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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

## President's Page

*Spring* is needing a jump start again this year. I'm writing this on May 14th but it feels more like October. Thankfully the weather cooperated for our Spring Adopt a Highway clean-up. We had 21 people show up to take care of our stretch of HWY 55. A big thank you to everyone who came out and special thanks to Cliff Picht for organizing again. Breakfast at Dobo's was great as usual but somehow they ran out of pie after we had the road cleaned up. We'll blame the group that was also doing highway clean up on the stretch east of ours.

Let's hope the weather is as good on June 8th for the GMCCA Car Show at the fairgrounds (start bribing weathermen now). We had a pretty poor show last year with the cold and rain (so did all the other clubs). Two years ago I think we had a record number of Corvairs so it would be nice to repeat 2012 and forget about 2013. There are still plenty of slots to volunteer at the front gate.

Please contact Dan Quinn to sign up. Chuck Johnson also has this event listed in the CORSA Communiqué. Speaking of Dan, thanks to him for setting up our Spring Kick-off breakfast (aka Pancake Breakfast) at Maxx Bar and Grill in Ham Lake. Though it was a hike to get up there and the MapQuest map was confusing (I got lost as well as a couple other people) the food was great. Fran, Gary, and I then ventured to Route 65 Classics for the Tomahawk Club car show. We met Jake who brought his late coupe for a total of four Corvairs. Overall it was a pretty decent show. Route 65 Classics has a great facility for showing and selling cars as well as motorcycles.

At our May meeting at Cuzzy's in Chaska (our first drive-in meeting) we had 24 members and spouses in attendance. It was a brief meeting as the restaurant was rather busy with Minnesota Wild hockey fans (they

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unfortunately lost). Several Corvairs made it to the meeting as well but we didn't get to hang around much because it became rather chilly. Hopefully with the cooperation of the weather, even more will show up for our June meeting at Wagner's in Brooklyn Park.

We're finally into cruise night and car show season with a lot of cities having regular weekly shows or events tied to their town celebration. Jack Murphy from Carver says the Tuesday Cruise nights in Henderson are great. Last year I had a great time at the Farmington Dew Drop Days car show and cruise, which is Friday, June 20th this year. Hastings and Anoka have great cruise nights as well. If you know of any, let people know and we'll have a showing of Corvairs.

Parade season is upon us as well. Bill Cook has arranged for us to participate in the Delano Parade again this year. Information will be in the SEEL so get out your flag holders (I found mine) and plan for a great Fourth of July celebration. In the meantime, show off your Corvairs and we'll see everyone at GMCCA!

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knauf

President



# CORVAIR MINNESOTA

**May 13, 2014**

President Lee Knauf called the meeting to order at 7:00 at Cuzzy's in Chaska. 30 members were in attendance for great dining, camaraderie, and learning.

Our meeting was abbreviated due to the noise level indoors and being too cold to meet outdoors.

**March Minutes:** Approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$2280 in our treasury currently.

## Recent Activities:

**April 26: Spring Breakfast:** Dan Quinn organized this event for us at Maxx Bar & Grill in Ham Lake. We will be ordering from the menu with everyone being responsible for their own bill. Afterward, members attended or entered the Pontiac-Oakland Clubs' show just up the street. Other than a map glitch, it was fun doing something different.

**May 2-3: "Idea Show",** formerly the MN Inventors' Congress held in Redwood Falls, was held at the Minneapolis Convention Center for the first time this year. Fran was a judge this year, but we have to wait until next month for his report as he is an election judge today.

**May 4: Buick Show** at the State Fair Grounds. They had a beautiful day this year and an excellent turnout of cars, vendors, and spectators. All GM vehicles received a GMCCA flyer as there were many cars and trucks here that we haven't seen at the GMCCA show.

**May 10: Adopt a Highway Spring Clean-up.** We had our best turnout ever, 21 people including guests. Dobo's Restaurant was great but we ran them out of pie!

