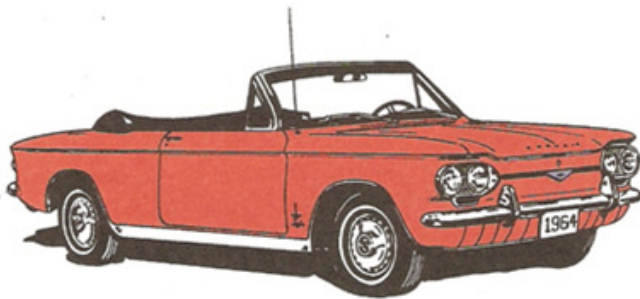


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President's Page

Chris, myself and fifteen other CMI members had a wonderful time at the Old Log Theater to see Million Dollar Quartet on August 31. This a play, not be missed, is about the one day Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins performed together. This was followed by the Victoria Car Show which was their biggest cruise in of the summer.

On Thursday September 8, we had a good size group attend the last Car Hop & Shop in New Ulm with three Corvair cars and the Rampside of new member Dean Williams followed by our monthly membership meeting. Most of the group stayed overnight and on Friday toured the former World War II POW camp in Flandrau State Park and Schell's Brewery.

I am looking forward to October 8 when we will meet at Dobos for breakfast followed by Hwy 55 cleanup and of course pie! Following this, we will have a short fall color run to Jim and Marie Becker's for lunch and a barn tour to see Jim's Corvair and tractor collection. Our membership meeting will be at the Tin Shed in Savage. Let's see a lot of Corvairs out for this meeting and the rest of October before they are put away for the winter.

<http://www.tinshedmn.com/indexs.php>



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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

October 2016

I decided to trade in my Corsa for a 1962 Rampside due to my knee problems. Now, I will be able to get in and out a lot easier. Also, it will keep me busy this fall and winter bringing it up to the next level. Congratulate my wife Chris the next time you see her, she retired September 15 and we look forward to a lot of fun in the future.

Be sure to get out and drive your Corvair before the snow flies. If your car doesn't run and you need help, just ask!

Wrench, Drive, Repeat!

Jack Bacon



Is this President Jack's new truck?!
I don't know – better stay tuned! -*editor*

CORVAIR MINNESOTA

September 8, 2016

President Jack Bacon called the meeting to order at 7:05 at the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room in New Ulm. This was our first out-Minnesota membership meeting and we had about 17 people in attendance.

New members Mark & Lori Burkhart of New Ulm and Dean Williams of LeSueur were present. Burkharts are refreshing her father's late Monza. Dean had engine problems with his Rampside just as he arrived at the car show, so a flat bed came to retrieve him. Many will remember meeting him in Cedar Rapids with his late blue convertible.

The creed was followed by business:

August Minutes: None as secretary was an election judge and irreplaceable.

Treasurer's Report:

August 1 Balance	\$1508
Income:	40
Expenses:	(50)
Current Balance:	<u>\$1498</u>

Membership: 82

RECENT EVENTS:

August 13: New London to New Brighton Old Car Run, lunch and car show at Buffalo High School by 11. Great experience, very kid-friendly! We had a handful of Corvairs for the impromptu car show in the parking lot.

AUGUST 31, 2016: Million Dollar Quartet and Victoria Car Show. This is a re-creation of the only occasion when **Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, and Carl Perkins** performed together, followed by us trekking to the Victoria Car Show. We had a party of 17 with many getting front row seats at the Old Log. A show worth seeing if you are of the era. The Victoria Car Show had perfect weather and their biggest turnout of cars EVER!

September 8 New Ulm: On Friday, we toured Flandrau State Park and Prisoner of War Camp from WWII, followed by Schell's Brewery, both were very enjoyable.

Thanks to Cara & Lee for a memorable event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 10: Classics by the Lake Car Show, Buffalo. Always a nice show. Meet outside the gate by 8 o'clock so we can park together.

September 17: All GM Car Show at Merit Chev in Maplewood.

October 8: Adopt a Highway Fall Clean-up and Barn Tour. Meet at Dobo's at 8 a.m. After work and coffee break, we will tour Jim Becker's Barn about 45 minutes away.

October 11, 2016: Membership meeting at the Tin Shed in Savage.

October 22: Adopt a Highway rain date.

June 27 – July1, 2017: CORSA Convention in Independence, MO. 9 months to get ready!

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson
CMI Secretary

IN MEMORIAM



Clifford J Ekdahl, age 74, of Red Wing, Minn., died on Thursday, May 19 at his home.

