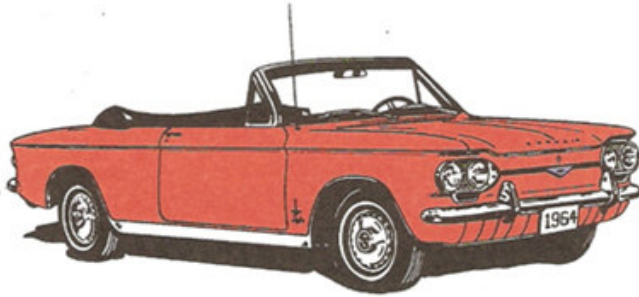


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President's Page

Corvair season ended rather abruptly for me. Because my boss has me going to Bismarck every other week, I was not able to attend the Corvair Convention. However, I thought I'd participate anyway by driving our Corvair to Eau Claire on Saturday the 20th to visit mom. The weather was perfect and the '69 was running great. After a rest stop in Menomonie, I was back on the road. I'm not sure what happened between Menomonie and Eau Claire but when I pulled off the freeway, the engine started acting up. I pulled into a Holiday station and let the engine cool down and checked the oil level (which I also did before I set off). I added about a quart and a half of oil and got started again.

About two miles later, the engine started clunking and I immediately pulled over. By the time I did, the engine quit. After towing the car to my sister's work parking lot, eating lunch, and let the car cool down some more, I tried to start it again but it was no use. The engine would not crank at all. Everything wanted to start, but something seized up inside and it was not going to move.

So now we are at a crossroads. The emotional side of me (not sure which side of the brain that is) says to invest the money, either swap or rebuild the engine, and keep the car. I've had the car for over seven years which, as Cara will attest, is longer than I've owned any vehicle. Though I've never been fond of the Butternut Yellow it is the original color and is classic 1960's and the car got compliments whenever I drove it, despite the flaws.

The practical side says the underside is rusting and weak in spots (damn northern cars) and most of the body panels have rust and/or repairs. Rather than restore it, part it out, take the money, and move on to another car. Because of the undercarriage issues,



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having a full restoration done wouldn't be the best use of resources. I honestly don't know what I'm going to do at this point but I have a combined three weeks over two trips in Bismarck plus a bonus week in San Antonio, Texas to think about it.

For now, I'll enjoy the memories of a triumphant Fourth of July Parade in Delano. We had eleven cars for the parade and the crowds seemed very appreciative that we were there. The parade also had more of a small town/home town flavor. The best part for us was the '69 made it with no drama, smoke, or vapor lock. Cara and I drove to Waverly for lunch and then took the long way through the countryside back to Chaska. It was a great day for a parade and a cruise and our little yellow Monza ran great.

Maybe we'll fix her up and keep her.



In the words of the immortal Dr. McCoy, "She's dead, Jim" ☹

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knauf
President



CORVAIR MINNESOTA General Membership Meeting

July 9, 2013

Vice President Gary Nelson called our meeting to order at 7:13 at the Minnetonka Drive-In in Spring Park.

June Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$2977 in our treasury currently. This is lower than usual and we will not be receiving income from the GMCCA show this year due to the light attendance due to bad weather.

Recent Events:

July 4 Delano Independence Day Parade: This is Minnesota's oldest and largest 4th of July parade. CMI had 12 units and we were directly in front of the U of M Gophers band so we could enjoy the music. The event ended at the city park which had a 5 day festival in progress. Food and rides were plentiful . . . and very affordable. Bill Cook indicated to the organizers that we plan to participate again 2014.

Upcoming Events:

July 16 -20: 2013 National CORSA Convention: Kalamazoo, Michigan, only 1 week remains to complete your projects! Persons from CMI planning to attend are the Alexanders, the Days, Vince Rohr, John Herkenratt, Bill Bertram, and myself.

August 3: Annual picnic at Mike Jenkins' home. Mike passed out ballots so people could indicate activities and food preferences. The picnic will conclude with attending the Anoka cruise-in that late afternoon.

