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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

## President's Page

*August* seems to have arrived earlier than normal. Perhaps all the rain we received in June has something to do with it, reducing our summer driving time by a third. Maybe the fact that we haven't had any really hot, humid summer days is the reason. Whatever the reason, August is here.

I don't know if there are any baseball fans out there but I had the opportunity to attend the Home Run Derby and the MLB All-Star game at Target Field. Thanks to PETCO having the naming rights to the San Diego Padres' ballpark, the corporate office was given four tickets, which were then sent to a regional VP, his wife, and two lucky General Managers, of which I was one (spending half of last summer in North Dakota probably helped). Now I'm not a huge baseball fan but I had a fantastic time. Target Field is an excellent venue. I don't know how many members would be interested in attending a Twins game, but that may be something we'd like to do in August or September as a group (even though the Twins are currently in last place).

I want to thank C.J. Schmit for arranging our tour of his work place, Uponor, in Apple Valley. I was fortunate enough to have taken the week off so I was actually able to attend a week day event. I was amazed at how efficient the facility was and how much engineering goes into something as seemingly simple as hose. We had 12 members in attendance which is excellent for a Tuesday morning. Thanks again, C.J.

## August 2014

For those of us who were unable to attend the CORSA National Convention in Tacoma, Washington, there is an article on the LeMay Automotive Museum in the latest issue of Hemming's Classic Car. The facility looks fantastic and should be a must see for anyone who travels to the state of Washington. I'm looking forward to the Communique article on the convention. If any CMI member did make it out west to Tacoma, we expect a full report at our August meeting at Peppermint Twist in Delano.

As mentioned, August is upon us so keep those Corvairs cruising.

Stay Tuned,

*Lee Knauf*  
CMI President



# CORVAIR MINNESOTA

## July 8, 2014

President Lee Knauf called the meeting to order at 7:10 at Minnetonka drive-in in Spring Park. Nearly 40 members and guests were present, Brian who once owned corvairs and belonged to CMI. . .but graduated to air-cooled Porsches, and Michael, who purchased a '63 Monza coupe with A/C in Texas and took off on vacation in it. Jim Brandberg sorted out some problems for him and he will be continuing on.

In this era of diversity, the Porsche joined a Mini and Dave Peterson's fresh Model A coupe in the parking lot.

**March Minutes:** Motion by Fran to approve as written, seconded by John, and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$2220 in our treasury currently.

### Recent Activities:

**June 20 – 22: Back to the 50's:** State Fair Grounds. Many members attended but the pleasant surprise was Alex Becker's newly completed gold and black Loadside pickup on display. His wife and parents, all hailing from Yankton, SD, were along to greet us. The family has quite a fleet of Corvairs and we were fortunate to become friends last year in K'zoo.

**July 4: Delano July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** CMI had 13 entrants, and two princesses, 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. Thank you once again to Bill and Carol Cook for planning another seamless event.

**July 8: Uponor Tour:** Fran and CJ arranged this for us as CJ works at this facility in Apple Valley. About a dozen of us attended and were glad we did. Fran will give a more technical report!

### Upcoming Activities:

**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. You better have completed your project and have it on the road by now!

**August 9, 2014: New London – New Brighton Rally.** We will repeat last year, meeting the rally at Buffalo High School for their noon break. This year we are combining our CMI picnic with this event. This is a **unique opportunity** to expose your kids/grandkids/neighbors to actual brass era steam and gasoline vehicles when they are under power.

**August 12: Membership meeting – Peppermint Twist in Delano**

**September 6, 2014: Classics by the Lake Car Show – Buffalo.** This is always another great show, more details next month.

