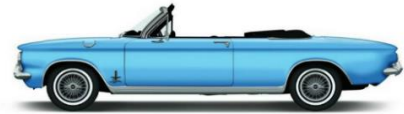




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Corvair

June 2022



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message:

If you missed our breakfast, you missed a good time and good food, good collection of cars and great weather!! Maybe we could think about doing a breakfast in the fall???

Don't forget GMCCA is Sunday June 5th. Remember your job for the morning, it's money for our club! Please help out, volunteer!

Our June meeting is on the 14th at Ideal Hall. Social hour begins at 5:30, meeting begins at 7pm. We hope to see everyone there.

If anyone knows of any old school Drive Ins we could meet at during the summer, please let us know...



Birthdays this month:

- Linda Ackley
- Gerald Berge
- Patti Kerner
- Kevin Martin
- Ross McDaniel
- Gary Nelson
- Tom Quinn



Happy Birthday to you!



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

Gailquinn263@msn.com

Thanks, President Tom

Tom Quinn

Corvair Minnesota, Club Information

May 10, 2022

Meeting Minutes

President Tom Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members in attendance 24.
Corvairs in attendance 2 Early Models, 3 Late Models, and 2 Greenbrier's.

New Members Kevin Martin, Tom Merkel and Mike Manthe.

Tech session was given by me. Regarding different products to use on a car. For example, Armor All is a cleaning agent, but for long term it will dry out your dash and any vinyl material. I suggested using Meguiar's because it does have a nice finish to it, as well it does not saturate the material or dry it over time. As for waxing your car, there are a few different varieties. There are Rubbing Compounds Light/Heavy as well as a polishing compound. Just make sure to use the proper one for your needs. As well, please remember that your tires are essential to the look of your car.

Meeting minutes were not read.

As for the main meeting, we all decided to go out and explore the different cars that showed up. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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The Big Day

We've decided to get this edition out a little earlier than usual as a final reminder that we have the GMCCA Car Show on Sunday June 5th at The Minnesota State Fairgrounds. I believe we have just enough workers signed up, a few extra willing souls would sure be appreciated in case someone is absent. It's best to enter the Fairgrounds through the North gate off Larpenteur Ave. We're in a different "featured" spot this year. Just continue south on Underwood past our usual spot and look to your left off the street in the grassy knoll. GMCCA is always a good time and I like to come early and leave late. In my view this is another Car Show where you don't need to have a "show car" to participate. It's a gathering of GM Car Clubs and a car club ought to be where everyone and every car is welcome. I like a diamond in the rough just as much as a polished gem. It's fun to watch the progression of a Corvair that gets a little better each year.

We had a good time at the Breakfast and Car Show in May. It's exciting to see some new members with some really nice Corvairs that we haven't seen before. Ross McDaniels' turbo with throttle body fuel injection was a treat to see as I have some EFI aspirations myself.

Back To The 50s I suppose is the biggest show car event around these parts but unfortunately only appeals to half our population. No Late Model Corvairs allowed as the cut-off is 1964 ½. If you're attending look for some Corvair folks congregating a block southwest of the Grandstand. Another way to describe it is kitty corner from the entrance to the Bus Hub. It's a block northwest of the Blue Moon Restaurant. There's a diagonal sidewalk that we can park along. The Pedersen family has a tent and they usually don't bite when strangers come and go. When you walk around there's a nice collection of Corvair folks sprinkled through the grounds in their favorite spots. Not all our eggs in one basket so to speak.

I'd like to suggest we make the New Ulm Car Show this year on Sunday June 26th. It's a great venue at the County Fairgrounds with tons of vendors and things to do for the whole family. We should communicate with Lee Knauf who lives there and perhaps someone will help coordinate a caravan. It's not a big job, just set a meeting spot and know how to get there.

I'd like to suggest another outing to the Nowthen Threshing Show on Saturday August 20 or Sunday August 21. We have a rich history in our club of doing interesting things besides just cars. This is another event with things to do for the whole family - lots of historical buildings along with the old tractors, steam engines and such. We might be able to arrange free admission for folks having a car in the Car Show; I know they've done that in the past.

I'm also trying to arrange a Day Trip to Eau Claire, maybe in July or August. We did something similar a few years ago which was a good time. We met early for breakfast in Oakdale, caravanned along Hwy 12 instead of the Interstate, met up with Wisconsin folks at a Corvair themed dealership for a few hours, went off to lunch at various places in small groups and found our own way home. There's quite a few Corvair folks in Wisconsin not lucky enough to have a Corvair club nearby like we do. It might be good for us to meet some folks before the CORSA Convention in Wisconsin Dells next year. Geez Louise I sound like an Activities Director this month!

