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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

We had our annual March member meeting at the Minneapolis Car Show at the Convention Center. Turnout was good and we welcomed another new member, Dave Pedersen, and his son. Dave has a 1964 Monza that he purchased in North Dakota and according to Dave will be a father/son project. We can't wait to meet the younger Pedersen and see their car.

I would have to say that this year's auto show was somewhat of a letdown. Maybe it's my imagination but all the cars are starting to look the same again and there was nothing really new or outstanding. I did like the Buick Cascada convertible but not in the silver/blue color they had on the stand. I also thought it could be a little bigger; more Buick Regal sized than Buick Verano.

The Jeep Renegade was interesting but didn't "WOW" me. For me the best car of the show was the 1953 Cadillac convertible that Jeremy from Unique Auto in Mankato brought.

We have a lot of events coming up this year and more is better. Cara has a new job as Retail Specialist for the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. Two events she let me know about are the New Ulm Auto Fest on Sunday, June 28th and the Bavarian Blast Parade on Sunday, July 20th. Both of these could be a lot of fun. We had a great time a few years ago when we did the Fall Run to New Ulm, which I've realized is a town that likes to have fun. This will be a good topic of discussion for the board.

March 2015

The wimpy winter is over and spring is here. I have some vacation time coming up the week before Easter and top on the list of things to do is get our Corvair out of storage and on the road.

I certainly hope everyone in the club is able to do the same. I've always maintained that Corvairs are meant to be driven and enjoyed and I can't wait to start cruising in ours.

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knauf

CMI President



CORVAIR MINNESOTA

March 10, 2015

President Lee Knauf called the meeting to order at 7:02 in the lobby of the Minneapolis Convention Center hosting the MSP International Auto Show. 15 members and 4 guests were in attendance, including the entire Quinn family.

We welcomed new member Dave Pedersen from Ham Lake who has purchased a red '62 Monza coupe to restore with his son.

February Minutes: None as meeting was canceled due to snow.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$2599 in our treasury currently, 57 paid members.

Recent Activities: None this month!

Upcoming Activities:

April 14: April Membership Meeting: Strike 2 at Dave Peterson's. A few members attended in February despite the snow so we can benefit from their learning curve! Meet at Red Rooster for dinner beforehand.

April 25: Spring Pancake Breakfast: We will be in St Paul this year meeting at 9:30, thanks to the efforts of Dan Quinn. When full, we will adjourn to tour the Transportation Museum of MN. Start prepping your Corvairs!

April 25: Pontiac Car Club Show: Held at route 65 Classics is Ham Lake from 9 – 2.

May 3: Buick Car Club Show. Minnesota State Fair Grounds.

May 9: Adopt a Highway Spring Clean-up. Meet at Dobo's Restaurant for breakfast, work a little bit, and meet back in Dobo's for dessert! Back up date is **May 16.**

May 12: May membership meeting.

May 16: Adopt a Highway **Back-up Date.**

May 16: Willmar Car Show

June 7: GMCCA Car Show and Swap Meet: State Fair Grounds. CMI is responsible for our display area, the car corral, and for its second year, hosting the "Saturn/Other GM" display to make entrants feel welcome and motivated to recruit more of their friends for the 2016 event.

ASSIGNMENT: Please have your kids, grandkids, etc. go to Facebook and "LIKE" the GMCCA site. Check out the video of last year's show while there. Also check the new look of the CMI website.

June 9: Membership Meeting.

June 19 – 21: Back to the 50's: State Fair Grounds.

July 24-27, 2014: National CORSA Convention: Knoxville, TN, 743 miles from here and the home of Fast Women and Beautiful Horses. Only **4** months remain to complete your projects!

July 17: North St Paul Car Cruise "CORVAIR NIGHT", a **new event** for CMI. We will be the featured marque thanks to Tom & Dan Quinn! Details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson



Info: <http://www.corvair.org/2015convention/>



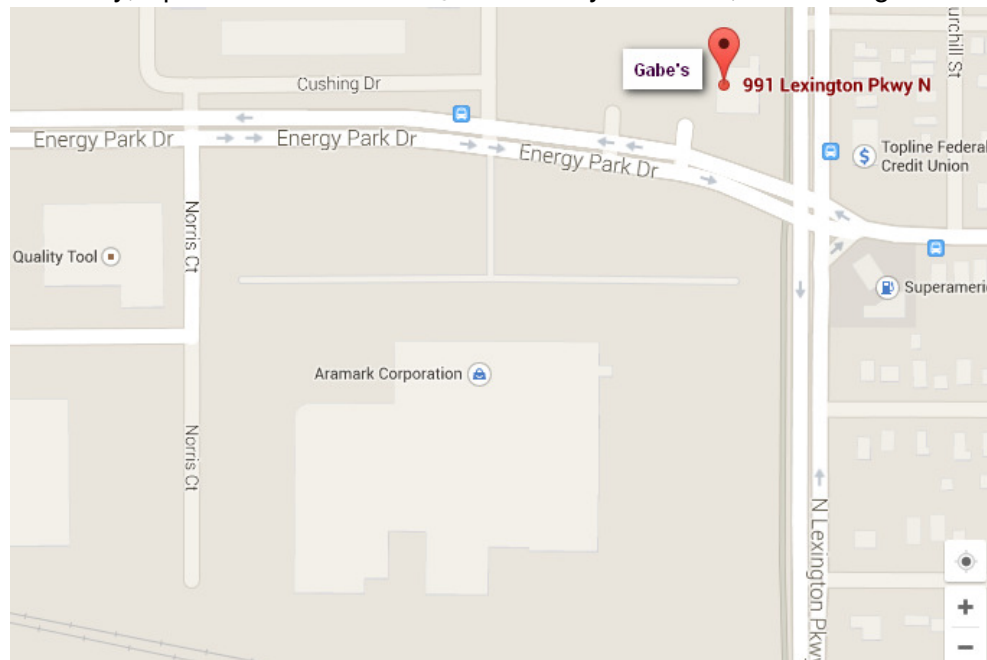
Upcoming CMI events:

- April**
- 11-12 GSTA, Coliseum, State Fair Grounds (<http://www.gstarod-custom.com>)
 - 14 Membership meeting: Dave Peterson's shop – see notice elsewhere in the SEEL.
 - 23 Board of Directors – **TBD**
 - 25 CMI Annual Pancake breakfast - Gabe's, 9:30 followed by trip to the Transportation Museum;
 - 25 3rd Annual Tomahawk Car show and Swap meet @ Route 65 Classics in Ham Lake; 9:00-2:00
- May**
- Apr 30- May 1 Inventor's Congress Expo (nee: Invention & Idea Show), 10:00– 6:00 Mpls Conv Center (<http://inspireexpo.org/>) **note: this is a Thursday and Friday event.**
 - 03 Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, 7-3, (www.gopherstatebuick.org) State Fairgrounds
 - 09 Adopt-A-Highway (clean-up) Dobo's at 8:00 a.m. (make-up date: May 16)
 - 16 Adopt a Highway (Back Up Date)
 - 16 Willmar Car Show 8:00-3:00
 - 12 Membership meeting –
 - 17 First Fifty Auto Parts Sale & Swap Meet, 7-3, State Fairgrounds
 - 29 Board of Directors – **TBD**
- June**
- 07 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance 10:00-4:00, Excelsior
 - 07 GMCCA – State Fairgrounds 9:00-3:00**
 - 09 Membership meeting -
 - 19-21 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds (www.msra.com)
 - 23-27 National CORSA Convention, Knoxville, TN
 - 26 Board of Directors – **TBD**