### Other Business:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chuck Johnson*

CMI Secretary

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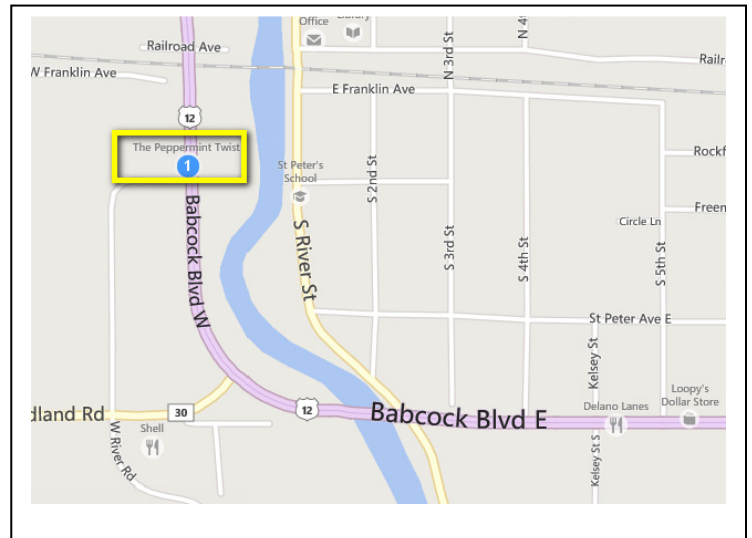
### Ethanol sales in 1933

*Photo from the Nebraska State Historical Society.*



# Upcoming Corvair Minnesota Events

CMI's next drive-in (non-MUM) meeting, August 12<sup>th</sup>, will be at the Peppermint Twist Drive-in in Delano, (6:30 pm). 115 Babcock Blvd W, Delano, MN



- August**
- 03 Fergus Falls Car show, 8 a.m. (awards at 3 p.m.); Featured make this year: Corvairs!
  - 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](http://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**
- Nov**
- 11 Membership meeting – MUM (voter's meeting)
  - TBD** Board of Directors



# Corvair Minnesota in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Delano, a pictorial



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## VISITS

A group of twelve CMLers were given the honor of a tour of Uponor 's (formerly Wirsbo) PEX manufacturing plant in Apple Valley on July 8th. From Uponor's website: "Uponor's core purpose is to partner closely with professionals to create better human environments. That means for more than 40 years, we have been seeking out innovative ways to ensure our PEX plumbing, radiant heating/cooling, hydronic distribution, pre-insulated pipe and fire sprinkler systems offer the most consistent, reliable and high-performing solutions available to residential and commercial structures around the globe." This pic was taken by the tour guide.

Thanks to C.J. Schmit for arranging the tour!



Here's another visit to report. One day my son Peter was at my house and so was Gary Nelson and so was Hill Sweet and also my Hawai'ian son Paul. In Paul's youth he worked for Gary in his Garage/Barber shop. Mary took the picture. *Fran Schmit*



# Corvairs at the Minnesota Street Rod Associations Back to the 50's show





Saturday July 19:  
Visit with Ray McMonigal to see his UltraVan.

Turns out its number is 265. The number is on the door and also Ray has the book from the original owner that is also labeled #265. The team, shown in the illustrious photo, assessed what they thought Ray should work on first and then proceed, as time permits. The vehicle is in very restorable condition. #265 needs windshield work. Apparently Chevy Stepvan windshields almost fit and will fit with some cutting. Ray needs to fabricate a little bit of structure on the front end before getting the glass cut.



The photos show Ray with the new glass and also the crew giving him 'valuable' advice! Tom Quinn was really impressed with the manual and copies of the newsletter from the UltraVan club...called "Whales on Wheels".

Ray was worried about the engine, so we poked around on that first. It was decided we could see no problem with the engine so we put some hardware back on and fired it up. Sounded good enough to be called a runner! The advice was for Ray to put the engine compartment back together and get all the engine wiring up to snuff so he could drive it around, a bit, before tackling the windshield project.

We'll keep y'all posted on this project as time goes by and maybe will ask for help in the months ahead, as we all would like to have a working UV in CMI....so would Ray. *Fran Schmit*

*From Seth Emerson, July 5, 2014 on Virtual Vairs:*

In case you thought the US Congress really did nothing at all!

