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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

President's Page

May 2017

On behalf of myself and Corvair Minnesota, we would like to congratulate Jake Callahan on the birth of his son Maxwell Dennis Callahan born April 19 and weighing in at 8 pounds 4 ounces. I especially love this date as my first son was also born on this date! Photos can be found on Jake's Facebook page.

I came down with a nasty case of Influenza B on April 4 and unfortunately missed our last membership meeting. I heard we had a great tech session on valve cover racing put on by Jim Becker. Thanks again Jim for sharing!

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The more Corvairs on the road, the more fun we can have!

Hopefully, everyone's Corvair started right up and is ready to drive to our Spring Kickoff and Pancake breakfast April 29 at 9:00 AM at the Park Tavern in St. Louis Park. Following breakfast, we will have a tech inspection on your Corvair in the parking lot across the street.

We will have our May membership meeting at the MUM at 7:00 PM. The months of June, July, August we will have our membership meetings at different drive-ins around the Twin Cities.

Adopt- A-Highway cleanup on our stretch of Highway 55 will be on May 13 with a rain date of May 20. We will meet at Dobo's Restaurant at 8:00 PM for breakfast and then after trash pickup we will return to Dobo's for a slice of pie.

In CORSA news, the CORSA International Convention will be taking place on June 27 - July 1. Corvair Minnesota had a good size group attend last year's convention and we hope to see you there. A third convention hotel has been added and there is still plenty of room for everybody that attends.

Concours judges are always needed; contact me if you are interested in helping.

The judges get a free lunch when the judging is over! The new executive staff hiring is nearing completion and as they learn the ropes, it looks to be an exciting year.

Wrench, Drive, Repeat!

Jack Bacon



CORVAIR MINNESOTA

April 11, 2017

Vice-President Jim Becker called the meeting to order at 7:10 at the MUM. 19 members were in attendance, and one guest: Ellis Ludder with Ralph Diers. Ellis was a Corvair mechanic in Cokato back when they were new. We thought we had another guest but realized it was Jerry Berge returning from AZ looking younger than when he left.

Following the creed, we went around the table answering: "Have you gotten your Corvairs out yet?" It was more interesting than it sounds, there is often a story!

Treasurer's Report:

February balance	\$2736	
Income	\$60	
Expenses		(\$110)
Current Balance:	\$2686	

Motion to approve by Rich Storlie, Bill Cook seconded, motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read. Motion by Lee to approve, seconded by John Herkenratt, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Check out the Corvair MN website! Reminder to take a few minutes to appreciate the work one of our members invests in our club.

Upcoming Activities:

April 29: Pancake breakfast at Park Tavern in St. Louis Park at 9 a.m. We will be in the room to the right as you come through the front door. An informal spring vehicle check-up will occur in the parking lot across the street, weather permitting.

May 9, 2017: Membership meeting at the MUM.

May 13: Adopt-a-Highway. Meet at 8 a.m. for breakfast at Dobo's on Hwy 55.

May 20: AAH backup date.

June 4, 2017: GMCCA Car Show & Swap Meet at the MN State Fairgrounds. SPREAD THE WORD! Bring your registration to any CMI event to **save postage**.

June 11: Buffalo Days Car and Air Show: Unique and entertaining event held at the Buffalo Airport featuring an actual air show.

June 13, 2017: CMI Membership Meeting

June 23-25, 2017: MSRA "Back to the 50's" Car Show & Swap Meet at the MN State Fairgrounds. All Earlies should enroll and park in a group. Plans are in process for all earlies to attend as a group.

June 27 – 30, 2017: Corsa National Convention in Independence MO—2 months to complete your corvair projects!

July 4, 2017: Once again, we are considering the Delano parade, last year's participation was a tad light so we need to assess the level of interest before committing.

July ??: North St. Paul Weekly Car Show: Tom Quinn is confirming a date for our club.

Winter: Bill Bertram volunteered to host the Holiday Dues Party, details to follow.

