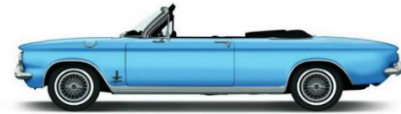




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*Corvair*

February 2023



## Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

### *President's message:*

I hope this month finds everyone well and warm. I've heard that temps are going to be falling this weekend to single digits, Yeaah for us, bundle up!!!

Jim Brandberg has set up a Chili party that sounds great, any questions please check your emails. The party will be on Saturday February 11th in a commercial space at 2100 107th Lane NE in Blaine Mn. We are planning on arriving at 3 and plugging in the food. KayAnn McDaniel has volunteered to coordinate who might be bringing what.

Please email her at [nrm.otis@yahoo.com](mailto:nrm.otis@yahoo.com). We will need to know who many of you are coming so we can get out enough tables...

A Crock Pot with your favorite Chili would be good, soup is always welcome. Clarence and Anyce have already planned on bringing Cornbread but other side dishes, snacks and desserts are a good idea. CMI is going to shop for beverages, paper bowls and such.

Any leftovers can be brought to your Superbowl party the next day!  
In case of bad weather, we do not have an alternative date...

Our regular scheduled meeting will be the following Tuesday, February 14th at Ideal Hall. Remember that's Valentine's day, so don't forget your Sweetheart!!!!

President Tom  
*Tom Quinn*

### February Birthdays

- Ashley Ackley
- Sue Edwardy
- Mike Manthe
- Vince Rohr



*Happy Birthday to you:*



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

## Corvair Minnesota, Club Information

### Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

President Tom Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. - 19 members attended.

Gary Nelson gave a tech session on distributors. Regarding points, they should be between talking 28 - 30.

Tom Quinn: Two people that he would like to especially thank for the hard work is Jim Brandberg for the setting up the Commemorative Air Force trip; As well as Dave Pederson for setting up the holiday party.

Jim Brandberg: Chili Party will be hosted by Randy Graycheck who has a late model in Blaine. It will be in a commercial building with 3 guys that work on cars in there. The date scheduled for the event will be February 11th. We are shooting for 3 pm, but the time is yet to be confirmed.

Brandberg is trying to setup an event for a shop near Isanti that restores pre-war cars; probably in March during the week.

Jim Brandberg made a motion to donate \$100 to Commemorative Air Force. The motion was accepted.

Regarding the Chili Party; Kay McDaniel has kindly volunteered to take stock of what everyone plans on bringing.

Paul Schuler and Jim Becker have been working on the rules of incorporation. CMI was originally incorporated 1978. They are working on making sure that we are in good graces with the state. Jim Becker mentioned that it would be good to file our current bylaws with the state. This is going to keep us legal and legit. This is to protect the club.

Regarding costs, it is unknown how much.

The board gave Dave Pederson the okay to purchase items for the Chili party.

Next month is February, the meeting date is the 14th. We will have the meeting.

Mike Jenkins has a list of members and their cars, and was making sure that it's up to date.

#1, Dave Pederson's, name was called for the \$5

*Amber Leah*

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CMI Secretary



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### **Chili Party**

We're resurrecting the old Chili Party activity on Saturday February 11 at 3:00. Randy Grachek is hosting at his commercial space at 2100 107th Lane NE in Blaine which is just 1 block SW of 109th and Radisson Road. There's many collector cars to have a look at with a nice mix of foreign and domestic. It's a pot luck sort of thing with chili, soup, side dishes, snacks and desserts welcome. CMI is buying the beverages, bowls, flatware and such. The plan is to arrive at 3, plug in the crock pots on high for an hour or so to reheat while we wander around looking at cars or otherwise visit, eat about 4 and then visit some more. It's interesting how many different ideas there are of what Chili should be so it's good to wander around and have a little taste of them all. I enjoy making pea or turkey or other soups as well but not this time, mine will be spicy chili with beans.

