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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

September, 2013

The summer of no Corvair continues through August. Cara and I rented a trailer and towed our '69 from Eau Claire to Jim Brandberg's shop, where it sits waiting for an engine transplant, either from CJ's '62 or Fran's red sedan. After some advice and encouragement, we're going to get her back on the road in time for next year's convention in Washington.

In the meantime, I just can't stay out of trouble, though this time I have some help. Thanks to an e-mail sent by Bill Cook, and reservations made by the First Lady of CMI, we will be attending the auction in Peirce, Nebraska at the Lambrecht Chevrolet Company the last week-end in September. Now everyone remembers what happened last time I attended an auction. I accidentally ended up with the largest baby blue Mercedes on the planet. I've been told several times by Cara that my arms will be tied and duct taped to my sides. I may even be gagged. However, and I want this documented for the record, we are taking her Jeep Grand Cherokee at her request just in case we need to rent a trailer and bring something home. Again, taking the Jeep is her idea so if we come home with an old car, I'm not totally to blame; I had help.

Seriously, this auction looks incredible. There are over 500 vehicles on various properties. Most are sitting out in a field and are nothing more than parts cars or very expensive restorations. However there are some that have never been titled, like the 25th Anniversary Corvette with 4 miles on it (Carol, keep an eye on Bill).

There are at least two early Corvairs that have 17 miles on them, have the factory plastic on the seats, and could legally be considered new cars (wonder if my credit union would finance them that way). There are also dealer promotions, brochures, and tons of NOS parts. I may even find the '78 Malibu wheel covers for my Corvair. Expect a full report with photos and sale prices in the November SEEL.

We also have made our reservations for the Fall Cruise to Winona. Cara and I are both looking forward to seeing the fall colors, visiting the great venues Bill and Carol have planned, and spending some quality time together and with the rest of the club members who make the trip. Though we won't have our '69 to cruise down in, it will still be a great trip.

Stay Tuned, *Lee Knauf* President



One of the few lucky cars stored inside. It has 17 miles on the odometer.

When is the last time anyone saw a Corvair interior this new that wasn't from Clarks?



CORVAIR MINNESOTA General Membership Meeting August 13, 2013

CMI Meeting at Peppermint Twist in Delano.

With 30 or so people in attendance, VP Gay Nelson called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 PM.

Old Business

July 4th parade went off well.

Convention- held in Kalamazoo, Michigan was attended by a number of CMI folks including Vince Rohr, Anyce and Clarence Day, Bill Bertram, Paul Sargeant and John Herkenratt. Good time, many great cars, lots of friends (but the power went out on Friday night!).

Picnic- Held at Mike Jenkins

CMI gathering in Buffalo to meet the New London to New Brighton Run.
Lots of cars to see.

Our own Jim Doty is one of the people who drives the car haulers for the group.

New Business

Sept 7 Classics By The Lake in Buffalo

Sept 10 CMI meets at Cuzzy's in Chaska.

Sept 28 CMI meets at Schwanke Car Museum in Willmar to celebrate the Corvair B-day.

October 12 & 13 Winona trip. Rooms will be held till mid September.

Other-- - Visitors

Russ, a friend of Tony's


2 grandsons + 1 great grandson of Jerry Berge.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Schaeffer

 <p>Join us for the 4th Annual Family Fun Fest Sunday, September 8th 11:30am to 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Lots of Food! Pork Chops on a Stick and Fixin's, Kids Meals, Beverages, Cotton Candy, Mini Donuts, Kettle Corn, Pies, Cakes, Bars, Ice Cream & Candy Treats</p> <p>Live Music by The Elvis Experience</p> <p>"Christian Classics" Car Show • Bingo</p> <p>Raffles & Prizes 40" LCD Flat-Screen TV, Wild Marsh Golf Package, Custom Made Hunting Knife, Concert Tickets, and More!</p> <p>Adult & Kids Activities and Games Fish Pond, Face Painting, Cake Walk, Duck Pond, Hair Painting, Grab Bags, Ring Toss, Wine Toss, Moon Walk, Bounce House and More!</p>
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Register now!

<p>St. John's Lutheran Church Outdoors at the corner of 1st St NE & 3rd Ave NE in Buffalo</p> <hr/> <p>"Christian Classics" Car Show No entry fee – Show starts at 11:30am Dash plaques given to the first 25 entries "People's Choice" Award</p> <p>Name / City _____ Phone / e-mail _____ Vehicle description (year/make/model) _____</p>	
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The Annual CMI Picnic

CMI had its annual picnic at Mike Jenkin's house in Ramsey. Even though navigating around the Twin Cities was somewhat of a hassle, the picnic more than made up for it. The weather was Minnesota at its best. The food (boneless ribs, CORN on the cob, awesome pie and other desserts, brats, sun tea, and on and on – double yum!

After eating we repaired to the man cave for some awesome slot racing. During the day I snuck away to document some of Mike's "toy" collection – check out the Chevelle! Those of us there had a great time – bet you wish you were there, too.



