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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

I think this is the longest I've had the Corvair on the road in the fall. The weather has just been too nice to put it away for the winter. Usually the last week-end in October it's been winterized and all tucked away but with temperatures in the mid fifties to low sixties most of the month, I'm still able to take an afternoon cruise on the occasional day off. It also means we haven't found storage in New Ulm, yet.

I didn't drive the '69 on our Fall Tour to the Franklin Garages on Saturday the 24th. It was just too cold at six in the morning when I left New Ulm for the McDonald's in Rogers (should really get the heating system fixed). I certainly wished I was in the Corvair on the way home, though. What a perfect day. Thanks to Gary Nelson, Fran Schmit, and Tom Masso for setting up the tour and a special thanks to Jeff Hasslen and Roy Bernick for allowing us to see their garages and fantastic collections. It was also great to get together with the Gopher State Chevy club. We definitely should plan more tours and events with them.

The BOD will be planning events for 2016 at the next two meetings. Now is the time to step up and give us ideas on what you would like to do or see. But please don't stop at simply suggesting an event. We also need you to chair the event to make sure things run smoothly. A great example is the Adopt a Highway. Cliff Picht had the idea, presented it to the board, and planned everything. There were some bumps in the road on the way but we have our two mile stretch of highway cleaning

November 2015

down to an efficient system and I know I've always had a good time when I've been able to participate. The same can be said for Bill and Carol Cook with the Holiday Party and Dan Quinn with the Spring Kick-off Breakfast at Gabes last spring. It's what will keep CMI going.

We had a great discussion about Adopt a Highway at the last meeting. I am glad there was so much interest in continuing the event for another two years. As mentioned, there have been some bumps in the road in the past but the overall camaraderie (and breakfast at Dobo's) plus providing a service to the community makes it a worthwhile event. I've been on the road a lot lately thanks to managing two stores. After our last highway clean up I've been looking at the Adopt a Highway signs. There are quite a few available stretches so having CMI continue for another two years is a huge positive in my mind.

We'll see everyone at the November meeting. Tom and Gail Quinn are providing treats so don't eat too much before the meeting. Also don't forget elections are in November. Nominations are still open up to the voting. Don't be shy.

Stay Tuned,

Lee Knaut
CMI President



CORVAIR MINNESOTA

October 13, 2015

For October, CMI returned to the MUM in Plymouth. President Knauf called the meeting to order at 7:04 beginning with the creed. 18 members were present along with frequent guest Cody Berge.

September Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$2407 in our treasury currently:

Beginning balance:	\$2510
Less: Leaky Seel expenses	(103)
Ending Balance:	<u>\$2407</u>

2016 Dues now being accepted!

Recent Activities:

October 10: Adopt-a-Highway. 9 members met at Dobo's for breakfast, scoured the ditches, and then ate pie! As we are nearing the re-up commitment, a motion was made to continue this club community service function. A second was received, voted and passed to continue. Jim Becker agreed to co-chair with Cliff so we have coverage and continuity.

Upcoming Activities:

October 19: Berbig/Soukup Auction prior to their departure for New Mexico.

October 23: Saturday Franklin garage tour before lunch, followed by Rock Quarry Garage tour in Waite Park.

November 10: November membership meeting at the MUM with ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Nominations will remain open until voting.

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

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

January, 2016: Holiday dues Party – Repeat of last year's wonderful event, details to follow.

July 12 – 16, 2016: Corsa Convention in Springfield, IL—10 months to complete your Corvair projects!

Other Business:

North St. Paul Weekly Car Show: Members expressed desire to participate again, preferably in July but not in conflict with Corsa. Tom Quinn will check out.

Technical Sessions:

Gary Nelson brought a fire destroyed battery and other remnants of a car he is working on. Triggered discussion that we are due for a followup on preventing/fighting car fires.

Next Fran talked about FC wheel bearings, securing heater fans which are loose on their hubs, and a procedure to reattach wire wheel cover center caps.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson

Upcoming CMI events:

Nov 10 Membership meeting – MUM (Voters' meeting)

Jan 10 Holiday/ Dues Party – Latuff's (see flyer on p 5)

Cliff Picht discovered this car (1954 Corvair) on a recent trip to a Corvette rally in Illinois.



