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CORVAIR MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

## President's Page

## July 2017

*Summer* is finally here and the CORSA International Convention starts next week on June 27. CMI has about 10-12 people attending and it's sure to be a great time. If you are undecided, you can register at the convention. There will be a lot of sightseeing, tours, Concours, model contest, autocross, People's Choice Car Display, tech sessions, swap area, vendors, banquet and more. It's only a 6.5 hour drive away and the temps will be in the upper 80's so be sure remember the sun screen!

CMI will be participating in the Fourth of July Parade in Delano and contact Bill Cook or C.J. Schmitt for more information.

The car show calendar will be very busy in July starting with the Iola Old Car Show July 6-8 in Iola, Wisconsin <http://iolaoldcarshow.com/general-info/> 300 acres with 2500 classic cars, 1,000 cars in the car corral, 4200 swap spaces, 1600 camping spaces and usually about 12 or more Corvairs registered for the show.

The July membership meeting will be held Tuesday July 11 at the Minnetonka Drive-In starting at 6pm. I hope to see everyone and their Corvairs filling the lot and also hope to have my Rampside there.

CMI will be at the North St. Paul History Cruze Car Show Friday July 28 starting at 5pm.

Sunday July 30 from 9 am-4 pm is the 5th annual 10,000 lakes Concours de Elegance at Excelsior Commons on Lake Minnetonka with free parking and shuttle buses. Tickets are \$25 and benefit Bridging.

If you are looking for cruise in nights they are many - the Classic Car Roll-in in Henderson is every Tuesday night from 6-9pm with about 300 cars nightly and great food and ice cream. The Victoria Classic Car Nights are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and draws many classic cars. Every Friday night in North St. Paul is the History Cruze Car Show and CMI will be there July 28. The Hastings Historic Saturday Night Cruise-In is every other Saturday night starting May 28 from 5-9 pm along while the Anoka Saturday night Classic Car Show is every other Saturday starting May 20 at 5pm.

Wrench, drive, repeat!

*Jack Bacon*



# CORVAIR MINNESOTA

June 13, 2017

President Jack Bacon called the meeting to order promptly at 7:38 at Wagner's Drive-In in Brooklyn Park. 19 members were in attendance, having braved the construction detours to even find Wagner's.

## Treasurer's Report:

May 10 balance	\$2697
Income	\$60
Expenses	(\$267)
Current Balance:	<u>\$2472</u>

Motion to approve by Fran Schmit, seconded by Chuck Johnson, motion carried.

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

## OLD BUSINESS:

**May 13: Adopt-a-Highway.** 13 members met and collected trash along our stretch of Hwy 55 followed by pie! They requested more trash for the next pickup.

**June 4: GMCCA:** An excellent turnout with 25 cars, 4 rampsides, and 1 corvan! Jerry Berge won first place in the open division with his '66 Corsa convertible. Unfortunately, no one else at the meeting recalled the other three trophy winners. . .stay tuned.

Two new members joined:

Gary Apodacca of Columbus, MN with his Corvaire 95 van. . .or Corvan.

Jerry Audorff of Mahtomedi with a very orange Rampside.

WELCOME!

Birth: We learned of another rare occurrence in our club during this event, Jake Callahan is now a Father, Congratulations!

Special Note: It was gratifying to see Clarence Janssen's '64 Spyder convertible re-emerge for this event having recently been purchased and re-detailed by Ron Scott. A great car to keep within our club!

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Upcoming Activities:

**June 14:** First **Victoria Car Show** of the season. Excellent West side event held every other week throughout the summer.

**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 weeks to complete your Corvaire projects!

**July 4, 2017:** Once again, the Delano parade! CJ Schmit is working with Bill Cook to coordinate this year. This parade has tons of kids attending and has an affordable carnival afterwards. Best parade we have had to participate in and a perfect one to bring your kids, grand kids, or neighbor kids along!

**July 11, 2017:** CMI Membership Meeting at Minnetonka Drive-in.

**July 28: North St. Paul Weekly Car Show:** Featured marquee parking is down the street this year, Neat event on the East side!