2013



New London to New Brighton Chuck Johnson

On Saturday, a half dozen Corvairs (and Corvair wanna-bes, also known as Corvettes) trekked to Buffalo to observe the brass era cars coming in for their noon break. This is the halfway point for this annual event and all of us were awed by these machines and their caretakers/drivers. 65 cars had started that morning and 57 made it to Buffalo.

My favorites:

The Stanley Steamer. . .seeing any Stanley under silent power is an experience in itself, and this one did not disappoint. . .right down to the steam spitting serpent mounted on the front fender.

Alan Page and his Buick. . .always a pleasure to see famous people being “one of us”

2! Model K Fords. . .very rare and the last Fords prior to the Model T. . .and the antithesis of Henry’s design philosophy of the Model T.

ALL the Maxwells. . .I didn’t count but these seemed to be half the cars in the event.

The food, (since it was a Corvair event!) especially the root beer floats.

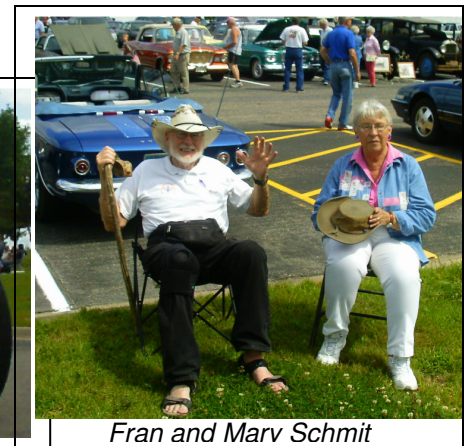
The DUESENBERG in the parking lot! This lot was another whole event by itself.

Seeing the cars under power, the noontime maintenance/repairs, and the good time all of the teams were having.

We were there almost three hours but the time flew, I didn’t have time to see everything and talk with everyone.

CMI member Jim Doty was a crew member for one of the cars, so perhaps we have an “in” to get to ride in a leg next year!

REMINDER: Make your reservations for the fall cruise TODAY, Bill & Carol events are always a great time!



Upcoming Corvair Minnesota Events:

CMI's next drive-in meeting, September 10th, will be at **Cuzzy's** 2880 Chaska Blvd, Chaska, MN (@ 6:30 p.m.)



- Sept**
- 07 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN 10am – 2pm
 - 08 St. John's Annual Fun Fest, St John's Lutheran Church, Buffalo, MN
 - 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/>)
 - 13 Tenth annual Drive for Kids - 8 a.m. start (<http://bolderoptions.org/events/drive-4-kids/>)
 - 24 Board of Directors – **TBD**
- Nov**
- 05 Membership meeting – MUM (voter's meeting)
 - TBD** Board of Directors

Dear Friends -- Just a final reminder, if you'd like to have your car in the "Classics by the Lake Car Show" on Saturday, **September 7th**, in Sturges Park on the shores of Buffalo Lake near downtown Buffalo, please e-mail me your name, address, phone number, make, model, and year of the car you plan to show. I need to drop off the registrations by **September 2nd**, so get your info to me ASAP. There is no cost to participate, and you might even win a trophy. There will be food vendors in the park, including breakfast, and places to shop downtown (it's occasional sale weekend) so bring your wife or significant other. The show runs from 10:00am to 2:00pm, but we'll meet in downtown Buffalo on 1st Street South, just a block east of Hwy 25 ... across from Coborn's parking lot ... by **8:00am** so we can all park together (look for my silver Corvette). The show organizers expect over 600 cars this year, so it's important to get there early. Call my cell (612-940-9179) if you have any questions, or if you get lost on the way to the show. Hope to see you on **September 7th**. Thanks -- Billy



Corvair Minnesota



Fall Drive to Winona, Minnesota

Saturday & Sunday, October 12th & 13th, 2013

Join us for a delightful weekend drive to beautiful Winona. We will meet on Saturday at 8:00 am for breakfast at Perkins Restaurant at Hwy 494 and France Ave South. Following breakfast we will take a leisurely drive along Hwy 494 to Hwy 61, driving south along the Mississippi River enjoying the beautiful fall colors. The views rival anything the North Shore has to offer. Along the way we will stop near Wabasha and visit Lark Toys. We will then proceed to beautiful Winona, where we'll have lunch at Green Mill Restaurant before checking into our accommodations at The Riverport Inn & Suites. After a brief rest, we'll be picked up at our hotel for a 90 minute narrated tour of Winona on the Trester Trolley. Later, you can visit the Watkins Museum or the Polish Museum or do some sightseeing on our own, with dinner at Timbers Restaurant that evening. On Sunday you can have the deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel, or possibly eat across the highway at Green Mill Restaurant. After checking out of the hotel, we'll drive to nearby Fountain City to visit Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum. Elmer has hundreds of vintage and classic cars on display plus nearly 500 pedal cars, toys, motorcycles and more. Following all that excitement, you might want to taste the different wines at Garvin Heights Vineyards, which also offers a spectacular scenic view of Winona and the surrounding area. If you don't like wine, you'll have time to cruise and shop the downtown area. Later, we'll have a light lunch at Mango's Mexican & American Grill before our journey home. Along the way we'll stop in Red Wing and visit the Pottery Museum & Antique Mall followed by dinner at Provenzano's Ristorante. Hopefully, we should all be home in time to watch the sun set on our beautiful weekend in Winona.

