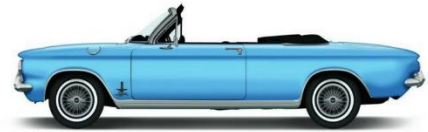




Leaky Seal

Corvair



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

April 2019

President's message...

Spring is finally here, and I am looking forward to getting my Rampside out of storage in mid-April. The first thing I want to do is paint the interior. After that it's time to reupholster the bench seat and whittle away at some minor work.

We all have projects that seem to take forever to complete. Whether it's time, money, storage space or expertise you can finish your project that is waiting for you. I have a friend who took 32 years to restore his 1936 Ford. Now that's a long time, but the results were outstanding and something you can be proud of for a long time. It's usually explaining to your spouse about what followed you home that day and how wonderful it will be.... someday.

Better to talk to your spouse about your new (or old) hobby, negotiate space, budget and keep them involved. Get your kids involved, join your local and national clubs, attend monthly meetings. Make the International Convention your annual destination.

We at Corvair Minnesota, can help you thru your project from start to finish, keep you involved in our club, having fun and make new friends along the way. Please come to the International Corsa Convention in St. Charles, IL July 23-27. You will be inspired seeing all the great Corvairs, learning at the many tech sessions, touring the area, joining the Econorun or Rally, the Concours, model contest, People's Choice car display, Awards Banquet and especially meeting all the people. And only 7 hours away!

Wrench, ride, repeat!

Jack Bacon



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2019

The annual Minneapolis-St. Paul Auto Show meeting was called to order by Treasurer Lee Knauf at 7:15 p.m., opening with the CMI creed. We delayed the meeting as it was "Military Recognition Night" with a 7 o'clock ceremony. 17 members and a half dozen guests were present.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance	\$3385
Income	160
Expenses	<u>(212)</u>
Current Balance:	\$3333
Current Paid Membership:	70

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

Events: We may have an opportunity to tour Odessa Restorations in Spring Lake Park, stay tuned.

Annual Spring Kickoff Breakfast, April 27: Once again, we will meet at the Moose Bar & Grill in Minneapolis. . .prep your Corvair!

North St. Paul Car Show: Tom Quinn confirmed we will be the official car club **August 2!**

GMCCA Show & Swap Meet, June 2. Dan Quinn reports he will have gate worker sign-up sheets at our next meeting. Remember to bring your registration to the meeting in order to save postage.

Other thought-starters: Possibilities of a trip to Granite Falls and/or a fall cruise in October were discussed.

April 9 Membership Meeting: VP Jim Becker begins his tech session series on preparing us to compete in events during the upcoming CORSA convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m. with the passing of home-made cookies and bars compliments once again of Gail Quinn!

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Johnson



March meeting was held at the Auto Show

Fun at the Auto show!

Chevy Silverado made entirely of Lego Bricks.
Anyone for a CMI Project?



The Maroon fastback is a '67 Volkswagen.
Unfortunately, the only air-cooled car in attendance.



The convertible is a 1941 Cadillac Series 62.
By far the best-looking car at the show.



It was Veterans Appreciation Night when we met. This is a service man rappelling from the top of the convention center.



Fran's Continuing EDUCATION

We all know how to bleed brakes, right?

You don't open the bleeder valve without having pressure on the system, so that, when you do open the valve, the fluid and bubbles (and crap if your flushing them) can/will come out – not in. OK, that is the same thing with a pressure bleeder, except there's nobody on the brake pedal.

Well, my friend and I were installing new NICOPP brakes lines on his Chevrolet with rusted brake lines (both front lines were rusted through) and found his front calipers needed replacement as well. All the mechanical was done with normal effort and properly bled. Giving brakes that felt right and stopped 'good', but - - his unit has ABS on it...!

OK, we looked in the book on how to bleed ABS. If you are just bleeding brakes there's no need to do anything with the ABS, but if you have taken a line off the unit (as in replacing a line and/or caliper) then you have to also bleed that unit.

OK, how to do that? The Internet is a good place for a You Tube video and there's a guy showing exactly how to do it – which he does until brake fluid comes out of the valve he is depressing. Looks easy enough, says I.

