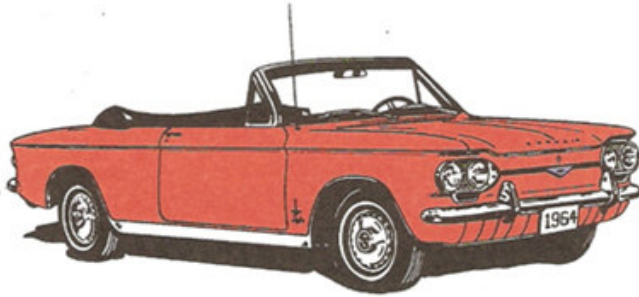


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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I've owned a number of cars through the years. Some I recall fondly, such as my first Corvair, my Sebring Convertible, and my '98 Regal GS. Others were just basic transportation like the black Chevy Corsica I drove for nine years. And then there are some that I look back on and have a "what was I thinking?" moment. For example, what possessed me to purchase a 1987 Mitsubishi Mirage four door? And a retired rental car to boot (and the only one I had to replace the transmission on).

I find myself in that situation again after going to the Classic Car Auction the last Saturday of April. It was a rainy day when Cara and I went first to Ellingson's Museum in Rogers. They were auctioning off all their memorabilia and closing the museum, shifting their focus on just selling classic cars and trucks. I purchased the only Corvair item, a 1966 dealer catalog. In retrospect we should have called it a day and went home but we drove to the Fairgrounds just to see what an automobile auction was like.

Needless to say the interior of the Grandstand isn't nearly as classy as the venues you see on the Speed Channel. We found a couple chairs (bleachers) and watched the cars go by. I wasn't really interested in too much of what they had other than a '78 Turbo Regal, but there were some nice cars. There was also a 1963 Chris Craft wood boat. That caught Cara's eye. It needed work but it was extremely cool. When it came up the bidding started high but then dropped quickly. Then the reserve came off and I raised my hand. Several bids later, the boat was out of our price range and someone else took it home.



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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

June 2012

However, I kind of got swept up in the hoopla and forgot to put my hand down as the next item came up for bid. Before I knew it, I was the proud owner of a 1985 Mercedes Benz 500 SEL. For those of you unfamiliar with Mercedes nomenclature, the L stands for "Long Wheel Base" as in 121.5 inches. This thing doesn't even fit in our garage. Well I settled up with the auctioneers and drove my prize baby blue Merc with the dark blue interior home. Then I drove it to Mankato to Unique Motors to have them sell it for me. Don't get me wrong, it's a nice car (the flagship of the Mercedes line in 1985) but it's not me. Someone will get a very nice car for not very much money, I'll break even, and the Mercedes will go under the "what was I thinking?" file of my automotive history.



Shameless Plug—Car can be seen at Unique Motors in Mankato or at

www.uniquemankato.com

Stay Tuned,
Lee Knauf
President.



CORVAIR MINNESOTA

May 8, 2012

President Lee Knauf called the meeting to order at 7:03 at the Red Lodge Grill in Waverly, MN. About 30 members and guests were present, including three generations of Berges.

April Minutes: Read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ray reports we have \$3401 in our treasury.

Recent Events:

Adopt-A-Highway: This Hwy 55 clean-up became a two day event due to weather and slow workers the initial Saturday. The crew the second day was outstanding. Cliff Picht thanked everyone who assisted either or both days. In response, the workers thanked Cliff for getting us a location abutting a good restaurant. We will clean again in October.

Spring Pancake Breakfast: We fed about 60 people excellent pancakes using Clarence's secret recipe. One or three tech sessions were held in the parking lot.

Upcoming Events:

May 14: Eden Prairie High School Supermilage Challenge: Lee's son Brad is a member of the high school team preparing a car for this contest at **Brainerd International Raceway**. CMI is one of their sponsors, so spectators encouraged!

May 19: Jim Brandberg is hosting an open house and lunch at his repair facility in Isanti from noon until 5. Those wishing may meet at the Park Tavern for breakfast before trekking to Jim's for lunch; dinner is on your own.

June 8-9: National Inventors' Congress in Redwood Falls. .Fran is looking for company!

June 10: GMCCA car show at the State Fair Grounds. We would like to better our record of 32 vehicles last year, so be prepared! A few time slots remain for working the entrance gate, please see Chuck. If you have never attended this show, you should experience it.