KayAnn McDaniel is coordinating who is bringing what so we have a nice variety so please e-mail her at [nrm.otis@yahoo.com](mailto:nrm.otis@yahoo.com). We also need this RSVP information so we know how many tables and such to set up and which room to use. It's hard to take a guess at how many people may come. It's a very nice car collection and venue so I promise you won't be disappointed. We have quite a nice assortment of new members and seasoned veterans in Corvair Minnesota these days so it's super easy to find folks to talk to. Going up for a little of this and a little of that is a great way to visit different tables and talk to different people or mill about amongst the cars. A social butterfly mixers delight. No rain date for weather.

I don't think I'm the President or anything but I have been reflecting on The State Of The Club lately. I hope Tom won't mind my opining as I don't think time at the typewriter is one of his favorite things. So here I go... CMI had a contentious time a few years ago reorganizing the club and rewriting our By-Laws. A nice compromise was eventually reached. Then Covid came along so it was hard to get together. Then our meeting place on the west side of town became unavailable and we moved cross town to (gasp) Saint Paul. Through all these struggles Corvair Minnesota held on. The reorganization made for 7 elected positions rather than 4 so it gets a little harder to fill all the positions but when filled it does successfully spread the work load. Many organizations become sick or die when 2% of the people are carrying 98% of the burden. Burnout and resentment can take hold. After serving for a time folks should be able to recede into the ranks and enjoy the fruit of someone else's labor. We do have several volunteer positions that are successfully filled. I can think of Newsletter Editor, Technical Editor, Membership Coordinator, GMCCA Rep, Merchandise, Website and Facebook offhand. I sure hope I'm not forgetting anyone but that's like a bakers dozen. All these efforts are humming along nicely, thank you very much. We've had a nice turnout of folks to help organize and coordinate a single activity or event. Our regular meetings and additional events are well attended and a good time. We really seem to enjoy being with one another with few bones of contention. I would like to see a Club Historian volunteer again and have some leads on how one may get started. I love that sort of stuff but have resolved to only fulfill one CMI position at a time as best I can. I'm often a fool who rushes in, flames up, burns out and then smolders in resentment but I'm trying to get better. In summary I think the State of the Club is good. We have enough money. Corvairs are a charming, interesting and unusual automobile with people in kind. Please pay your \$20 Annual Dues so we can continue together.

*Jim Brandberg*

Let me pose a question to the Editor.

Since getting anything back from the readers is like pulling teeth - I'll ask you this question.

Re: plugged airflow in a CORVAIR head.

All CORVAIRists should know about the need to de-flash. Those who know, would be bored stiff. So, how can we tell who knows (doesn't want to hear it) from those who don't know- and could benefit from hearing about it - for the first time.

Publishing this photo and asking "who knows what this is?" Would probably not get any response because there is such a thing as MACHO so nobody would 'fess up. Most people didn't want to learn Algebra in school either.

Should we ask Jim and Gary how many plugged heads they still see?

Discuss...

*Fran Schmit*





# GM Files To Trademark National Corvair Museum

[GM Files To Trademark National Corvair Museum \(gmauthority.com\)](https://gmauthority.com)

BY [JONATHAN LOPEZ](#)

JAN 24, 2023

GM has filed to trademark “National Corvair Museum,” *GM Authority* has learned. The trademark will likely be used to rename the Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum in Illinois following the museum’s official recognition by GM.

The new trademark was filed on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The application was assigned serial number 97760955, and carries a Goods and Services description of “Museum services.”

## NATIONAL CORVAIR MUSEUM

<b>Word Mark</b>	NATIONAL CORVAIR MUSEUM
<b>Goods and Services</b>	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Museum services
<b>Standard Characters Claimed</b>	
<b>Mark Drawing Code</b>	(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK
<b>Serial Number</b>	97760955
<b>Filing Date</b>	January 19, 2023
<b>Current Basis</b>	1B
<b>Original Filing Basis</b>	1B
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<b>Attorney of Record</b>	Angela Caligiuri
<b>Type of Mark</b>	SERVICE MARK
<b>Register</b>	PRINCIPAL
<b>Live/Dead Indicator</b>	LIVE

The new trademarked name will most likely be used in conjunction with a rebranding effort at the Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum. According to the [Corvair Society of America](#), GM officially recognized the Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum in Illinois as the official Corvair museum in North America late last year, which would make this new trademarked name a perfect fit.

