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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

We had a great time touring the CAF (Commemorative Air Force Museum) at Fleming Field on Saturday February 20. There were lots of CAF members around to answer our questions and we got to see the landing gear on the Miss Mitchell B-25J being tested, very interesting! We followed up the tour with a great breakfast at Jersey's Bar & Grill over on Concord Avenue. In case anyone missed out on visiting the CAF Museum they are open Wednesdays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm, year round, don't miss it!

We have not yet heard back from Tesla or the chrome plating shop for a March tour and if one of them does work out we will send out an email blast to club members.

A reminder, the March membership meeting will be a week later than normal and be held on Tuesday March 15 7:00 pm at the Twin Cities Auto Show located at the Minneapolis Convention Center and discount tickets are available at: (<http://www.twincitiesautoshow>). We will hold the meeting at the tables just outside the far right doors to the show floor. Hope to see everyone there!

In case you haven't noticed yet, the CORSA (Corvair Society of America) website has finally completed it's upgrade and it looks great! As CORSA continues to make

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improvements in many areas, I will keep you posted. If you haven't joined CORSA yet please consider becoming a member.

It's time to make plans to attend Corvairs on the Prairie the 2016 CORSA International Convention in Springfield, Illinois July 12-16. For more detailed information to to: <http://www.corvair.org/2016convention> The host hotel is full but there are a number of hotels right next door which have plenty of room. So far we have five club members attending, don't miss out on all the fun, reserve your room today. Registration forms should be available soon.

Keep working on your Corvairs getting them ready for spring. If you need help with anything, just ask or call a club member. We should have the new club roster available later in March.

Wrench, ride, repeat!

Jack Bacon



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February 9, 2016

President Jack Bacon called the meeting to order at 7:00 beginning with the creed. 16 members and Ralph Diers' Riding Mechanic, Ellis Ludder, were in attendance. The introductory question was "What first attracted you to Corvairs?" New member Dick Mickelson filled us in on the low mileage '65 Monza 4-dr he has purchased and will be picking up shortly. He also owns a very low mileage '74 Vega Kamback GT, so we are anxious to see both of these cars.

January Minutes: None as the Holiday Dues Party was in place of the membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

December balance	\$2329	
Income	\$1865	
Expenses		(1688)
Current Balance:	<u>\$2506</u>	

Memo: Holiday Party

Income:	\$790
Expense:	(1331)
Cost	\$541

Membership: 61

Final Call for Dues before publishing 2016 CMI directory!

OLD BUSINESS:

The annual Holiday Dues Party was another very well attended affair. Very sincere gratitude is extended to Bill and Carol Cook for undertaking and excelling at this CMI tradition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Activities: The calendar is filling up quickly. Please give some thought to any activities you might like to add to this list! Tentative summer meeting places include: Cuzzy's, Wagner's Drive-In, and Minnetonka Drive-In; along with possibility of the Henderson Weekly Car show. We are ACTIVELY SEEKING potential additions/replacements as **fresh locations and events** throughout the greater metro area are generally better attended.

February 20: Commemorative Air Force Tour: A rare opportunity to tour this facility in Cottage Grove. INVITE A VETERAN or NEIGHBOR KID. Not surprisingly, we will stop for lunch afterwards, suggestions welcome.

******March 8, 2016:** NO CMI Membership meeting at the MUM.****

March 15, 2016: CMI Membership meeting at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Auto Show. We will meet at 7 p.m. at the west escalator. Some members will arrive about show opening at 4 pm should you want more time.

March 19, 2016: *Tentative* Saturday body & paint shop tour.

April 12, 2016: Membership meeting at the MUM. . . maybe drive a Corvair!

April 16, 2016: *Tentative* tour of Tesla dealership in Eden Prairie.

April 30, 2016: Gabe's for breakfast! Potential sights after include Como Conservatory, History Museum (Suburbia Exhibit), or the Model Railroad @ Bandana Square.

May 10, 2016: Membership meeting.

May 14: Adopt A Highway: Breakfast at Dobo's as usual. Rain date is May 21.

May 21 or 22: tentative Eau Claire Corvair Tour. Details in the works.

June 5, 2016: GMCCA Car Show & Swap Meet at the MN State Fairgrounds. SPREAD THE WORD! Bring your registration to any CMI event to save postage.

June 14, 2016: CMI Membership Meeting

July 4, 2016: Bill Cook is looking for input on participating in the Delano parade, the Edina parade, something else, or nothing. Last year was a tad light so we need to assess the level or interest before committing.

July 12 – 16, 2016: Corsa Convention in Springfield, IL—9 months to complete your corvair projects!

July 22: North St. Paul Weekly Car Show: Tom Quinn confirmed this date. Plan to arrive by 5 if you can, this was a fun event last year!

August 9: CMI Membership Meeting.

TREATS!

Technical Session:

We had a good group discussion of fuel, fuel pumps, and tires.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson



CMI 2016 Schedule



Membership meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced)
Board of Directors' meetings are on the last Thursday of each month (unless otherwise announced)

March **15 Membership meeting – @ Twin Cities Auto Show – main floor eating area, 7 p.m.**
 12-20 Twin Cities Auto Show, Mps Auditorium (<http://www.tcautoshow.com/>)
 31 Directors' meeting

April 09-12 GSTA, Coliseum, State Fair Grounds (<http://www.gstarod-custom.com>)
 12 Membership meeting
 28 Directors' meeting
 30 Pancake breakfast – Gabe's in the Park, 9-11:00

May Minnesota Inventor's Congress Invention & Idea Show – *has ceased to operate:*
http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_28932033/after-58-years-minnesota-inventors-congress-calling-it]
 01 Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds,
 (www.gopherstatebuick.org)
 10 Membership meeting
21 Road Trip to Eau Claire to Colburn's Downtown Auto
 26 Directors' meeting