August 10: 27th New London – New Brighton run. We are tentatively planning to intercept at the Buffalo High School where they will take their lunch break. ANOTHER Bill & Carol Cook production.

August 12: Peppermint Twist in Delano. . . .and primary election day.

October 12-13: Fall drive to Winona. Another well planned Bill & Carol Cook event. As described in the flyer and our meeting, a full agenda is planned. **Make your reservation** for the hotel in Winona @ 507.452.0606, refer to Corvairst MN rate. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

Other Events/Activities:

Story Boards & Misc: Bill Cook again displayed his car story boards for members to consider for their Corvairs. Text and Pictures are tailored by you for your car or truck. Cost will average \$95, depending on number of pictures, etc., vs. \$160 elsewhere. This will elevate the level of showmanship for our vehicles, contact Bill for more information.

We adjourned for desert at 7:28

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson

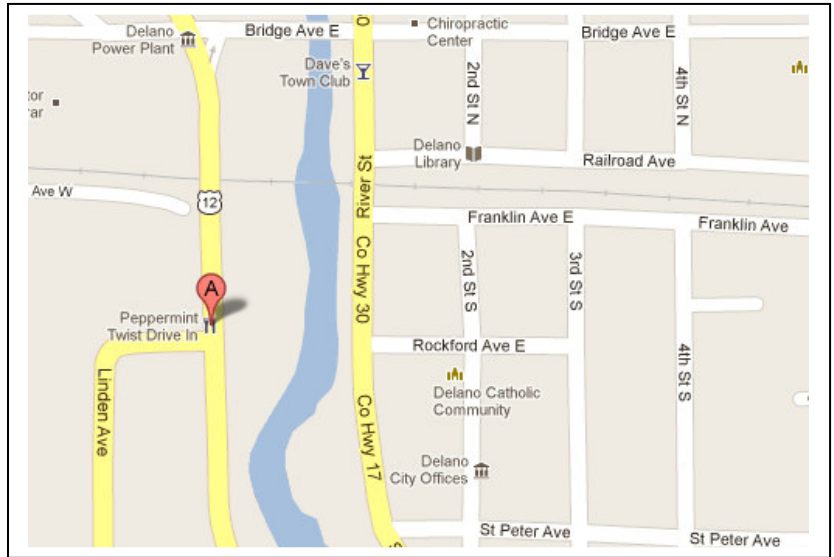


Dear CMI'ers -- Just a reminder about the NEW LONDON TO NEW BRIGHTON ANTIQUE CAR RUN on Saturday, August 10th, making a lunch stop at the Buffalo Senior High School just east of Buffalo. We will meet at 11:00am in the school parking lot, and the cars should be stopping for lunch between 11:30am and 1:00pm. There are approximately 100 pre-1916 cars entered in the run. We will have reserved parking for our Corvairs, and the 240Z Club should be represented as well. If you need more info on the car run go to <http://www.antiquecarrun.org/>. Buffalo High School is on County Road 35 and Dague Ave NE, just a few miles east of Buffalo. Also, hamburgers, hot dogs, and root beer floats will be available for lunch right at the High School. Please let me know if you will be coming so they'll know how many Corvairs to reserve spots for -- Thanks, Billy

Dear CMI'ers -- If you go to <http://www.swtv.pegcentral.com/> you can watch the entire Delano 4th of July parade. Remember, the Corvairs are early in the parade. Enjoy -- Billy

Upcoming Corvair Minnesota Events:

CMI's next drive-in meeting, August 13th, will be at **Peppermint Twist** 115 Babcock Boulevard W, Delano, MN (@ 6:30 p.m.)