Summer 2018: American Legion National Convention, Minneapolis, MN. Fran was contacted and we may have an opportunity to be featured in their parade once again. Joe Schwert volunteered to coordinate cars and drivers. Let Joe know if you have a convertible available AND/OR if you are willing to drive someone else's excess convertible. Also, Rampsides may be used.

Summer 2018: Corsa National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, 14 months.

Summer 2019: Corsa National Convention, St. Charles, IL, 26months.

Summer 2020: Corsa National Convention, San Diego, CA, 38 months, 1978 miles.

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Other Discussions: A desire was expressed for more driving events, ala Econo-Run and Rallies. There is an interest, any leaders??

Treats: Once again Gail Quinn came through with home-made chocolate chip cookies which soon vanished. Thank you, Gail!

After-Treats: Colonel Jim Becker auctioned a number of items donated by Bill Cook, possibly at the insistence of wife Carol. After many books, manuals, wiper blades etc. were auctioned, our treasury was \$86 richer. Thank you, Bill (and Carol).

Technical Session: Jim led an enjoyable discussion and demonstration of the history of Corvair valve cover racing. Exploits and technical experiments were explained and evaluated.

Future Technical Session:

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Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson

CMI 2017 Schedule

Membership meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise announced)
Boards of Directors' meetings are on the last Thursday of each month (unless otherwise announced)

May 07 Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(www.gopherstatebuick.org)
09 Membership meeting – MUM (7 p.m.)
13 Adopt a Highway – 8:00 a.m. Dobo's in Loretto (rain date 5/20)
25 Directors' meeting

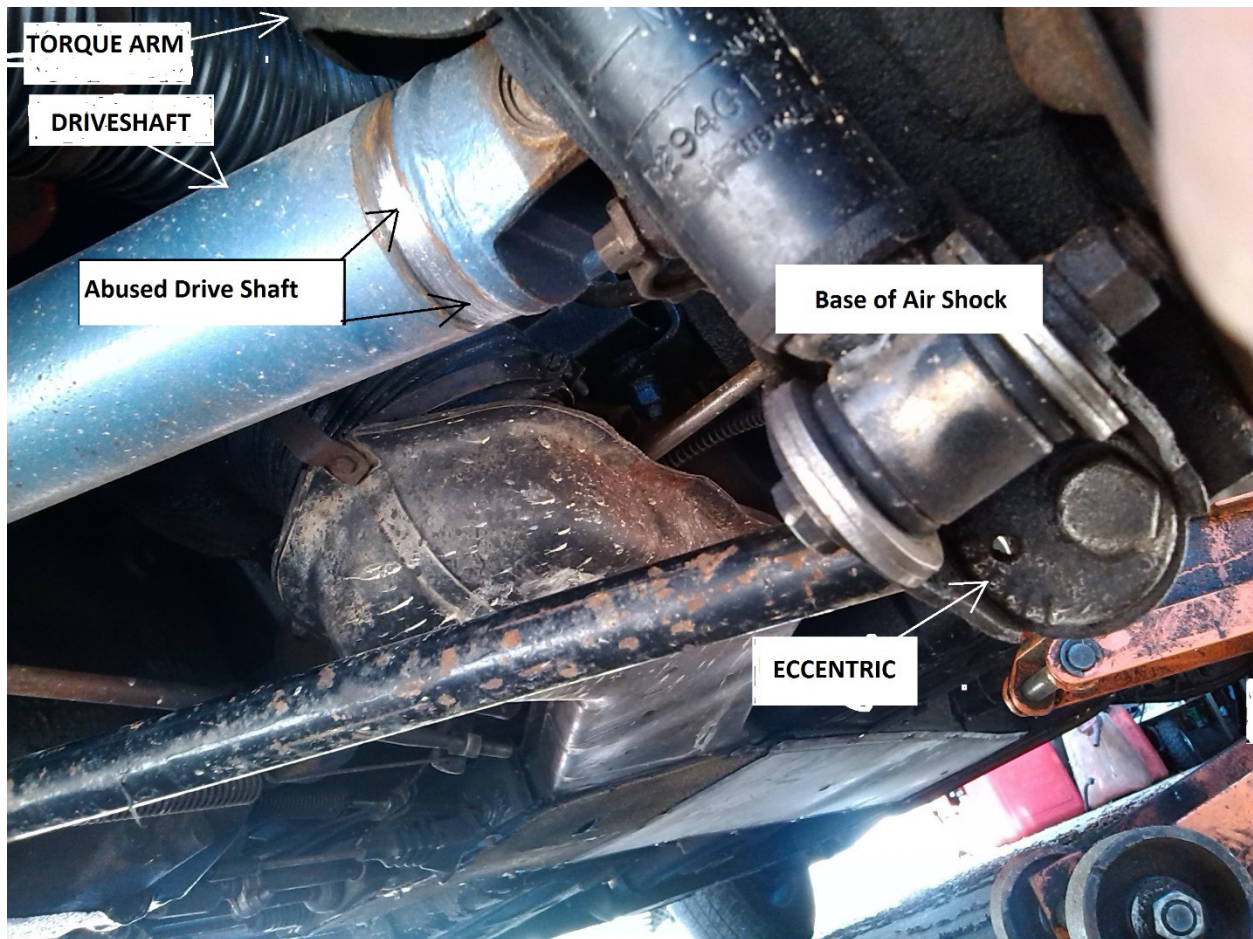
June **04 GMCCA – State Fairgrounds**
11 Buffalo Days Car and Air Show (<https://buffalochamber.org/buffalo-days/>)
13 Membership meeting – tbd
23-25 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds (www.msra.com)
27- July 01 CORSA convention, Independence, MO
29 Directors' meeting