We tried many different ways to do it and could never get anything out of the unit. His Chevy has a vacuum booster, so we even tried it with the engine on and had lots of pressure (meaning it was hard to depress the valve when the BIG-GUY was putting on the pressure. Again, no fluid could be coaxed out of that little unit.

Well, he said it stops "good", so I'm gonna run it. And, he did.

Later on, he stopped at a mechanic's place and they went through his brakes to bleed them all – properly! They found no better way to do it. So, he drove on and all was well - - except he wasn't comfortable with not having properly bled that ABS unit.

A couple weeks went by and he was talking to his mechanic Grandson who said he'd take a crack at it. Of course, he had to look it up someplace, too, so we are all (all of US!) benefitting from his research, as he found out the "proper" way to do that ABS bleeding.

Why am I telling you this? It could easily happen to any of us, with our Non-CORVAIR units that have ABS on them.

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Fran's Continuing EDUCATION (cont.)

The bleeding procedure for these units has a reverse order in them, that seems (to me) counter-intuitive. You don't put pressure on the system before you open the valve. Again, you DO NOT pressurize the brake system before opening that valve...you open the valve FIRST!!!

Yes, you open the bleed valve and then push on the brake pedal. Close the valve and then release the pedal. Got that? Open, push, close release...in that order. He said they did three pumps and fluid came out of the valve – meaning the ABS had all its bubbles removed. What a relief! He now has good brakes and peace of mind!

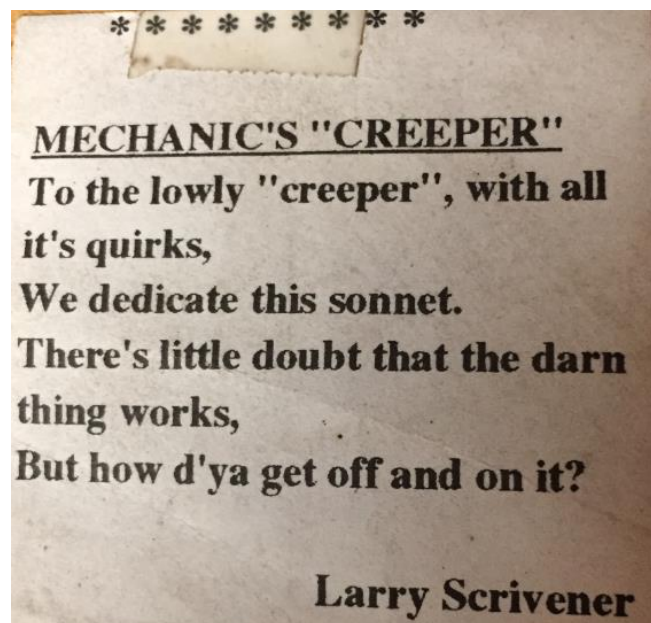
More to the point, for US.

The NICOPP brake lines are superior in every way to our old iron lines except for being twice the cost. The NICOPP lines are about \$2/foot as compared to steel lines (even plastic-coated ones) that are about a buck a foot. If you changed all your CORVAIR brake lines over to NICOPP it might cost \$50.

Oh, they will "NEVER" rust...period. They are also easier to bend and when you double flare them, they wipe across that sealing surface 'very nicely, with no galling'. Since they are so easy to flare you can get your lines in a coil, say 25 feet long, and cut each line to exactly the correct length and get a nice proper bend in the line, wherever you want, with ease!

Something to think about as our buggies get older. Remember to do an ANNUAL flush of your DOT 3...!

*Keep on CORVAIRing,
Fran*



New Guy Tom

I can always relate to a Corvair person who jumps in with both feet and lots of enthusiasm. Once you get started with Corvairs it's often difficult to pass up a good deal or the opportunity to bring home just one more Corvair that needs a good home. New member Tom Merkel from White Bear Lake is like that. I've been talking to him at GMCCA the last few years, he likes to talk about Corvair technical things which I enjoy (ad nauseam according to my wife). It turns out that he has collected 7 Corvairs in the last 10 years and I asked how that came about.