He was born June 10, 1941, in Alexandria, Minn., to Floyd and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Ekdahl.

In 1963, he married Margaret Bowles. In 1967, the couple

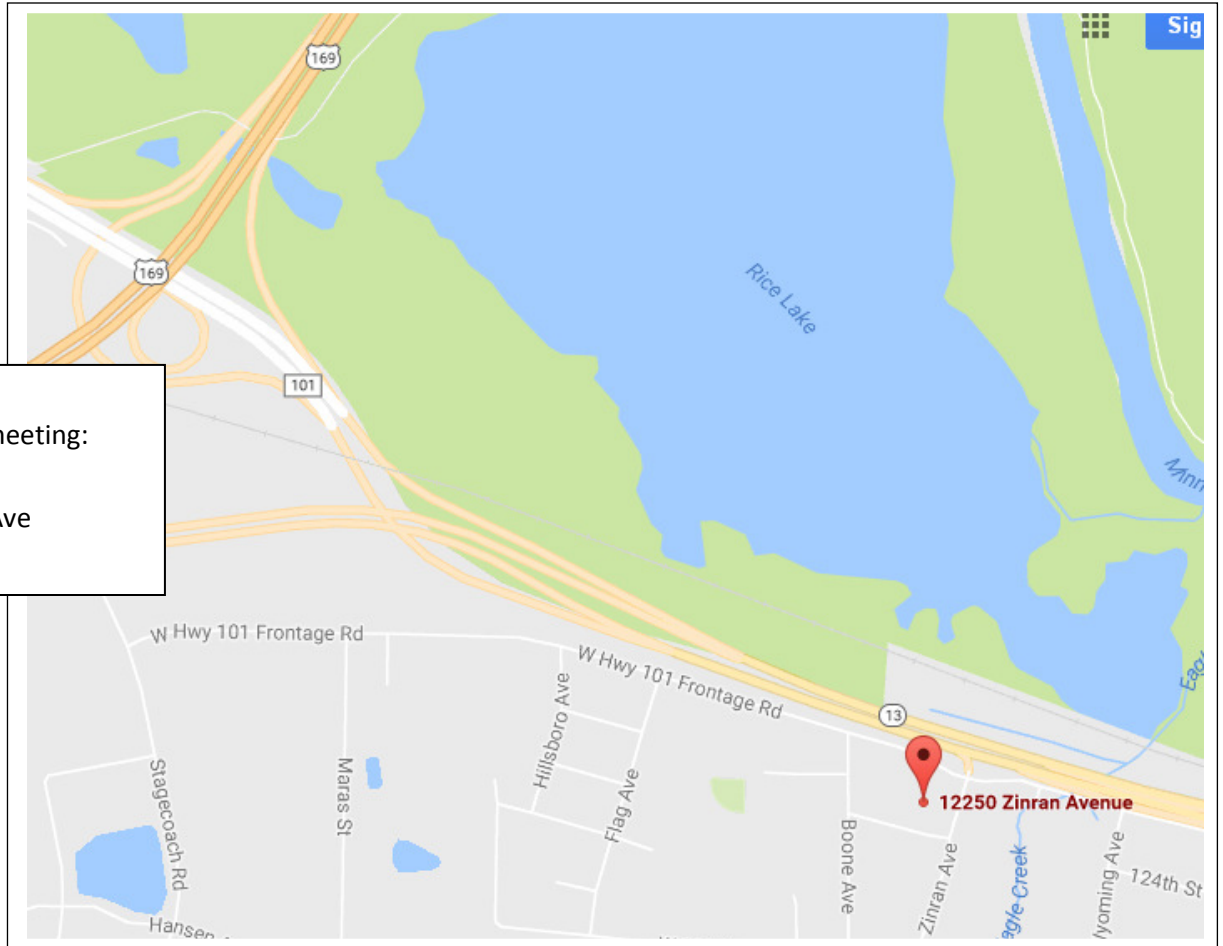
moved to Red Wing where he taught Band for the Red Wing School District.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Lester Ekdahl.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ekdahl; son, Todd (Andrea) Ekdahl of Kileen, Texas; daughter, Karla Ekdahl of Lake City, Minn.; his grandchildren, Troy Ekdahl of Kileen, Texas, and Kaitlin Schmidt of Lake City, Minn.; his sisters, Marlene Arel of Naples, Fla., and Berdene (Bea) Steen of Helena, Mont.

