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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

I seriously considered equipping my Malibu with oars, a life jacket, and buoys this past week. I must say the rain we received recently has been impressive. On Friday the 20th I took my Corvair to Farmington for their annual Dew Days Cruise night and crossed HWY 41 south of Chaska like I always do. That was at 6pm. When I came home after the cruise, the road was closed and just about under water. HWY 101 in Shakopee was closed as well so my Friday night cruise was extended through Shakopee and Eden Prairie.

One of the issues with having our drive-in meetings is that not everyone can hear what is going on. I know Chuck has the meeting minutes covered elsewhere in the SEEL so I won't rehash everything from our drive in night at Wagner's last month. I will say thank you again to Chuck Johnson and Dan Quinn for making sure our annual GMCCA was a success. We had 22 or 23 cars show up on an almost perfect day. Our extra duties of setting up GM 'orphans' was good as well, with a couple of Saturns (including Mike Jenkins' Ion Redline), a Chevette, Vince's Fiero, and a Pontiac Astre (when was the last time anyone saw one of those?). There was also an early 70s Opel GT parked next to a Saturn Sky, which seemed appropriate since the Saturn Sky was sold in Germany as an Opel GT during its brief life. Overall I would say we had a very good turnout and we even recruited a few new members.

We are going on a mission Saturday, July 19th. As most of you know Ray McMonigal has an Ultra Van

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that needs a little TLC, especially the fiberglass body. So the plan is to meet for breakfast somewhere near Ray's house and then spend some time with Ray working on his Ultra Van. Ray lives on Bellwood Ave in St. Paul so we will scope out a restaurant and have directions available. Anyone interested in helping can contact Fran Schmit or myself.

Bill Cook has us all set for the Delano Fourth of July Parade again this year. If you haven't done so, please contact Bill and let him know you want to be in the parade. We had a great turn-out last year and the crowds loved us. After the parade, there is food and other activities at the fairgrounds. The food was excellent and very reasonable.

Our July meeting is at Minnetonka Drive-in in Spring Park (if it's not under water). I will remember to call ahead to let them know we are coming and will find our megaphone so I don't lose my voice shouting.

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knauf

President



CORVAIR MINNESOTA

June 10, 2014

President Lee Knauf called the meeting to order at 7:25 at Wagner's drive-in in Brooklyn Center. Nearly 60 members and guests were present, including Kara Jorge, Brian Smallback, Jim Albright Ken Laursen, and Matt Van Tassell.

March Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$2054 in our treasury currently.

Recent Activities:

June 8: Last Sunday was the annual GMCCA Car Show and Swap Meet at the State Fair Grounds. It was a perfect day and we had 23 Corvairs on display and manned the entrance gate, the car corral, and the "Saturn/Novelty" vehicle display. We had a good time and this should yield a nice bump to our treasury.

Upcoming Activities:

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

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

July 4: Delano July 4th Parade: Bill Cook has 20 spots for us in this parade, the oldest July 4th 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 8: Uponsor Tour:

Fran has arranged thru CJ for a tour of this facility in Apple Valley. NOTE: This is a corrected date from what was given at the meeting.

July 8: Membership Meeting – Minnetonka Drive-in. Hope for another perfect evening.

July 19: Ultravan Data @ Ray McMonigal's: We'll meet to assess what we might do to assist in preserving/restoring his rare Corvair!

July 21-25, 2014: National CORSA Convention: Tacoma, Washington at the new LeMay Automobile Museum, only 1 month remains to complete your projects!

August 12: Membership meeting – Peppermint Twist in Delano

Other Business:

Bill Cook has three fleece vests waiting to be picked up, we'll need them soon enough!

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson

CMI Secretary

Help Wanted

Fran has a bunch of 35mm slides that were officially taken, for the club - (then called the North Central CORVAIR Club, NCCA). The slides are of all the cars entered at the National CORSA convention held here in 1977. Some of the club members are still around who put on this convention but remember - - - that was 37 years ago! It would be nice to have one of our modern-technically-inclined-folks scan those slides into Digital files so we could show them at meetings or other events. It might be fun to look through them to see how many of those cars are still around and who has them...we could even check with Brian Carlson to see how many are in his Registry! With modern technology we could include such data with each picture, if/ when the OLD folks could remember it. Wonder if there is any paper work left from those days to help us identify the cars/owners?