- ❖ The first one he got is a '67 500 with only 26,000 miles. It was in his neighborhood when he was a kid and he always remembered the guy was meticulous about taking good care of it for his wife. Tom bought it at the estate sale when the fellow passed away at 90. With a little refreshing it is running well.
- ❖ The second one is a '63 convertible with 140 heads fitting bigger carbs with the secondaries blocked off. It sounds like it runs good but the glass pack mufflers are a little loud for his taste. He has stock carbs and exhaust to put on it.
- ❖ The third one is a '63 Monza coupe from California with no rust whatsoever. It also runs good. The paint is rubbed down to the primer in a few spots and the interior shows some wear but a nice original example
- ❖ The fourth one is a '62 Monza coupe with a 4 speed. I did some work on it for the previous owner Sheila, it was her car in high school but it had been sitting for several years. It sounds like it's also running good.
- ❖ The fifth one is a '66 Corsa convertible. Runs good with very little rust but burns a little oil and could use a new top. I wonder if it's burning or leaking onto the hot exhaust.
- ❖ The sixth one is a '64 coupe. There's a story about the fellow two owners ago who hit a White Bear Lake police car with it. The last owner had a White Bear Lake service station and was a friend of Tom's father, he fixed it up and then put it in storage, this one also became available at an estate sale.
- ❖ The seventh one is a '63 coupe with the engine stuck. It sounds like it's pretty good as far as rust is concerned except for the floors. Tom said he wasn't really looking for another one but the seller was motivated and even brought it on a trailer. Tom bought an engine from me, but I don't remember much about it.

I would say that Tom has a nice Corvair collection there. It's especially good that most of them are running. He said that he especially enjoys the tech sessions at the Corvair meetings. Although he's new to us, he's a Corvair owner steeped in our old school traditions. 6 out of 7 Corvairs running, I wonder how many good batteries he has.

Jim Brandberg

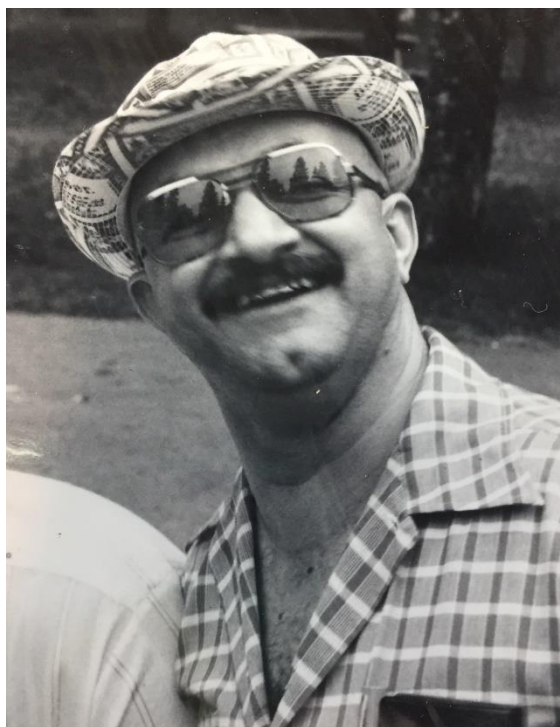
CMI 2019 Schedule

Membership meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced)
Board of Directors' meetings are held one hour prior to the Membership meetings (unless otherwise announced).