“It is with great joy and genuine excitement that we announce the official new name of our ‘National Corvair Museum’, which has just been approved by General Motors,” said Corvair Preservation Foundation President and Museum Curator, Mike Hall “We look forward to a long and productive partnership with General Motors as Corvair will now have a national home for its display of historical vehicles, engines, artifacts as well as containing an archive for the history of this air-cooled wonder.”

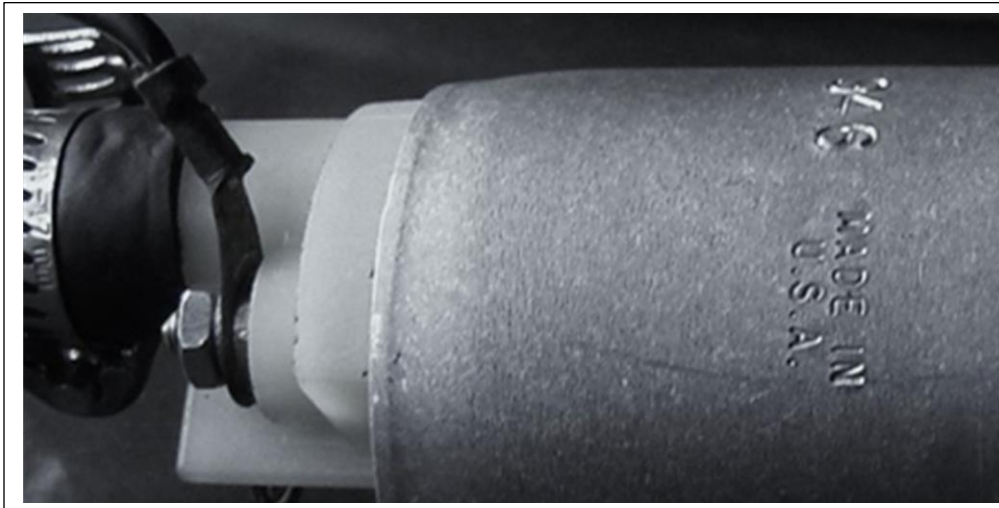
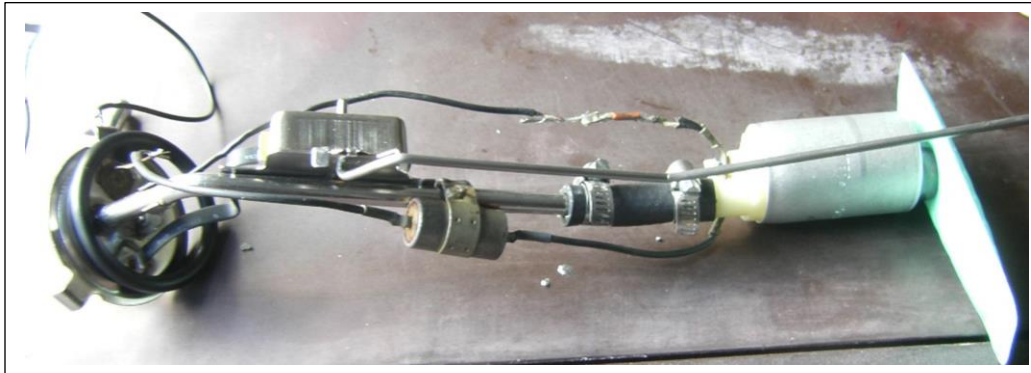
The Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum is located at 10041 Palm Road in Glenarm, Illinois. First opening in 2016, the museum contains a multitude of Corvair cars, trucks, and powertrain displays, as well as related memorabilia. The museum was also recently added to the Route 66 Historic Traveler’s Tour Guide, making it a great destination for both Corvair fans and car lovers in general.

The Chevy Corvair nameplate was produced over the course of two generations between the 1960 and 1969 model years. The Corvair stands out as the only American-designed, mass-produced passenger car powered by an air-cooled, rear-mounted engine, and was offered in a variety of different body styles, including a four-door sedan, two-door coupe, convertible, pickup truck, and even a van.