**July 30: 10,000 Lakes Concours de'Elegance in Excelsior.** Maybe we'll see a Corvaire here one day?

**August 8, 2017:** CMI Membership Meeting—location Suggestions?? **Anxious for ideas of drive-ins or restaurants with BIG parking lots. What side of the Metro haven't we covered?**

**August 12: 31<sup>st</sup> New London to New Brighton Run.** CMI will once again meet at Buffalo High School about 11 a.m. and enjoy seeing the cars and motorcycles entering and departing from their lunch break, along with any maintenance needed. This is a unique event we are fortunate to experience, put it on your bucket list!

**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,** 12 months to get prepared.

**Summer 2019: Corsa National Convention, St. Charles, IL,** 24 months.

**Summer 2020: Corsa National Convention, San Diego, CA,** 36 months, 1978 miles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Johnson



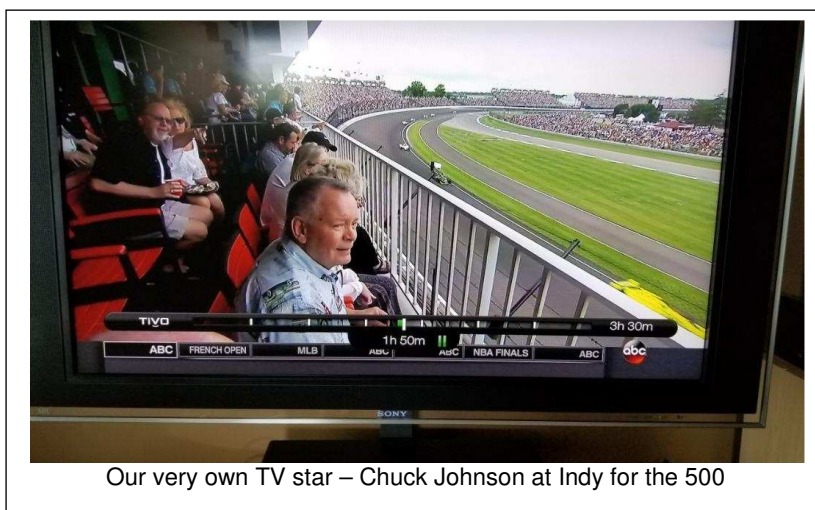
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# CMI 2017 Schedule

**Membership meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

- 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 – Minnetonka Drive In**
  - 27 Directors' meeting
  - 28 North St. Paul Weekly Car Show**
  - 28-30 Little Log House show, Hastings (<http://www.littleloghouseshow.com> )
  - 28-30 Kolacky Days, Montgomery, MN (Classic car show 7/29; 9 am-3 pm) (<http://www.montgomerymn.org/thursday-july-25/> )
  - 30 10,000 Lakes Concours d' Elegance, Excelsior (<http://10000lakesconcours.com/> )
- August**
- 08 Membership meeting – tbd – looking for membership input**
  - 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> )
  - 24 Director's meeting
  - 26 Summer Spectacular 9 am - 3 pm; Farmington (<http://thesummerspectacular.com/> )
- September**
- 12 Membership meeting - MUM**
  - 14 (Thursday) New Ulm Car Hop & Shop 5-8 p.m.
  - 09 Classics by the Lake Car Show, Buffalo, MN 10 am – 2 pm (*be there by 8 for a good spot*)
  - 17 Christ's Cross Car and Craft Show, Ham Lake, MN (<http://www.christscrosscarclub.org> )
  - 28 Directors' meeting
- October**
- 10 Membership meeting
  - 15 Roadsters Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds ( <http://roadsterstwincities.com/> )
  - XX 13th annual Drive for Kids - 8 a.m. start (<http://bolderoptions.org/events/drive-4-kids/> )
  - 26 Directors' meeting
- November**
- 14 Membership meeting – MUM (Voters' meeting)
  - 29 Directors' meeting
- December**
- 12 Membership meeting – MUM (Voters' meeting)
  - 28 Directors' meeting



