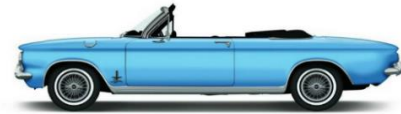




Leeky Seel

Corvair

March 2023



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message:

Happy March everyone, I hope you are all dug out of the snows. It wasn't fun, but as of tonight as I am typing this, we still have more of that white stuff to come!!

But we are hearty Minnesotans, right????????

Our last meeting on Valentine's day turned out ok, about 15 or 16 of us, but it was fun. Jim Brandberg has found new places for us to go see. Saturday March 18th, there will be a CMI tour at Odyssey Restoration in Spring Lake Park at 10:45 am. More information will be available in the Seel, be sure to read it. Thank you Jim!!

GMCCA is coming around in June, please keep some times open so you can volunteer for open positions on Sunday morning. We need volunteers!!

Our next meeting will be March 14th at Ideal Hall. Who will be driving their Corvair??? Stay safe with the snows,

President Tom
Tom Quinn



February Birthdays

- Norb Johnson
- Bob Kaczke
- Jim Olson
- Bruce Silseth



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

CMI Meeting

February 14, 2023

President **Tom Quinn** called the meeting to order at 7 pm. With 15 Members in attendance

Jim Brandberg was the only person that drove their Corvair.

Vice President **Gary Nelson** gave the tech session.

Fran Schmit wrote an article in the Leeky Seel regarding deflashing the heads. Gary wanted to do a hands on demonstration on how to deflash the heads properly.

Many years ago, Gary did not think much regarding deflashing the heads, but as years went on and the Corvairs got older, there seemed to be issues regarding the heads. Gary had a Corvair come in that was overheating, and nothing solved the problem except to deflash the heads. Which meant thoroughly cleaning it. Over the years, dirt, leaves, debris and oil will fill in the gaps.

Jim Brandberg discussed the Chili Party and how great it went. There was a great collection of cars. Approximately 45 people in attendance.

Aaron was in charge of the mechanic area and **Bruce** and **Randy** are the owners. Their father started a commercial flooring in 1976. It had grown to several locations in the upper midwest. Hanks Flooring. They had a grandfather that worked as a blacksmith and that's where their love of cars began.

Upcoming event - Saturday March 18 @ 10:45 Fridley/Spring Lake Park at Odyssey Restoration, they work on pre-war cars.

Jim Brandberg mentioned in the Leeky Seel, that CMI needs volunteers for the events that we have. We need people to step up and volunteer instead of 1 or 2 people taking on the events. Many hands make the work lighter.

Regarding GMCCA, we are a few months down the road. Pontiac is doing the car coral, CMI will be taking care of the gate. There will be another GMCCA meeting in March.

President Quinn wanted to say thank you to **KayAnn**, **Jim Brandberg** and **Dave Pederson** for all the hard work in setting up and organizing the Chili Cook Off.

Clarence Day donated a book Corvair Owners Handbook, with the funds going to CMI. **Ali Long** gladly accepted the book with a donation of \$5 towards CMI.

#5 was called for the drawing, **Gail Quinn** won \$5.

Next meeting will be March 14th

Also ideas. Do we want to do another spring kickoff.

As well, there is still CMI apparel that purchased. Make sure you get your spring wardrobe for the upcoming car shows.Â

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Amber Leah

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CMI Secretary



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Restoration Shop Tour

We had a great time in February at the Chili Party. Many thanks to our hosts Randy Grachek, his brother Bruce and Aaron Pratt in the Classic Auto Repair shop for opening up the great car collection, perfect food venue and interesting shop for us. Maybe I'm weird but the Jaguar V-12 transmission apart on a table and the other Jag six engine in a chassis were the highlights for me. A couple of different turns and I may have had a different life although I'm pretty happy with the Corvair thing.

Contact Classic Auto Repair if you need work on your car, they will work on anything and it all looks very good. There seemed to be a favorite car there for everybody.

I forgot to remove my name from the crock pot so I hope I didn't get chili votes from pity. I put my name on there a long time ago so the church ladies wouldn't steal it. <grin> Someone asked about a recipe but I just sort of wing it and it's a little different every time based on what we have around. I started with hamburger browned with onion and green pepper for a little color, then diced tomatoes and spices in the pan. In the crock pot goes tomato sauce and a small can of jalapenos. I had a can each of dark red kidney beans, light red kidney beans, chili (pinto) beans and black beans. It kept growing as I added stuff so it looked right, I opened like 11 cans. I like chili powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper in the meat. It seems like some of the spice stays in the meat and some releases into the sauce. We had such a wonderful assortment of foods for a nice round menu. I'm not sure if Kay Ann McDaniel steered people into bringing certain things as they RSVP'd or if it just naturally worked out. Dave Pedersen did all the shopping for beverages and tableware and we now have a collection of leftovers for another activity.