July **04 Fourth of July Parade, Delano – Post Parade Picnic @ the park**
06-08 Iola Old Car Show and Swap Meet (Featuring Camaro)
11 Membership meeting – tbd
27 Directors' meeting
28-30 Little Log House show, Hastings (<http://www.littleloghouseshow.com>)
28-30 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN (Classic car show 7/23; 9 am-3 pm)
(<http://www.montgomerymn.org/thursday-july-23/>)
30 10,000 Lakes Concours d' Elegance, Excelsior (<http://10000lakesconcours.com/>)

August **08 Membership meeting – tbd**
12 New London – New Brighton Antique Auto Run (<http://www.anticquecarrun.org/>)
20 Pantowners Car Show, Benton County Fairgrounds (<http://www.pantowners.org/carshow.html>)
XX Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN (<http://www.christscrosscarclub.org>)
24 Director's meeting
26 Summer Spectacular 9 am - 3 pm; Farmington (<http://thesummerspectacular.com/>)



View under a Late Right Rear wheel



If you are working on your Late Model's suspension and forget to tighten the nut on your
"Eccentric Camber Adjuster"

it could turn – all by itself – to a position it likes better than where you put it.

You might say, "so what?" To which I might reply, "Take a look!"

When that Eccentric rotated to a lower energy state – all the way out – it let the Torque Arm With the wheel and axle go way out (on the bottom) meaning maximum CAMBER.

Turns out that MAXIMUM means "as far as it can go!" It cannot go any further because the U-joint is cranked over so far that the driveshaft is rubbing up against the Torque arm and, since that shaft is actually only a thin hollow tube, could be cut off if you drove much further!

It is interesting to see how far out that wheel can come with the adjuster completely OUT. I would guess I could have cornered, really well! Turning left, anyway.

Happy CORVAIRing, Fran

35th 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 4, 2017 • 8 AM - 2 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

***STATE FAIR RULES PROHIBIT:
OPEN FIRES, BBQ's AND
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
PETS ON LEASHES ONLY**

PARTICIPANT AWARDS FOR

**BUICK • CADILLAC • CHEVROLET • CORVAIR • CORVETTE • CAMARO • CHEVELLE • NOVA
OLDSMOBILE • PONTIAC • SATURN /OTHER GM • CHEVROLET/GMC TRUCKS**

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!

Spectators: Gates open at 7am to the show/swap area.

