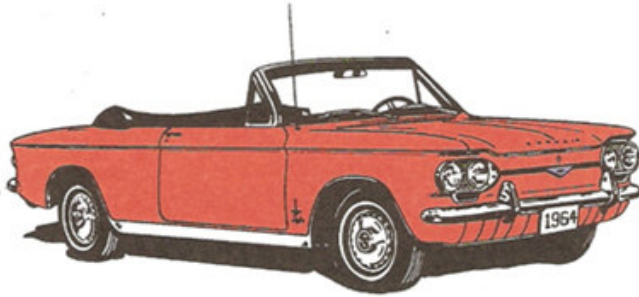


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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I recently ordered the March, 2012 issue of *Classic Motorsports* from their website, with the cover story "Rear Engined Rematch" featuring their '63 Spyder Convertible and a Porsche 356. The May, 2012 edition of the magazine contains Chapter One of their restoration of the car along with a short article on the Corvair's rise and fall (I love the photo of the late Corvair in gray). The magazine's website, [www.classicmotorsports.net](http://www.classicmotorsports.net), has a more comprehensive account of their project, which actually started in January of 2006. I haven't had time to read all their accounts on the net but I think it is important to note the Corvair is still respected as an innovative automobile.



Ironically, I've owned my '69 for almost as long as *Classic Motorsports*. I can't believe that it's already been six years since Cara made a wrong turn in Shakopee that led us to our little yellow coupe. Looking back, some of the most minor things made me the happiest, like discovering the loose wire that fixed the dome light and the short in the horn that



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drained the battery (so that's why the fender was always so warm). Obviously buying an older car that hasn't been restored is a gamble and you never know what you'll find. Given my limited mechanical skills, I think I was lucky to find a car that needed very little to make it a great daily driver. It still needs some tweaks but it took a magazine staff over six years to restore their car, so I guess I'm doing alright.

Cruise nights will be starting soon. For anyone who's interested, Hastings, MN holds cruise nights every other Saturday starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anoka starts theirs every other Saturday beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>. I'll bring these up again at our meetings every month. It would be fun to have impromptu meets at these cruise nights. I'll also bring a list of monthly car shows if anyone's looking for something to do.

Speaking of meetings, our first drive in meeting will be in Waverly at the Red Lodge Grill. This is an indoor restaurant so weather won't be a huge factor (who would have thought March would be warmer than April?). A map appears elsewhere in the SEEL. Hope to see everyone there.

Stay Tuned,  
Lee Knauf  
President.



# CORVAIR MINNESOTA



## Membership meeting April 10, 2012

The April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by President Lee Knauf. We had a total of 23 members in attendance and welcomed visitors Ralph Diers and Gary Anderson. We also had about a half dozen Corvairs at the meeting and Bill Cook's new Corvette. He had sold his '64 Corvairst to a gentleman in Buffalo, New York (irony).

The March Minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was updated with a current balance of \$3,378.08.

**Recent Events:** Vince and Gary gave a brief account of the train ride from Big Lake to the Mall of America.

### Upcoming Events:

**Pancake Breakfast:** The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at the MUM on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11am with clean up and evacuation before noon.

**May Members Meeting:** The May Members Meeting will be held at Red Lodge Grill in Waverly on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Supermileage Challenge:** Brad Knauf (Lee's son) has a team participating in this event, which is May 14<sup>th</sup> at BIR in Brainerd. Details appear elsewhere in the SEEL.

**Open Garage:** The Park Tavern Spring Tech Session has been cancelled. Rather, Jim Brandberg is hosting an Open Garage on May 19<sup>th</sup> in Isanti from noon to 5pm. Members are encouraged to meet at Park Tavern for breakfast before driving to Jim's garage.

Other events are listed in the SEEL.

### Other Meeting Items:

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Cliff Picht had a short DVD to watch on our Adopt-a-Highway commitment, which was very interesting. We then passed a sign up sheet for members to volunteer for our first clean up, which was scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed to meet at Dobo's prior to clean up for breakfast (this club sure likes breakfasts).

