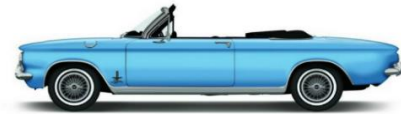




Leaky Seal

Corvair

September 2023



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message:

The weather isn't too bad lately, we hope for cooler weather as September gets underway. I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to nice warm days and cool crisp nights, fall is such a great time of the year!



We went to the Buffalo car show, on August 12. Nice summer day and a great showing of Corvairs! I was sorry to miss the August 19th show, but family birthdays that day.....

Remember the elections are drawing near, keep in mind who you want to vote for. Present, Vice president, Board of directors, and Activities director are open. Don't be shy, step up and volunteer for a position!!

Anybody going to the State Fair this week???

President Tom

Tom Quinn

September Birthdays:

- Floyd Ackley
- Dave Edwardy
- Joe Fricke
- Chris Hefty
- Alexandra Howes
- Terry Quesnal
- Gail Quinn ❤️❤️
- Paul Shuler
- Ray Willet



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, August 8, 2023

July minutes correction:

I would like to sincerely apologize to Jim Becker for not including him in the last CMI Meeting Minutes. Jim Becker graciously led The Corsa convention in Wisconsin Dells.

The program was a report on the CORSA International Convention which was held the last week of June in Wisconsin Dells. The program was presented by Jim Becker with additional details provided by several other members that were in attendance. Members were encouraged to plan on attending the 2024 convention in Dayton Ohio.

President Tom Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: 24 members 2 family members 1 non member

6 early models 6 late models 1 Greenbrier 1 van

1 new member Richard Prokop - his son Robert Prokop showed up in behalf of him.

Vice President Gary Nelson did the tech session. He spoke about how alternators. A alternator is alternating current and it changes to 12v DC; Half the weight of a generator. He believes that Chrysler was the first to use a alternator. Most alternators on GM are the same on a Corvair except for the mounting.

If you want to get some more power. You could take the back off of a alternator and make it go from 37 amp to 45 amp. The 1 wire alternator is from a marine and aircraft. If you decide to take apart a alternator, it's a good idea to mark it in order for pieces to go exactly back the way they should be.

The nut where the positive cable goes is not metric, it's not American, so it is highly recommended that you don't lose it because finding a replacement is near impossible.

Activities Director Jim Brandberg spoke about boring plates, boring a cylinder you'd want to torque it down to 30 lbs. He showed off the full finned cylinder that only came with the 1960 and 1961.

Gary : You could bore a 1960 piston for a later car. The full finned is beveled. The full finned are meant to be a little more sturdy
À Paul, clothing sales are still good. We have pretty good balance.

We thought we might have someone to take over the Website.. it costs almost \$200 a year. Should we continue the website, there is information on there. We need to decide whether to keep it. Ashley Ackley asked if there is a counter on the website. Dave... He found the club through a google search. There are some members that don't do Facebook or social media. We could possibly post some of our outings on the website. Jim... mentioned that he knows very little about computers, but he does have his own website, the domain is cheap, it's just the builder that is costly. It was decided that we will hold off until the September 12th meeting to decide whether we should keep the website.

October 21st is the planned day for our bi-yearly breakfast club meeting.

January Holiday party, is planned for January 6th. They still have to talk with the company and how much for subsidizing.

Bob Kaczke, brought the clothing.

Bob also brought a transmission jack and auctioned it off. (\$50 Jim Olson)

Brandberg: Saturday August 12th Buffalo American Legion is the New Brighton lunch stop, approximately 10:30 the cars are usually gone by 1.

August 19th Nowthen threshing show it's a 3 day event. Mike Manthe who is a member, he runs the parking. There's a lot of machinery, old buildings, a saw miller. The main feature is International Harvester.

On September 9th, in Osceola, Wisc. there will be airplanes. Buffalo is canceled due to construction. Many shows you should get there early in order to park together. Last year they had an air show, this year he doesn't know what will be planned.

Saturday, October 14th Frankensteiners show in Cambridge.

The next Saturday after that is the CMI Breakfast club.

August 19th Maple Lake Gear Head show.

We have the elections coming up... in August, we need someone to step up and be President, Vice-President, Director and Activity coordinator.