June 12 Meeting: Journey north of 694 to Wagner's North

July 4 Parade: We will enhance the Edina parade as usual followed by a picnic hosted by the lovely Mary Schmit with some assistance from Fran. Bill Cook mentioned the Delano parade would welcome us, too, if we ever desire a change of scenery.

July 13 – 15: Iola WI. Bill Cook has once again found us good hotel rates for Friday night at the Stay Inn & Suites.

July 27 – 29: Little Log House in Hastings is highly recommended. Added the Porky's Drive-In last year.

September 1: Fire and Ice returns to Marshalltown, Iowa. .it is worth the trip!

Fall Run: Plans are for a Duluth trip Sept. 15-16 and Fran is searching for lodging. Activities will include a tour of the Commemorative Air Force Museum Saturday and the Prudden estate on Sunday.

2013 National CORSA Convention: Kalamazoo, Michigan won the competition to host this event. This is a drivable distance, so you now have only **12** months to complete your projects for display! There are a number of great car museums in the area so plan on attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 to eat and congregate outdoors.

TECH SESSION: Misc. numerous sessions in the parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson

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Treasurer's Report May, 2012

By *Ray Alexander*, CMI Treasurer

April 10, 2012 Balance	<u>\$3378.08</u>
Income:	
Dues received	\$140.00
Total Income:	\$140.00
Expenses:	
"Leeky Seel" Printing	\$78.91
"Leeky Seel" Postage	\$25.65
Cliff Picht (tools for Highway Clean-up)	\$12.79
Total Expenses:	-\$117.35
May 08, 2012 Balance	<u>\$3400.73</u>



Traveling East

Over Easter weekend, I was invited to a wedding near Philadelphia. A number of old friends would be attending, so I began watching air fares ... which kept edging upwards. In addition, car rentals were no longer \$100 for a week of unlimited miles. As air fare went up more, I decided Gary could continue fixing Corvairs just like when I didn't help him, so I concluded I did indeed have spare time to drive to PA.

My dilemma was how to break up the driving so I could be alert for at least some of the time. I needed ideas which took long enough so I wouldn't jump back on the expressway and recognize passing the same cars I had previously.

I dug out my folder of Auto museums and began googling to see which ones were still in operation and open for the season.

I began my first day by staying with old friends in Janesville, WI; they are always fun to see, think it is perfectly fine for guests to stay one night, and serve great food. . . and drinks. This also positions me to hit Chicago post rush hour.

My first stop was Hostetler's Hudson Museum in Shipshewana, IN [<http://www.hostetlershudsons.com>]. Eldon Hostetler, despite being raised Amish, has always owned and loved Hudsons, so he and his wife have restored a number of them over the years to create the WORLD'S largest Hudson museum. I knew the museum was closed for the month of March so I called enroute to ensure they had re-opened. No one answered so I left a message. A mechanic returned my call to say they had not reopened and he was the only one there. I detected he might be willing to let me in anyway, but I didn't pursue it. It will be a good stop on a future trip.

I reprogrammed my Garmin for Auburn, IN and the Auburn/Cord/Duesenberg Museum. I've gone past the Auburn exit many times while driving between Indiana and Michigan, and even attended the ACD reunion one year; always intending to stop "someday" to tour the museum; I decided that I might run out of "somedays". From the info I printed, the museum is open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, and this was Tuesday. I arrived at 3, it turned out I needed all 5 hours for the visit.

What a great museum! It is housed in the art deco Corporate Showroom where vehicles were displayed for dealers. It has been restored to much of its original grandeur and the building alone is worth seeing. Starting in the showroom, about 20 original or restored cars are on display. . There were a dozen more galleries, including:

- The Cars of Frank Lloyd Wright
- The Allegheny/Ludlum stainless steel 36 Ford, 60 T-Bird, and '67 Lincoln
- Cars of Indiana
- E. L. Cord's office, Leamy's and Buehrig's design offices.
- Engines – Auto and Aircraft
- Automotive Art

Given these were very high end cars when new, the owners' histories are often as interesting as the cars themselves. These cars were especially popular in Hollywood. But one particularly interesting unrestored 7 passenger Auburn had originally been presented by a local father to his daughter if she would break up with the lout she was dating (so he bought her a 7 passenger???). Everything was fine until he caught the couple together. . .the car went into storage until it was uncovered years later.

If you read enthusiast's magazines, many of the cars are recognizable and it is a treat to see them. All told, several hundred cars were on display, it was truly overwhelming.