Corvair Minnesota Annual "Pancake" Breakfast

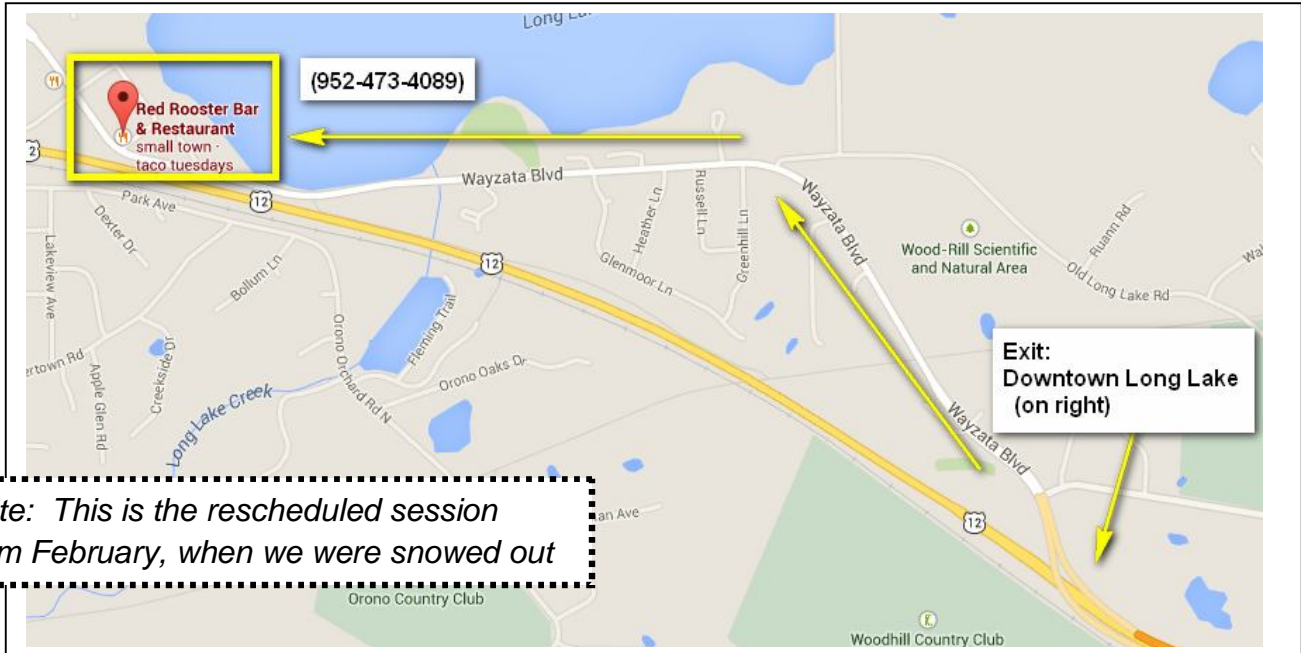
Saturday, April 25th at 9:00 a.m. @ Gabe's By The Park, 991 Lexington Pkwy N, St. Paul (651)646-3066



After breakfast we'll visit the
Minnesota Transportation
Museum
at 193 Pennsylvania Ave East
(near 35E)
<http://www.mtmuseum.org/>

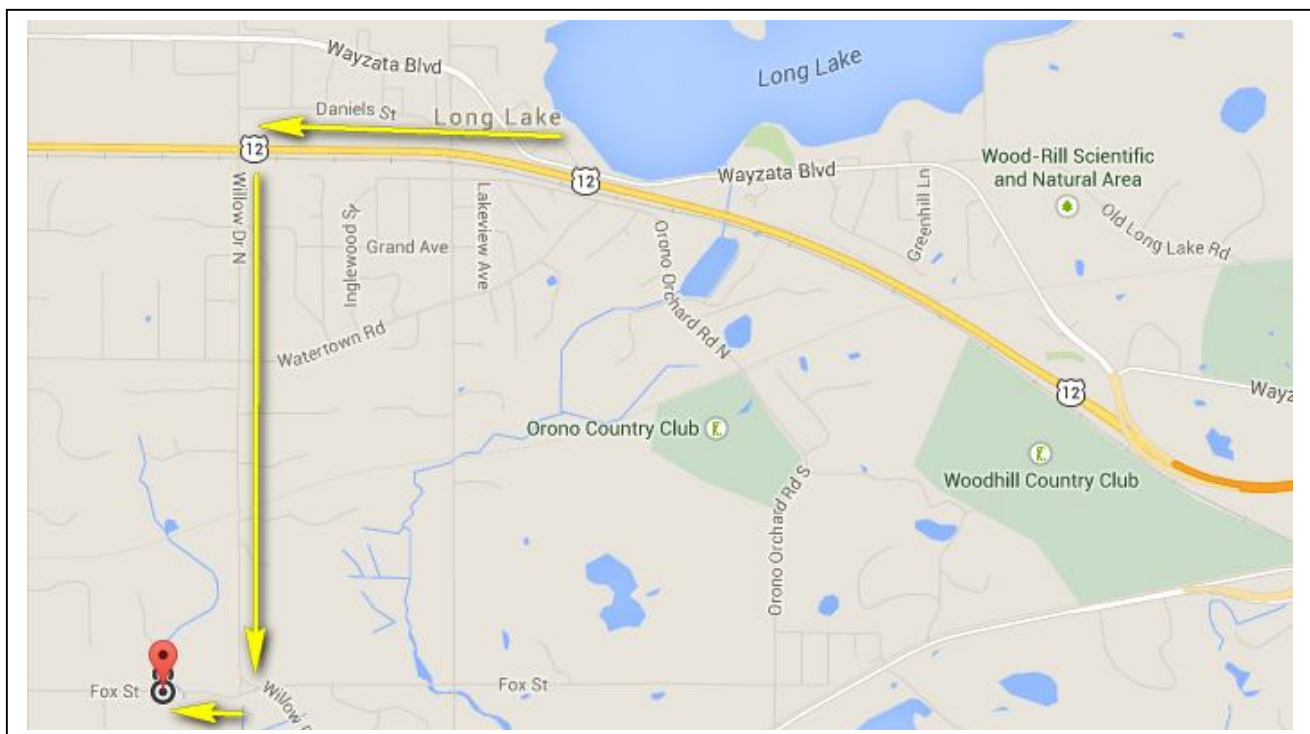
CMI Work Session & Membership meeting) April 14, 2015