Our very own TV star – Chuck Johnson at Indy for the 500



# Corvair Minnesota's Adopt a Highway, Spring 2017

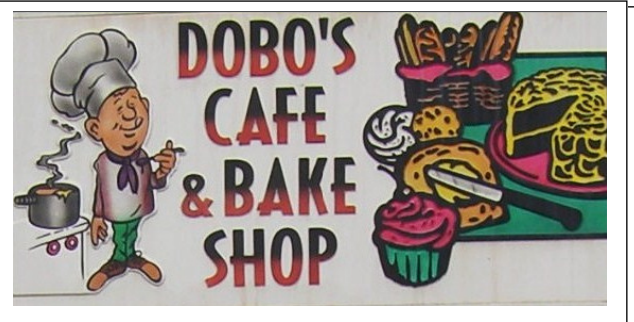
May 13, 2017

This year's participants:

Jim Becker, Chair-person

Ray Alexander  
Bill Bertram  
Vince Rohr  
Peter Schmit  
Tom Quinn

Jack Bacon  
John Herkenratt  
Fran Schmit  
Rich Storlie  
Lee Knauf





# Corvair Minnesota at GMCCA

It was a stellar year for CMI at the GMCCA show with 29 Corvairs in attendance including 5 FCs (with 4 Rampsides); oh yeah - 1 Corvair Corvette and 1 Corvair Camaro! The weather was near perfect and show attendance was great (numbers & trophy winners to follow).



CMI HQ – where the action starts



Gary Apodaca's Corvan in the Vendor area





# Corvair Minnesota, Annual Pancake Breakfast

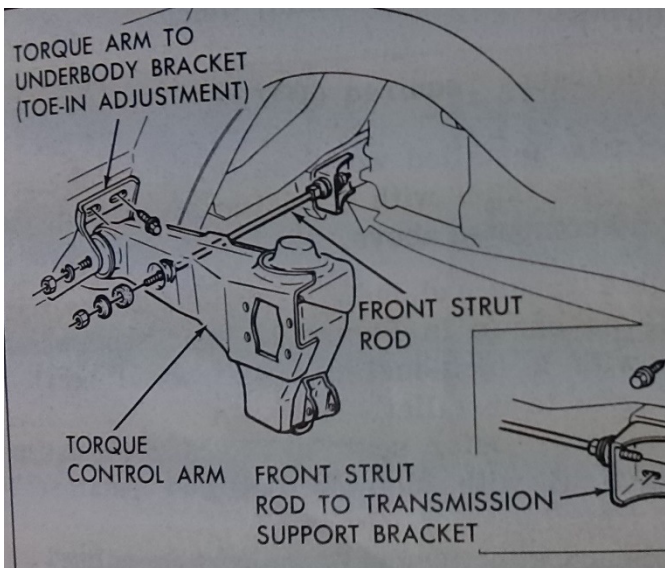
This year the breakfast was held at the Park Tavern in St. Louis Park on April 29th. We had 12 members and guests in attendance (along with 2 Corvairs). Come out to join us next year!





## Late Model Rear Suspension: Torque Arm Bushing on the Toe-In Plate

Once upon a time I changed out these bushings. It's an involved process, unless you have everything off anyway. Here's an exploded view of the Torque Arm. The spring, shock and axle have been removed! I've included a photo of the job site.



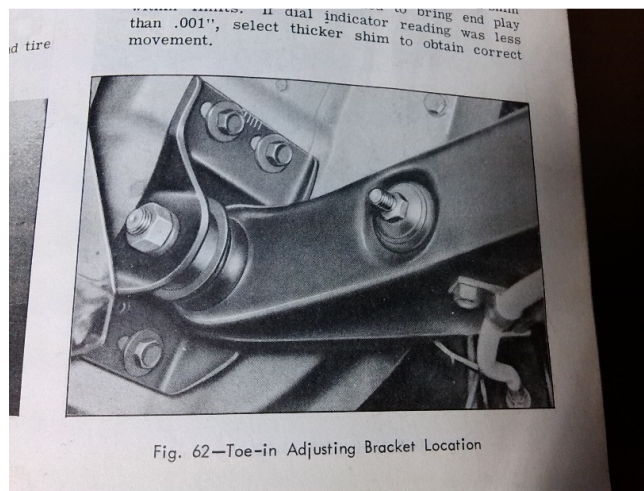
The power train pushes the vehicle by shoving this arm against the toe-in plate. The Toe-In plate can be moved left or right to adjust the toe-in of that rear wheel. The bushing in question is pressed into the end of the Torque Arm and is bolted to the toe-in plate. Here's a nice factory sketch of that part of our discussion.