From Fran, April, 2022

## Glory be, look what I found!

The other day I was building an in-tank fuel pump for my new roadster...a brown '66 2dr - and I noticed some writing on the side of the power unit. Here's how the whole thing looks. (see pic) and here's the part that I found so interesting- - look closely at where the words are stamped into the metal of the pump.(see more interesting pic). End of story, Fran



## Corvair Quiz V

- 1) What Company made machine guns, but also contributed to making parts for Corvair?
- 2) What parts were made for Corvair from this company?
- 3) Who designed the Corvair engine?
- 4) How many assembly plants made Corvairs?
- 5) What car was the successor of Corvair?
- 6) How many 1969 Corvairs were produced?
- 7) What type of engine was used in all Corvairs?
- 8) What is a 'hornslot' Corvair?
- 9) How many known 'hornslot' Corvairs exist today?
- 10) Who was the architect of Corvairs suspension?

**(find answers on page 8)**

Corvair Word Find

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 A O B N P I L C A R D I I B U O  
 I N R A M P S I D E I R N U R D  
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 Powerglide  
 Rampside

Seat  
 Spyder  
 Tire  
 Tow  
 Seal  
 Ultravan  
 Valve  
 Door  
 Coupe  
 Ring  
 Visor

*Thanks to Fran Schmit for submitting this puzzle.*

NASHFAN!

If you've ever thought about Corvair engine cooling fans and their limitations, you might have yearned for something better than the magnesium fan, perhaps a Porsche fan or some electric fan? Kevin Nash from WA state, dreamed up a better Corvair fan and made it real.

Kevin was inspired by the vanes of a turbo impeller, and made the fan more like that with 90 degree sweeping vanes that deflect the air downwards. He claims that his fan cools better than the magnesium fan by pushing more air through with less horsepower being lost.

Kevin has posted pictures on "Corvair Owners Group" on Facebook over the last couple of years, of what he calls the Nashfan. It's a new cooling fan designed by Kevin Nash and made by Ray Sedman of American Pi. This fan is cut out of a solid billet of aluminum by a CNC machine! You can get it in raw aluminum or anodized a col- or. That protects the aluminum.

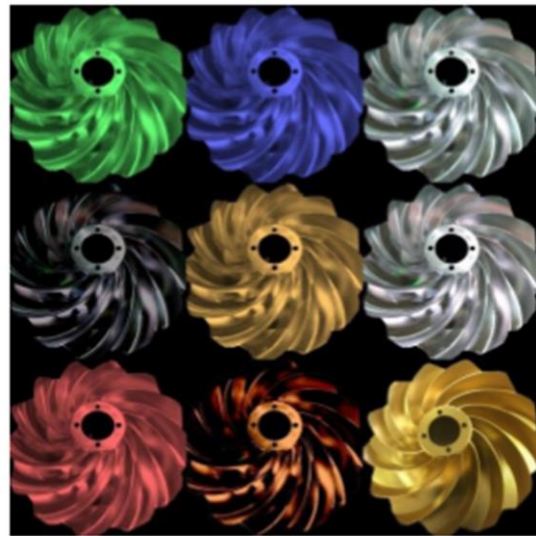
Kevin was slated to speak about it at our CORSA convention, so hopefully this will happen in 2021.

We're also trying to get Ray Sedman to speak to our club very soon.

Keven sent pictures of the fans being made and it's quite an amazing undertaking. He made one batch of Nash- fans which were bought up, and is ready to make another batch. If you want a Nashfan, contact Kevin Nash, and Ray Sedman!

A Nashfan would help cool a turbo or 140 engine as they have issues with overheating!

Keving Nash - wrokit@hotmail.com  
Ray Sedman - rsedman@sbcglobal.net



Answers to Corvair Quiz on page 6:

- 1) Saginaw Gear Company 2) Transmission, Differential, and Steering Box
- 3) Adelbert "Al" Kolbe 4) 12 5) Chevrolet Vega 6) 6,000 7) Flat 6
- 8) 3 vertical slots were punched into the far ends of the front valance
- 9) approximately 10 exist 10) Robert Schilling



# 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](mailto:dave14957@gmail.com)

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## Spot a 'Vair!



***Cameo Beige*** in winter hibernation

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*The Chili party will be on February 11<sup>th</sup>; and,  
The next CMI meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of  
February at Ideal Hall*