## Upcoming Activities:

**June 8:** GMCCA Car Show and Swap Meet: State Fair Grounds. Dan Quinn circulated the sign-up

sheets and will be following up to fill any holes. CMI is responsible for our display area, the car corral, and for its inaugural year, hosting the "Saturn/Other GM" display. Our goal is to make any entrants feel welcome and anxious to return with more of their friends for 2015.

**June 10: Membership Meeting** at Wagner's Drive-In in Brooklyn Park.

**June 13-14:** National Motorcycle Show @ State Fairgrounds.

**June 20 – 22: Back to the 50's:** State Fair Grounds.

**July 4: Delano July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** Bill Cook has 20 spots for us in this parade, the oldest July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Minnesota. The parade concludes at the park which has a carnival and good food, AND it is all very affordable and has lots of families in attendance.

**July 21-25, 2014: National CORSA Convention:** Tacoma, Washington at the new LeMay Automobile Museum, only 2 months remain to complete your projects!

## Other Business:

Member Jack Bacon is running for the CORSA Board of Directors, be sure to mail your ballot!

Meeting adjourned at 7:20, dinner is arriving

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson



# Upcoming Corvair Minnesota Events

CMI's next drive-in (non-MUM) meeting, June 08<sup>th</sup>, will be at Wagner's in Brooklyn Park, (at **6:30 p.m.**).  
7000 West Broadway Ave 763-533-8262

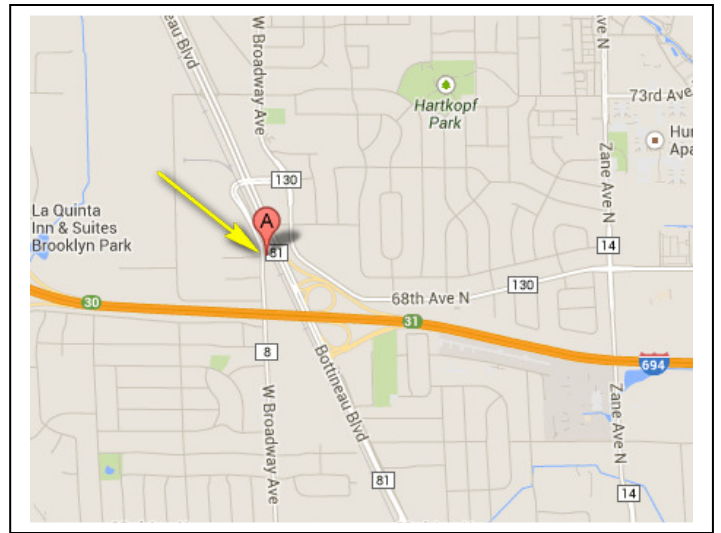
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- June**
- 01 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance
  - 08 **GMCCA – State Fairgrounds**  
(did you sign up to volunteer?!)
  - 10 Membership meeting -  
**Wagners'** in Brooklyn Park, 6:30 p.m.
  - 20 Farmington Dew Days Cruise – 4 p.m.  
\$10: register at [www.FarmingtonDewDays.com](http://www.FarmingtonDewDays.com)  
(look under the car cruise tab.)
  - 20-22 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds ( [www.msra.com](http://www.msra.com) )
  - 26 Board of Directors – **TBD**

- July**
- 04 Fourth of July Parade, Delano – Post Parade Picnic @ Peppermint Twist
  - 08 Membership meeting - **Minnetonka Drive-in** in Spring Park, 6:30 p.m.
  - 11-14 Iola Old Car Show and Swap Meet (Car club day – Sunday)
  - 18-20 Car Craft Summer Nationals Car show, State Fairgrounds
  - 21-25 CORSA National Convention Tacoma, WA; hosted by Corvanatics
  - 25-27 Little Log House show, Hastings ( <http://www.littleloghouseshow.com> )
  - 25-27 Northern Minnesota Swap Meet and Car Show, Grand Rapids (car show is on the 27<sup>th</sup> – 7-4)
  - 25 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN (Classic car show 7/27)
  - 31 Board of Directors – **TBD**