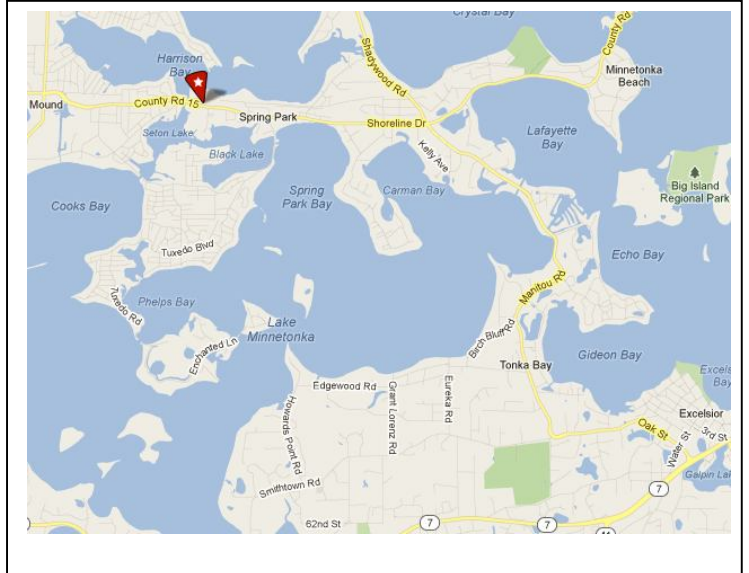
So, CMI would like to have someone digitize those pictures and then research the archives to fill in the data. Obviously this person would need help from the old timers, so don't everybody speak up at once!

Contact one of the officers to volunteer so we can get this "show" on the road!



Upcoming Corvair Minnesota Events

CMI's next drive-in (non-MUM) meeting, July 08th, will be at the Minnetonka Drive-in in Spring Park, **(6:30 pm)**. 4658 Shoreline Dr, Spring Park



July

- 04 Fourth of July Parade, Delano – Post Parade Picnic @ Peppermint Twist
- 08 Tour of Uponor, Apple Valley
- 08 Membership meeting – **Minnetonka Drive-in** in Spring Park, 6:30 pm
- 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 27th – 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 show (and CMI Annual Picnic) Buffalo MN High School
- 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)
- 28 Board of Directors - TBD

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 p.m.
- 25 Board of Directors – **To Be Announced**

Oct

- 07 Membership meeting – MUM
- 11-12 Fall trip??
- 12 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds (<http://roadsterstwincities.com/>)
- 12 12th annual Drive for Kids – (<http://bolderoptions.org/events/drive-4-kids/>)
8-10:30 a.m. start, noon to 4:30 finish; St. Paul to Red Wing
- 30 Board of Directors – **TBD**