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

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**



Join us for the fifth annual 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance. The show field will overflow with one-of-a-kind historic cars, boats and motorcycles. The show will also feature retail and food vendors, live music, a kid zone, presentations and live entertainment.

Sunday, July 30, 2017, 9am – 4pm. Excelsior Commons, along the shores of Lake Minnetonka

nominate your car, boat or motorcycle now through June 15, 2017 for FREE!

Accepted nominations receive two (2) exhibitor passes that allow them to get into the event and the Concours Keys Club Hospitality Tent.

Previously accepted cars, boats and motorcycles from 2013 thru 2015 are invited to send a 2017 nomination. 2016 participants are invited to nominate again in 2018. There is no rain date.

Fill Out Your Application:

[WATERCRAFT APPLICATION](#)

[AUTOMOBILE APPLICATION](#)

[MOTORCYCLE APPLICATION](#)

All applications are due by July 1, 2017. No exceptions will be made.

Use the links above or go to: <http://10000lakesconcours.com/#participants>

A new distributor for one of my CORVAIRs

I have fallen "out of love" with Pertronix. Mainly due to their lack of responsibility concerning warranty of their products. Many/All of my CORVAIRs have run them for years and years, but they fail - - a lot more often than the price would indicate. When I had an unusual failure and I thought it was NOT something I might have done, I contacted them, time and again, with only a canned response. So, I have decided to go a different route.



Turns out this is a happy move. There are several features to the new distributor that the standard CORVAIR distributor did not have. I think this one is from a modern Chevrolet but have not yet confirmed that point. The new one is taller – see photo – but inside is where the rubber meets the road. Of course there are no points. The rotor is like the 1960 distributor and it sits up high on top of the mechanical advance. There is a six-lobed iron 'reluctor' that passes by the sensor to tell the unit when to fire, and it sits right under the rotor – nice and high. The mechanical advance is really neat as it continues to advance as the revs increase, getting up to 20 degrees at about 5000 RPM. There is also a vacuum advance for cruising around town. Also, a connection for the Tachometer, if you like. Oh, the cap is held down by the same push/turn device used back in the fifties – just a quarter turn, really easy! You can see the quarter-turn clamp in the photo right by the Vac Adv. The cap can be for regular CORVAIR type plug wires or the HEI type used on more modern engines. Speaking of plug-wires I got the distributor from Seth Emerson who sells plug wires (Distributors, too) – obviously with either terminations. He also can provide plug wires in at least a half dozen different colors!! Colored coils, too!

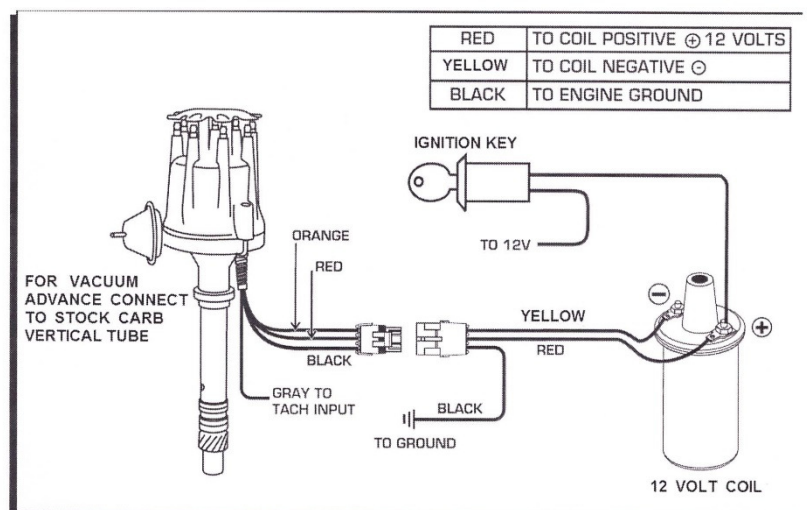
If you want a couple, he's at SETHRACER@aol.com

Price for this new unit is a little above a replacement Pertronix. I was pleasantly surprised to get this robust new distributor for less than twice the price of a Pertronix II (the Red guy). Pertronix also has a snappier model which I have not priced but am assuming its price is comparable to this new distributor. Obviously, a new distributor has new bushings and thrust plates as well.

