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Corvair

November 2023



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message:

HAPPY HALLOWEEN and welcome to November, it's cold out there!!!

We had our Club Fall Breakfast on Saturday October 21st. It was a great morning, wonderful food, lots of members and cars. The weather even cooperated! Let's hope we can have a spring breakfast!

The FRANKENSTEINERS ball car show was good. We were able to have all the Corvairs together, we all sat together, just needed a fire to keep warm as the weather was a bit chilly and wet. Thanks to all that showed up!

At the October meeting, Gary Nelson brought older Matchbox cars with him instead of a tech session. The cars were in their original packaging and all were auctioned off, the money went to our club. Fun times for everyone, I was able to get the bid on two cars, yeaaa me!

***** Don't forget the November meeting on the 14th. Elections will be held that night. *****

One of our members, Dan Fritsche was involved in a Motorcycle accident and was injured, please keep him in your thoughts.

Steve Peterson is still recovering from surgery, we hope he heals and comes back to see us, we miss him and Vickie.

Chuck Johnson we miss seeing you too!

President Tom
Tom Quinn

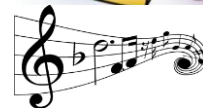


November Birthdays:

- Bill Cook
- John Herkenratt
- Brent Krause
- Travis Long



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 Minutes, October 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Tom.

(Amber and Ali were not in attendance, so I had to take notes which I'm not good at)

Thirty members were in attendance and one guest.

Two earlies, two lates, two Rampsides and one van were in the parking lot.

We talked about the sign that was made by Jerry Berge. Well done!!!

There was no tech session this month as Gary Nelson had brought a number of Matchbox cars that were donated, and a lively auction was held for the cars. So fun!!!! Tom and I got two.....

Minutes from last month were not read, it was passed that they would not be read.

Jim Brandberg talked about the Frankensteiners car show that will be held Saturday October 14th.

Saturday October 21st will be the Breakfast Club at Ideal Hall.

Anyone have any thoughts about tours or shows in November or December??

Nominations for new positions are as follows:

President: Dave Pederson, David Quinn

Vice President: Jim Brandberg

Board of directors: Tom Quinn, John Steiner and Greg Peters

All nominees accepted the positions.

Next meeting will be November 14, elections will be held that night.

Submitted by Gail Quinn (AKA Director of Treats)

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Post Season Play

We have Elections coming up at the November meeting. So far we have 2 candidates for President, 1 for Vice President and 3 for Director. Depending on how this goes, we may have a few open positions for the BOD to appoint someone to fill half terms. I like everyone who is running for different reasons so this isn't going to be easy. A good problem to have I suppose.

We were thinking one more activity in November or December to fill out the year would be sufficient. A visit to the Bell Museum of Natural History on a Saturday is being considered. If we arrive when they open at 10:00, view the Planetarium at 10:30 and have a tour of the rest that brings us to lunchtime. Rosedale is a hoot and a holler away or something on Snelling...? We have our Holiday Party at Ideal Hall as a January activity. After that we need to start being creative again.

We were very fortunate this year to have folks hosting events. Randy and Bruce Grachek along with Aaron Pratt hosted our Chili and Soup Party at Classic Auto Repair. Tom Rasmussen and Mark Pearson gave us a tour of Odyssey Restorations. Tom and Sue Masso got us in for a look at the Roy Bernick collection in St. Cloud and the Jeff Hasslen shop and collection in Otsego. We had hub people at Fleming Field, Prior Lake Car Show, Buffalo Antique Car Run, Osceola Wheels and Wings and Frankensteiners Ball to help us gather together and have a good time.

The efforts of Dan Quinn and Chuck Johnson to help keep GMCCA alive are much appreciated. We're grateful to Dave Pedersen and Tom Quinn who make our Spring and Fall Car Show and Breakfast happen at Ideal Hall, the Holiday Party too. We had a few folks volunteer to host events that we didn't get around to so maybe we're holding some rainchecks and there's some other good Activity ideas that we haven't gotten to yet as well. Please let us know if you would be willing to host or help arrange something again or have a new idea, it's very comforting to have some things in place ahead of time.

The efforts of many helpers this year made the job of Activities Director easy and fun. I love going places and doing things with my Corvair buddies and when I can just show up to enjoy the day without my clipboard it's like a dream come true. I don't know if hospitality and herding people are my strong suits. I haven't usually been much of a CORSA Convention attendee. I have a good time when I go but it's hard to get away.