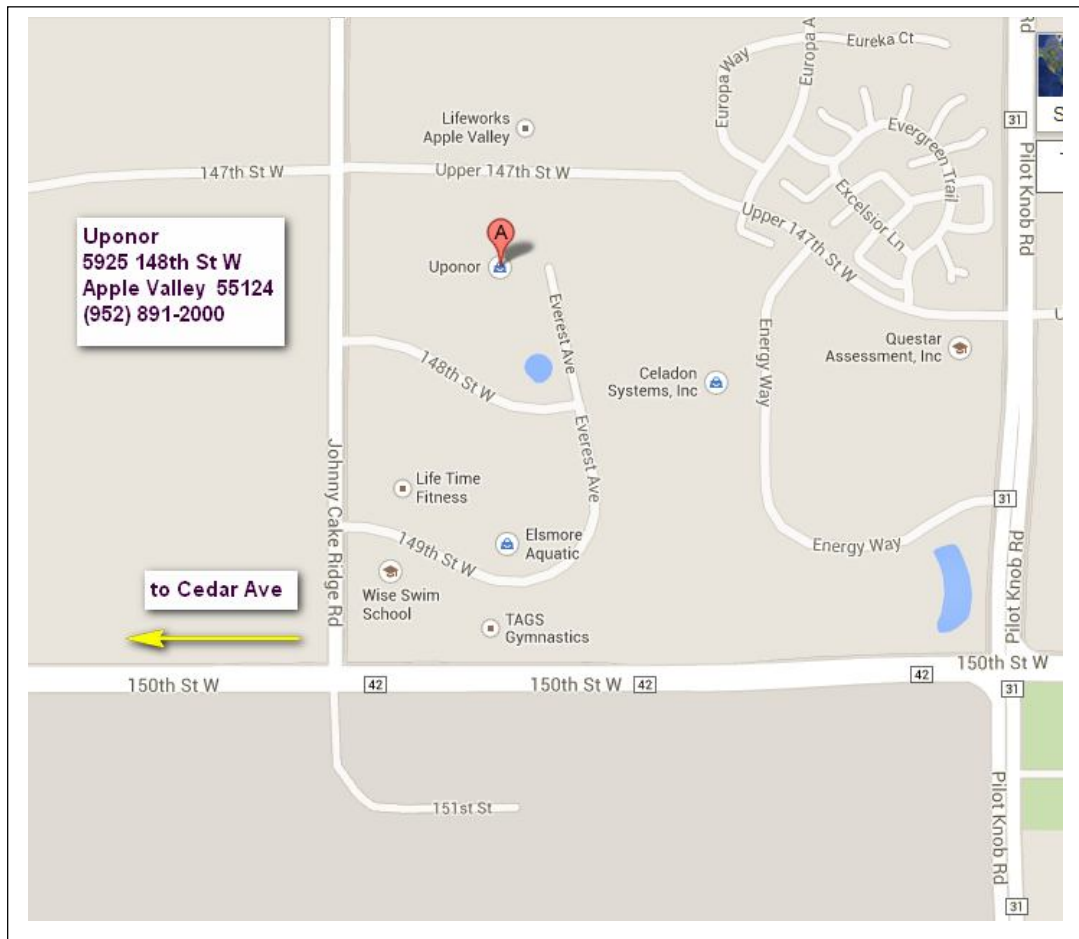
Uponor tour

Join us for a **10 a.m.** tour on **Tuesday July 8th** arranged by our own C.J. Schmit.
The address is 5925 148th St W, Apple Valley, MN 55124; Phone: (952) 891-2000
(The Man in charge of our tour is Wes Sisquo.)

Directions: 35W South to CoRd 42 - Go East (about 5 miles) on CoRd 42 to Johnny Cake Ridge Road, then North to 2nd Rt turn, (about two blocks), turn right on 148th St.

[Alternatively: if you like Cedar - take it South to CoRd 42, East to Johnny Cake Ridge Road, etc.]

On 148th turn left into the 2nd driveway and park by the Training Center.

