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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

Chevrolet's current tag line in their car ads is "Find New Roads." Well I've been finding lots of new roads between New Ulm and Mankato, most of them Corvair worthy. Some were found out of necessity (is every highway in Minnesota under construction?). Others were found just because I like exploring. There are many beautiful winding roads along the Minnesota River valley. I've only had the Corvair out on a couple but plan on making the best of the last part of cruising season.

Speaking of roads, we have our fall Adopt a Highway event coming up in October. Cliff has October 10th set up with the 17th as a rain date. We appreciate anyone who comes out to help clean our stretch of HWY 55. As always we will meet at Dobo's for a hearty breakfast before the clean up and again after for a rewarding slice of pie.

Our other event has been arranged by Gary Nelson and Tom Masso on October 24th. We will be touring two garages whose owners have Franklin automobiles. Fran sent out an e-mail blast earlier in September and I'm sure details will be included in the SEEL. If not, contact Fran or myself for details. It should be an excellent time.

Our next meeting is back at the MUM at 7pm on October 13th (Tuesday). We will be opening the nominations for officers for 2016. If you know of someone who would like to hold office, or you would be interested yourself, make sure you get the name out there. More participants mean a stronger CMI for everyone. Don't be shy!

October 2015

We are also planning the activities for 2016. We've had a few great new events come up in the past couple years, again because we've had participation from new club members. We want to keep this momentum going. We especially need things to do in the winter for all of us not fortunate enough to summer in warmer climates.

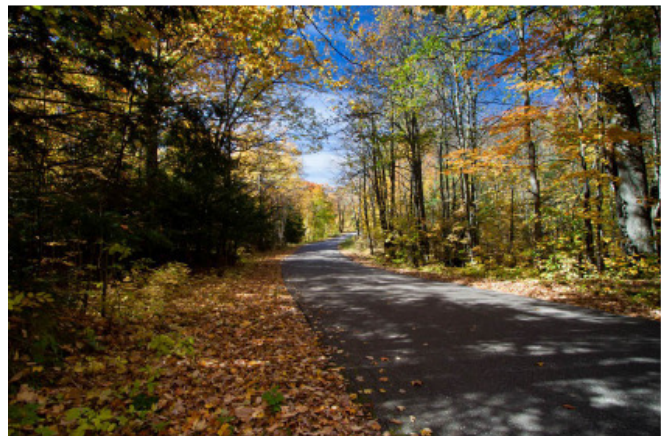
One item that should be on everyone's calendar is the CORSA Convention in Illinois next summer. Ideas? Again, don't be shy!

Time to find more roads. I hope to see everyone in what's turning out to be a busy October.

Don't forget to drive those Corvairs on October 2nd.

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knauf
CMI President



CORVAIR MINNESOTA

September 8, 2015

The September meeting at Grizzly's in Plymouth was called to order by President Knauf at 7:13. Turnout of members and spouses was great.

New member Darwin Border was present with his really solid yellow '66 convertible. Guests Noah and Monique were kindly sharing their custom Corvair-powered '53 Ford Roadster with us. I'm sure it is pictured elsewhere in the Leeky Seel, what **perfect** body work!

August Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$2521 in our treasury currently, including \$901 from GMCCA.

Upcoming Activities:

September 10: New Ulm Car Show, Cara was pleased the first show had twice as many participants as even the optimistic predictions.

September 12: Classics by the Lake Car Show in Buffalo, always a quality event.

October 10: Adopt-a-Highway at Dobo's for breakfast and dessert.

October 13: October membership meeting at the MUM

October 24: Tour of Franklin collection followed by another, even larger car collection.

November 10: November membership meeting at the MUM – **Election of Officers**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson



Clem Anton Auction

Marshall, MN

September 26 was a perfect fall day for anything, but especially for Clem Anton's Auction which featured two Corvair FCs, 2 Crosleys, a ton of early medium and heavy duty trucks, tractors, and crawlers. I had never seen a Samson truck before, so this was a treat. The Samson plant in Janesville, WI was purchased by General Motors in the early 20's and included the inventory and work-in-process Samson tractors and trucks. This is where I began my GM career and prior to this sale, I thought only tractors were produced by Samson. One of the tractors was unearthed during a plant expansion in the late 60's.

There were no "smalls" so all 60 lots were sold in 2 hours.