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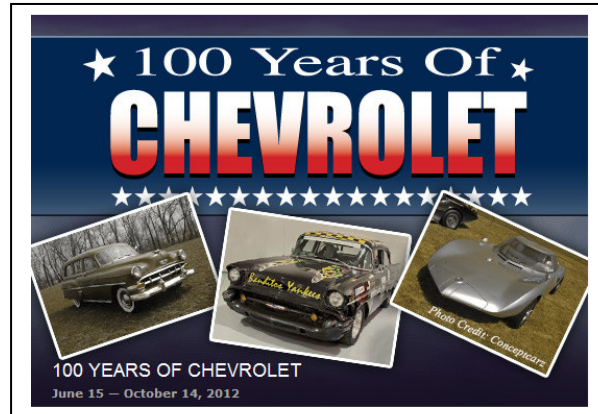
Day 3

I wanted to make Hershey PA or thereabouts this day so my break was midday in Warren, Ohio at the National Packard Museum. In addition to the Packards you might expect, they had a historic motorcycle display, including a Zundapp which unfortunately didn't have a Corvair engine. Several of the Packards were donated or loaned by the Joy Families of Detroit, Henry Joy had been one of the CEOs of Packard. I once worked with a grandson-in-law in Detroit and wished I had probed the family history a little more.

This museum was good, but anything would be a letdown after the ACD museum. This was a very good 1 – 2 hour break from driving but I wouldn't recommend it as a destination.

Day 4

I was in Hershey, PA and the Antique Auto Club of America (AACA) museum. It is in a new building of three levels and well done. You can tour the exhibits in chronological order and watch the development of the automobile. They had several kiosks with short videos which were especially well done. They had also strived to make exhibits interesting to school kids which added another whole twist. Once again, there was a special motorcycle exhibit, and once again, it featured a Zundapp. They also had 2 of the Allegheny/Ludlum steel cars on display. . .they were missing the '36 Ford which is the most common one. The basement also houses a bus museum which I enjoyed due to its uniqueness. . .I had seen most of these vehicles only in old movies. The AACA has a number of events here throughout the year, this is worth visiting. [<http://www.aacamuseum.org>]



RETURN TRIP

I am usually less patient on the trip home so I only toured one museum, the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH. I had toured here in the early 70's and it has grown immensely. The development of the airplane is chronicled as expected, but the World War details were very educational. Since a large proportion of POW's are USAF, there were many pictures and explanations of the various countries and prisons they were held in and escaped from. Again, this museum was set up for educational school tours, so the exhibits' explanations were easy to understand and entertaining. Not being an aviation nut, I can not give adequate explanations but there is a virtual tour at: www.nmusafvirtualltour.com/full/tour-pkg.html. In fact, there is an entire Aviation Trail with 13 attractions in the Dayton area.

I spent an entire day here and did I mention it is FREE!

LEFTOVERS:

Another Packard attraction, America's Packard Museum, is in a restored Packard showroom in Dayton but I did not take time to see it this trip. There is also the Studebaker Museum in South Bend which I've visited before and will see again in the future.

Had I done my usual loop through Michigan, I would have visited the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. I may see it yet this summer as it is one of those I keep intending to visit again "someday". If not, I'm guessing it will be a tour during next year's CORSA convention. It has grown quickly in recent years and has a website you can enjoy. View it to decide if you want to visit it next year even if it is not part of the convention itself.

My final night on the road was spent at the home of a good college friend with Alzheimer's. He has always been remarkable in not gaining weight and being easily recognizable after all these years. This makes it all the more disconcerting when he looks at you and talks and you have no idea what he is saying. His wife gave me a little coaching before we picked him up from Day Care and we did fine.

. . .but it sure makes me expedite my "somedays".