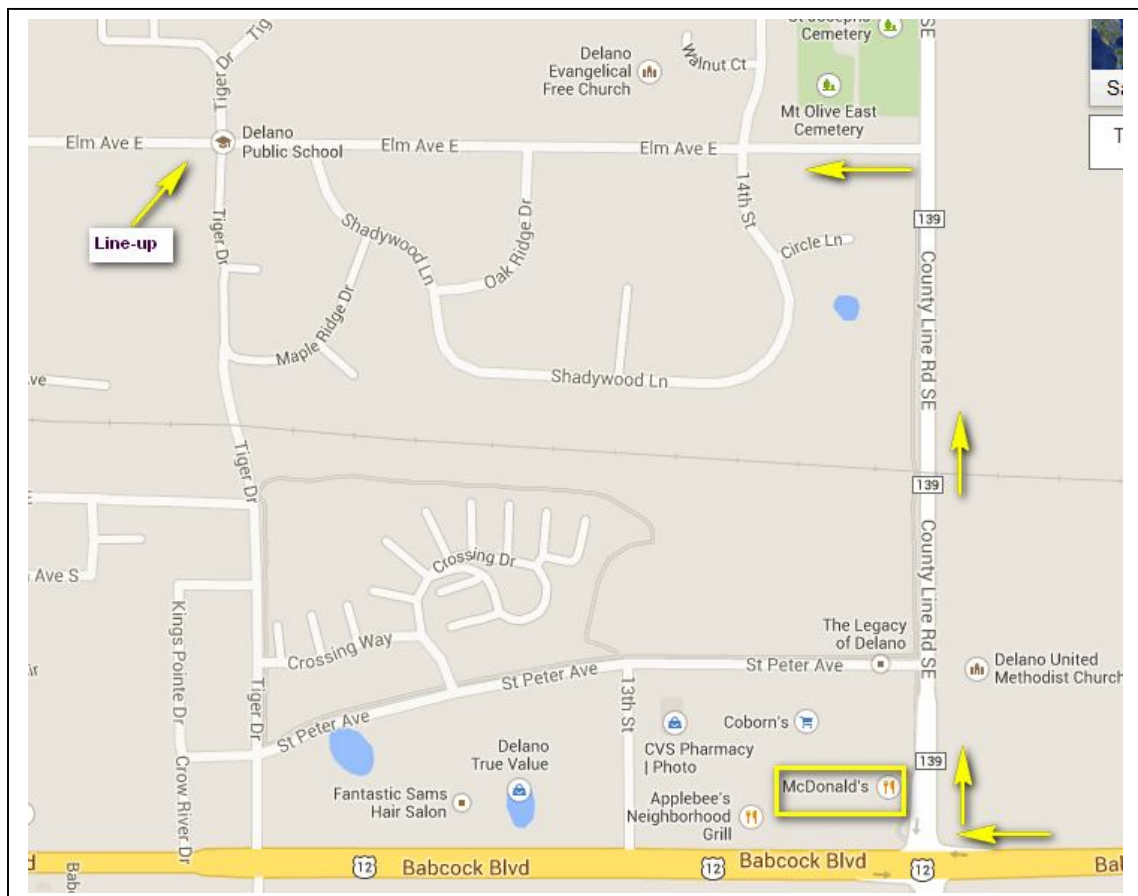


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2014 Delano 4th of July Parade

Dear CMI'ers -- If you want to participate in this year's 4th of July Parade in Delano please let Billy know ASAP so we can have an accurate count for the parade committee. The setup will be the same as last year. We will again be in the first half of the parade. We will meet at 9:00am along the north side of Elm Ave E, just east of Tiger Drive. Most of the roads will be closed so take Hwy 12 W to the McDonald's restaurant on the east end of town (County Line Road SE). Go north to Elm Ave E and turn left. Look for Billy's silver Corvette. Don't forget to bring your flags and CMI magnetic signs. The parade will start at 10:30am. Remember all the food and activities are near where we will be parking after the parade. Go to www.delano4th.com for more information or call Billy at 612-940-9179.



ORDER YOUR CORVAIR APPAREL NOW !!

Our current supplier for jackets, polos, denim shirts, sweatshirts, T-shirts, caps, visors, etc. is Visions Embroidery of Buffalo. Not only do we have really nice quality clothing to choose from, but the prices are lower than previous years. We usually have Large and XL in stock, but we can order whatever you want.

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Colors : black w/gray fleece lining	
CAPS : Low Profile, velcro adjustable	\$10.00
Colors : black, white, navy, red, slate blue	
VISORS : Low Profile, velcro adjustable	\$10.00
Colors : black, tan	
CORVAIR 50th ANNIVERSARY LICENSE PLATE	\$20.00
CMI MAGNETIC DOOR SIGNS (per pair)	\$20.00

- ** All clothing items are priced with CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo on left crest
- ** For sizes 3X or larger, add \$5.00
- ** If you want your first name embroidered, add \$5.00
- ** If you want the oval CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo embroidered on the back of any shirt or jacket, add \$25.00
- ** If you want to place an order, call BILL COOK at 612-940-9179

GMCCA Car / Truck Show and Swap Meet, Sunday, June 8, 2014

General Motors Car Clubs Association (GMCCA) is comprised of twelve car & truck clubs based out of the Minneapolis and St. Paul metropolitan area in Minnesota. In June of each year we hold our GMCCA All-GM Show and Swap Meet on Machinery Hill at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

This year (unlike 2013 when we had to utilize a 140hp space heater) the weather was ideal for the show. Of course there was the mandatory heavy rainfall on Saturday when the tents were erected, but Sunday found us under clear blue skies with moderate temperatures and a bit of a breeze – perfect!