**GMCCA:** Registration forms and Show Worksheet were passed out for this important event, which will be on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Iola:** Bill Cook reminded everyone that he has rooms on hold for the Iola Car Show for July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall Run:** Our Fall Run is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The destination is Duluth to see the Commemorative Air Force Museum and visit the Prudden estate. Fran Schmidt has set up lodging at the Comfort Inn. Call 218-740-4500 to make reservations.

We broke for coffee (no treats) and Gary then conducted a short tech session. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Knauf  
Substitute Secretary

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**Treasurer's Report April, 2012**

By *Ray Alexander*, CMI Treasurer

<b>March 13, 2012 Balance</b>	<b><u>\$3422.64</u></b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues received (Hefty, Johnston, Poppe)	\$60.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
"Leeky Seel" Printing	\$78.91
"Leeky Seel" Postage	\$25.65
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>-\$104.56</b>
<b>April 10, 2012 Balance</b>	<b><u>\$3378.08</u></b>

# Open Garage

Corvair Repair LLC – Jim and Chris Brandberg  
A Grand Opening Celebration  
Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 5



Come join us as we begin a new chapter in our lives  
Lunch Tent with hamburgers, hot dogs and root beer  
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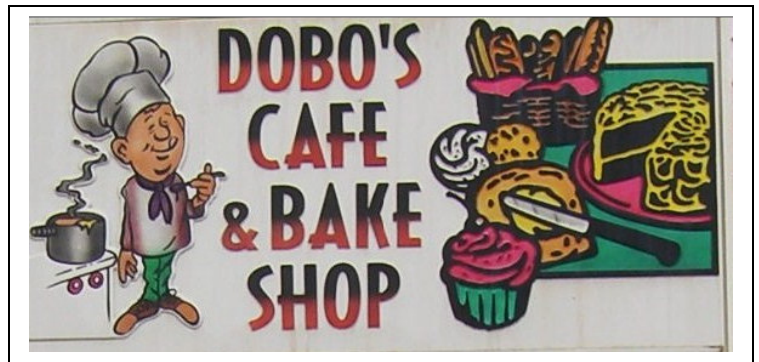
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Isanti, MN 55040-6061

5 miles west of Hwy 65 (Isanti) on Co Rd 5 at Raven St or  
2 miles east of Hwy 47 on Co Rd 5 at Raven St  
East side of Lake Francis

## CMI does AAH: Adopt A Highway

CMI has adopted a stretch of highway 55 (about 2-1/2 miles) near Loretto. On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, twelve hardy souls showed up to clean the accumulated trash and debris (after a hardy breakfast at Dobo's). Unfortunately, it began to rain in earnest about 1/2 ways through the job, but the group will meet again to complete the job. CMI will have a second clean-up day later in the year; I hope you will consider lending a hand.



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Model \_\_\_\_\_

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Car, driver & one passenger per admission

