have been inspected and cleaned up internally and tested on an engine. \$120 for the ones with a new solenoid, \$100 for the ones with original solenoid. I have a few worn out but not catastrophic failure \$400 core engines for the airplane guys. 65-67. I have about 20 engines that have not been evaluated. I could do so depending on need. I've got many transmissions and differentials. Complete front and rear suspension assemblies. 763-FourFourFour-9334

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Spot a 'Vair!



The Bugs are bad this year!

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THE LEEKY SEEL

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*The August membership meeting will be held
on the 11th at Ideal Hall – see you there!*