Jim Brandberg

Fran catches it again!

The good old Tach in my Spyder dash went South a while back and I searched for a good replacement fruitlessly, I decided that I have several good CORSA Tachs, and I could just as easily use one of them, if I was willing to do some butchering.



Turns out the guts of the two units would fit inside either can. The Late Model just sits inside a bigger box. BUT, it has a 270° movement so it will give me a nicer swing to the needle, I think. A close-up shows my butchering, next time I will paint better.

The numbered faceplate of the CORSA Tach is too large to use so I had to put some numbers on the



new guy. I debated whether I could get by with just one number - in the middle - but then I went with the three you see. Idling will all be over on the left and the orange area will be where the engine is really torqueing out, so 20 - 40 will be shift points and such.

Anyway, I put this all together and calibrated it with 120cps from a

12 V transformer (full wave to get all the spikes) to give me 2400 RPM. I figure if it's reading right, in the middle - that's good enough. After shoe-horning it in there I mounted it all very nicely and then went to test it out. NO spark! Went back to see what was up and checked - everything - to find voltage at the points (externally adjustable, you know) but it was as if the points were closed all the time! Puzzled that one for a minute till I saw the Tach wire on the coil and said, "what did I just do?" I put in a new Tach... so that's where the problem should be. It was. I had not done my due diligence on bolting it all together after doing the



calibration @ 2400 and had bolted the signal lead tightly to ground. So, after loosening all the other connections and positioning them all - correctly - I was able to get the insulators in their proper places and merrily re-installed the works. The Spyder Dash has a brushed Stainless Surface so I matched a nice Glovebox door with a brushed Stainless sheet fancily adorned with a trunk logo off a '65. Note the chrome trim on that FC Glovebox door - hey, that was a trick! The gauges that I like are plastered in the middle where the ashtray used to be and a nice old fashioned Tick-Tock Clock (with a points-saving transistor inside to help winding it up) sits dead-center on top of the FC dash. Very easy to read, is this analog clock. Anybody need parts from a dead Spyder Tach?



Remember to Keep-On-CORVAIRing, **Fran**

40th Annual General Motors Car Clubs Association ALL GM CAR / TRUCK SHOW AND SWAP MEET



Live DJ playing music
Food vendors on site
Dash plaques to first 500 show vehicles

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022 • 8 AM - 2 PM
MINNESOTA STATE FAIRGROUNDS - MACHINERY HILL

ALL GM CARS/TRUCK WELCOME INCLUDING

*BUICK • CADILLAC • CAMARO • CHEVELLE • CHEVROLET • CHEVROLET/GMC TRUCKS • CORVAIR • CORVETTE
EL CAMINO • GMC/CHEVROLET MINI-TRUCKS • NOVA • OLDSMOBILE • PONTIAC • UNIQUE/OTHER GM*

Spectators: Spectator Gates open at 8 am—**New Time!**—

- General Admission: \$5.00/Adult
- Children under 12: FREE



Show Vehicles: Show Vehicle Gate open at 8 am—**New Time!**—

- \$15 Day of Show (includes one passenger)
- Show Vehicles must enter show at Larpenteur Ave & Underwood

For Sale Vehicles: For Sale Gate opens at 8 am

- For Sale Vehicles \$25 Day of Show (all makes welcome)
- For Sale vehicles must enter show at Larpenteur Ave & Underwood

Swappers: Swap Gate opens 7 am —**New Time!**—

- Swap Space \$25 Day of Show per 15' x 20' space - **ST-19 Required!**
- Swap vehicles must enter show at Randall & Dan Elmer Way
- All makes of parts are welcome!
- Optional Saturday swap setup available from 9 am - 12 pm on June 4th, 2022



COVID 19 Information:

- This event is subject to Federal, State, and State Fairgrounds COVID 19 mandates/requirements.
- Visit links below for updated Covid-19 requirements and event information

www.gmcca.com

www.facebook.com/GMCCAssociation

STATE FAIR RULES PROHIBIT: OPEN FIRES, BBQs AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. - PETS ON LEASHES ONLY

News from Virtual Vairs (Monday, May 23, 2022):

Everett White, of Madison WI, U. S. Army veteran, longtime member of Capital City Corvair Club, Vair owner / enthusiast / CORSA member, and for many years, the owner of Monarch Motors in Middleton WI, passed away on Wednesday, May 11th. Everett is survived by his wife, Darlene, of over sixty-eight years, three children, several grandchildren, other family and many friends.