The top item of the sale that I caught was an Aultman Taylor 30-60 steam tractor for \$131,000. The Rampside and Loadside pickups sold for \$5250 each. The Loadside had just 22,000 miles. The Rampside had been restored some years ago and was showing a few bubbles and some storage scrapes—Clem said he didn't get handier with age!

The Crosley station wagon had two people who really wanted it, ending up at \$11,500.

CMI members Dave and Nick Pedersen were the only other Corvair people I saw there. We went home empty handed but had a great time.

Chuck Johnson



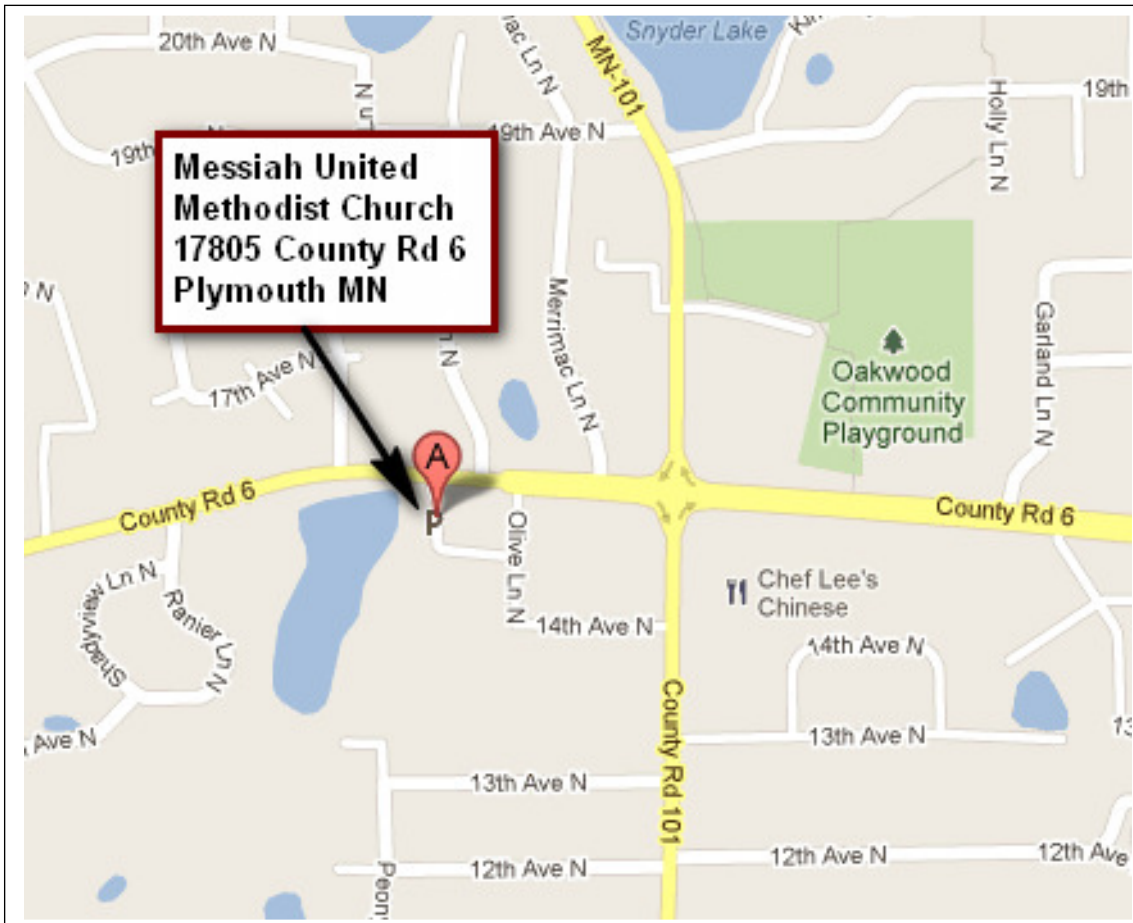
'65 Rampside



'62 Loadside

Upcoming CMI events:

- Oct**
- 02 **Anniversary of the introduction of the Corvair – get yours out and drive this day!**
 - 10 AAH – Adopt a Highway; 8 a.m. (Dobo's Café in Loretto)
 - 11 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds (<http://roadsterstwicities.com/>)
 - 11 11th annual Drive for Kids - 8 a.m. start (<http://bolderoptions.org/events/drive-4-kids/>)
 - 13 Membership meeting – MUM (Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, MN; 7 p.m.)
 - 17 Rain date for Adopt a Highway
 - 24 Franklin owners' tour; 8 a.m. McDonalds in Rogers
- Nov**
- 10 Membership meeting – MUM (Voters' meeting)



Drive for Kids

Drive for Kids 2015, October 11, 2015
Presented by Walser Automotive Group

Join WCCO Radio's Dave Lee and hundreds of auto enthusiasts on the Upper Midwest's finest fall color drive. Drive for Kids supports vital programs for local at risk youth offered by Bolder Options and Red Wing Youth Outreach.

The event starts at **Walser Toyota** in Bloomington and ends at the **Elks Club** in Red Wing in conjunction with the Red Wing Fall Festival of Arts. All cars, all drivers, all groups welcome. Fun for the entire family.

August 31st. I just had a fun weekend working with a bunch of good neighbors who like to use a very old Threshing Machine...powered by a very old steam engine...the Wheat was grown here in Minnesota on a farm a little west of the Cities. The farmer (Steve) grew the wheat and then we helped fix up his very old binder to cut and tie the bundles and then we stacked the bundles and later pitched them onto a wagon (using a tractor cause we have no horses) hauled the wheat to the threshing machine and tried to relive – just a bit – what it might have been, way back when. The lady pictured with me looked up on the internet how to make a Prairie Bonnet (because she knew about the event ahead of time) and then she made the one she is wearing. She is also the pastor of the local Lutheran church that had their Sunday services right there by the machines, and we sang “bringing in the sheaves”!!! The weather was perfect and the wind carried the straw away from the crowd.

It was a glorious day - - and lots of fun. We had some old cars there to help with the nostalgia aspect – I drove my 1961 CORVAIR Rampside pickup and a friend of mine drove his Model A Ford.

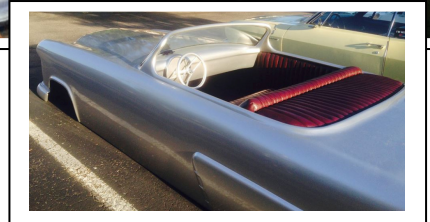
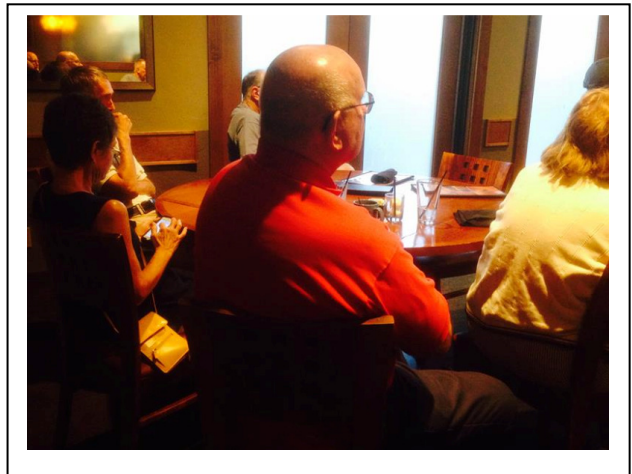
Thought I'd share a bit of my Weekend with y'all.

Fran Schmit



September 8th CMI
General Membership meeting

Our membership meeting was held at a new venue (for us) – Grizzly’s Grill in Plymouth. After the meeting we gathered outside for an informal “tech session”. The hands down favorite topic was Noah Faraday’s roadster that he constructed using a 1953 Ford Customline crossed with a Corvair coupe that supplied the motivation.



FIRST AND ONLY ANNOUNCEMENT: SPECIAL EVENT!!!

CMI TO TOUR TWO SPECIAL GARAGES OF FOLKS WHO ARE INTO THE FRANKLIN AUTOMOBILE.

DATE: OCTOBER 24 (SATURDAY)

TIME: 0800 a.m.

PLACE: McDONALDS IN ROGERS, MN

WHO: ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR SPICE!



