

# Leeky Seel Convair February 2022







#### Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

## President's message:

Baby, it's cold outside, I hope everyone has their flannel lined bloomers on!!!!! At least the sun is shining today, that helps..!.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Holiday dinner, on January 8,th, as I hoped everyone else did. We had almost 40 members that night, and I hope everybody enjoyed themselves and the great food. Thank you to all who came.

Thank you to Dave Pederson for helping to put the party together, you did a great job!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 8th at Ideal Hall at 530pm. St. Paul has a mask mandate, so unless you are eating, please wear your mask!

Birthdays in February:

Ashley Ackley Vince Rohr

Happy Birthday!



If you would like to add your name to the birthday list, please contact gailquinn263@msn.com

Thanks, **President Tom** 

Tom Quinn



## **Corvair Minnesota, Club Information**

#### **Condolences**

**Bruce Hubbard Jr.** passed away January 5, 2022 at 52 years of age from a massive heart Attack.

A family service has been held, but there will be a public service in spring when snow birds return.

Cards can be sent to Hubbard's (Bruce Sr. and Donna) at: 451 Garden Drive Delano MN 55328

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# **Corvair** Society of America

Enjoy our public web pages! This is the official website of the Corvair Society of America also known as CORSA! Topics include CORSA facts, CORSA event calendars, vendor lists, merchandise, classified ads, the Corvair Preservation Foundation and its museum exhibits, and of course CORSA membership.

#### **Extra content for CORSA**

members! Login! When you join CORSA, you'll have access to even more content at this site, including databases where you can register your Corvair and locate individual CORSA members, galleries where you can post photos of your Corvair, online forms for event registration and voting, and complete archives of all CORSA publications issued since 1969. You can download any or all of our award-winning CORSA Communiques, etc. All this is in addition to other membership benefits. Click HERE for more information about membership!

#### DID YOU ...

Remember that CMI dues are due in January?

(We're still looking for dues from <u>26</u> people!)

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#### Aide-mémoire

Thirty days has September,
April, June and November.
Unless a leap year is its fate,
February has twenty-eight
but all the rest have three days more,
excepting January,
which has six thousand,
one hundred and eighty-four.

Brian Bilston



## A Tractor in Hopkins

It's time to pay CMI annual \$20 dues. Mailing a check to Lee Knauf in New Ulm is the best way. We're down from 87 members to 61 at this time but I'm sure for many it's just an oversight. People who don't belong to Corvair Minnesota are squares and nowhere near groovy. I was sorry to miss the Holiday Party at the last minute. I had developed a cough due to cold and these days it's bad form to be around people when you're contagious. If you cough in public people look at you like you've got the plague, of course then you wonder if maybe you do. It just seemed best to stay home and although I'm fine now, you don't want what I had. It sounds like it was a good time and of course I had to get the rundown on who was there and what they were wearing. I do miss it when I don't see my Corvair buddies for a while.

We've been working on Early engines recently. One 61 engine from Don Schaeffer was built in September of 60 and had full fin 60 cylinders but in the 3 7/16 61 size. In taking apart a 63 VD 102 FC engine I learned that a lot of 102s had the stronger rods like they put in the turbos. In taking apart a 62 or 63 turbo engine I learned that the 62s used the 102 cam, the 63s used a special turbo cam, the 64s used the 110 cam and the 65s got a special turbo cam again. Unlike body changes, engine changes were often not done according to year but often slipped in when available or prudent. The 63 turbo cam was also accompanied with a carburetor jetting change. 140 PG engines are another one that had mid-year changes. The first ones in 65 had the 110/140 cam, then they changed to the 95 HP cam retarded 4 degrees with a special crankshaft gear. It's often difficult to tell what you've got with external numbers. I even found the 62 or 63 turbo engine cam doesn't have a part number on it, I'll have to check it with a degree wheel.

Our Leeky Seel Editor John Herkenratt joined CMI in about 1994. He was club Secretary for a time and then Fran talked him into taking over the Leeky Seel about 2007. He got a few years off when Chris Bacon took over but then got it back, probably in a weak moment. The whole Corvair thing started out when he saw a white 68 coupe at a Garage Sale and got it for his eldest son as a good first car. He drove it for a while but got into a Nova. The second son then had it for a time but got into an Audi. In the meantime John caught the bug and had a dark blue 64 coupe from Art Rogers in Eden Prairie; a red 65 4 speed coupe with a walnut shift knob and coco mats from Ken Anderson in Minnetonka; a yellow 65 convertible from Andrew Pietenpol's sister; a white Rampside with a 140 from Wisconsin that seems to be a keeper came along in 1999; a blue LM 4door that came from Gary Nelson and went to Annandale when someone just had to have it; and the copper colored Greenbrier 140 PG that came from Bill Gautsche in Eau Claire and went to Floyd Ackley in Pine City. Before Corvairs he liked Impalas and I remember him having a 54 or so Chevy with power windows. You will often see John and his wife Heather at car shows and other activities, they're fun people to be around. It's been a while since I've been in there but I remember their house in Hopkins being well maintained and restored so it's like stepping into the 60s. I especially remember the period correct bathroom fixtures and basement steps with linoleum treads and chrome stair nosing. Speaking of Ken Anderson, I came into possession of a cameo beige and white 66 140 PG convertible that he used to have. It's a real cream puff and John has first right of refusal when I get it running, I think it suits him and he is down to just one Corvair. If you're ever in Hopkins and see a guy on a John Deere tractor it's probably John Herkenratt.