The Corvair class was represented by 22 cars representing 1960 through 1969 – Early open, Early closed, Late open and Late closed categories, and of course Gary Nelson brought his roadster (I guess that's an Early open as well). There were even 3 Rampsides! (But only one van and where are the wagons?) Wally Couture did bring Flat Fred to the car corral and Jack Bacon ended up as new owner – many of us are glad it stayed in the club!

Chuck Johnson, Bruce Hubbard, Rick Tyson and Rich Storlie all brought home trophies to top off a great day.



Here's a fine selection of air cooled machines



Just kickin' back on a fine day (under the tent)



Great weather, great car show: good day for friends to 'hang out'



Can you spot the Corvair?

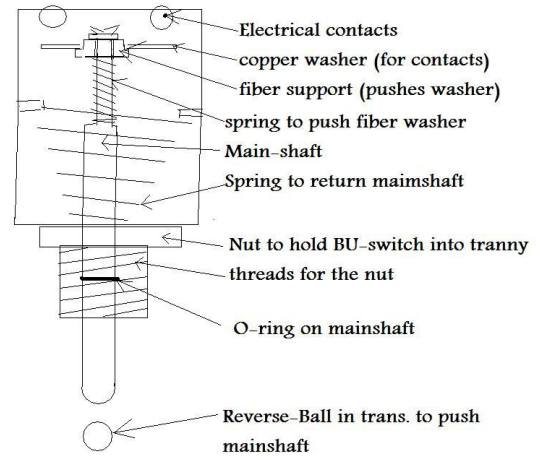


Eric Prosize even brought his beautiful girls up from Iowa for the day

Saginaw Back-Up Switch

The Back-up switch on one of my Saginaws was burned out. Completely fried! This is on a transmission that I got from somebody so I have no idea how it could have been so utterly smoked. Clark's wants 66\$ for a new one - - which I figured was a little spendy, but doable, and it gave me the push to try a repair!

I took the fried guy apart and saw that it had been a robust switch. It was built very much like the starter solenoid switch which uses a copper disc crammed up against a couple strong posts so that a lot of current could be passed. It was strong because it was part of the tranny and had to be screwed into the tranny with a 1 inch wrench. The return spring inside the switch - that pushes the plunger back into the tranny is a strong spring mounted solidly into the frame of the unit...this guy is really built. I have sketched the original design, not too well but close enough to give you an idea.



After removing all the burned off parts I reconstructed about half of the mechanical switch and then replaced the electrical part with a teeny micro-switch which I will use to control a relay. There obviously was no way to put a micro-switch in that big housing so I epoxy'd it in there. The pushbutton on the micro-switch did not line up with the Saginaw plunger so I placed a lever across the button (see photo) and because the plunger was so big/robust I placed a small spring on the end of the plunger to activate the lever I had placed across the pushbutton.



To hold the micro-switch in the correct place I wired it in and epoxy'd the edges. Then after it passed the test of switching on/off when screwed into the tranny.....I removed the wires - took a picture down in the hole (showing the spring/lever/micro-switch) and filled in around the switch with more epoxy so that it became part of the whole assembly.

The "remanufactured" switch is now mounted properly on the side of my Saginaw. Take a look. I will add a two prong connector on small wires up to a relay in the engine bay - - to power the BU-lights.

O f course, if I used white LEDs in the BU housing, I wouldn't need the relay, would I?...!



Fran

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
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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. Fun to drive but at my age it's getting tougher to get in and out! Make offer Bill Von Hassel 952-946-2245 or VonH9700@aol.com



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Have a safe 4th – hope to see you at an event, soon!