Pop Art! Father's Day Car Show June 16 & 17, 2012

A Father's Day Weekend Tradition at the Stone Arch Bridge Festival

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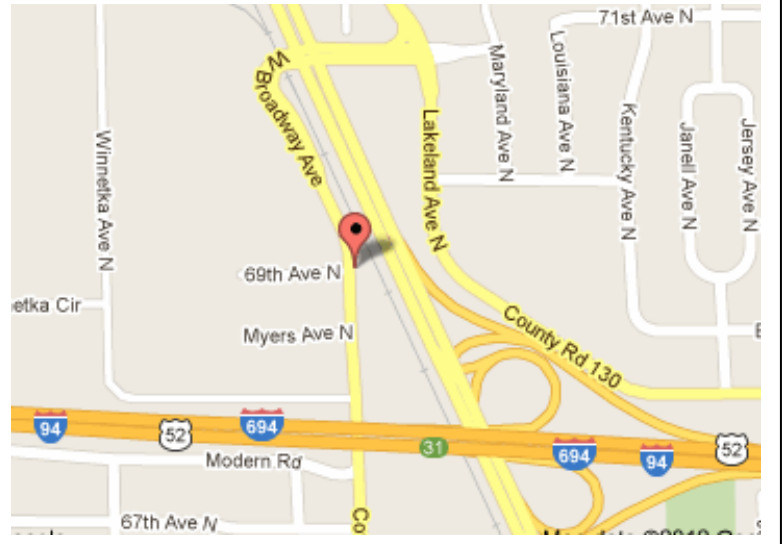
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Corvair Minnesota Upcoming Events



June 12th Membership meeting
7000 West Broadway Avenue 6:30 p.m.



- 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)
 - 16-17 Stone Arch Bridge Festival (see flyer on page 5)
 - 22-24 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds (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

- August**
- 14 Membership meeting - Peppermint Twist in Delano, 6:30
 - 17-19 Corn-on-the-Cob Days, Plainview, MN
 - 30 Board of Directors





2012 Dew Days Car Cruise Friday June 15th



\$5.00 entry fee

Friday June 15th, 2012 4:30 line up Cruise leaves at 7:00 sharp

Join us for the 3rd annual Dew Days Car Cruise on Friday, June 15th, 2012 in Historic Downtown Farmington. The cruise begins at 7:00 pm leaving from the Dakota County Fairgrounds (4008 220th St. W, Farmington, MN, 55024). We will follow the parade route through downtown going north on 3rd. St. to Spruce street, east one block to 4th street and then head south back to county road 50. From there we will head out of town for a 20 mile scenic cruise and end up back downtown (Only the first 150 cars will be allowed back into downtown) for great live music and to give out the awards.

With your 5.00 dollar cruise entry you will be eligible to win a ton of great door prizes such as Minnesota Twins Tickets or an autographed Minnesota Vikings Cheerleader calendar and get your picture taken with the cheerleaders! FREE LIVE MUSIC starting at 8pm in historic downtown Farmington. For more information, please call Bruce Matzdorff @ 612.298.0094 or visit our website @ www.farmingtondewdays.com.

Best appearing car receives an event plaque and a \$150 dollar gift certificate to Family Fresh Foods!

Most Unique cruiser receives an event plaque and a \$100 dollar gift certificate to Family Fresh Foods!

———Door prizes include ——

- ◆ Minnesota Twins tickets (56.00 value) - 6 pair
(Seats are in the Our Family foods family section)
- ◆ 2012 Minnesota Viking cheerleaders autographed calendar
- ◆ 4 drawings for a \$ 25.00 visa gift card



Free music presented by



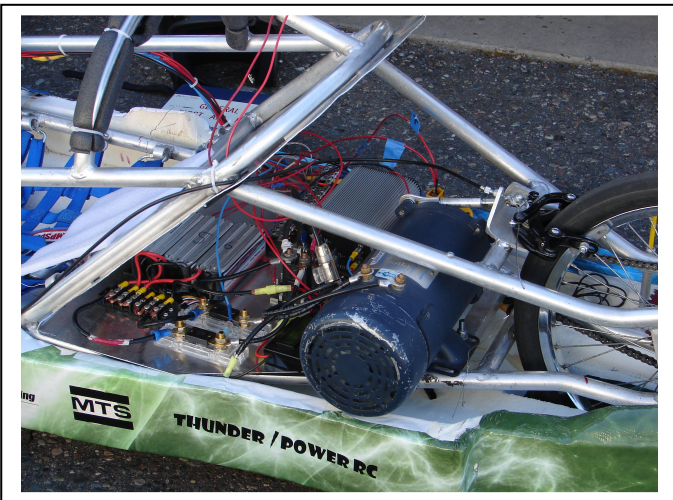
8:00 pm—Midnight

First 150 cars receive a gift bag!