#22 Chris Hefty won the prize

Amber Leah

Amber Leah, CMI Secretary



The Days Are Getting Shorter My Friend

As I write it's supposed to be 98 degrees today so it's hard to believe Summer is coming to an end but it was still dark when I got up this morning. We had a good turnout at the Antique Car Run in Buffalo. I forgot to count the Corvairs, maybe a dozen in different places. They invited us to move up front but we actually drew a lot of interested folks to "the other side" just on our own merits. It was fun to see the old cars underway and they dropped some oil on the new asphalt with their open valvetrains and all. Reasonably priced hamburgers and bratwurst with good lawn chair visiting time. One tends to think of Buffalo being west of Plymouth but it's more like west of Rogers. West of Plymouth is more like Howard Lake. Similar to I-94, Highway 55 runs northwest, I suppose they key off of the Mississippi River. Running the square grid of County Roads after stopping at the Elk River Bakery had me going through Otsego, St. Michael and Hanover, turning west to Buffalo just north of the Crow River. I thought I was an early bird but Mike Bednarchuk beat me to it in a very nice 64 Spyder in a color that's hard to describe, sort of an Allochromatic Aztec Bronze.

It was also a good time at the Nowthen Threshing Show. The amount of machinery was astounding, makes Machinery Hill seem small. Our own Jim Becker had 2 tractors and some implements there. We had a nice reserved spot next to Mike Manthe's 57 Chevy. The Station Wagon rear is a nice styling finish for the fins, very nice lines. The end of the row in the corner was a perfect place for Dan Fritche's Greenbrier with a big awning for a shady place to visit. I think we had 6 Corvairs. Perhaps my favorite thing was a 1937 Maytag lawn tractor with aluminum present on the engine. Next favorite was the Steam Room with several pieces of machinery operating with almost no noise from an unseen remote boiler. We had 6 Corvairs in the morning, I had to leave to sell a guy an engine. Maybe some folks came later for the Parade in the afternoon and the Tractor Pull in the evening. It was a very good time and I wish I could've stayed longer.

Next up is Osceola Wheels and Wings on Saturday September 9. They say gates open at 8:00 but I'll get there before 7:30. They fill up the rows one by one so it's hard to park together but last year I managed to go a row further and then wave some folks over. It's a lot more fun when we can be in a group but we're somewhat at their mercy. There's an Air Show at 12:30. Last year we had divided forces with Buffalo Cars By The Lake on the same day but that's canceled this year due to road construction.

Frankensteiners Ball in Cambridge is on Saturday October 14, a good way to round out the season. Pre-registration and getting there early is the thing to do if you want to be in the thick of things. Any not received by September 14 will be returned. They let us in first and I think last year I got there before 6:00. This reminds me that I need to figure out why my gas heater is intermittent. It sure is complex for a simple system. I will have my cell phone 763-772-5650 and I answer sometimes.

Jim Brandberg

Corvair Minnesota
Activities Director

CMI 2023 Schedule

Some upcoming events, shows and cruise-ins

- September**
- 02-04 Rice County Steam & Gas Show, Dundas, <https://www.ricecountysteamandgas.com>
 - ~~09 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **cancelled due to road construction**~~
 - 10 Car Show & Food Truck Festival – Fleet Farm Brooklyn Park 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$10
[car show and food truck festival fleet farm brooklyn park 2023 - Search \(bing.com\)](#)
 - 12 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul**
 - 17 All Makes & Models Car Show for Charity, Apple Ford, Shakopee 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.
[All Makes & Models Car Show for Charity, Apple Ford Shakopee, September 17 2023 | AllEvents.in](#)
 - 30 Cars and Caves, Chanhassen Autoplex 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
[Cars and Caves - Chanhassen AutoPlex](#)
- October**
- 02 Roadsters Swap meet, State Fairgrounds, 5:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; \$5
<https://twincitiesroadsters.com/swap-meet>
 - 10 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul**
 - 14 Frankensteiner Ball 18 – Isanti County fairgrounds 3101 MN-95, Cambridge 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. <https://www.frankensteiners.club/>
 - 21 CMI Breakfast and Corvairs – TNT Ideal Hall, 8 a.m. – 12 noon



Frequent Events:

Saturdays, Anoka Car Show, corner of Fourth Avenue and Van Buren Street.
4-8 p.m. Aug. 5, 12 and 26; and Sept. 2) The season will wrap up with the Sept. 16 finale.

Mondays, Wagner's Drive In, Brooklyn Park [Home - Wag-Niters Car Club \(webs.com\)](#)

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

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; or contact Jim Brandberg (jimbrandberg@aol.com)



Breakfast and Corvairs

October 21st, 2023

8:00AM – Noon

Beverages available 8:00 – 10:30

Food served 9:00 – 10:30

Location: TCT Ideal Hall

1494 Dale St. N, St. Paul, MN 55117

Cost: \$20.00 per person (\$10.00 for Kids, 10 and under)

Meal includes: Eggs, Potatoes, Bacon, Fruit, French Toast Bake, Juice & Coffee

Please RSVP no later than October 10th

Send payment (checks made out to CMI) to:

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

(or bring payment to the Membership meeting)

RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED

Total # People @ \$20.00/ \$10.00 = _____ (List Names below)

Frankensteiners Ball 18

Isanti County Fairgrounds

October 14th 2023

Here are the particulars:

Pre-registration - \$15 by mail. All pre-registered cars WILL get a dash plaque. Registration forms must be received by September 14th. Any received after this date WILL be returned.