Jim Brandberg

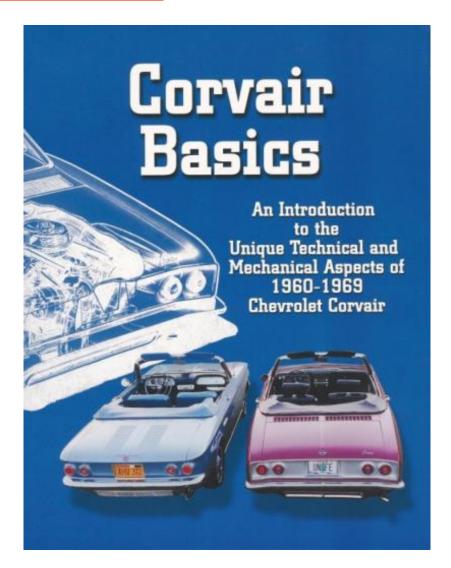
## A special from CORSA for new members:

#### **CORVAIR BASICS BOOK OFFER!**

It's back! After a temporary hiatus, we are once again offering the popular "Corvair Basics" book to brand new CORSA members who opt for the Paper Option when they apply for membership.

Corvair Basics is a 190 page technical manual for anyone new to Corvairs or thinking about Corvair ownership. This book is a compendium of articles written by acknowledged experts and covering all aspects of Corvair repair, maintenance and restoration. This is an especially useful resource for anybody who is new to the Corvair hobby. Please allow four weeks for shipping.

#### Click HERE to apply for membership!



# Corvair Minnesota 2021 Holiday Party











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# ORDER YOUR CORVAIR APPAREL NOW!

Our supplier for apparel is Visions Embroidery of Buffalo. We have really nice quality clothing to choose from, and the prices are very reasonable. We usually have LG and XL in stock, but we can order whatever you want.  $CURRENT\ PRICES\ AS\ OF\ 10-1-21\ REV\ 10-14-21$ 

T-SHIRTS : Gildan crew, heavy cotton (size S - XL)	\$20.00
Colors: black, white, navy, red, heather, slate (size XXL) (no 3XL)	\$25.00
SILKSCREENED T-SHIRTS: CMI logo front and back Gildan Crew (size M - 3XL)	
Colors : black, slate blue, white, sapphire blue	\$20.00
SHORT SLEEVE BLUE DENIM SHIRTS (size S - 3XL)	\$25.00
LONG SLEEVE BLUE DENIM SHIRTS (size S - 3XL)	\$30.00
SWEATSHIRTS: Hanes crew neck 90oz heavy fleece (size S - 3XL)  Colors: black, gray, navy, red, heather	\$30.00
POLOS: L.A. Loving Egyptian cotton (size S - XXL)	\$25.00
Colors: black, white, navy, red (size 3XL)	\$30.00
JACKETS (unlined): Port Authority Classic Poplin (size S - 3XL)	\$50.00
Colors : black w/tan, navy	•
JACKETS (lined): White Bear 3-Season nylon (size S - 3XL)	\$60.00
Colors: black w/gray fleece lining	
FLEECE VESTS: Port Authority Polar Fleece (size S - XXL)	\$25.00
Colors: black, navy (size 3XL)	\$30.00
CAPS : Low Profile, velcro adjustable	\$15.00
Colors : black, white, navy, red, slate blue	
VISORS : Low Profile, velcro adjustable	\$10.00
Colors : black, tan	
Ash T-Shirts w/cartoon Corvair screened on front (size S - 3XL)	\$20.00
CMI OVAL LOGO MAGNETIC DOOR SIGN (8 x 10)	\$5.00
CMI SELF ADHESIVE OVAL LOGO (8 x 10)	\$2.00
CMI OVAL LOGO IRON-ON PATCH (8 x 10)	\$5.00

<sup>\*\*</sup> All clothing items are priced with CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo on the left crest

To place an order contact Bob Kaczke at 612-916-8769 or bkaczke@gmail.com

<sup>\*\*</sup> If you want your first name embroidered, add \$5.00

<sup>\*\*</sup> If you want the oval CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo embroidered, add \$25.00

# **CMI Classifieds**





**1963 corvair monza 900** sport coupe, has the fold down back seat. new rebuilt automatic transmission new carpet, new headliner, new interior, new fuel pump. much much more. receipts. possible trade? ONLY \$7000 obo. (winter price only \$6,500.)

Contact: Bob (612) 381-6924



Here's a pair of metal moldings- I think they might be for an Early Sedan, maybe, but they look like something a person would want: If anyone wants them, ask me. Fran

#### 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
- Relined late front brake shoes \$30

Contact Jerry Berge at 480-250-8816 June 2021

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

#### 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: corvairmnleekyseel@hotmail.com.

Deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

# Check us out...



For more information on Corvair Minnesota, visit our website: www.corvairminnesota.com

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# Spot a Vair!



President Tom showing his dance moves at the CMI Holiday Party?!

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#### THE LEEKY SEEL

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**TEMP – RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED** 



The February membership meeting will be held on the 8th at Ideal Hall – see you there!