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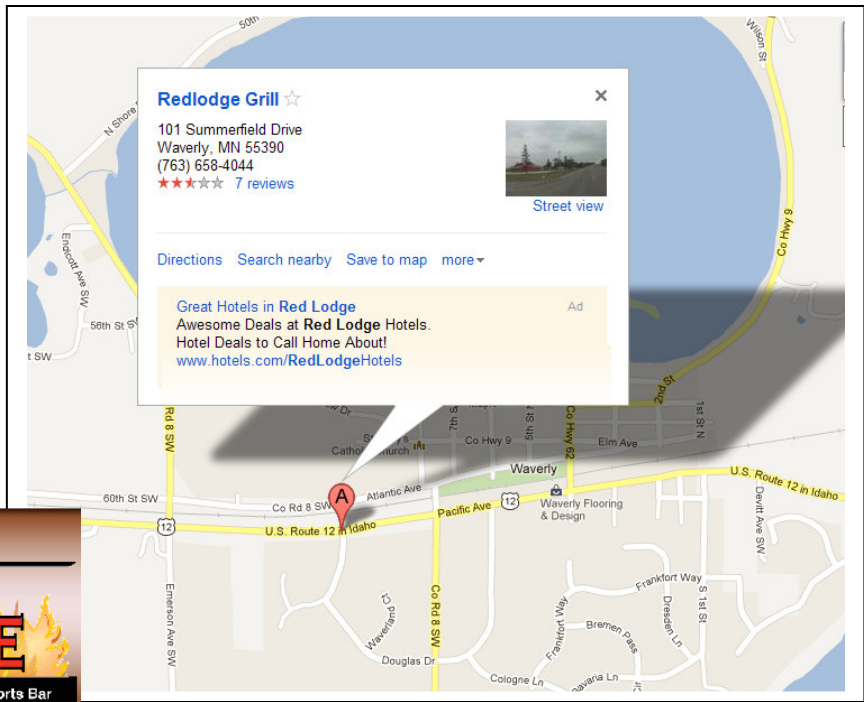
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# Corvair Minnesota Upcoming Events



- May**
- 05 Pancake breakfast – 9–11 a.m. at the MUM (Hwy 101 and Cty Rd 6, Plymouth MN)
  - 06 Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, Machinery Hill, State Fairgrounds ([www.gopherstatebuick.org](http://www.gopherstatebuick.org))
  - 08 Membership meeting - Red Lodge Grille in Waverly, **6:30pm**
  - 19 Jim Brandberg's "Open Garage" Noon – 5 p.m. See May SEEL, page 3 for flyer
  - 20 First Fifty Auto Parts Sale & Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds
  - 24 Board of Directors

- June**
- 08-09 Inventor's Congress in Redwood Falls  
(also parade Friday night and car show (?) Saturday)
  - 10 GMCCA – State Fairgrounds
  - 12 Membership meeting - Wagners' in Brooklyn Park (6:30)
  - 22-24 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds ([www.msra.com](http://www.msra.com))
  - 28 Board of Directors

- July**
- 04 Fourth of July Parade, Edina – Post Parade Picnic TBD
  - 10 Membership meeting - Minnetonka Drive-in in Spring Park
  - 20 Car Craft Summer Nationals Car show, State Fairgrounds (<http://www.familyevents.com/event/233>)
  - 25-28 CORSA National Convention Sturbridge, MA (<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/convention/>)
  - 26 Board of Directors
  - 27-29 Little Log House show, Hastings (<http://www.littleloghouseshow.com>)
  - 27-29 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN



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# Miscellanea

As a member of both Corvair Minnesota and Gopher State Chevys, I would like to invite you to bring your Corvairs to the following summer events.

East Bethel Car, Truck and Tractor Show, July 21st, 2012.

All makes and models are welcome at 8:00AM.

Located in East Bethel, 1 mile East of Hwy. 65 on 221st Ave NE.

Entry fee is \$8, with trophies and cash drawings at 2:00PM. Dash plaques will be given out.

Activities included: Parade at 11:00AM, Mini tractor pull, food [7:00AM pancake breakfast and 11:00AM lunch at the Senior Center] and music.

Hosted by Gopher State Chevys.

Cruise 'N Chill Every Friday Night at the Dairy Queen, located at 409 Old Hwy 8 NW in New Brighton. [North of County Road E] [651] 636-6560

7:00PM to 9:00PM until Labor Day.

Bring your Classic Car and Receive a Free Shake.

Hope to see, Tom [66 Corsa] Masso. [651] 492-9713

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Dear Corvair Club,

On behalf of my team, I would like to deeply thank you for your donation to us.

This is not a cheap endeavor; the batteries alone will cost over \$800. The charger/reversing contactor will be another \$150. Every bit is great appreciated.