- August
- 03 Annual CMI picnic; Mike Jenkins' residence
 - 10 New London – New Brighton run; meet at Buffalo High School, 11 a.m.
 - 13 Membership meeting - Peppermint Twist in Delano, 6:30
 - 16-18 Corn-on-the-Cob Days, Plainview, MN
 - 24 Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN (www.christscrosscarclub.org)
 - 29 Board of Directors – To Be Announced
- Sept
- 07 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN 10am – 2pm
 - 10 Membership meeting – Cuzzy's in Chaska, 6:30
 - 26 Board of Directors – To Be Announced
 - 28 Day trip to *Schwanke Car, Tractor and Truck Museum Wilmar Car museum* (to celebrate Oct 2nd anniversary of intro of Corvair) (<http://www.schwanketractor.com/museum.html>)
- Oct
- 08 Membership meeting – MUM
 - 12-13 Fall trip to Winona
 - 13 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds (<http://roadsterstwincities.com/>)
 - 24 Board of Directors – TBD



Studs

The other day I decided to change the lug nuts and their studs on my FC. On one of the axles I found these odd looking studs.....Only after I had installed the new studs!

At an upcoming Tech Session let's all discuss what is funny about these studs and what might be some good "Preventive Maintenance" in that regard.

How to reassure ourselves that this doesn't happen – again?

How to prevent it?

How dangerous can this be?

Why can't we see this by looking at our mounted wheels?

2013 Corsa Convention: A Vairiation

Did you miss the Corsa Convention this year? You missed a great opportunity to see a lot of fellow Corvair enthusiast from around the world. Corvair Minnesota was represented by Ray and Kittie Alexander, Clarence and Anyce Day, Dan Roraff and his son, Chuck Johnson, Bill Bertram, Vince Rohr and John Herkenratt (did I miss anyone?). I guess we'll also include Corsa's new President, Paul Sargeant and Miss Stephanie.

Many beautifully preserved, restored, "improved" and heavily modified Corvairs were in attendance, as well. Some of the great activities offered this year included the Concours d'Elegance, an economy run, a rally, a great display at the Gilmore Museum, some informative tech sessions, and many interesting Corvair owners.

The weather, of course, was hot and muggy but most folks didn't even seem to notice. Interestingly enough, the final night of the convention saw a violent storm come through that ended up taking the power out for the entire Convention area including all of the hotels and restaurants in that neighborhood! At least it was cool for the car display at the Gilmore.

Next year the convention will be hosted by Corvanatics in Portland, Oregon... I think the bar has been set.



Chuck washing Bill's car while Bill "supervises" (just kidding). Outside vendors in the background.



Just some of the great cars in front of the host hotel



Just two of many nice Lakewoods and wagons



On loan by CPF at the Gilmore:
This is supposedly the last Corvair body built by Chevrolet – it has no S/N!



Everything was shrinking in the humidity!! This is the movie set from Disney's The Gnome-mobile also displayed at the Gilmore museum.

Mike Jenkins invites you to:

Corvair MN Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 3rd, 2013
7894 158th Ave Ramsey MN 55303



- Brats, Boneless Ribs and Corn on the Cob will be provided
- Bring a dish to share: side dishes, veggies or desserts and chairs
- Ice will available, but each should bring their own beverages
- Activities will be Slot Car Racing and Horse Shoes (If it rains, everything would be moved into the back garage, Alternate activity would be slot machine tournament in lieu of the Horse Shoes and Croquet)
- Helpers please arrive around noon, guests at 1:00 pm with food served at 1:30 pm.

This will leave two hours for activities and mingling before heading out to the Anoka Classic Car show about 4:00 pm.

The car show:

www.Anokaclassiccarshow.org

Located directly behind the Anoka County Courthouse in Anoka Mn.

(2 blocks north of Main Street on 4th Avenue to show entrance.)

Note: All streets will be barricaded closed during the show hours EXCEPT 4th Avenue show entrance. These streets will be attended by show officials at all times !!

Official show times are 5:00pm to dusk; Donation for show cars is \$3.00 at the entrance gate



Corvair Minnesota

July General Membership meeting at the Minnetonka Drive In



Good friends, good weather, good food – what else is there to say?!!

Some of us have voiced concern about the interest that the next generation has for our little "orphan" cars. Two young men we met at the convention prove that not all is lost. Tony Becker and his younger brother Alex each brought cars from South Dakota and showed some of us older folks how to tweak the Corvair into the current millennia.