- August**
- 09 New London – New Brighton Antique Auto
  - 12 Membership meeting - **Peppermint Twist** 6:30 p.m.
  - 17 Corn-on-the-Cob Days, Plainview, MN (not a CMI event)
  - 18 Pantowners Car Show, Benton County Fairgrounds ( <http://www.pantowners.org/carshow.html> )
  - 24 Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN ( [www.christscrosscarclub.org](http://www.christscrosscarclub.org) )
  - 28 Board of Directors - TBD
  - ?? Annual CMI picnic (?)

- Sept**
- 06 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN 10am – 2pm ?
  - 07 Family Fun Fest, St. John's Church, Buffalo, MN
  - 09 Membership meeting – Cuzzy's in Chaska, 6:30
  - 25 Board of Directors – **To Be Announced**



To determine the displacement of your engine, know the bore and stroke. Most late model engines have a stroke of 2.940 inches (so where it says S put in 2.94) .....if you went over on the bore put that new number in for B....Got it? *Fran*

B x B x S x # of cylinders (Corvairs are 6) x 0.7854 = \_\_\_\_\_ Cubic inches x 16.387 = \_\_\_\_\_ Cubic cm (cc's)



Good morning all,

I just wanted to thank you for your efforts yesterday (*Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> -ed.*) in our spring AAH clean-up. It's unfortunate that it was a little wet in some areas, but it didn't rain on us, which was good. It's always difficult to plan this event since we are so weather dependent. We had a great turnout, with 21 members and guests. A special thanks goes out to the guests! This was the biggest attendance so far.

Thanks again.

Cliff



Three Corvairs at Dobo's



CJ goes in for the big one



A bunch of CMLers for AAH daze





# 42% OF DRIVERS STILL CAN'T IDENTIFY THIS WARNING SYMBOL

(SCHRADER, INDUSTRY LEADERS & GOVERNMENTS HELP TO CONFRONT AWARENESS GAP)

## GOOD NEWS



96 percent consider underinflated tires a serious safety issue.



89 percent that think properly inflated tires & an automatic warning could save their life.



**TPMS**

94 percent believe TPMS is an important safety feature to have in a vehicle while



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

79 percent indicate TPMS is important for environmental impact.

## WHEN SHOPPING FOR A CAR

95 percent consider safety features and 72 percent environmental impact as important elements.



Nearly half of drivers surveyed would be likely to purchase TPMS for their car if they did not already have one installed.



## THREE IN TEN

Visit professional service providers to resolve tire issues, while 51 percent of drivers report self-servicing underinflated tires at a gas station or car wash.

## AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT



### ONE IN TEN DRIVERS

admitted to having intentionally ignored a TPMS warning and continued to drive.



### ONLY 58% OF SURVEYED DRIVERS

could correctly identify the TPMS warning symbol.



34 percent of men, compared to 50 percent of women, said they rarely check their tire pressure.



42 percent of surveyed drivers rarely check their tire pressure.



Approximately 75 percent of roadside flats are preceded by a slow leak or underinflation.

21% said they would continue driving until they could safely check their tires with the naked eye to see if there was an issue.



## STAGGERING FACTS



The presence of TPMS has resulted in a **55.6 percent** reduction in the likelihood that a vehicle would have one or more severely underinflated tires.

## UNDERINFLATED TIRES ARE ESTIMATED (ANNUALLY) TO CAUSE:

200,000

ACCIDENTS



660

HIGHWAY FATALITIES



33,000

INJURIES



3.5 MILLION

GALLONS OF GASOLINE WASTED PER DAY



## \$511 MILLION IN REDUCED FUEL CONSUMPTION

TPMS-equipped vehicles were estimated to save more than **\$511 million** in reduced fuel consumption.