The U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 493 (S. Res. 493) designating July 11, 2014, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day." The Resolution was requested by SEMA and Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO) (<http://www.sema.org/armo>) and Hot Rod Industry Alliance (HRIA) (<http://www.sema.org/hria>) councils. The date marks the fifth commemoration in what has become an annual event to celebrate and raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

S. Res. 493 was sponsored by Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus Co-Chairs Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) and Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC), along with Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK). The Senators are strong advocates for the automotive hobby in Washington, and S. Res. 493 reaffirms their understanding of the cultural importance of collector cars. The Caucus is an informal, non-partisan member organization that pays tribute to America's ever-growing love affair with the car and motorsports.

"We thank the U.S. Senate for its continued recognition of the collector car hobby as a valued American tradition and pastime", said SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs Steve McDonald. With Australia and Canada joining the celebration, Collector Car Appreciation Day has now become an international recognition of the collector car industry and the millions of hobbyists it supports. A number of states and local governments have adopted similar commemorative declarations as well.



Clay Wispell, Virtual Vairs, July 6, 2014

NTCA Member,

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Clay Wispell has passed away. He died Saturday July 5th just after 2AM at Arlington Memorial Hospital (Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital) from congestive heart failure.

The funeral service will take place on Wednesday, July 9th, at 3:00 PM at Moore Funeral Home - North Chapel, 1219 N. Davis, Arlington TX 76012. The phone number is 817-275-2711. A eulogy will be given by Harold Layher. Following the eulogy, anyone else who would like to give a remembrance is welcome. A reception will follow at the same facility.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in Clay's name to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Michael & Jennifer Boyle

Published in Star-Telegram on July 7, 2014

**Clay Wispell**, 78, of Grand Prairie went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 5, 2014. Funeral: 3 p.m. Wednesday at Moore Funeral Home North Chapel with a catered reception to follow.

Read more here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?n=clay-wispell&pid=171632858#storylink=cpy>



# 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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**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 Corvaire repair

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

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**For Sale** - New Craftsman "Digitork" 1/2" drive digital torque wrench, \$60.00. Call Billy at 612-940-9179.

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I have four Corvaire Bucket seats if anyone has a need.. Two are black not sure of year, one white 64, one red 65. Bud Brady, 952-891-4790....Cell 942-303-2340

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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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**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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**1968 Monza Coupe** I bought this last summer. It's an awesome car! Runs and drives great. No problems. \$5500. Call Jake 651-335-3929



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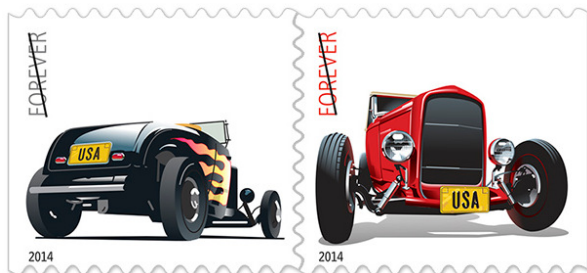
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**Spot a 'Vair:** (as seen on eBay)



Just finished every mile of the Great Race from Maine to Florida! This 1965 Corvair convertible got more attention than any of the 104 vehicles in the 2014 Great Race. This car ran all 2,400 miles of the event and came in 31st overall in competition.



**CMI is a non-profit corporation, chartered with The CORVAIR Society of America. Send CORVAIR Minnesota's \$20.00 annual dues, payable by Jan 01, to the CMI Treasurer. Membership in CORVAIR Minnesota entitles you to the monthly newsletter, "The Leeky Seel", with free ads for members, a club window sticker, discounts on club activities, information on parts availability, and good advice on the preservation and enjoyment of the CORVAIR automobile.... Yeah!**

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*It's August already – keep driving them 'Vairs!*