The next activity is Saturday March 18 at 10:45 when we can tour Odyssey Restorations in Spring Lake Park. I haven't finalized lunch yet but I'm hoping it's at Nearby Sunset Grill. (www.odysseyrestorations.com at 8080 Central Ave NE and www.sunsetgrillmn.com at 8466 Hwy 65 NE.) Odyssey Restorations specializes in concours-level restoration, repairs, maintenance and preservation of American Brass through Classic and early postwar European automobiles. They fabricate and do just about everything in house so it's especially interesting for those interested in how things work. CMI members have often attended the New London to New Brighton antique car run so I know some of us have automotive interest in more than Corvairs. Looking from the other direction, one of the guys at Odyssey is Mark Pearson. He has a turbo Corsa and his Father Gene Pearson drag raced Corvairs back in the day and worked at Midway Chevrolet when our Corvair club began meeting there in 1972.

It's not imperative but an RSVP so I have some sort of idea is good for both the tour and restaurant accommodations.

A lot of restaurants don't really take reservations these days but do appreciate advance warning for a big group and may actually be expecting us. Contact jimbrandberg@aol.com or cell phone 763-772-5650.

I'd like to say and hope you believe it's just a coincidence that our last few activities are on the north side of town. Remember we did go to South Saint Paul to look at airplanes. I'm still trying to nail down a date in April or May to caravan to Saint Cloud with some Franklin car guys to see the Roy Bernick collection. Setting that date then dictates to some degree when we can schedule our Spring Car Show and Breakfast at Ideal Hall. After May there's so much going on it gets hard to decide.

Jim Brandberg

Muffler Hanger Repair or Upgrade

A standard CORVAIR Muffler is mounted on one end of a Crossover Pipe. This is because both Manifolds dump into the one Muffler – obviously! My point is that the Crossover Pipe is also a good solid support, holding up the Muffler. The Hanger on the rear end of the Muffler just holds up the back end and keeps it out of the dirt. That's all true – ordinarily – but what about when you switch over to Dual Mufflers. Each Dual is held "UP" by that little Muffler Hanger in the back as well as how hard you clamp the Doughnut up front on the Manifold. Both techniques mount from the side, preventing rotation. FCs use a big strong arm to hold the Muffler 'UP', even when there is a Crossover support. So, Duals present a unique situation and therefore add undue stress to the Hanger.



Most Hangers let loose at their top hole under 'normal' use. Here you see one of those holes opened in such a manner that the Hanger will pivot about the bottom hole as it drops the rear end of the Muffler to the ground. See picture at the Top with a Dual completely under the engine. If a person were designing this Dual-setup, they would beef-up that hole so it could hang-on to its Stud, better! Usually, Duals are an afterthought, and each single Muffler is hung on its own Hanger without inspecting that little hole on top of the Hanger.



One way that a Hanger can be upgraded (without dismantling half the Engine's Sheetmetal) is by cutting out that corner of the hanger and welding in a reinforcement panel which is wider and maybe a little thicker than the original. The wider Hanger can reach beyond its Stud and span an open area of the Head where support hardware can be deployed. Here's an example of a welded-on reinforcement Panel, both in the air and



slipped-in below the Stud where it can extend over an empty part of the Head.

Two #10 screws are area on a sample Head. covered by other the same Stud so these those Sections together bolts prevent the Hanger This prevents the Muffler around its lower bolt. We such an installation with solidly anchoring the dismantled in a



shown dropping into that This chamber is also Sheetmetal that reaches added screws can tie while the pass-through from slipping sideways. Hanger from rotating see here an example of a pair of 1/4"-20 screws Hanger- forever! Easily teardown, as well!



