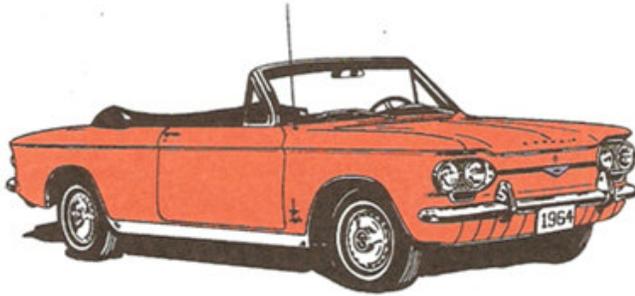


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President's Page

Let's see. April 19th. Income taxes filed? Check. Store inventory done? Yep. Corvair at Jim's for a spring tune-up? Yes. Six inches of snow shoveled off the driveway? WHAT??? For all the snow birds in the club (AKA CMI Southwest) you came back a month too early. We are still having winter here in Minnesota. I'm looking out my office window at a very wintry looking and extremely white back yard. Cara loves snow but even she's said enough is enough.

My preferred route to and from work means I drive past the used car lot where I purchased my '69 seven years ago. Coming home from work recently, I couldn't believe my eyes. I had to drive around the block to verify that it was. And yes it was. There sitting under a fresh layer of snow and ice was the '85 Mercedes I accidentally bought at auction last year and sold out of Mankato. It still had the air freshener and cheap plastic floor mats I had installed plus about 11,000 more miles on the odometer. I wonder if they figured out how the radio works.

Spring activities this year include taking care of a few niggles on our Corvair. I'll be spending some time in early May replacing window fuzzies and weather stripping on the car as well as installing a radio that I can plug my iPod into. I'm also toying with replacing the seats with something more comfortable but may just replace the cover on the passenger's side bottom, which is the only area where the stitching has pulled apart. I may also go to 14 inch wheels if my current 13 inch tires need to be replaced. I've always liked the look of the Honeycomb wheel covers from the '78-'83 Chevy



SEEL

CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2013

Malibu and think they would look great on a Corvair. Opinions?



Elsewhere in the SEEL (editor permitting) is a partial list of cruise nights and drive ins from MCCA. If you're looking for something to do some night, contact some club members and have a Corvair showing. Cara and I have gone to some in the past couple years and we always see great cars as well as Corvairs we don't know.

Our first "Drive-in Meeting" is at The Fish Tale Grill in New Prague. The food is great as is the service. They have a special group area for us. They even have outdoor seating and, who knows, maybe the snow will be gone by then

Stay Tuned
Lee Knauf
President



CORVAIR MINNESOTA General Membership Meeting

April 9, 2013

The meeting was brought to order by President Lee at 7:15 p.m. with 19 people present. Cody Berge, (Jerry and Lois' grandson) was there as a guest.

Twenty people were present at the meeting in March at the Minneapolis Auto Show.

Upcoming events on the CMI calendar:

GSTA this weekend

April 20th Pancake B'fast 9-11 a.m.

April 19-20, Inventor's Congress

May 4, Adopt-A-Highway cleanup 8 a.m., Dobo's

May 14, Mtg at Fishtale Grill, New Prague

June 9, GMCCA – Gate and Car Corral

June 12, Meeting @ Wagner's

June 9-16, Buffalo Days

June 15,16 StoneArch Bridge Festival

June 21-23, Back to the 50's

July 4, parade in Delano

July 10, Mtg at Minnetonka Drive In

July 11-14, lola – Bill cook reserved rooms in Steven's Point – contact him for details.

July 16-20, Corsa National convention, Kalamazoo

July 26-28, Little Log House show in Hastings

Treasury balance: \$3805.63

New Business:

GMCCA officials will be asked for identification when they pickup money at the gates
Suggestions for the Corvairstent @ GMCCA – use the banner, the neon sign (power with Fran's new engine and a power converter), display two cars on ramps inside the tent. Also the bowtie taillight display.

Tech session:

Show and tell with Fran's FC LED taillights

Gary discussed early vent windows, engine access and discussed his project car progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Schaefer, for Chuck Johnson

Magazine cover (Bob Dunahugh's '69 Yenko Stinger – Goodyear test car:



Additional opportunities to show off our cars:

2013 Sibley County Cancer Car Cruise & Show
Benefits American Cancer Society
Saturday, May 18 Car show at noon and cruise begins at 4 pm. St.Paul's Lutheran Church parking lot (101 W Chandler St, Arlington, MN). Contact: (507) 964-5603 or quast_girl@hotmail.com

Fairview Church Vintage Car Show, Minnetrista, 1175 Co Rd 19; June 8, 10am – 2 pm Contact: Brian and Marnie Peterson ~ B4ZIGGY@aol.com

Farmington Dew Days, Friday, June 14. Line up begins at 4 pm, cruise begins at 7 pm. \$5 call Bruce Matzdorff @ 612.298.0094 or visit the website @ www.farmingtondewdays.com

A little trivia quiz:

What car brand can be read from an aircraft (and possibly even a spacecraft) traveling above Indiana?