At Wisconsin Dells this year my main focus was presenting my road racing Corvair for sale on a trailer so I missed out on doing the events with a Corvair. I can't really see myself going to California in 2025 but Dayton Ohio in 2024 may be doable. I got Chris to go this year by having other family there for the Waterpark Resort. My daughter lives on Long Island and her husband is a pilot so I wonder if I could play up the Birthplace of Aviation aspect as a meet in the middle destination. It looks like a 12 hour drive no matter which way you go so I'm thinking a meander down to Davenport or so before heading east might be a nice 2 day trip, hammering down the Interstate not so much. The Chula Vista Resort this year was very flexible on money down and cancellation policies, I've heard the place in Dayton may be stricter. I'm very much in a pondering mode. There's also the aspect of what Corvair to drive on a trip to consider. I'm always wildly optimistic about what I can do before Spring at this time of year.

I had a Sunday only visit to Back To The 50s because of CORSA this year and both of those interfered with the New Ulm Car Show. It seems weird to be thinking that far ahead so I'll knock it off. At this time it's all about what should we do to help alleviate our hibernation time until Spring. I've got some engines to build, one in particular...

Jim Brandberg

Corvair Minnesota,
Activities Director

The El Corvino:

Some of Dave Pedersen's handiwork

You've all seen Dave's vehicle but you may not appreciate all the detailed body work that was involved in its creation. Gary Nelson had the



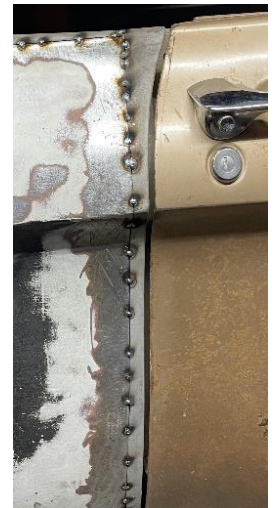
original idea but it turned out to be a very BIG job...so Dave picked it up. Here you can see what he got from Gary. Jim Brandberg did some hauling to aid in the project. The

basic idea was to put a 63'- 2dr Front, on a '62 Wagon Rear, topped by a 61's 4dr roof. Recall that the Wagon has the short doors of a 4dr. Welding the front of a 2dr to the back of a Station Wagon makes the vehicle nine inches longer (only 2" shorter than an Impala). Adding the nifty roof line of the CORVAIR 4dr (with the big lip!) accentuates that neat feature. One of the many things Dave did to satisfy his own sense of correctness was to change the looks of the door post (on a 4dr) when you open the front door. Originally, you see all the rear door's hardware. (Foto on left) Dave wanted to present the smooth view seen when you open a 2dr. This is what we can show here in comparison photos. When talking to Dave about changing out this door pillar it became obvious how much cutting and welding was involved in just this one part of the build. He obviously had to cut up



a donor car which had to be an early convert because he wanted the door to be built without that big square frame on the 4dr. The Convertible door's glass rises with no frame around it. This allows the glass to be cut to the shape of the new top. Allowing Dave more design flexibility. The photo also shows nine more inches of shiny new floor.

Cutting off the front of that side panel from the Convert and then properly fitting it to the Wagon's panel was no small task. Many small cuts lets you fit one part to the other so that stitching together can take place. The left pic shows how carefully he did the cutting but in the right picture we see the welding not only went up the vertical slit but it also turned and headed rearward, following more of the cutting that he had used to form the top on that panel. A small permanent window will be artfully wedged into that little corner, under the roof. The 4dr roof is mounted there and Dave had to decide how the bottom of the roof and the top of the Wagon body would flow together. Keeping in mind the overall CORVAIR belt line



structure that is the Early Model. The beautiful 4dr Lip that shelters the angled rear window has to be in line with the whole of the roofline. When he cut off the rear window from the donor 4dr, he needed to be certain he took enough, as

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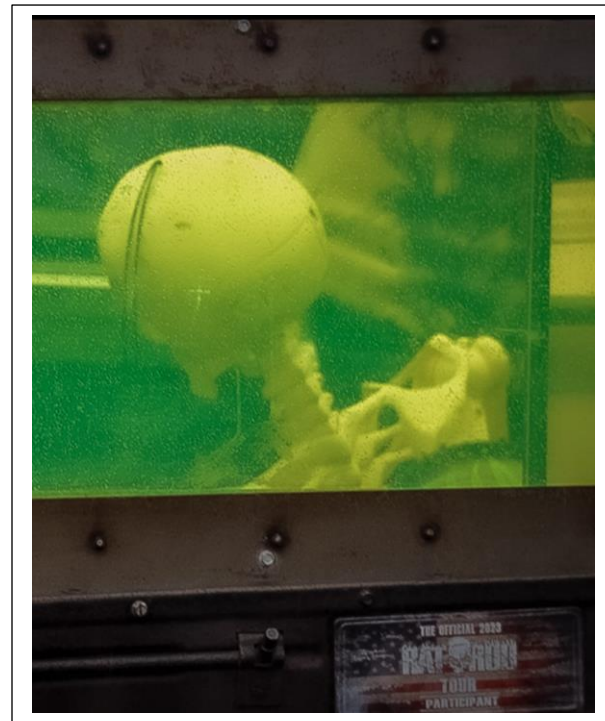
CMI at the FRANKENSTEINERS BALL 18



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There were more than 1150 cars at the annual Frankensteiners Ball on the Isanti fair grounds– CMI represented with 9 cars. This event is an eclectic mix of all type of autos from rat-rods to new vehicles. An exhaust rapping contest and a tire burn-out contest along with trunk-and-treats, and many food trucks added to the entertainment. For a different show experience with a more intimate feel than Back to the 50's; consider attending next year!



