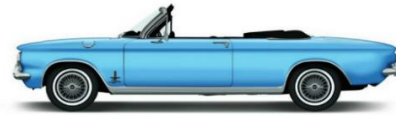




# Leaky Seal

*Corvair*

January 2024



## Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

### *President's message:*

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I would like to introduce myself as your new club President. I joined the club in 2015 after purchasing my first Corvair as a father and son project for Back to the 50s car show. My mother bought a new Corvair Monza in 1962 and I have many fond memories of riding in the car as a youngster.

My collection of Corvairs has grown over the years to include a 62 Monza, 63 El Corvino, 63 Monza convertible, 65 Monza and a couple of parts cars.

I've been a Director for the past three years and I look forward to being your club President.

I would like to thank outgoing President Tom Quinn, Vice President Gary Nelson and Director Ron Scott for their service.

Our CMI holiday party will be Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>; Reception starts at 4pm and Dinner at 5pm

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>; Food and beverage are available from 5:30 to 6:30 with our meeting starting at 7pm.

Jim Brandberg is our new Vice President and I look forward to his monthly tech sessions.

2023 was a good year for the club starting with the chili party, our breakfast car shows and all the activities that our Activities Director planned. 2024 looks to be a good year filled with new activities and car shows. I know Jim will help the new incoming Activities Director plan new events for this coming year. If anyone has any ideas for a club event please let us know.

See you at our next meeting.

*Dave Pedersen*

CMI President

Reminder: Annual club dues of \$20 are due January 1st. You can pay at the holiday party, our January meeting on the 9th or mail a check to our Treasurer:

Paul Schuler  
23350 Wood LN  
Rogers, MN 55347



## CMI Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

President **Tom Quinn** called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm. with 28 members in attendance!

The beginning of the new year is ground the corner. Please speak to **Paul** the treasurer regarding your \$20 annual dues. There is a 60 day cut-off after the 1st of January, you will no longer receive the Leaky Seel or be able to vote regarding club matters.

Tech Session: **Gary Nelson and Fran Schmit**

**Gary** always wondered what was inside the governor. There are weights inside as well as a couple of springs. The only serviceable part is the gear. it is a source of leaks by the gear. when the gear needs to be replaced, they say drill a new hole and make a new key way.

The modulator, it smooths out your shift so you don't have a hard shift. There is a paper gasket inside. If it is bad, it will suck ATF up to the base of the carburetor and cause a lot of smoke.

**Fran** brought in different 3 different regulators. He than continued to talk about the 3 different sizes of regulators.

**Pederson** mentioned that **Jake Callahan** has been advertising his Corvair calenders for 2024 on Facebook. They are for sale on his website.

[Meeting minutes were nominated not to be read.]

**Bob**, brought club apparel.

**Mike Jenkins** reported no new members.

**Brandberg**: The next activity is the Holiday dinner.

Facebook is now up to 450 members!

In the spring , **Quinn** spoke of the Corvair club possibly taking a river cruise. If you have any suggestions/ideas please let the Club know.

**Gary** brought in photographs from previous Corvair trips over years.

**Pederson**: Holiday party will be on January 6th. Reception begins at 4, dinner at 5. First board meeting will be at 5 on January 9th before the normal meeting.

**Pederson** also mentioned that if Bob, Mike and John would attend, that way he could get their input! Pederson also mentioned that during winter, he would like board meetings to be on ofd months. And every month during the summer beginning June.

#9 **John Steiner** won the \$5 lottery!

Meeting closed at 7:30 pm, when we all scrambled to the treat trays provided by our lovely Director or Treats, **Gail Quinn**!

*Amber Leah*

Amber Leah, CMI Secretary



### January Birthdays:

- Jerry Audorff
- Cody Berge
- Ali Long
- Dan Quinn

*Happy Birthday to you!*



As always, let me know if I have missed your name on the Birthday list - Thanks!