We'll start the meeting at the Red Rooster in Long Lake (<http://www.redroosterill.com/>) at 6:00 pm (18:00 hrs)



David sez: "The "Red Rooster" is in the town of Long Lake. To get to the ""Rooster" go West on 394. Just after the end of 394 (where the road turns back into #12) there is a turnoff to the right that is labeled "Down Town Long Lake" - - it's where the speed limit drops from 65 to 60. As you enter the town of Long Lake you will pass the lake of "Long Lake"...the 'Red Rooster' will come up shortly on your right. Last time I looked there was a statue of "Wimpy" on that corner. (If you get to the stop light - - back up about two blocks) Feel free to call my Cell: 612-221-0282. If anyone is coming from the west there is a similar Long Lake or Old Wayzata Blvd exit at county road 6, just watch the signs."

After a bite for supper, we will car pool/ caravan to David's shop at: **2526 Fox St, Wayzata (cell: 612-221-0282)**. We expect the projects to go fast. The shop is open for anything. If there is something (even not Corvair) bring it along.



(See a description of the work session in the January SEEL)

33rd Annual General Motors Car Clubs Association

ALL GM CAR / TRUCK SHOW AND SWAP MEET



Live DJ playing music
Food vendors on site!
Dash plaques to first 500 show vehicles!

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015 • 9 AM - 3 PM
MINNESOTA STATE FAIRGROUNDS - MACHINERY HILL

SPECTATORS

- *General Admission: \$5.00/Adult
- *Children under 12: FREE

EVENT INFORMATION

www.gmcca.com
www.facebook.com/GMCCAssociation

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Show Vehicles: Pre-register for guaranteed space (until 10AM) & reduced entry fee - Enter from Larpenteur

Swappers: All Makes of Auto Parts are Welcome! Enter from Snelling avenue Main Gate

Show Vehicles & Swappers: Gates Open at 7am

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

Car Club Affiliations (if any) _____

GM SHOW VEHICLE

Make _____ Year _____

Model _____

Preregister before May 16th - \$10 per vehicle

Register after May 16th - \$15 per vehicle

Includes Car, driver & one passenger per admission.

SWAP SPACE - 15'x 20' Space
\$10 each preregistered before 5/15
\$15 each after 5/15

NEW PRODUCT VENDORS
\$20 (In Display Area)

FOR SALE AREA (All Makes)
\$15 per vehicle preregistered before 5/15
\$20 per vehicle after 5/15
NO 'For Sale' signs allowed in the show area

Make checks payable to and send
pre-registration form to: GMCCA
9632 Wyoming Terrace
Bloomington, MN 55438

GMCCA Car / Truck Show and Swap Meet
Sunday, June 7, 2015
9 AM - 3 PM
Minnesota State Fairgrounds
Machinery Hill

Show/For Sale Vehicle and Swapper Entrances



Show Vehicle Classes

- 100 Corvair Open
- 200 Corvair Closed
- 300 Corvette 53-67
- 400 Corvette 68-82
- 500 Corvette 84-96
- 600 Corvette 97- 05
- 700 Corvette 2014 & Newer
- 800 Oldsmobile 63 & Older
- 900 Oldsmobile 64 & Newer
- 1000 Pontiac 66 & Older
- 1100 Pontiac 67 & Newer
- 1200 Cadillac Open
- 1300 Cadillac Closed
- 1400 Buick
- 1500 Buick
- 1600 Chevrolet 54 & Earlier
- 1700 Chevrolet 55-57
- 1800 Chevrolet 58-64
- 1900 Chevrolet 65- Present
- 2000 Chevelle
- 2100 Nova
- 2200 Camaro
- 2300 Trucks 72 & Earlier
- 2400 Trucks 73 - Present
- 2500 El Camino
- 2600 Saturn / Other GM