Check out this link for more info:

<http://image.mamotorworksmedia.com/production/Website/emailArchive/cv/pressReleases/2015/cvCorvetteCovairStatic.html>



It was garage re-siding day at Gary Nelson's recently – a joint effort by Corvair Minnesota and the "bowling" team!

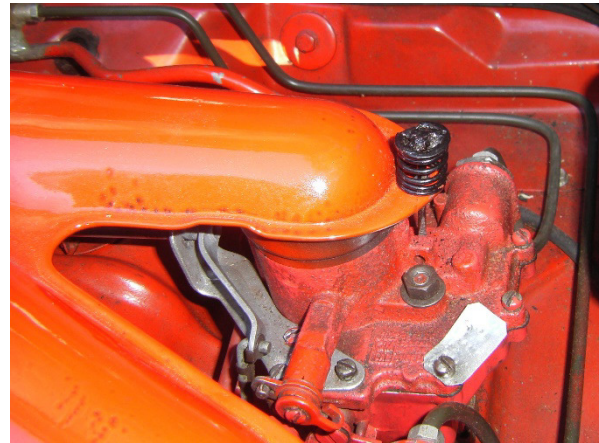


Here's a few shots from the October Membership meeting at the MUM (Messiah United Methodist). Is there a future President and Vice-President here? Come to the November meeting to check out who's running for office and vote.

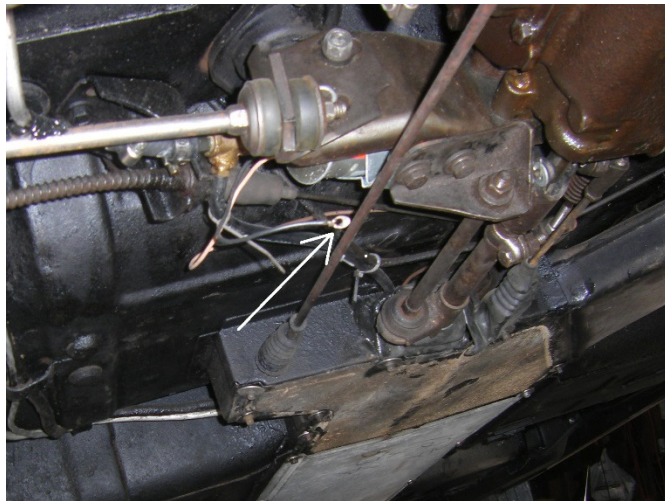


Happy Birthday CORVAIR

Lee was so insistent in the SEEL this week that I wanted to make certain I went out on the highways and drove one of my CORVAIRs. Since I am now test driving my '66, more and more, I thought it would be a good time to tromp it – a bit. A few modest rips up and down the highway doesn't seem to bother anyone, so I canned it a few times and found it has a lot of STUFF! Second gear rubber is so sweet. Carbs aren't quite right, timing and mixture along with idle and accelerator pumps, etc. a lot of fun stuff to play with on a beautiful fall-like day. I pulled out on the road in front of a Corvette and I watched him fade back as I blew smoke in his face - - of course he didn't know what I was dreaming, so no harm-no foul. I was about a mile from home when I felt a hiccup and then a few more 'not-so-nicers' and I was running out of gas! Happy Birthday meant sitting by the side of the road calling people to say I would be late, etc. A quick check of the engine showed the pumps were dry so I was certain my 'pump' analysis was OK. Nice to be able to easily flip off the air cleaner because I am using the new spring loaded attachment devices. See pic!



AAA guy picks me up and says, "You've got a red one too, don't you?" Sometimes it might be nice to melt into the shadows on occasion but that's not for me, so I fess up...he says his folks live near my house and he



sees my cars often. Long story- short: the ground wire on my fuel pump came loose. I jacked it up when I go home and slid under to look at the Fuel Pump---BINGO, the ground wire (I had formed a nice round loop on its end) was hanging down bare and lonely - - as far from ground as it could get. Nice pic too, see arrow pointing to open (empty) loop.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PICTURE!!!