Gail Quinn, Director of Treats  
[Gailquinn263@msn.com](mailto:Gailquinn263@msn.com)



## New Year New Board

I'm happy to be the new Vice President of Corvair Minnesota. CMI has a rich tradition of Tech Sessions being an integral part of our monthly meetings and I would like to see that continue. Many thanks to Gary Nelson who has served well in that capacity for several years now. We've certainly been happy with him but he's termed out under the By-Laws.

I did a little solo barnstorming exercise the other day while I was waiting for the wood stove in the garage to catch by writing down tech topics and quickly filled a page. Some of the ideas involve learning more about things I know very little about so I'd like to call on others to participate. It's would be a little dry if it's just me prattling on for 30 minutes. I'd also like folks to let me know if there's something you're interested in, perhaps some project on your Corvair you'd like to tackle yourself but it's a little scary. Sometimes it's harder to make the decision to begin than it is to get it done.

I started working on Corvairs with my brothers in about 1969 at age 13. My second car was a Corvair in about 1975 and I've had at least one ever since, most of them just passing fair. Much of my training has come from the school of hard knocks and I'm pretty well set in some methods of doing things that could very well be wrong. I believe I've read every Corvair book ever written and visit Corvair Center forum every day trying to learn more. Many of you know far more than I so Tech Sessions can be where I can learn from you as well. Come let us reason together.

I have a shop at home and our new President Dave Pedersen has been my associate for a few years now. Both of us turned to this vocation in our 50s after our old jobs of 30 years went away from us, of course through no fault of our own. This situation is almost akin to having two people from the same family on the CMI Board. I've always tried to keep my Corvair business concerns and my Corvair club concerns separate and we will both try to keep that pledge. Please speak up if we seem to be operating with self service or promotion, it's easy for that stuff to creep in.

We are transitioning into a new CMI Activities Director as I'm jumping jobs in the middle of a 2 year term. We the old BOD carefully considered it and asked around and we have a wonderful candidate who has agreed. It is however the job of the new BOD to appoint someone at the BOD meeting in January so I don't know if it's proper to talk about it yet but I think it's good.

For the January Tech Session, yesterday we were wrangling with a LM gas gauge that reads 1/8 with 5 gallons. After removing the sender we found it reads 1/2 tank on the gauge when placed halfway through the travel and an ohm meter check seems appropriate. It's common consensus that the float should point to the rear but we wondered if it was hanging up on the side of the tank so I cut open a rusty tank for a look inside. How this pans out remains to be seen and hopefully more is learned by meeting time. The LM and EM senders have different ohm values to match the gauge and FCs are considered EM ohm-wise. The '60 gas tank is smaller but '61-69 are the same although EM and LM have different filler necks. FC tanks have 2 styles, in '63 1/2 they have a hole in the center for the improved shifter to run through. I have a tank that was done at Tank Renu in Shakopee. Shipping on a new tank is like \$80 these days. I prefer an original sender that works to a shiny new Made in China. Installing a gas tank in a Corvair car is one of my least favorite jobs. My associate seems to be better at it than me, perhaps being somewhat slippery and shifty has its advantages. Ha!