June **05 GMCCA – State Fairgrounds**
 05 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Excelsior (<http://10000lakesconcours.com/>)
 14 Membership meeting
 17-19 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds (www.msra.com)
 30 Directors' meeting

July 04 Fourth of July Parade, Delano – Post Parade Picnic @ the park
 07-09 Iola Old Car Show and Swap Meet (Car club day – Sunday)
 12 Membership meeting
12-16 CORSA convention, Springfield, IL



A Corvair Minnesota “Field Trip”



On Saturday, February 20th, eight of us met at the Minnesota wing of the Commemorative Air Force to check out their collection and “hang out”. A number of CAF volunteers were on hand to answer any questions and while we were there they conducted emergency landing gear deployment training on their B-25.

After a couple of hours we drove over to Jersey’s Bar & Grill for a good lunch. All in all, it was a fun excursion!



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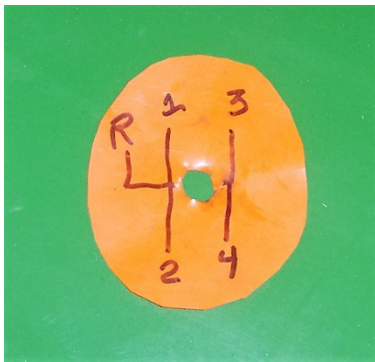
Shifter Ball Cover

I recently upgraded my '61 FC's shifter (the one that went under the front axle) to one that goes through the "Holey" gas tank. All is well with the shifting but I see a problem. The BALL built into the shifter is right at floor level – great for job done exactly – on the money! However; since that greasy there on the floor it will get dirt kicked into it on a daily basis. making me a nice new rug with a hole in it for the FC shifter, but nothing to protect the 'greasy ball' lying there in the middle of Here's the ball... see how easy it is for dirt to get in there - - it's getting in there as I take the picture!



coming up. getting the ball is right Clark's is that does the rug. already

My proposal is that I cover the Ball with some sort of attached screen that would move with the unit. I looked around and found some ugly rubber boots that didn't really fill the bill, for me. Then I decided to make a cover that moves with the stick/ball by punching a small hole in a sheet of plastic and stretching the hole over the stick to make a 'seal'. I found some plastic that sort of worked and decided to get cute with it. Remember the stick shift balls that had the shift pattern burned into the ball? Well, I thought I could draw that pattern on my plastic sheet...like this. Then I thought I could get really cute, since this is an OLD truck I could put the shift pattern in Roman Numerals...like this.



Until I get a consensus, I will put it on Roman Numerals up, but I'm asking for input to see if anyone is interested suggest I change it around. Send comments to The Editor, please. He know if anybody reads this stuff! Also, If



this. with the reader enough to wants to you have hear from

a better idea for a Protector, send that in as well. Here's hoping we a lot of interesting readers!!!

Fran Schmit CMI



From : Fran Schmit <schmfran@hotmail.com> [Block Sender](#)

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John – Please put a BIG **Thank You** note in the SEEL to all the members who donated to STEP in the name of CMI. This year there was a total of \$270 handed in under our name. In addition there were many, many personal care items donated, by our members!!!

Mary Schmit



SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016 • 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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 PETS ON LEASHES ONLY.

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Show Vehicles: Gates open at 7am - Enter at intersection of Larpenteur Ave & Underwood.

For Sale Vehicles: Gates open at 7am - Enter at intersection of Larpenteur Ave & Underwood.

Pre-register for guaranteed space (until 10AM) & reduced entry fee.

Swappers: Gates open at 6am - Enter at Snelling Avenue Main Gate - All Makes of auto parts are welcome!

Please print legibly or use address label

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

Car Club Affiliations (if any) _____

GM SHOW VEHICLE

Make _____ Year _____

Model _____

Preregister before May 15th - \$10 per vehicle

Register after May 15th - \$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 VEHICLES (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

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
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Wanted: I am looking for a number 1110310 distributor for a 95 HP 3 speed. I have a good 1110311 for a 95HP PG and I am looking to trade since the one I have in the car is not great, the bushing is worn. Jim Brandburg has looked over the one I have in the car and also the extra one I am looking to trade. Let me know if you know if anyone has one. Let me know and thanks for your help!
Jake Callahan igottajob2@hotmail.com

Trying to find the **1965 Corvair** I once owned.
I suppose converting a 1965 Corvair to a Corv-8/Corveight in the early 1970's is sacrilege to the Corvair purists, but I'm looking for help nonetheless, in trying to find my old corveight. It had a 327 corvette motor in the backseat, a Crown kit conversion. I sold it in 1975 and don't have the VIN, so know that I'm looking for a needle in a haystack, but thought I'd send this note to you in case someone remembers ever having seen the car and could provide a lead. If you could share this request and photo with some members, I'd appreciate it.

I've tried the MN DPS/DMV with no luck, since no computer records go back nearly that far, and paper records are not accessible. I've also posted a note on the corvaирcenter.com site, and contacted the Corvair V-8 Registry. Last week I found the Mpls guy I sold it to, in West Virginia, but he doesn't have any records or the VIN, he had sold it to a Lake Street used car dealer after a year or two. Any other suggestions you might have to try to locate it would be appreciated. I suppose it's likely gone to a junk yard a long time ago.

Thank You Doug Carlson corvette99ht@yahoo.com

I have a **1969 Corvair** two door coupe which is in very good condition. I would like someone to contact me if there is interest as I may sell it. I note that there were only 6000 Corvairs made that year in total. It is royal blue in color and runs great. Car is in Moorhead, MN
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