## TPMS GOES GLOBAL



Sources: Schrader 2014 Driver Survey; NHTSA Reports

To learn more about TPMS, please visit [TPMSmadeSimple.com](http://TPMSmadeSimple.com)



The IA club is not hosting the annual autocross, but HACOIA from KS and MO are picking up the torch for this year. Please consider yourself invited for one or both days. IA racers will be there, along with some of the usual 'suspects' that are seen at the Marshalltown Track.

Greetings and salutations, would you please pass the word and info as to where to get signed up? Thanks so much

Teresa Miller, ICE HACOIA CORSA, [www.JTVairs.com](http://www.JTVairs.com)

## HACOIA'S Labor Day Dust Up

Heart of America Corvair Owners Association



**\$100 per driver or \$50 per day**

**Location**

Iowa International Raceway  
2002 Anson, Marshalltown IA 50158

**Saturday BYOF**

Lunch on the lawn: Bring your picnic, coolers. A grill will be available but no formal lunch is planned.

**Sunday Lunch provided**

Hot Dogs Chips, drink, cake

**Accommodations:**

Host hotel: Best Western  
641-752-6321 \*\$90 per room  
Mention Corvair for the rate

**\*Registration forms available at:**  
Hacoia website [www.hacoia.org](http://www.hacoia.org)  
Email: [tkmiller714@yahoo.com](mailto:tkmiller714@yahoo.com)

**August 30 & 31**  
**Sat: Open Track**  
**Sun: Autocross**

**Saturday: 10 am**  
Line up, use the track to test your skills, test your car. New drivers & ladies encouraged to run!

**Sunday: 9 am race time**  
Classifications listed in registration form



**Open to Corvair & Corvair powered vehicles.**  
**CORSA rules apply, all cars will be tech checked.**  
**Regulation helmets are required.**  
**Licensed drivers only**





# Farmington Dew Days



## 2014 Dew Days Cruise Night

Friday June 20th

\$10.00 entry fee

Join us for the 5th annual Dew Days Cruise Night on Friday, June 20th, 2014 in Historic Downtown Farmington. Line up begins at 4:00pm at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, (4008 220th St. W, Farmington, MN, 55024 ). The cruise begins at 7:30 pm (new time) leaving from the Dakota County Fairgrounds. We will follow the Dew Days parade route through downtown going North on 3rd Street 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 15 mile scenic cruise and end up back downtown (Only the first 150 cars will be allowed back into downtown) for great live music.

With your \$10.00 dollar cruise entry you will be eligible to win a ton of great door prizes and be entered into a drawing to win a photo shoot from Blazing Shots photography to photograph your RIDE! (a \$200 dollar value)



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



Most Unique cruiser receives an event plaque and a \$100 dollar gift Certificate to Family Fresh Market



3 Princess's Choice Awards - this is a crowd favorite— awards given by Little Miss, Junior Miss and

Miss Farmington based on their personal favorite!

Door prizes include 4 drawings for a \$ 25.00 Visa Gift certificates from many local businesses

For More information on the cruise log into [WWW.FarmingtonDewDays.com](http://WWW.FarmingtonDewDays.com)

Let us know you are coming!

Please register at [FarmingtonDewDays.com](http://FarmingtonDewDays.com) under the Car Cruise tab

Free music presented by



Apple Autos



THE ROCKIN' HOLLYWOODS

First 150 cars receive a gift bag!

Cruise open to collector vehicles 25 years (1989) and older & special interest vehicles. Please call Bruce for more info 612-298-0094

## Letter to the editor

John - - I wish to make a short response to Jim Brandberg's entertaining and respectful epitaph for Fran's red '67.

Admittedly the "red" was not my favorite means of transportation, since we (the car and I) had some rather drastic - rump to seat - issues.