Keep-on CORVAIRing,

Fran

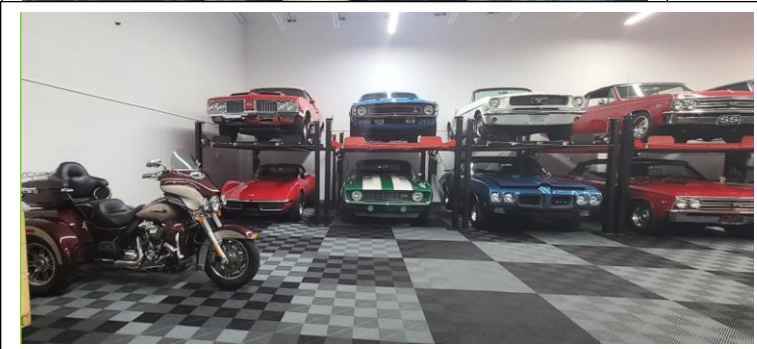
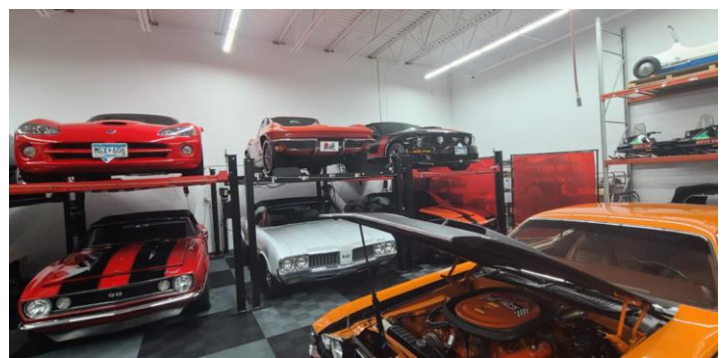
Corvair Minnesota Chili Party



CMI members had a fantastic evening at the Chili Cook Off. Brandberg came in 1st, Clarence 2nd, and Penny came in 3rd. Congratulations to our winners, as well, thank you to all our members that joined in on the fun of the Chili Cook Off, as well as many, many, many other delicious dishes! Thank you all!!!



All photos are courtesy Amber Leah and more may be found on the Corvair Minnesota facebook page



Thanks to Randy, Bruce and Aaron for hosting a wonderful event!

DUES NOTE



A reminder note from Jim Brandberg:

It's a good thing I'm not still the Membership Coordinator hounding people to pay their dues because it was brought to my attention that I haven't paid mine.

I know I had planned on paying at the Holiday Party and in was quite sure that I had as usual but could find no entry in my check book. Doh!

This morning I wrote out the check and looked for Treasurer Paul Schuler address in the Leaky Seel and didn't see it.

I remember I sent his address out last month when someone asked about it but here it is again:

\$20 Annual Dues to: Paul Schuler
 23350 Wood Lane
 Rogers, MN 55374

CPF

The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) - an affiliate of the Corvair Society of America - is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of the Chevy Corvair. The mission of the Corvair Preservation Foundation is to document all aspects of Corvair history and to preserve significant Corvair artifacts for the enjoyment and education of the public.



The CPF enjoys an active recovery and restoration effort for Corvair vehicles & artifacts of historic relevance, provides touring Corvair exhibits for the annual CORSA Convention and other major events, funds the [Frank Winchell Memorial Corvair Scholarship](#) program, and perhaps most prominently, operates the [National Corvair Museum](#) along historic Route 66 outside Springfield, IL.

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2023 International CORSA Convention

Hosted by Wisconsin CORSA Chapters

CORSA is pleased to announce that The Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin will be our Convention destination in 2023 starting on June 19 thru June 24, 2023. More info to come. You can check out the Chula Vista Resort online at <https://chulavistaresort.com/> And you can see all that Wisconsin Dells has to offer at <https://www.wisdells.com/wisconsin-dells-attractions/scenic-tours>

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Booking Code: i79431
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CMI Classifieds

Wanted: 1 or 2 EM aluminum slotted wheels. 4 bolts on 4 1/2" center. 5 1/2 or 6" wide.

I have two of 1 kind and one of another kind and would like to make a set of 4.

Maybe you have some and don't have a full set either. I don't want Uni-lug.

Trying to use CJ Schmit wheels on a low budget Rat Rod EM coupe project.

Jim Brandberg 763-444-9334 or jim@corvairrepair.com.

Wanted: 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

Needs a new home:

Vacuum Pump. 110 V AC. Fittings mate with Freon connectors. Rolls easily on four casters. Free home delivery within reason. [Fran Schmit](mailto:Fran.Schmit) (952) 929-9174 schmfran@hotmail.com



GM Signs and Memorabilia Wanted

Seeking original Chevrolet/GM/Pontiac dealership signage and memorabilia. original NOS parts AC Delco, United motors OK used cars sports dept. etc. looking for stuff in good to excellent condition. cash paid and will pick-up

[Chad Blomberg](mailto:Chad.Blomberg) (612) 214-1866 cbinthecloud@icloud.com

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.

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(as of 02/28/2023)

Spot a 'Vair!



The green machine saw lots of attention at the Palm Springs vintage trailer show. *Brian Goldin - facebook*

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THE LEEKY SEEL

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*The next CMI meeting will be held on the 14th of
March at Ideal Hall*