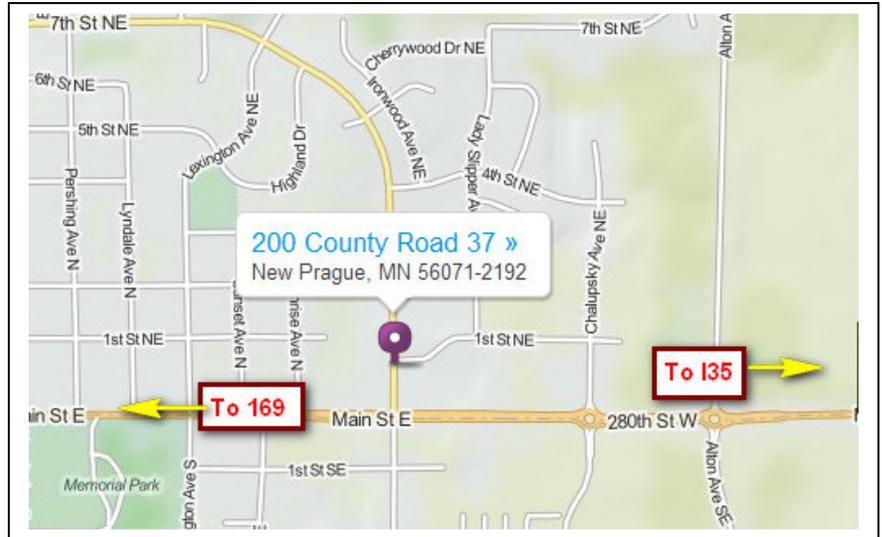
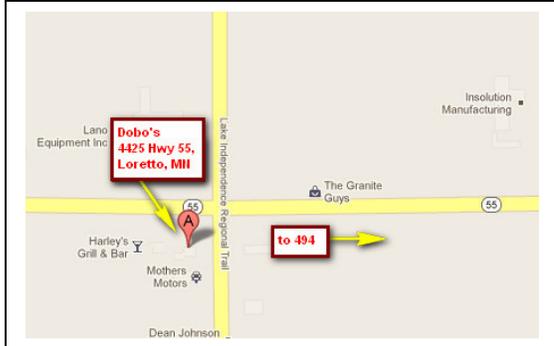
- A. Studebaker
- B. Subaru
- C. Toyota
- D. Saturn

(the answer is on the back page)



Upcoming Corvair Minnesota Events:

CMI's first drive-in meeting, May 14th, will be at the **Fishtale Grill & Bar** 200 County Road 37, New Prague 952-758-8000 (@7:00 p.m.)



- May**
- 05 Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds, (www.gopherstatebuick.org)
 - 11 Adopt a Highway, **8:00 – noon**. Meet at Dobo's (4425 Hwy 55, Loretto) for breakfast
 - 14 Membership meeting – Fishtale Grill & Bar, New Prague, **7:00 p.m.**
 - 23 Board of Directors

- June**
- 02 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Excelsior, MN (www.10000lakesconcours.com)
 - 09 GMCCA – State Fairgrounds
 - 12 Membership meeting - Wagners' in Brooklyn Park, **6:30 p.m.**
 - 16 Buffalo Car Show/Wright County Car Club - Buffalo Municipal Airport. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - 15-16 StoneArch Bridge Festival – 11am to 5pm contact: Steve, 612-869-1032 or email k0tsh@q.com
 - 21-23 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds (www.msra.com)
(Start of Great American Race June 22nd)
 - 27 Board of Directors

- July**
- 04 Fourth of July Parade, Delano – Post Parade Picnic Peppermint Twist
 - 10 Membership meeting - Minnetonka Drive-in in Spring Park, **6:30 p.m.**
 - 20-22 Car Craft Summer Nationals Car show, State Fairgrounds
(<http://www.familyevents.com/event/233>)
 - 16-20 CORSA National Convention Kalamazoo, MI
 - 25 Board of Directors
 - 26-28 Little Log House show, Hastings
(<http://www.littleloghouseshow.com>)
 - 26-28 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN (Classic car show 7/27)
(<http://www.montgomerymn.org/kdaycar.html>)