Jerry Berger, U. S. Air force veteran, and ***Burt Neuner***, longtime members of the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts, Vair owners / enthusiasts and CORSA members, passed away within hours of one another, on Wednesday, May 18th.

More on the lives of Everett, Jerry and Burt, I am sure, to follow in the CORSA Communique, and elsewhere.

Ed Thompson
Milwaukee
'66 Monza sport sedan, 110-glide
continuous CORSA member since 1977

Test Your Car Smarts

"Borrowed" from CPCC Action Newsletter dated June 2006 Vol. 28, Issue 6 Quiz Time!

1. Disc brake pads return to their rest position because of the use of ____
2. Low engine vacuum indicates _____ engine load.
3. Hybrid vehicles use the _____ to generate electricity during breaking.
4. Windshields are constructed of _____ glass to help retain vehicle occupants.
5. Low fluid levels in the _____ can result in an illuminated brake warning lamp.
6. Ticking noises from an engine are often caused by the _____.
7. Vehicle speed sensor information might be shared by the speedometer, PCM, and _____.
8. Excessive NOx emissions are the result of excessive _____.
9. One _____ can replace several traditional V-type accessory drive belts.
10. Of the three wheel alignment angles, _____ is most critical for optimum tire wear

>> Look for answers on page 8 <<

CMI 2022 Schedule

Some upcoming events, shows and cruise-ins

- June** **05 GMCCA – see flyer in SEEL**, State Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 05 Bug In 36, Luther Volkswagen, St Louis Park, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
14 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul
 17-19 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds ([mrsrabacktothe50s.com](https://msrabacktothe50s.com))
 18-19 Art of The Car Show at The Stone Arch Bridge Show, Minneapolis 11:00-3:00 (Free)
 (<https://stonearchbridgefestival.com/art-of-the-car-show/>)
26 New Ulm Autofest Car & Cycle Show; Brown County Fairgrounds (Free) 9:00-3:00
 (<https://business.newulm.com/events/details/new-ulm-autofest-car-cycle-show-43217>)
- July** 02 Classic Car Show, Annandale 10:00-2:00 \$20/ show car (incl lunch) 220 Poplar Ln S
 03 Acme Speed Shop Car Show, Richfield 10:00-3:00 66th St & Chicago Ave
 07-09 Iola Old Car Show and Swap Meet (50th Anniversary) (<https://www.iolaoldcarshow.com>)
 12-16 CORSA International Convention – Peachtree, GA (<https://2022corsaconvention.com>)
12 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul
 29-31 Little Log House show, Hastings (<http://www.littleloghouseshow.com/general-information>)
 22-24 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN (Classic car show 7/23; 9 am-noon – Awards at 3 (\$10)
 (<https://www.montgomerymn.org/classic-car-show>)
- August** 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>
- October** 02 Roadsters Swap meet, State Fairgrounds, 5:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; \$5
<https://twincitiesroadsters.com/swap-meet>

Frequent Events:

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

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!*

2022 Annual CMI breakfast May 14th, TCT Ideal Hall



Answers to Test Your Car Smarts (from page 6)

1. Square cut caliper seals
2. Higher than normal
3. Motor generation
4. Laminated
5. Brake fluid reservoir
6. Valve train
7. Cruise control system
8. Combustion chamber temperature
9. Serpentine belt
10. Toe

If you got **4-7** correct: Not bad. You're ready to tackle many home mechanic jobs with the right tools.

If you got **10** correct: If your day job doesn't work out, fixing cars professionally might!

CMI Classifieds

1964 Monza Convertible - \$7,000 (Indianapolis, IN)



Driven 93,000 miles Runs great! Automatic, rebuilt engine, new convertible top, new battery and painted 2 years ago. Also have 55 Gallon can full of various corvair parts and the original owner's manual. Clean title and ready to drive away. Contact Eric Poole on Facebook (found on Corvair Trader)



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: corvairmleekyseel@hotmail.com. **Deadline is the 25th of the preceding month.**

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Spot a Vair!



Decatur Postmaster Chan Glosser inspects a new delivery truck, the first of its type in the region, 61 years ago on April 2, 1961. (H&R photo)

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THE LEEKY SEEL

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The June membership meeting will be held on the 14th at Ideal Hall – see you there!