A memorial service was held 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, at The Church of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Red Wing. Memorials may be sent to Pottery Museum of Red Wing or the charity of your choosing.

CMI 2016 Schedule/ Upcoming Events



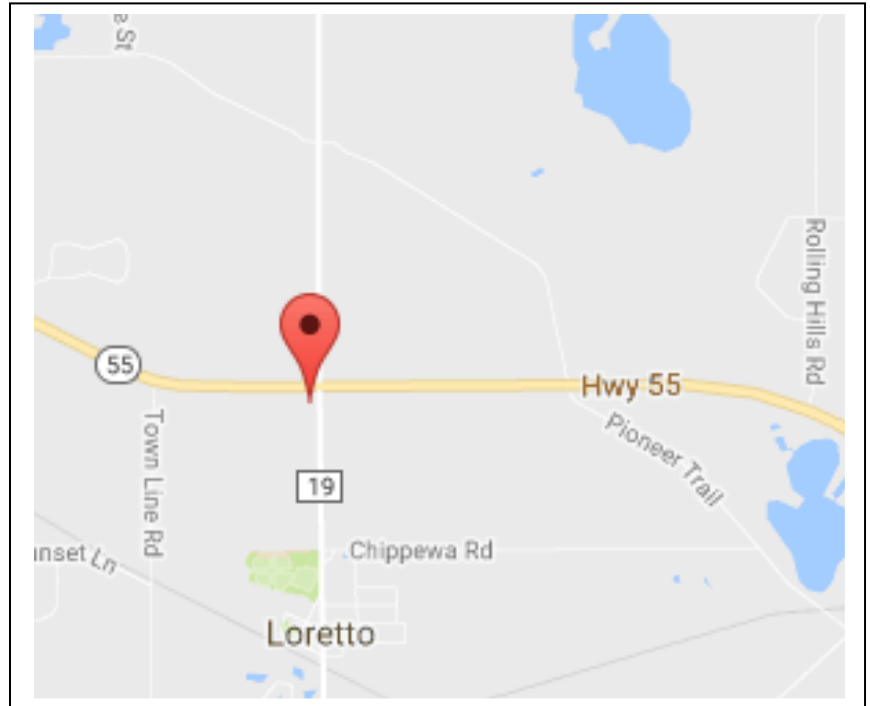
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Membership meeting:
Tin Shed
12250 Zinran Ave
Savage

- Oct**
- 01 & 10 Historic Hastings Saturday Night Cruise In; 5pm – 9pm Second Street, Hastings, MN
 - 02 46th Annual Midwest Fall Swap Meet & Auto Show; 7:30 am – 4 pm. All Makes Welcome!
Minnesota State Fair Grounds <http://www.midwestswapmeet.com/>
 - 08 Adopt a Highway**, Dobos, Loretto, 8 a.m.; **Jim Becker Barn tour**, Clear Lake, 11 a.m.
(rain date: Oct 22nd)
 - 11 Membership meeting**, Tin Shed, 12250 Zinran Ave, Savage
 - 16 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds (<http://roadsterstwincities.com/>)
 - 15 12th annual Drive for Kids - 8 a.m. start
(<http://bolderoptions.org/events/drive-4-kids/>)
 - 27 Directors' meeting
- Nov**
- 02 Midwest Fall Swap Meet & Auto Show (<http://cccaaca.com/2016SwapmeetFlyer.pdf>)
 - 08 Membership meeting – MUM (Voters' meeting?)
 - 24 Directors' meeting