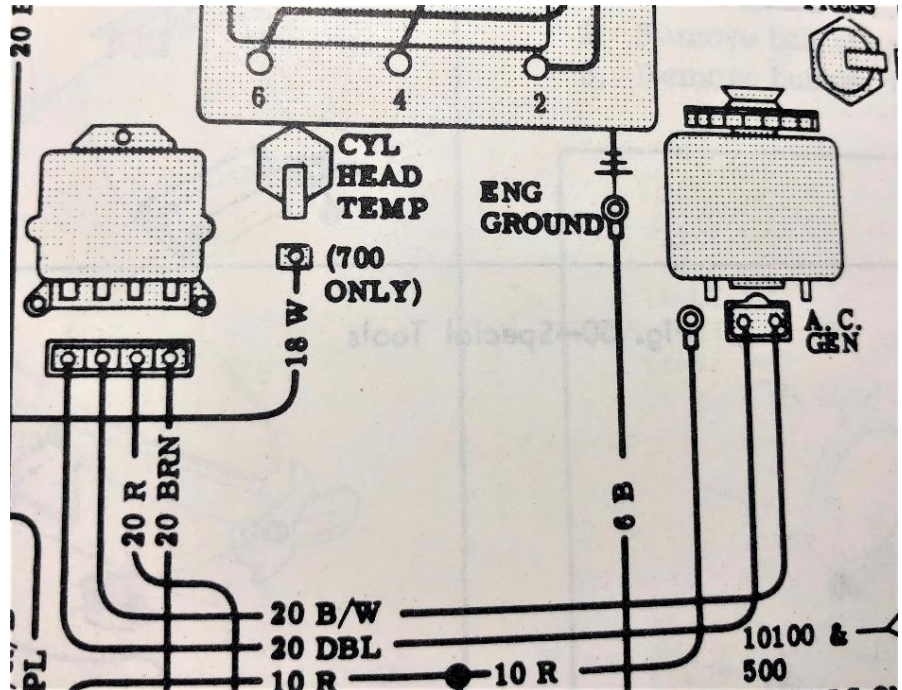
*Jim Brandberg*

Corvair Minnesota, Vice President

## GROUNDING the GENERATOR

Not a BIG worry but this is something I often see but rarely comment on.

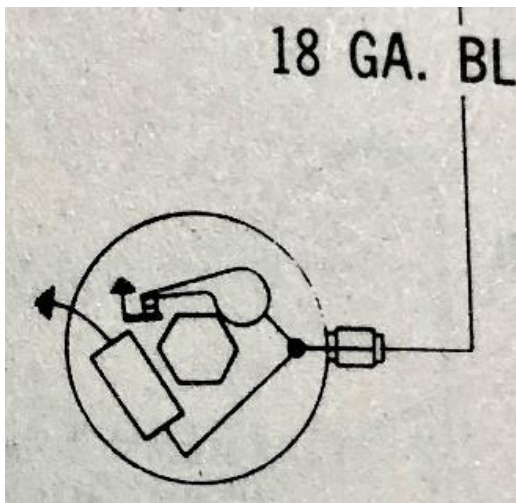
Note, in this copy of the LM ('65) shop manual. We see no mention of a ground connection on either the GEN or the REG. Of course, nobody worries about grounding the GEN because you unknowingly ground it when you tighten the bolts. You don't have to say that! But that also means the new guy has never heard about it. The Plus terminal on the GEN goes to the BATT but it can't charge the BATT unless there is a NEG connection. When you don't show it, the new guy doesn't get the message.



Take the REG, that sits right next to the GEN on this chart, its ground wire is a critical component that is needed to Regulate (Control) the Voltage from the

GEN, but again is not shown. The GEN-FAN lite (on the Dash) supplies current, from the Key, to the BRN wire (shown as 20 BRN) that goes through the REG and continues on through the GEN - - - to GROUND. The Dash light (called a Tell-Tale Lite, by the factory) tests the system's wiring connections every time you turn on the Key. When the Tell-Tale lights, that means all systems are "go".

It's interesting that this drawing in the '65 manual does show the Engine being grounded, but nothing else.



In the 50's when they 'drew' all the pictures in a shop manual, they included the ground wires even where there were two of them right next to each other. See this Old Distributor drawing where the points are Grounded and the Capacitor is too!

Let's have fun, and stay grounded, while we Keep-On-CORVAIRing!