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a donated piece always has to be a little bit longer than needed. That roof joint cannot have two seams in it! When putting those pieces together you don't get to say, Ooops.

Here's where we get to see the donor 4dr being scalped. Remember this piece of "roof, window, body" has to be cut to fit on top of what used to be the Wagon's rear door – see the reddish door in the opening photo.



Piece by piece it was falling into his grand scheme. Dozens of photos click off every detail too numerous to catalog here. Clamping the roof sheets into welding position is meticulous work and a sheet like that could warp into one big Potato Chip too horrible to think about. This guy is an artist. Deciding that the side of the new vehicle has to be continuous with the top of that convertible door to the taillight made for a lot of cutting and welding to line up above the louvers. Dave's artistry and welding skill put all these four cars, White, Gold, Blue and Green together into one Gorgeous El Corvino. Don't you all agree?



Fran

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 some sizes in stock. but we can order whatever you want. **CURRENT PRICES AS OF 4-1-23** *(subject to change)*

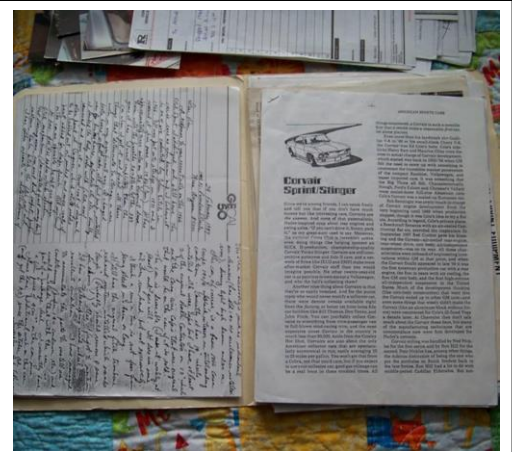
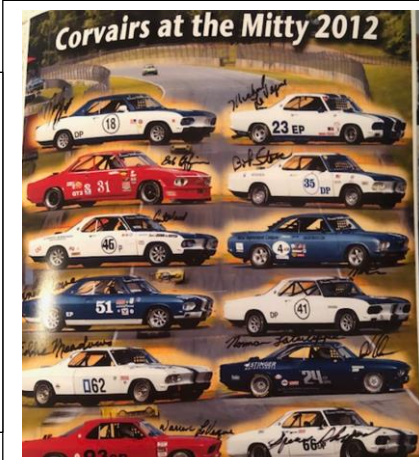
T-SHIRTS : Gildan crew, heavy cotton (size S - XXL)	\$20.00
Colors : black, white, navy, red, heather, slate	
SILKSCREENED T-SHIRTS : CMI logo front and back Gildan Crew (size M - 3XL)	
Colors : black, slate blue, white, sapphire blue	\$20.00
SHORT SLEEVE BLUE DENIM SHIRTS (size S - 3XL)	\$25.00
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SWEATSHIRTS : Hanes crew neck 90oz heavy fleece (size S - 3XL)	\$30.00
Colors : black, gray, navy, red, heather	
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Colors : black, white, navy, red (size 3XL)	\$30.00
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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 LOGO MAGNETIC DOOR SIGN (8 x 10)	\$5.00
CMI SELF ADHESIVE LOGO (8 x 10)	\$2.00

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- ** If you want the oval CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo embroidered, 7X10 add \$25.00

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

CMI Classifieds

FOR SALE I am clearing out my Corvair collection of Club newsletters, Corsa Communiques, Convention programs, archives and memorabilia. I have most original Communiques from the 70s on up to the present. If you are interested I can sell through eBay or through PayPal. Here's a few pictures. Thanks,
Irv Brock ivrbr@yahoo.com
 (115quad on eBay)



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 Thanks, Dave Pedersen

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

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**



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. **763-FourFourFour-9334**

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Spot a 'Vair!



Each year, the Hot Wheels Legends Tour hosts events worldwide, bringing in cars and trucks of every year, make, and model. At each of the events, one vehicle moves forward and gets one step closer to being immortalized in 1:64 scale and becoming the next Hot Wheels Legend. Previous winners have included homebuilt restomods meant for the track, as well as wild one-off creations that embody the creative spirit of Hot Wheels.

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THE LEEKY SEEL

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*The next CMI meeting will be held on the 14th of
November at Ideal Hall in St. Paul*