When I had this off I replaced all the bushings on the vehicle including these big guys. Recently I noticed a strange rubbing sound and found that one of the bushings had changed its position on the end of the torque Arm. I had my son Peter under there to do the real checking! The toe-in plate had not moved but the wheel was now doing a serious toe-in on that side. The Torque Arm had moved at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ " inboard. Rear wheel toe-in is spec'd at  $\frac{1}{8}$ ", so adding a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " is a big NO-NO!

Solution: push it back where it belongs! This meant taking out the spring and disconnecting the brake line, the shock absorber and even the little front strut rod. Then dropping the toe-in plate down to examine and reposition. Reposition meant making up a group of fittings that matched all those pieces and using a big bolt through the middle to squeeze it back in place.

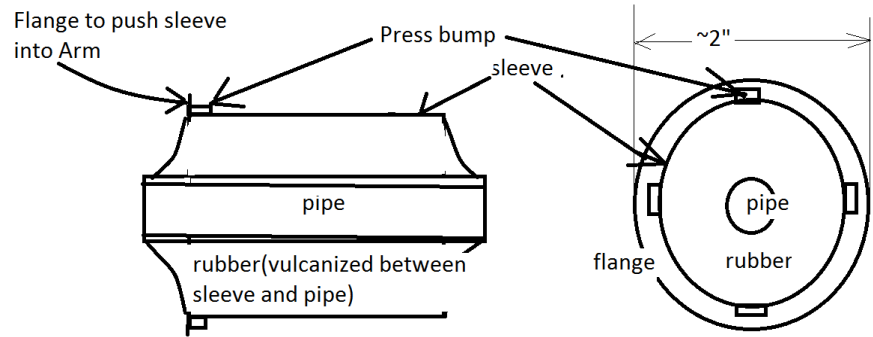
Turns out it went back pretty easy. Which is why it came out of its place – pretty easy.

Once back in place -fully seated in the Torque Arm - it was easy to see exactly where it belonged as there are four bumps built into the bushing to use as positioning stops or 'bumps' for the press.



**Torque Arm Bushing, continued on page 8**

Here's a sketch of the bushing.



This photo, on the left, shows the bushing fully engaged into the Torque Arm, but actually not secure. You can see clearly how closely the bumps are pushed against the extrusion of the torque Arm. I'm pretty certain that when I put it in there, I thought the sleeve was tight inside that big hole.



Now it's back where it belongs and I have my laser setup that makes re-alignment a snap. So, all I need do is shoot it with a little high current and some wire and it will hopefully stay put.

Obviously the picture on the right is not pretty. I could grind it down and shine up the weld so it would make a nicer picture but I watched as the arc hit right on the joint where the bump was pressed in tight. I just held the trigger a little longer to give it a some extra heat! I arc'd three of the four bumps so I'm thinking it will hold. I will certainly go back to check it later, just to be certain. Promise!

Fran

***NON SEQUITUR***

Here's Fran's '64 convertible with 14" wheels:





# CMI Classifieds- cont.

**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

**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 [Curtanrob@aol.com](mailto:Curtanrob@aol.com)



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**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 [lorrainelucas7@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainelucas7@gmail.com)



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**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](mailto:storlieaircooled@yahoo.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](mailto:VonH9700@aol.com)



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**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](mailto:helmster@integra.net) or my home phone 952-447-6495 Savage

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**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. 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, Paynesville Phone 320-243-3085 (it is okay to leave a message.)

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**1969 Monza** coupe with a 2.7 liter, 164 cubic inch engine, automatic transmission, royal blue exterior and interior. It is in very good condition with 33,491 miles on the odometer. \$14,500 or best offer. Gary H. Olson 3610 90th Avenue N Moorhead, MN 56560 e-mail: [garyholson@702com.net](mailto:garyholson@702com.net) cell: 218-790-5130 office/home: 218-233-5130

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**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. Spence Angel; 29144 Golf lane Lindstrom, MN, 55045 [spencerang@aol.com](mailto:spencerang@aol.com) 612-309-5994 (cell)

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hope to see all your cars out there!