*Fran*



# Corvair Minnesota Holiday Party

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**TST Creative Catering/ Ideal Hall**  
**1494 Dale Street N, St Paul**

**Social Hour: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Cash Bar is available**

**Dinner is served at 5:00 pm**  
**Cost is only \$20.00 per person**



## Dinner options:

**Stuffed Chicken Breast**  
**(with Wild Rice & Sausage)**  
**Garlic Mashed Potatoes**  
**Carrots**

**Roast Beef**  
**Mashed Potatoes**  
**Carrots**

**Vegetarian**  
**Wild Rice Stuffed Acorn Squash**  
**Vegetables**

**All will be served with:**  
**Salad w/ Dressings, Rolls & Butter, and Chocolate Caramel Cake**

**Questions/directions: call Dave Pedersen @ (612) 385-2241**

**Mail in your reservation (opposite side)**  
**along with payment of \$20 per person (check payable to CMI)**  
**to:**

*Response is due by December 29<sup>th</sup>!*

**Dave Pedersen**  
**14957 Durant St NE**  
**Ham Lake, MN. 55304**





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**\*\*\* Annual CMI Holiday Party Response \*\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Meal choice: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cost: \$20.00 per person (make your check payable to CMI)**

**Return your reservation for the Party no later than December 29<sup>th</sup> to:**

**CMI Holiday Party  
Dave Pedersen  
14957 Durant St NE  
Ham Lake, MN. 55304**



**\*\*\*Return this part with your check(s)\*\*\***

# 2024 CORSA International Convention - Dayton

Hosted by Dayton Corvair Club, Corvair Club of Cincinnati, and Columbus Mid-Ohio Vair Force

Start preparing and add Dayton, Ohio, the Birthplace of Aviation, to your list of destinations and attend the Corsa 2024 International Corvair Convention. The Dayton Corvair Club, the Corvair Club of Cincinnati, and the Columbus Mid-Ohio Vair Force had have worked together to host this event and they are eagerly awaiting to welcome you. *Hotel reservations can be made now!*

The Convention will be Monday July 22nd thru Thursday, July 25th

To help you plan your trip- here are the days of the major events:

Monday- Welcome Party with Car Display and Valve Cover Racing!

Tuesday- Concours d'Elegance during the day; Special evening event: "Dinner under the Wings" at the National Museum of the United States Air Force

Wednesday- Econo Run and Road Rally

Thursday- Autocross and Banquet

There is much more planned for your enjoyment and many local attractions to visit before and after the convention.

Check back for details on these attractions and more information about the convention schedule.

Registration will open in late February.

Hotel information:

Marriott at the University of Dayton,  
1414 South Patterson Boulevard,  
Dayton, Ohio 45409 / 1 937-223-1000

Room rate is \$142 per night. Mention The Corvair Society of America 2024 for special room rate.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1686839568185&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**Remember** - CORSA conventions are limited to CORSA members. If you're not a member, [join now!](#)

When July 22nd, 2024 12:00 AM to July 25th, 2024 12:00 AM

Location Marriott at the University of Dayton  
1414 South Patterson Boulevard  
Dayton, 45409  
United States

Contact Phone: 1 937-223-1000 (Hotel)



**CORVAIR MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CORVAIRS OWNED \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ HEARD ABOUT CLUB VIA \_\_\_\_\_

RENEWING MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE: EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ HARD COPY \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20.00 AND DUE JANUARY 1. PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CMI AND MAIL TO:**

CORVAIR MINNESOTA  
PAUL SCHULER, TREASURER  
23350 WOOD LANE  
ROGERS, MN 55374  
612-327-9085  
[schuler3wef1@embarqmail.com](mailto:schuler3wef1@embarqmail.com)

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## CMI Classifieds

**Wanted:** Want to buy my next project car. Looking for a station wagon and an early 2 door body. Doesn't need to run or be complete, just looking for something without too much rust. Contact me at [dave14957@gmail.com](mailto:dave14957@gmail.com) Thanks, Dave Pedersen



APT INSTRUMENTS  
Smiths Gauge Distributor

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9632 Humboldt Ave S  
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[www.tachshack.com](http://www.tachshack.com)

At the Rear end of a Convertible Top there is a device that clamps the Pads, Window and Top tightly together and up against the 'Firewall'. It sits above a channel for the rainwater to go around, down and out below.  
One of those clamping mechanisms – for an Early Model – is For Sale. \$25 **Fran**



### WANTED

**Garage storage** for 3-6 collector cars preferably in east Washington County (Lake Elmo area?)

I live in St. Paul and I now have cars stored at Rock Creek and this is too far for me to enjoy them. Willing to lease or even build on your land – everything negotiable.