Fran





Corvair Minnesota Holiday Party

Sunday, January 10th, 2016 at LATUFF'S PIZZERIA

10820 Highway 55, Plymouth – just west of Hwy 169

Social Hour: 4:30 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm

Cash Bar with Appetizers

Cost is \$20.00 per person (check payable to CMI)

MENU CHOICES:

Baked Meat Lasagna

Chicken Parmesan

Golden Fried Jumbo Shrimp

Italian Sampler (Rigatoni, Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs)

Fettuccine Alfredo (Chicken or Shrimp)

Dinners include: Salad, Beverage & Dessert

Chicken & Shrimp Dinners also include baked potato

Questions/directions: call Bill Cook @ 612-940-9179

****Remember to bring your donation for the STEP Program****

**** \$20.00 dues for 2016 are payable at the Party or mail check to ****

Ray Alexander

901- Woodlawn Court

Burnsville, MN. 55337

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***** Annual CMI Holiday Party Response *****

Name _____ Lasagna ___ Chicken ___ Shrimp ___ Sampler ___ Fettuccine ___ C or S

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(If you order Fettuccine, please designate chicken or shrimp)

Cost: \$20.00 per person (make your check payable to CMI)

Mail this response with your check for the Party no later than December 28th to:

CMI Holiday Party

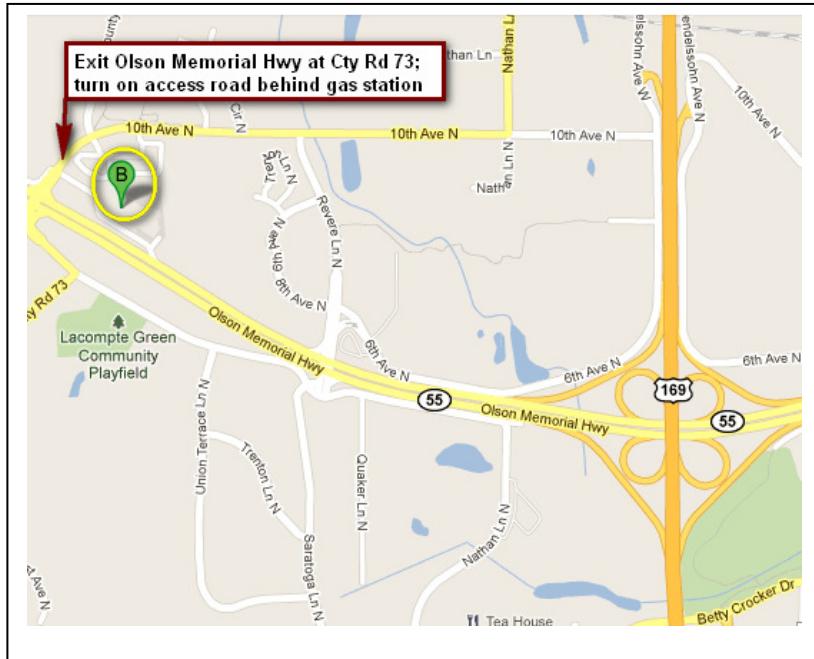
Bill & Carol Cook

600 – 10th Street South

Buffalo, MN. 55313

Latuff's Pizzeria 10820 Highway 55, Plymouth, MN
(763) 545-2914

Corvair Minnesota's Annual Holiday/ Dues Party



S.T.E.P. will again be our Holiday/Dues Party charity this year. The people at S.T.E.P. have informed us that these items are needed....

- * CASH - STEP can get a better deal on food than an individual can.
- * CUB gift cards.
- * Personal care items: Toothpaste/brushes, Deodorant, Hand lotion/ bar soap, Perfume etc.

As with Susan's charities, "Hotel shampoo and Soap" are always welcome. If you wish to Purchase Christmas gifts:

- * Toys and games for younger children (please no \$-store toys)
- * \$15 - \$30 gift cards for older children - like from Target, are great.

Questions? Call **Mary Schmit** at 952.929.9174



Adopt-A-Highway, Autumn 2015

Nine hearty souls showed up to clean our 2 mile stretch of Highway 55. We met at Dobo's for breakfast, as usual (we need our fuel, right?). The clean up went extraordinarily easy this time and we were done in less than two hours! Well, then we needed a piece of pie and a beverage to regain our strength, so it was back to Dobo's with us. Thanks to the nine that showed up and to Cliffy for arranging and coordinating. Oh yeah – I broke my truck on the way. The tranny is stuck in 4th gear – yikes! We've agreed to maintain the agreement with the Highway department for 2 more years, so please consider joining us in the Spring!



(My poor Rumpy – stuck in 4th gear!)