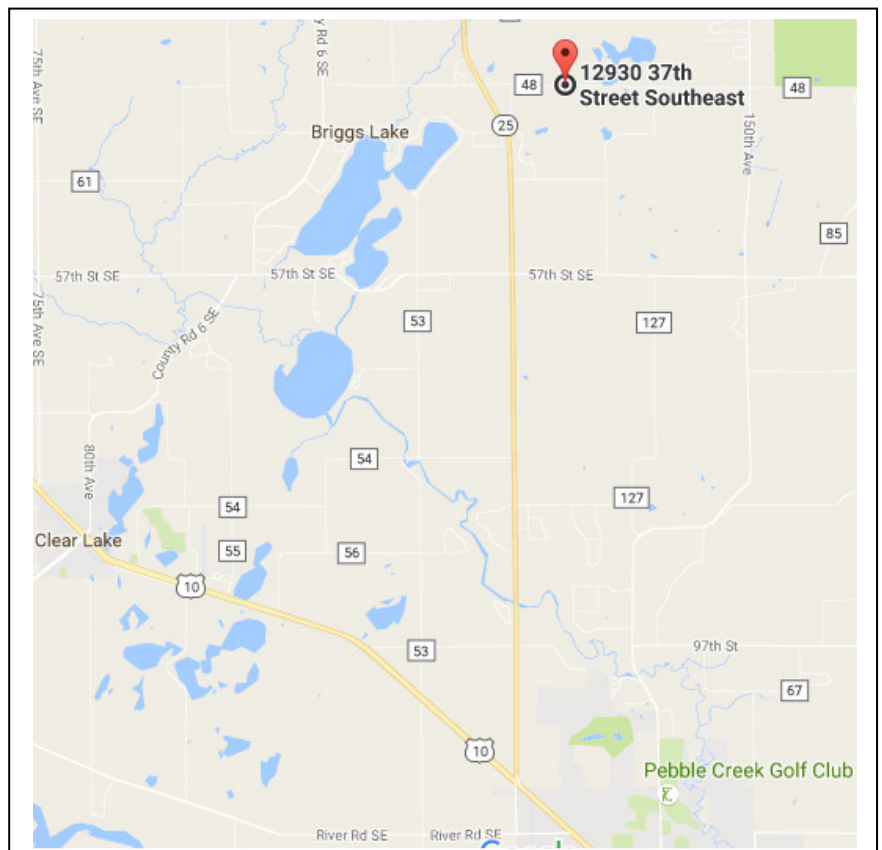
CMI Fall Color Run & Becker's Barn Tour

CMI will be meeting for breakfast at Dobos Cafe & Bakery at 8:00am Saturday October 8. This will be followed by cleaning up our section of Hwy 55 and a piece of pie paid for by the club. Dobos is located at 4425 Hwy 55 Loretto MN 55357 <http://www.thedobos.com/>



Members not helping with highway cleanup can leave Dobo's around 10:00am for the fall color run to Jim & Marie Becker's house to arrive around 11:00am. We will be having a tour of Jim's barn followed by lunch. Come check out Jim's Corvair & tractor collection. Please RSVP to Jim & Marie by phone or email.

Jim & Marie Becker
12930 37th Street
Clear Lake, MN 55319
320-743-2889
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Labor Day Rescue



This story goes back quite a ways but I'll spare you all from that (for now). Suffice it to say that there are many cars that I'd love to own. Many are Corvairs some are not. Over the last five years, maybe more, I've taken an intense interest in arguably the most luxurious Corvair that came from the factory. In my opinion, that is the 1962 Monza with the cloth bench seat. Somewhere back in my dusty memory banks I remember seeing a very nice tan '62 Monza with the gold cloth interior at a CORSA annual convention.

It reminded me of the big Chevrolets of the day like the Impala or Caprice with the cloth bench seats. Anyway, my search for one of my own has been off and on over several years. These cars don't often come up for sale. (I think I've seen four or five for sale in the past six years.) I even had Clark's make custom seat covers for my '65 Monza convertible using the cloth that was original for the '62.

Although we don't have any idea how many '62 Monza sedans or wagons were made with the cloth bench seats, I've seen very few. I believe that it was a credit option because the standard Monza had vinyl bucket seats.

Anyway, a few weeks back, HACO member Travis Bolton emailed me a Craigslist ad for a '62 Monza sedan with a cloth bench seat and it was local. Now remember, I already have too many cars. I found out that the car was in Prairie Village, KS. Wow, I could at least go see it. The posted pictures were very poor quality so didn't provide much information. After seeing it, I contemplated it for several days.

As far as I could tell it has/had no rust.



It's not even broken in yet; only 28315 miles on it!



A 1962 Monza with a cloth bench

This article is from Sept 2016 VairCor, the official monthly publication of the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association (HOACO); written by Paul Sargent

Rescue, continued from page 5

Possibly the best part, beside the original cloth interior, is that the car has 28,000 miles! The car was part of an estate and needed to be sold because the home where it was parked was for sale. The contact person was the son of the gentleman whose estate was being settled. I made him an offer that I felt accurately reflected the value of the car that hadn't been run since 1996 and presented with no brakes. Once we agreed on a price, I took Stefani over to see it. She saw it and said (don't remember her exact words), "You need to buy that." Cool! Now, when to get it?