Norb Johnson 612-218-1940

### REMINDER: Dues are Due!

Please remit to:

Paul Schuler  
23350 Wood Lane  
Rogers, MN 55374

612-327-9085

**For sale:** (All for Late model):

Sedan Rear Glass  
Sedan Rear Door Glass  
Trunk floor  
Front Cowl Cover  
Misc Hub Caps

Contact Mike:  
[rockinracer@hotmail.com](mailto:rockinracer@hotmail.com)

### 1965 Corvair 4 door hardtop \$1,700

Driven 48,710 miles  
Automatic transmission  
Exterior color: Red · Interior color: Beige  
Clean Title

Selling for my dad, so I'm just putting what I'm told. Feel free to ask questions, just give a little time to convey the message.

-6 cylinder air cooled 110 pancake engine (NOT a Monza). - 2 speed power glide automatic transmission, on the dash. - NOT a Corsa. -Title says "HTO" (if anyone knows what HTO means, please let me know). -Missing windshield. It was tarped, but the tarp started to deteriorate and now there's standing water on the front floor board. Front floor board holds water, so I assume there's no holes underneath it. -Oil looks clean. -Hasn't ran in XX years. I haven't verified, but I was told the plates have 2020 tags on it. -Clean title. - Engine turns by wrench. -Missing hood lock tumbler. - Missing carb. -More trim, air filter, housing, 4 hub caps, spare tire with matching rim found in trunk. -Tires hold air, and have around 10,000 miles on them. -Factory chrome hitch. -Master brake cylinder looks very clean and possibly OEM. -Factory paint. -Has rust, but not horrible. -Missing ignition cylinder, but we picked up a new one; still needs to be installed.

325 Lincoln Ave NE next to Gopher Bargain Center.  
Everyday 11am-4pm. Ask for Bob.

[\(6\) Marketplace - 1965 Chevrolet corvair 4 door hardtop | Facebook](#)

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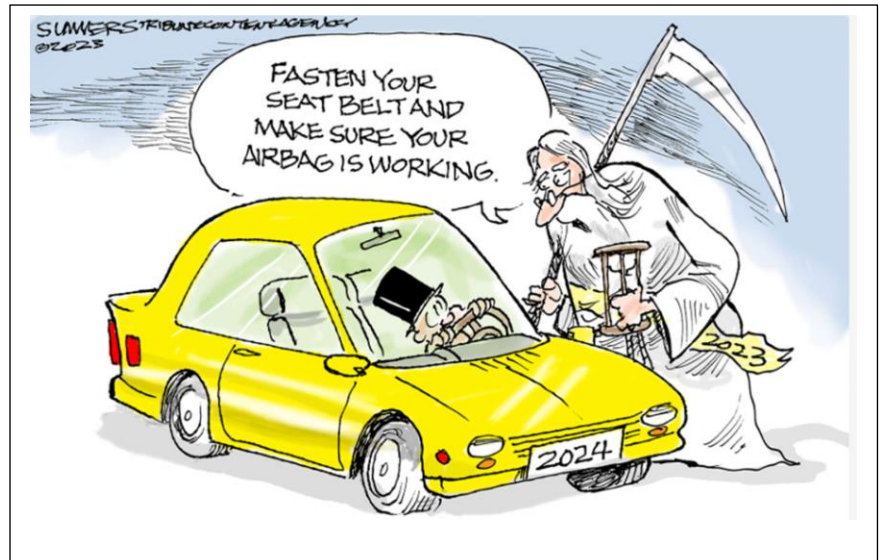
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455 members

(as of 12/27/2024)

**Spot a 'Vair!**



*Happy New Year!*

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## **THE LEEKY SEEL**

408 7<sup>th</sup> St S  
Hopkins, MN 55343-7722

**TEMP – RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



*The next CMI meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of  
January at Ideal Hall in St. Paul*