To All Club Members: Here is a partial list of area Cruise Nights and Drive In events. This is a great way to show off our cars, meet some non-CMI Corvair owners (there are a few), and just have an enjoyable night out. More information and additional car shows, cruise nights and drive in events can be found on www.autoswalk.com:

- Wednesdays:** Every 3rd Wednesday at Lookout Bar and Grill – 8672 Pineview Lane N, Maple Grove. 6pm to ? Hosted by Chevy's Best Car Club. May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, Aug. 21st, Sept. 18th, Oct. 16th
- Thursdays:** Every 3rd Thursday at Culver's in Anoka (800 W Main St.) May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, Aug. 15th, Sept 19th. 5:30pm to dusk.
- Saturdays:** Saturday night Cruise Nights Every other Saturday Downtown Hastings. 5-9pm (June 1st, 15th, and 29th. July 13th and 27th, Aug. 10th and 24th, Sept. 7th and 21st, Oct. 5th).
- Anoka Classic Car Show Every Saturday May 11th to Sept 14th (except 5/25, 6/22, 7/13). 5pm to dusk.

Rampside

I have owned my '61 Rampside for many years (20, maybe 30) and have had a good time with it. I am now trying to do the needed body work to get it ready for a nice PAINTJOB. I am toying with the idea of original colors but Tahitian Coral/White seem a little odd, to me, for the colors of a truck.....but I'm still thinking.

One of the problems I have had (that I'd like to tell you about) was with the driver's door not fitting in its hole very well. There are several areas where the truck's welding was not complete (like all FCs that joint at the base of the windshield, where the paint cracks – has to be welded - I did mine several years ago and it has not cracked again). Well, my problem was my door was not the same shape as the "door frame" and no matter how I adjusted the hinges I could not get even close to a good fit. I even ground off some of the door to accommodate the poor fit but couldn't really do enough.

So, the other day as I was grinding/shaping to make that same door fit 'better' and I decided to be a little bolder and to attack that hole with my Porta-Power to bend the body. The door had been tight at the top front and the bottom rear...meaning the hole needed to be stretched apart between those two points. I fabricated some curved wooden blocks, so the hydraulic ram wouldn't wreck anything, and pushed up and forward till I heard some 'creaking'. Never having been down this road before, I stopped and measured my corner to corner spacing – no change. I put the blocks back in and pumped on my ram a few more pumps than I had previously....more groaning, but no popping! This time the top corner was out there (an increase of about 3/16" from upper front to lower rear)....Hopefully, I removed the blocks, etc. and carefully closed the door. The neat thing about this operation was that I could do the bending while the door was hanging there and then use the door to check my work! It was (is) a PERFECT fit!! I was (am) really impressed. The factory had made the parts correctly – all those years ago - but just misplaced them a 'skosh'. I now have a very nice fitting door on my Rampside. After congratulating myself on such a "job well done" I noticed a new crack! A crack that had accommodated the new shape.

Right above the driver's left eye is a seam where at least four separate pieces of sheet metal are spot welded together. My Hydraulic Ram (I love Fluid Power!) had dislocated those panels by opening that joint....I thought I had heard a 'pop', once. To prevent those panels from going back where they came from, I welded, on both sides, the separated panels. Hopefully my door will stay where I want it to stay.

I have photos of the "Ram in the door frame" "curved wooden block fitted to the frame"..... "perfect fit of the door and jamb, with white paint added to show straight gap"....."inside weld of the 'popped' seam"...."outside weld of the 'popped' seam. Not shown is where I burned the paint off the roof while doing this fantastic welding job.....but the sander removed all evidence of that botched operation.



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Car, driver & one passenger per admission

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MAPS, SHOW CHANGES, FLYER, ETC. ON:
WWW.AUTOSWALK.COM

GMCCA CAR SHOW

Club assignments were realigned this year to better distribute the work load amongst all of the GM car clubs.

As a result, this year we will also be in charge of the car corral which is just north of our display. I think this will require two people from 9-11 and 1 person thereafter.

These vehicles have a different color registration than our display cars, so they are easy to identify and we assist in parking them in an orderly manner, ensuring there is room for their doors to be opened without hitting the other "For Sale Vehicles".

Also, make sure these vehicles do not sneak into the show itself . . . they exit the same gate where we collect entrance fees.

Additional ideas are welcome; this is the perfect time of year to be selling cars, so anything we can do to build this up will help our show, and therefore our treasury.

While you are contemplating this, kick around any ideas to freshen our CMI exhibit, perhaps selecting specific vehicles to highlight on our grassy area; display Gary's rebuilt suspension before it is put in his car, or whatever.