My days off are Tuesday and Sunday and it seems like Sundays are always booked. I put out some feelers and thought I'd start with those who live closest to where the car was. Mark Whitman and Scott Allison volunteered to assist on Monday (Labor Day). I arrived around 10 a.m. and Mark and Scott pulled up right behind me. We backed my trailer up to the garage and began to load it up. Mark was kind enough to bring his portable air compressor so we aired up all the tires and used my winch to pull it onto my trailer. A great big thanks to Mark and Scott for sacrificing their Monday morning to help. The trip from Prairie Village to Lee's Summit was uneventful.

I got the car home and spent a good part of the afternoon cleaning it. In the glove box I found almost complete ownership history with Kansas registrations and what appears to be receipts for every service ever performed on the car; all the way back to 10/19/1962 when it was purchased new and partially paid for by trading a 1947 Packard coupe. Wow, what a change, '47 Packard to '62 Corvair! Anyway, it's at my house now and next up is the project of going through the brakes and getting the engine started



These pictures are from September 10th Ramsey Happy Days Festival and parade honoring WWII veterans where I had the honor of escorting a 98 year old Army nurse and a 92 year old Navy veteran in the parade.

Thank you, *Joe Schwert*



Cruise to New Ulm

CMI had a special meeting venue on September 8th. Rather than our traditional second Tuesday of the month meeting we held our meeting on Thursday to coincide with the New Ulm Car Hop and Shop cruise night. For the cruise we had four Corvairs in the show, Chuck Johnson's blue '64 Spyder, Dean Williams (from LeSeuer) was present with his original Rampside, and I had both my '69 Coupe and recently acquired '66 Sedan. There were about 80 cars from the area for the cruise.

Thanks to connections (i.e. Cara) we met in the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Friday morning we all met at Perkins in New Ulm for breakfast. After breakfast we drove to Flandrau State Park just outside of town to learn the history of the park and its use during WWII as a prisoner of war camp. Our tour guide, Scott, was very informative and told us some interesting facts about the Flandrau. We toured the beach house which was built in the 1930s and is the only structure in the park system styled like a German building in keeping with the local architecture. Then it was a short drive to the group camp for a fascinating history lesson on its use as a POW camp. In all there were eight POW camps in Minnesota and roughly 120 German prisoners were housed from late 1944 through the summer of 1945. One New Ulm family was fined \$300 for allowing a POW stay at their house over a weekend.

After the tour, we broke for lunch, with half the group trying out Plaza Garibaldi, the excellent Mexican restaurant in town (not everything is German in New Ulm). We then met up at Schell's Brewery for a tour and free beer. After the tour and beer samples (six in all) we visited in the beer garden until it was time to head home. In all we had twelve members for the tours and everyone had a great time.

Lee Knauf



Chuck Johnson's convertible at New Ulm's Hop and Shop cruise night



Beach House at Flandrau State Park



The Group Camp that was used in WWII to house German POWs



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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1965 CORSA 4sp, 2dr <SHOW QUALITY – ed.>
 Complete Restoration, factory A/C (â€66 style),
 Black/black \$18,000 Hill Sweet 952-926-7803



1965 MONZA CONVERTIBLE

Mint condition; 47,000 miles on this beauty. Everything is original except for the convertible top. Professionally repainted (original color). Runs great; mechanically sound. It has its original 140 hp. Automatic transmission. Never driven in the winter. \$15,500. Randy Young 612-219-2688



For Sale: LM front passenger side replacement floor pan excellent unused condition \$50. Set of 4 1965 Corsa wheel covers in good driver quality condition \$60
 Jack Bacon 763-479-6214 jackchrisbacon@hotmail.com



1963 Corvair Monza

2 door, 102 HP, Powerglide, 47,000 Miles, Fawn on Fawn

This car is original or parts have been replaced to original. Parts that have been rebuilt or replaced in the last 3 years: Generator, rear brake cylinders, silicone brake fluid, underside of hood repainted, air cleaners, powder coated, front wheel alignment, new draglink, new idler arm, new package area with insulation, correct battery cables, four new shocks, new fuel pump, new under car 4 inch heater hoses, matching interior console, new wiper blades, correct jack and lug wrench, trunk reconditioned and repainted, new spark plugs, points and condenser, carbs balanced, correct battery hold down plus hours of detailing of engine compartment and exterior paint and interior components.

This is a great driving car. No engine oil leaks. Everything works as it should. There are many Corvairs but few are as nice and solid as this one!

Contact Ron Scott in Coon Rapids, 612-600-0360

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