Pay at the gate admission is \$20. Sorry NO dash plaques (we will have limited supply that can be purchased.)

We will also have Family Pathways on site again collecting food and cash donations in support of the local food shelf.

Don't forget to bring treats for Trick or Treating by the kids.

FOOD VENDORS GENERAL VENDORS

More information will be on our Facebook page as it comes in, so check there for up to date info.

Don't forget to pre-order/pre-pay t-shirts

If you would like to order a t-shirt for this year's ball, please fill out the quantity and sizes on this form below. Include cost of the t-shirts WITH your pre-registration.

Complete the form below. Write legibly,
if we can't read it we will return it to you.
Make checks payable to:
Frankensteiners Car Club

*As in the past, this is a rain OR shine show

Neither the Frankensteiners nor Isanti County Fairgrounds are responsible for damaged, lost OR stolen items... especially parts of your car that we may want :)

----- Cut Here -----
Mail in Pre-registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Car Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Club: _____ Email: _____

S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___

Small / XL \$20
2X - \$20 3X - \$20 4X - \$20

Cut and mail this form along with your
Check or Money Order to:

Frankensteiners Car Club
PO BOX 48024
MPLS, MN 55448

CORVAIR MINNESOTA'S VISIT TO THE NEW LONDON TO NEW BRIGHTON
ANTIQUE CAR RUN. AUGUST 12, 2023



A Fuel Pump story



The other day my FC Fuel Pump (External Electric) began to leak. Investigation involved tearing it apart to find how it was built. The pump mechanism was clamped between two plastic end pieces that were also made to house the threaded fittings. Not a good idea, IMHO. Any cranking on the plastic housing puts stress on the ability of the system to hold two O-rings compressed. Didn't work. Placed An order to Clark's.



Just to be certain how things work, I figured I better find out what pressure the new pump will supply. I have a 0-10 psi gauge which I have used in the past but

just to make gauge. I psi so I looked to make 5 psi that as 11'- 6" as I don't that one inch



sure, I thought I had better test the wanted it to read correctly about 5 up how much water head it takes and it says 11.5 feet. Now I read but then thought I was being silly need to know anything so close will matter.



Now, where hang down – the top, which is 13 feet up from the basement floor.

do I find 11.5 feet, for a hose to filled with water! My basement stairs has an outside door at



of the door and down the stairs to the meter. Gauge reads zero psi when held at the top of the door, see pic with door in it. As I walked down the stairs the meter was level with the bottom of the 6.5' door so it read 2.8 psi and at the last step from the bottom read 5 psi at 11.5'. Good, the meter is correct. Then the hose came off the meter and I got a nice squirt of 5



psi water. I did it all over and read 4.9 psi...close enough.

My Clark's order came quickly – about four days. Nice looking pump (all metal case) threaded on both ends, with a filter – to protect the Pump, not the Carburetor – looks like



this: Measured Pressure on this Pulsating Pump is 6.5 psi. I'm certain my carbs can handle that much pressure but I will check all my connections once it is installed.

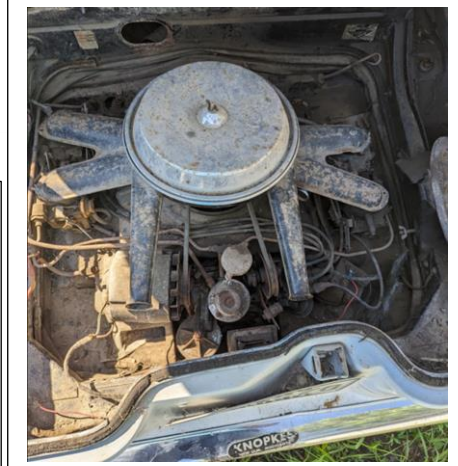


Goes right back on the crossmember where its predecessor had been: level with the bottom of the tank. I left the old filter on as it looked OK. Had to put the filter at an angle to clear the shift tube coming through the 'holey' tank. Visible along the tank's edge is the tank's air vent necessitated by the plugged vent hole in the cap.

All systems are 'go'.

CMI Classifieds

FOR SALE 1965 Monza convertible,
4-speed, 140 engine, turns freely, power top, Wheels turn freely
(See picture) \$1,200.
Located near St. Peter jimmyr.jr3@gmail.com (Jim Randolph)



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

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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THE LEEKY SEEL

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Hopkins, MN 55343-7722

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*The next CMI meeting will be held on the 12th of
September at Ideal Hall in St. Paul*