Amazingly, the 'red' was a notorious, "chick magnet". Go figure! It was not an issue when the 'chicks' were old ladies like me. Sometimes, however, it was less than gratifying for me when the young (sometimes very young) 'tail swishers' stopped to visit. It happened at church, grocery stores, malls, etc. Fran didn't always have to be near the car for the ladies to know that the 'red' was his. Somehow, the hat went with the car!

I hate to admit it, but I kinda miss seeing that car sitting in the back forty. That's another "Go figure". The 'red' was one of a kind, that's for sure.

Thank you , JIm, for taking the time to pen your tribute!

*Mary Schmit*

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## 'Heard' on the internet

Last summer, Chevy had a big display at the Laguna Seca race, with Team Corvette and others there. They had a banquet hosted by the Corvette Museum folks. The guest speaker was Tadge Juechter, the Corvette engineering chief for GM. After giving the pep-talk about the new C7, with slides, he was brave enough to take questions from the audience - of about 150 Corvette fans.

His one caveat was - He could not talk about future Production plans. GM would get really mad if he did. But he answered all kinds of questions. After the dinner, on his way out, I cornered him, and his lovely wife, and got a snapshot with my "good buddy" (his wife took the photo). I asked him if the new C7 Corvette still used the same 5-bolt wheel pattern that my C6 uses (I have at least 5 sets of tires, race and otherwise, for my 2005, and I was thinking...) He said yes it does, and that the C7 Corvette was now the only GM car, worldwide, that uses that bolt pattern. That is the same pattern that all Corvettes have used since 1953. - And the same bolt pattern that the 1965-69 Corvair and all FC Corvairs used.



Seth Emerson (on left) and Tadge Juechter

Seth Emerson

Sethracer@aol.com



# 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 bezel NOS (1 left)
- '64 rear exhaust air grill NOS

FOR SALE ---- (25) 1965 WHEEL COVERS - (2) WITH CORSA INSERTS ONE OR ALL -- REASONABLE  
JERRY BERGE 480-250-8816

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FOR SALE. \$5.00 (plus \$1 postage) 1963 Corvair owners guide. Front cover was written on by the original owner who sold a 1964 Corvair to me in about 1986. :) some underlining inside and it's a bit worn. Hence the \$5 price!

FOR SALE. \$10.00 (plus \$1 postage) 1964 Corvair Owner's Guide. Slightly worn on the edges, a bit of underlining inside but otherwise in really good shape for something 50 years old!

Carole Isakson isakson@kwgc-law.com 612-308-2123

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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.  
**Used parts:** complete engines, transmissions, differentials: call for parts – I have a large inventory.  
**Also:** 1969 110hp engine (runs great, sealed & pretty) Rare – aftermarket tube style early air grill – Solid flywheel

**I also offer full time Corvair repair**

Gary Nelson 612-866-3247 or cell: 612-644-1258

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**1964 CORVAIR MONZA CONVERTIBLE.** (Top is manual) 110 HP, AUTOMATIC. Interior and paint are Aqua; same owner for last 43 years; in good shape. [Gary Nelson a long time club member has done almost all the work on it. (612-866-3247)] Mileage is about 118,000. Engine was rebuilt at about 90k. Make offer Bob Elliot 612-866-1872

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**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

I have two corvairs and would like to sell one.  
Car one is a **1964 Monza two door**, 110 HP PowerGlide; No rust, repainted red by MAACO.  
Car two is a **1966 Monza four door**, 110 HP PowerGlide; No rust, repainted red by MAACO.  
Howard (Bud) Brady 952-891-4790 Cell 952-303-2340

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**62 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) (715) 828 – 9001  
\*\* note – reduced price! \$4,900. \*\*

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**Wanted** – I'm looking for a Corsa coupe in nice condition!  
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**Spot a 'Vair:**



Courtesy Lee Knauf:

...photo my daughter took when we were in SD last week. It is an early Monza being used as an attention getter for the upcoming car auction in Murdo, SD at the Pioneer Museum.



Happy Father's Day!

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*Nice weather is finally here - bring out the 'Vair!*