Wiring is even simpler as the new unit comes with a waterproof connector built-in that connects to the coil's Plus, Minus and Ground. Oh, your old original Stock CORVAIR coil will probably not work very well with this unit so if you haven't upgraded to a better coil in the last fifty years - - now would be a good time.

For those with a discerning eye, the Dist. drawn in the sketch is not for an 8 cylinder CORVAIR.

Happy CORVAIRing, Fran



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 612-644-1258

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



1967 Monza coupe, family owned for almost 50 years. Stored inside all seasons and I do not drive it on wet roads or chemically treated roads. The odometer says about 117,000. New carpet and seat covers and repainted. Documentation from original purchase to current. Asking \$12,000. Greg Helm helmster@integra.net or my home phone 952-447-6495 Savage



Corvair Owner's Manuals: 1965, 1967 (2), 1968 (2)
Corvair Shop Manuals: 1960, 1962 plus Supplement,
1965, 1966, 1968
Corvair P&A Catalog: 1960-1969 (one manual)

it's been a while since I physically checked on them but last I did, that's what was there. If someone has interest, I'll verify I still have them. All are originals - no repros. They've been stored in boxes and file cabinets over the years, so they're in really good condition. Ron

If interested, contact Chuck Johnson by email (cljohnson99@gmail.com) or at our Monthly meeting.

For Parts: 3 lates, 2 coupes and 1 convert. Probably too much rust to restore, but they may have the part you need. Contact Rich Storlie storlieaircooled@yahoo.com

1965 Monza 110 4 door automatic. Blue Bucket seats. About 55 thousand miles. We (dad) are second owner. Bought for elderly lady around 1975. Ran when it was last parked around 10 years ago. Needs brake work now as peddle goes to floor. All original with very little rust. Would not take much to get it road worthy. Asking \$1900 or BO. 651-436-5565 Rick

1965 Monza My father in law said it has 76,000 miles on it but he is not sure if it had rolled over or not. 140 horsepower, with two mufflers. It has a four speed manual transmission. As you can see it is red with the red interior, two door convertible. It does have a radio with a cassette deck. My father in law would like to start at \$11,000. Our contact information is Neil or Patty Herzberg, 320-243-3085 and it is okay to leave a message. We live in Paynesville, MN.



CMI Classifieds- cont.

1964 Corvair Convertible

2nd owner, 43K miles, four speed, 110HP Exterior: Maroon, Interior: Black, no rips/tears. Top & rear window in excellent condition. Dual exhaust, spinner hub caps. \$8,900. Curt Robinson 952 934-6069 or Curtnanrob@aol.com



1963 Monza 110 Engine 4 speed, was running when put in storage, we have title, need to have key made. The car is located in Rogers, MN. \$2,000 obo. Ron Lucas 763-242-4090; 763-226-8440; 763-420-2569 lorrynelucas7@gmail.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



1964 Monza Spyder. Turbo/ 4 speed with 49,000 original miles. The car is mint! Call with questions or to see the car. Burt Rovner 763-286-2075 burt.rovner@gmail.com (note: This is Clarence Jansson's car)



WANTED: Beg/borrow/steal early 4 bolt wheels with tires that hold air. I will be helping a fellow extricate a '64 coupe from long term poor storage and anticipate needing tires which hold air! Chuck Johnson. 952.240.0414 cjohnson99@gmail.com

Help Wanted: I previously owned a 1966 Corvair Coupe that was dark blue. I believe I sold it to a person that was interested in preserving the car in 1980. Any ideas about how to run this car down would be appreciated. I bought the car new. It was in excellent condition when I sold it. Thanks much! Spence Angel 29144 Golf lane Lindstrom, MN, 55045 spencerang@aol.com 612 309 5994 cell

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Mother's
Day!**

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Spot a 'Vair



As seen in Key West (what?! – this isn't a Corvair??)

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See you at Park Tavern-
Is your Corvair ready for summer?