Tony Becker's fuel injected engine



Alex Becker's turbo engine



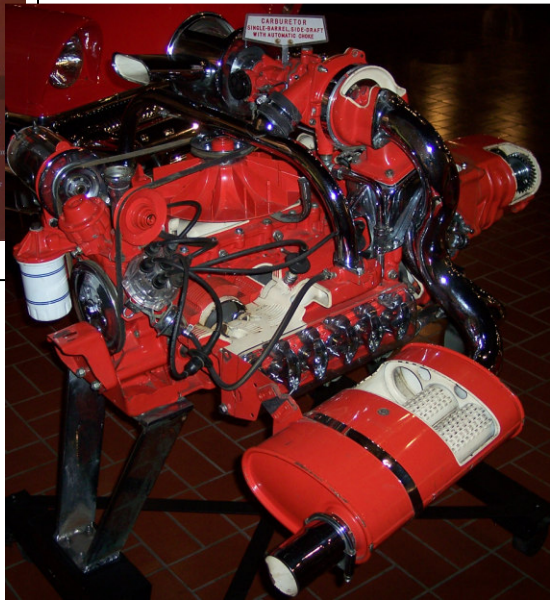
Franklin led the way
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parts no Franklin had
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A partial list of air-cooled cars

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Bryman	Citroen 2CV	Hoover
Black	Citroen GS and GSA	Fluxione Coche
Briggs & Stratton	Crosley	Fire
BMW 600	Cross	Franklin
BMW 700	Cyclecar	Frayer Miller
Cameron	Daim	Harvey
Chase	Dalton	Holman

An acknowledgement at The Franklin museum (at the Gilmore)



Daryl Starbird's 1960 Corvair Bubble top



Start of the Rally



Seat covering tech session by Cal Clark



Not every Corvair came on it's own wheels



Vince says, "Is this a V8 Corvair or just a Camaro?"



Alex and Tony Becker in discussion with Frank Parker (Ann Arbor) while Gary (the boy's dad) is consulting world events with Chuck!



A couple of classy Corvair guys – Frank Parker and Bill Bertram (both are masters of speed!)

CMI Classifieds

For Sale:

62 - 64 Black Convert. New in box w/ inside Pads, \$300.
 65 NOS Rocker Mouldings pair) \$150.
 Rich Buratto, 612-743-6706



1962 Monza Coupe- Slightly over 42,000 miles, runs well, no rust, in very good condition. Automatic transmission, four new tires. White with black interior. \$5200 Fun to drive but at my age it's getting tougher to get in and out!
 Bill Von Hassel 952-946-2245 or VonH9700@aol.com



1962 Corvair 700 Wagon. Very clean, well maintained, needs some TLC. Owned for 13 years. Starting new late model project. I drive it locally and down to Iowa's national a few years ago and up north to Duluth and two harbors last year.(MSRA fall picnic). I always take it to St.Pauls Back to the Fifties. Shipping I don't know much about. But have some one that knows a lot about that. Call Gouch (Bill Gautsche) Asking: \$5,800. (715) 828 - 9001

I'm selling my **1966 corvair**. Manual transmission with 140 hp with the 4 carb set up. The only rust is a small spot below the brake pedal and where the shifter linkage attacks to the under side of the floor and the battery tray. The trunk an the rest looks good. I'm asking 800.00 or best offer. It ran but someone who was looking to buy it thought it should run better and adjusted the points and screwed it up. It has a lot of extra parts. It also has a/c. Dan Sullivan dsully7@gmail.com 612-986-2686 Minnetrista



WANTED - I am looking for a nice Corvair Corsa hardtop or convertible with nice paint, interior and a well detailed engine bay. Jack Bacon, Loretto, MN 763-479-6214 (h) 612-490-8024 (cell) jackchrisbacon@hotmail.com

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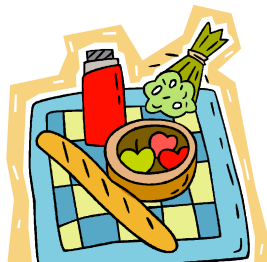


Fourth of July Frito Lays ad featuring (what else) a nice late convertible owned by Joel Roth (of Miami Florida)

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Watch for upcoming events – there's a lot of summer left!