There are rooms being held for 'Corvair Minnesota' at The Riverport Inn & Suites in Winona (507-452-0606). Each room is non-smoking with two queen beds, microwave & refrigerator at \$95.00 per night. Each person is responsible for making their own reservation, and reservations must be made before September 1st! Each person/couple will receive a tour package with a schedule, brochures, and other information for our trip.

If you have any questions, call Bill or Carol Cook at 612-940-9179





The Nuts & Bolts of the Antique Car Run:

- 120+ mile endurance run driven on mostly country roads, passing fields, lakes, ponds, and small cities
- Driven on the same route annually, the second Saturday of August
- Eligibility: all vehicles from 1908 and earlier, and any 1 & 2 cylinders through 1915, includes bikes, motorcycles, steam & electric cars
- Starts from the small community of New London, west of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis & St. Paul
- Rest stops in 5 communities where volunteers roll out the red carpets for cars and drivers
 - Grove City, Trinity Lutheran Church, arriving approximately 8:30 am
 - Litchfield, Central Park, arriving approximately 9:30 am
 - Kingston, Main Street, arriving approximately 10:30 am
 - Buffalo, High School, arriving approximately noon, staying until 1:00 pm
 - Crystal, Community Center, arriving approximately 2:30 pm
- Finishes in New Brighton, a suburban community north of St. Paul, Long Lake Regional Park, arriving 3:00 - 7:00 pm, part of the Stockyard Days celebration
- Average annual attendance, 60-75 cars from around the country and Canada participate
- Almost 90% of those starting in New London cross the finish line in New Brighton
- Over 300 volunteers help put the event on, including 50-60 who drive the trailers, trucks and motor homes to the finish line for drivers. Early registrants are guaranteed tow driver volunteers.
- 2-3 service vehicles are available on the route to assist drivers.
- Ham operators monitor locations and progress of all participants.



Corvairs of course aren't eligible for the run, but there is a nice show run simultaneous to the Car Run in the High School parking lot.



August CMI meeting at the
Peppermint Twist in Delano



CMI Classifieds

Parts 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, 1 left)
- '64 rear exhaust air grill NOS

Jerry Berge 480-250-8816

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

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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



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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



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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



64 Corvair Monza (2dr, PG) at my shop in Bloomington, Show Car Supply , 9743 Humboldt Ave 55431 Ph: 612 867 6120 \$3200.00 It has not been on the road in several years but pics look good. Todd (showcar@comcast.net)



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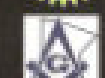
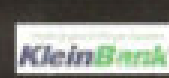
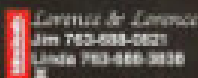
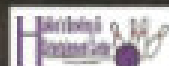
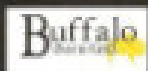
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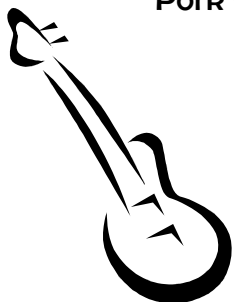
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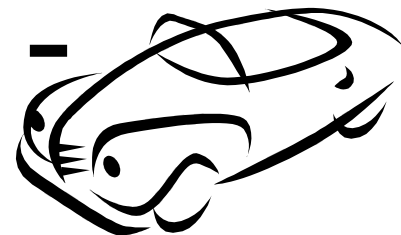
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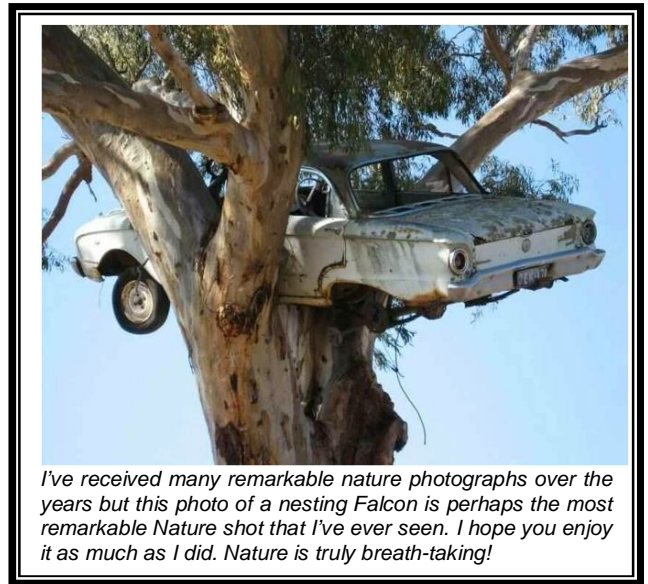
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