This Fall's participants:

Cliff Picht, Coordinator	
Chuck Johnson	Jim Becker
Lee Knauf	Don Schaefer
John Herkenratt	Vince Rohr
Fran Schmit	Peter Schmit

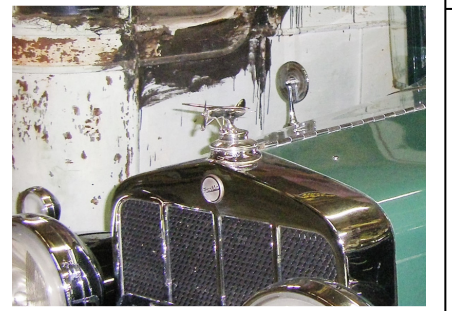
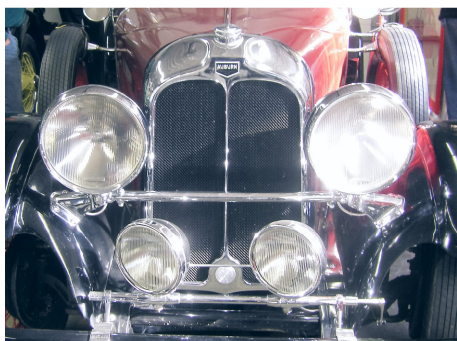
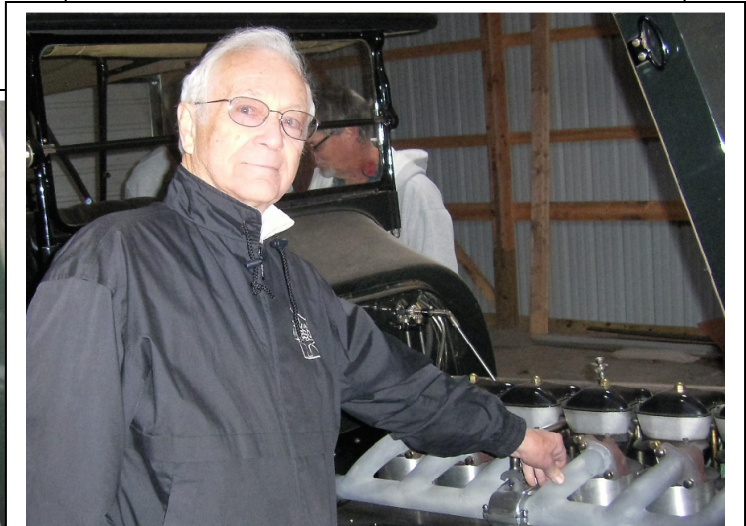
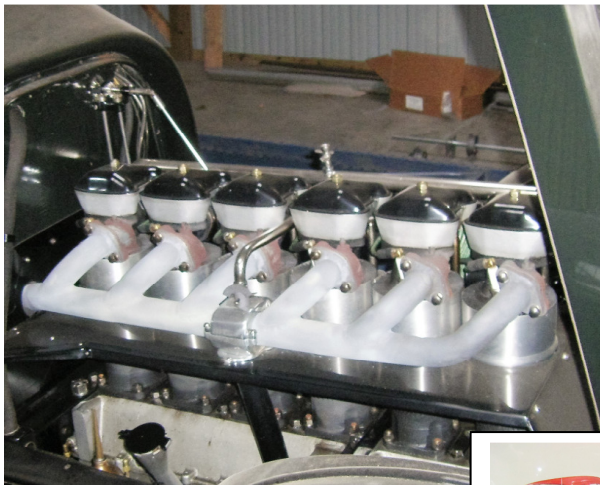


A Franklin Tour

Corvair met up with some of the Gopher State Chevy Club to take a fall cruise to a couple of car collections in Otsego and Waite Park. We also shared a meal in St. Cloud at the (appropriately named) bar and grill Friends. Here are some nice pictures from Fran.



A grassy trail to the first collection



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

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. \$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>



1966 Corvair Monza For sale by second owner. This car has not been driven since 1992. Includes 5 brand new tires. Engine and transmission in great condition when last used. Has been stored inside since new. All stock and original....including rubber floor mats. Mechanical work (brake lines, brakes, fuel line, air ducts, exhaust system, carb work, etc.) needed to make it drivable now. 76000 mi, Auto trans.

<https://minneapolis.craigslist.org/hnp/cto/5280543065.html>

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November's meeting is at the MUM