CMI Sponsored Super Mileage Car Takes 1st Place

The Super Mileage Challenge team my son, Brad, was on with the Eden Prairie High School took first place in their class at Brainerd on May 14th and 15th. There were three classes of vehicles and their car was a pure electric. It used six 25.2v LiPo batteries, each with a capacity of 3.85 amp hours (appx. 97.2 watt hours). Only three were in the car at any time.

The average "gas" mileage was 4.53 watt hours per mile, and their best run was 1.83 watt hours per mile. We can go over 450 miles with one Kilowatt hour, which is about 10 cent's worth of electricity.



Lee Knauf

CMI Classifieds

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- '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

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| 65 | Rocker panel trim | \$150.00 |
| 64 | NOS Rear Grill | \$150.00 |
| all | 2 Speed Wiper Motor w/wire harness | \$ 20.00 |
| 65-69 | Clock NOS | \$ 65.00 |
| | Used distributor | \$ 25.00 |
| 65 | Good Used Hub Caps (4) | \$ 40.00 |
| all | Licence Plates, 62-64 w/tabs, 65 | \$10.00/pr |
| all | Rear Engine Comp. Rubber seal | \$ 10.00 |
| all | Oil Filter Adapter w Bolt | \$ 20.00 |
| | Late front Spoiler, repairable | \$ 10.00 |
| | Late dash Shifter Lever | \$ 5.00 |

Assorted Tune up Parts price on each item
Rich Buratto 612-743-6706

FOR SALE: "R ROGUE", my **1966** Monza Convertible.

Most of you are familiar with my car, but for those of you who are not; Red/red with white top, 140/4speed, dual master cylinder with fairly new front brakes, electric fuel pump, electronic ignition, new clutch, all Viton seals(no oil leaks), new fuel sending unit, mechanically very sound.

Drives straight and strong. Interior in excellent condition, all electrical works, including original AM radio and power top. Call, or e-mail for more information and/or pics. Cliff Picht - cell 612-599-1328, home 763-421-8612 or e-mail cap_minn@yahoo.com



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

To all the CMI'ers, It has come time to sell my **1964** Corvair Monza Convertible (aka Trophy Magnet) I have owned this car for 23 years. I wanted to let CMI know that the car was up for sale before I put it on Craigslist, etc. Most of you know the car from GMCCA, Stone Arch Show, Edina Parade, etc. This car got a Bronze at the Cedar Rapids 2010 CORSA National Convention. I recently sold my yellow 65 and red 63 Spyder. The black 64 is the last to go. No I'm not abandoning CMI, just doing some other things, and need to be able to get all my vehicles in the garage. Thanks Rich Buratto 612-743-6706



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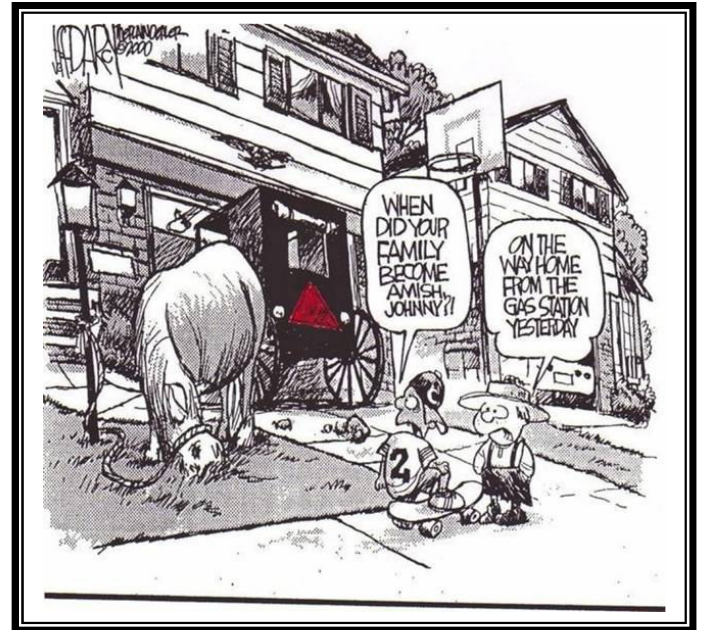
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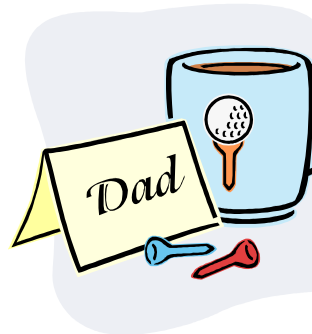
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