1902-1934

WHAT: WE WILL MEET FOR COFFEE AND POTTY (AS THE FIRST GARAGE HAS NO FACILITIES) AND JEFF HASSLEN WILL LEAD US TO HIS SHOP IN OTSEGO. JEFF WILL THEN LEAD US – SO DRIVE YOUR ‘OLD’ CAR – ON A BACK-ROADS TOUR TO A LUNCH STOP NEAR ST. CLOUD. AFTER LUNCH WE WILL HEAD TO ROY BERNICK’S “ROCK QUARRY GARAGE”. THE TOUR WILL END AT 2:30, SO WE SHOULD MAKE THE BEST OF OUR TIME IN EACH PLACE.

I AM NOT ASKING FOR A HEADCOUNT.....JUST BE THERE IF YOU WANT TO SPEND A FUN DAY – CHECKING OUT FRANKLINS, ETC.

Fran Schmit



Franklin Light Roadster



FARADAY ROADSTER



Noah Farady, master fabricator



The lovely Ms. Monique





Last Wednesday p.m. some guys with old cars were invited to an Assisted Living facility in Minnetonka, to show our cars. Patients or rather residents who were able to come outside – did so.

Lots of questions/answers went back and forth.

There was a Hudson from the 50's and a '55 Crown Vic convert and a '52 Chevy. Several Model A's, including one that is a 4dr (with rear doors hinged at the rear) showing off that spacious back seat. One of the ladies there, who came with the cars, actually came dressed in Flapper era clothing – very nice!

Of course there were a few CORVAIRs and since I was there with my Rampside it seemed to me that the CORVAIR truck garnered the most questions/ answers.



We were there over the time of the evening meal so we were treated to burger/fries and a chocolate drink. Some rain came along around six but most people had been treated by then so we drove off into the raindrops. First time my convert had been 'closed' all summer. A good time was had by all.

Fran

Miscellanea



American Gothic (classic) –
Fran at the threshing bee (see p4)



Greetings, If you love Corvairs then you will want to show your support for one of America's most innovative automobiles by wearing this unique Corvair shirt that only you and other Corvair enthusiasts will know what all the names mean. Show off your allegiance to all the different Corvair models by wearing this very special Code Name Gear Corvair shirt. Order your Corvair shirt today at www.codenamegear.com

Ed. note: you may want to download, fill out and mail the form to order this shirt due to privacy concerns regarding their website



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Check out the Faraday Roadster in the Oct eXtra



Fran's latest project: A GPS mounted on the dash of the '64 'vert



As seen by Paul Schmit in Hawaii; September, 2015

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.
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

Parts for Sale:

- '64 - steering box (core value \$200.00) rebuilt \$260.00
- '62 - 3 piece front trim NOS \$250.00
- '65 - front grill - very good \$150.00
- '63 - 700 rocker trim (narrow) NOS \$150 ea.
- '62 - 500/700 (narrow) rocker trim NOS \$150 ea.
- '61 - '63 car steering box - used (core value \$180.00) \$180.00
- '65 - '66 steering box - used (core value \$170.00) \$170.00
- '65 - '69 headlight bezel NOS (left) \$150.
- '64 rear exhaust air grill NOS \$180

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

I found a Corsa Coupe so I have to place Flat Bed Fred up for sale. Originally restored by club member Jerry Berge in 1995 and still in excellent condition. Fred received 2nd place closed Corvair at the 2015 GMCCA car show. Comes with a very nice car cover and spare parts. The title will be corrected to show the proper information \$10,900. Jack Bacon 763.479.6214 or jackchrisbacon@hotmail.com



2 – Rampside “projects” for sale:

One is disassembled, I have all the parts , has been dipped and primed now minor surface rust; the engine ran when parked; been sitting in my shed for 10 years; I have the title.

One is assembled, with re-built engine, the engine ran when parked in my shed 6 years ago; has good body except for left rear corner. Needs minor assembly to be able to drive it. I have the title.

As I said they are project trucks and I am motivated.

Dave Willette 612-210-4480



1966 Corvair - Great car, runs, drives and stops like it should. All stock except for wheels. Newer paint with clear coat (\$3000); 4 door, automatic. No leaks or oil burning. Rebuilt engine done by a pro. Nice interior with bench seats. Speedo needs to be reconnected and the directional arm fell off, easy fix.

Was asking \$5600, now \$4500 cash. (sheboygan) <http://sheboygan.craigslist.org/cto/5223786695.html>

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Spot a 'Vair



Fozzy Bear from The Muppets TV show,
September 22, 2015

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October's meeting is at the MUM