There is a good chance that several GMC motor homes will be in attendance this year. If so, everyone should be aware that they will be diverted through the car corral to park in the lot directly east of CMI's exhibit. This is being done to increase the safety of everyone by not having these drive the normal route through the show.

This is not only a great fund raiser for our club, it is an opportunity to showcase our cars and trucks and attract new members.

Chuck Johnson
CMI GMCCA Rep

Editor's note: This is Corvair Minnesota's only major source of funding, other than your dues. This is also a way to show your support to the club and your fellow club members. If you attend only one event this year, make it the GMCCA show!





2. Big ram



3. Push here ...



4. From here



5. Inside Weld



6. Outside weld

The closer I get to driving over to the paint shop the more perplexed I am over the color choice. Do I put a Coral color on the inside of the bed of a Pick-up? Oh, I plan the Cameo White for the Stripe and the Roof as well as for the Ralleye Wheels. **Fran**

CMI Annual Pancake Breakfast

On a chilly day in April, seventeen hardy souls braved Minnesota snows (actually 20 degrees and sunny) to meet at the MUM for the annual pancake breakfast. Thanks to Dan Quinn for coordinating for the first time, Anyce & Clarence Day and Carol & Billy Cook for providing expertise (and foodstuffs). Attendance was a bit sparse this year, but the food and fellowship were top notch!



Pre-cooking planning?



Carol, Clarence, Fran and Dan hard at work



Fran – lead taste-tester



Two kinds of butter, four kinds of syrup and look at those hot cakes! (sausage is on the way)



CMI Classifieds

1965 Monza Convertible - 2nd owner, 42,000 miles, new gas tank, battery, tires and brakes - a beautiful car that runs great and it's all original. The red upholstery and carpet are in good shape with no tears or scrapes. It also has the original radio that is operational. The engine is 110 H. P. with a manual 4 speed transmission on the floor. Michael Braun (Edina) 952-925-9175 Cell 612-644-3023 \$9,500 or best offer



Wanted: 1963 Monza convertible

I am helping one of my fellow writers at Sports Car Market look for a 1963 Monza convert. He's specifically looking for black with a red interior, as that was his first car. No projects; he's looking for a well restored car (think Rich Buratto's Trophy Magnet as a '63) or exceptional original. He's not so fussy about power train, and may even consider a Spyder if it's in good enough condition. Need not be local, as he's in California, so it would be shipped. Contact me with details. Brian Carlson bmitchellc@juno.com (best) 651-955-2290 (cell, better) 651-739-1608 (home - not so bad)

1967 Monza convertible, over \$16K worth of receipts/ spent on restoration in the 1990's and still in respectable condition. The car was gold/ gold but now is Nantucket Blue with a white interior and top. The top and interior are mint. Automatic trans. Inquiries welcome. \$5000 OBO. Phil 218-634-2882 (eves) or psjohn@mncable.net BEAUTIFUL BAUDETTE, MN (CANADIAN BORDER)



1964 Greenbrier Deluxe - pretty nice. \$15000.
Peter Schmit; Schmitpm@gmail.com 952-935-5166



1964 Monza Convertible, 110hp, Automatic, New interior, Runs Great, Great people choice car, has won many awards, Bronze Medal at 2010 National Convention. Rich Buratto, 612-743-6706 \$9000 OBO. MRPOPCORN@aol.com (available end of April)

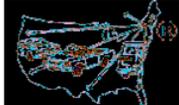
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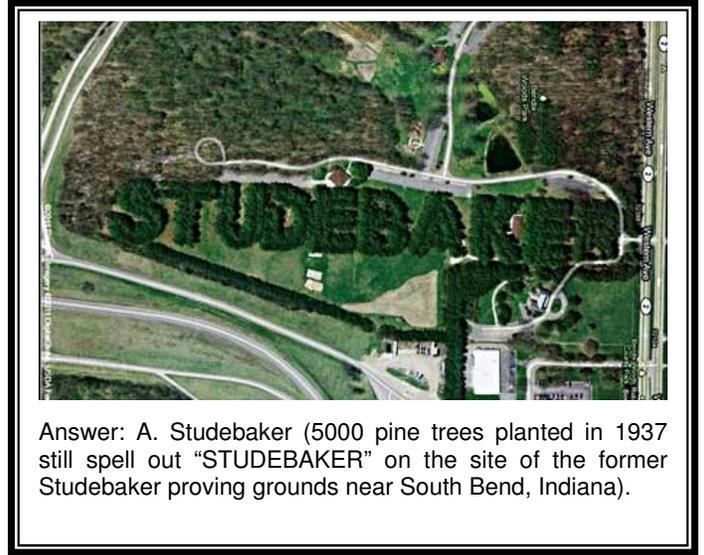
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