The competition takes place in Brainerd on the 14th and 15 of May, with the first performances taking place at 2PM. More information on the schedule can be found at <http://www.mtea.net/supermileage/schedule.htm>.

Yours truly,  
Brad Knau

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Members! I am a member of CORSA [#0257894]. I have two (2) Corvair Ramp Side 95 pick-ups.

I am looking for one of the T-5-(5) speed transmission that was built by Boxer/ Linn Richardson Group.

Clark's sold some (12-18 I am told). I am trying to locate someone who has one or someone with some information about them. I have all of the information that was on the Web, but no one answers my faxes or emails.

I put a classified ad in the CORSA Communique, but no answers. If you would let all of your members know that I am looking for any information – it would be appreciated.

[Smokeystoffer@sommersetstudios.us](mailto:Smokeystoffer@sommersetstudios.us) FAX: 510.553.9400 CELL: 510.385.4227

## For Sale

All -

After much thinking, Jodi and I have decided to sell our **1963** Greenbrier Deluxe.

It is just not a practical vehicle (and we have 2 other Corvairs) to have with 2 little kids in child seats. Jodi is not able to drive the van like she wants to, and is uncomfortable taking both kids in it.

It is a nice running, and driving van, which currently has a low mileage (sub 40k) 110hp, from a '67, mated to a powerglide.

The van was originally a 4-speed, and I have some of the parts to convert back.

It is not a concurs van, but a very respectable driver, and could be very nice without too much work.

It has 4 brand new tires, BFG Radial TA white letter, with 0 miles on them, 4 new shocks, blasted and painted body color rims.

I have many extra parts, and the van is very solid for a van that has been in the mid-west since new.

We are asking \$4000, obo. Some of the extras (factory roof rack, factory dash clock, west coast mirrors, NOS 4-way flasher, factory camper window screens, etc, can be negotiated, as well as the original 80hp FC motor, which needs rings).

I would not hesitate to drive this van on any of our events.

Due to our new vehicle strategy - I would consider a trade, or partial trade for a Rampside (no Jamie, no loadside) that I can use as a "work truck" when needed.

If you have interest, or would like to see [additional] photos, please let me know.

Eric Prosize DeWitt, IA

Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts Corvair Minnesota Corvanatics  
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# CMI Classifieds

## FOR SALE

- '64 - steering box (core value \$145.00) rebuilt \$185.00
- '62 - 3 piece front trim NOS \$250.00
- '65 - front grill - very good \$100.00
- '63 - 700 rocker trim (narrow) NOS
- '62 - 500/700 (narrow) rocker trim NOS
- '61 - '63 car steering box - used (core value \$125.00) \$125.00
- '65 - '66 steering box - used (core value \$125.00) \$125.00
- '65 - '69 headlight bezels NOS (1 right, 2 left)
- '64 rear exhaust air grill NOS

Jerry Berge 480-250-8816

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To All - The time has come to sell Two of my Corvairs. Which two depends on the interest of possible buyers, currently I have '64 Spyder Coupe, '63 Spyder cvt. and "Fred" ('61 flatbed). Most of you are familiar with the cars, because I've had them all for several years. If you have an interest in any/ ALL, e-mail me, or call 763-427-7331, Cell # 612-418-3636 Thanks, Wally Couture

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**1963** Corvair 700 - \$3200 I bought this car because it has a nice straight body with good body lines. Very, Very little rust. Drives nice, goes down the road very well. Good brakes, gas gauge works but is not accurate. Original am radio works well, all lights and heater work. Engine has good compression and runs strong and smooth but it does have a noise. Flat 6 cyl pg automatic. Wife wants a convertible so this one has to go!  
Call Bernie at 319-350-9537 (Fairfax, Iowa) \$3200



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**New:** Engine electrical harness, ball joints, Pertronix ignition; headers (110 and 140); custom exhaust; Wallen rebuilt starters generators and alternators; mufflers; rebuilt flywheels; new belly pan for late; crank and rod bearings.

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