2014 Corvairs





Hi everybody,

Yes, it's that time again. It has been decided that our Adopt A Highway spring clean-up for this year will be Saturday May 9, with a rain date for the following Saturday May 16. This is the beginning of our fourth year of this worthwhile project, so if you haven't volunteered to help out yet, now is your chance. Format will be the same as before, meeting at Dobo's (corner of hwy 55 west and city rd 19) for breakfast, followed by the clean-up which takes about 2 hours. When we are done, those who wish to do so meet back at Dobo's for pie/caramel rolls ,

and coffee. A great way to spend a Saturday morning, with good friends, good food and good environmental project!

We need 12-20 people for this project, so please consider volunteering to help out this year. You can e-mail me with your response, sign up at the April meeting, or call me at the number below. Looking forward to your help.

Thank you. Cliff Picht Cap_minn@yahoo.com 612-599-1328

CMI's favorite Charity - - **STEP** sent a summary sheet for 2014 - - take a look!

- 8,084 households provided with clothing.
- 65 households received Emergency Medical treatment.
- 489 households received Holiday food.
- 1.661 rides were provided for Medical Appointments.
- 400 children received school supplies.
- 661,473 pounds of food distributed.

Year-end revenue was \$2,046,482 and expenses were \$1,938,585.

STEP's revenue mix is 60% non-cash contributions, 24% cash and 16% grants.

STEP's expenses are 3% fundraising, 8% management and 89% program expenses.

Mary Schmit, CMI's – STEP coordinator

Tech tip: Tie Rod Ends

Good rule of thumb from Ken Hand: regardless of thread direction the inners have the zerk fitting on the end and the outers have the zerk fitting on the bottom.



Jim Brandberg

IN MEMORIAM

Nelson, Carol J. Beloved wife, mother & grandmother, age 72, of Richfield, passed away 3/23/15. Survived by husband, Gary; daughter, Penny; son, Nicholas; granddaughters, Jolie & Sophia; sisters, Joan, Marlene, Kathy, Lonnie, and many other loving relatives. Arrangements to be announced.

IN MEMORIAM

Moellman-Gaynor, Patricia L. (nee Gerdeman) Age 74, of East Bethel, passed away on March 26, 2015. Preceded in death by mother, Bernice Wallin and father, Maurice Gerdeman. Survived by husband of 24 years, Michael Gaynor; children, Tony (Jodi), Dawn (Victor), Chris (Christine), Jim (Amy), Lynn, Lori (Chris), Lisa (Glen) and Michael Jr. (Laurie); 21 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; step-mother, Hillevi Gerde-man; brothers, Kevin (Sue) and Dean Gerdeman; other relatives and dear friends. Service Tuesday 10 A.M. at OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 19001 Jackson St. NE, East Bethel. Interment Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation Monday 5-8 PM and one hour prior to the service ALL AT THE CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred. Bradshaw 612-724-3621



A couple items from our Membership director, Jack Bacon:

Please give a warm welcome to new members Dave Pederson of Ham Lake and his son Nick Pederson of Hill City. Dave has a 1962 Monza they are getting back on the road. Introduce yourself and say hello when you see them at the next CMI event.

Also, McPherson College is again offering its Summer Institute for the automotive hobbyist. For more info: <http://www.mcpherson.edu/autorestitution/institute/>. Hagerty members get a \$50 discount and classes are offered in automotive electrical systems, paint restoration, automotive woodworking, sheet metal restoration, upholstery & trim, engine rebuilding, casting & pattern making, bright work & finishing touches and engine tune-up & diagnostics.

Summer Institute

Contact: Brian Martin

Phone: (620) 242-0428

Email: martinb@mcpherson.edu

2015 Session Dates:

June 1-5
June 8-12
June 15-19

SESSION OPTIONS

Housing on-campus, \$225.00
Full Meal Plan (15 meals), \$125.00
Lunches Only (5 meals), \$45.00
Hagerty Member Disc, -\$50.00



CMI Classifieds

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.
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Wanted: Looking for a “fixer – upper” Greenbrier or van. Ken Laursen phone 612-735-8955 or:

rockabillyrebel61@yahoo.com



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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Spot a 'Vair



Sent by Joe Lynch from Pennsylvania (he grew up in Chaska) to our President, Lee Knauf (who lives in Chaska)

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