- April** 05 Corvair Performance Workshop, CPF Museum, East Decatur, IL.
09 Board of Directors meeting, Messiah United Methodist, 6pm.
09 Membership meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 7pm,
Meeting Program topic: Prep'ing for the CORSA Convention – Concours.
27 Annual Pancake Breakfast, 10a.m. at the Moose on Monroe, 356 Monroe St. NE, Minneapolis.
We will order off the menu.
- May** 05 Buick Show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.
09 Board of Directors meeting, Messiah United Methodist, 6pm.
09 Membership meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 7pm.
Meeting Program topic: Prep'ing for the CORSA Convention – Autocross.
17 -19 Corvair Preservation Foundation Museum Open House, East Decatur, IL.
- June** 02 GMCCA Annual car show and swap meet, MN State Fairgrounds.
11 Board of Directors meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 6pm.
11 Membership meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 7pm.
14-15 Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Meet, MN State Fairgrounds.
21-23 MSRA Back to the 50's, MN State Fairgrounds.
- July** 11-13 Iola Car Show, Iola, WI.
23 – 27, **2019 CORSA CONVENTION**, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL. Hotel rooms can now be booked. All info can be found at www.Corvair.org and click on "Events".
31- Aug 2 Iowa Gas Swap Meet, Des Moines, IA.
- Aug** 02 Corvair Minnesota Night at the North St. Paul Car Show
03 Hanover Festival Car Show, Hanover, MN.
10 New London – New Brighton Antique Car Run/Car Show, Buffalo, MN 10:30am – 1:30pm.
17 Gearhead Get Together, Maple Lake, MN.
22-24 Corvair Homecoming, Plymouth, MI.
- Sept** 07 Classics by the Lake Show, 8am – 3pm, Buffalo, MN.
20 Fagan Fighters WWII Museum Tour, Granite Falls. Mark your calendar, this is a club event. Watch for details.
- Oct** 12 Frankensteiner's Car Show, Cambridge, MN Fairgrounds.
19 Fall Tour Mark your calendar, this is a club event. Watch for details.
29 – Nov 2 Hershey, PA Swap Meet



Russ Rankin was a good friend of N.C.C.A. – in the olden days. That was our name before CMI!



Then, about 20 years ago he got the Arizona itch and he and his wife Betty moved to Sun City, AZ.

Betty called the other day to inform us that Russ had been ill for a while and that he had died last November.



Anyone wanting to send her a card or greeting can do so at:

Betty Rankin
11166 West Cameo Drive
Sun City, AZ 85351
Phone: 623.974.9377

She's cleaning out Russ' stuff and maybe will be moving, so she wondered what to do with his models. I didn't remember that Russ was into car models, but Betty says he had quite a few CORVAIRs on his shelves ... and they are all on the block. So, maybe when you send her a card you could also ask about the cars. If you think that might be a bit indelicate send her two cards, one with your return address.

Ron Lucas is still wintering in AZ and maybe so is Jim Doty, you could contact them to do your bidding, if you like.

We have many fond memories of Russ Rankin, he was a good member for many years.

Fran Schmit

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Swappers: Sunday gates open 6am - Enter Randall & Dan Elmer Way - All makes of parts are welcome!
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GM SHOW VEHICLE

Make _____ Year _____

Model _____

Preregister before May 15th - \$10 per vehicle

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Includes Car, driver & one passenger per admission.

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\$10 each preregistered before 5/15

\$15 each after 5/15

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CURRENT PRICES AS OF 1-1-19:

T-SHIRTS: Gildan crew, heavy cotton (size S - XXL) Colors: black, white, navy, red, ash	\$20.00
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NOVELTY T-SHIRTS: Gildan Crew (size XL & XXL only)	\$20.00
SHORT SLEEVE BLUE DENIM SHIRTS (size S – XXL)	\$25.00
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SWEATSHIRTS: Hanes crew neck 90 oz heavy fleece (size S - XXL) Colors: black, gray, navy, red, ash	\$25.00
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** All clothing items are priced with CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo on the left chest

** If you want your first name embroidered, add \$5.00

** If you want the oval CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo embroidered, add \$25.00

To place an order contact Bill Cook at 612-940-9179 or wdcacook@yahoo.com

CMI Classifieds



For Sale:
1964 Corvair Monza, original engine. 108,000 miles. 164 cu in. 95 hp. Power glide trans. Licensed and running. \$3500. Located in Elk River, MN. **Please contact Georgia Thometz at gthometz@gmail.com**

For Sale:
2-'66 Monza 2drs Lots of accessories \$3,000. **Contact Rudy at 612-840-9788**

For Sale:

- Equalizer hitch for trailer
- Tow bar and setup for F.C.

Contact Jerry Berge at 480-250-8816

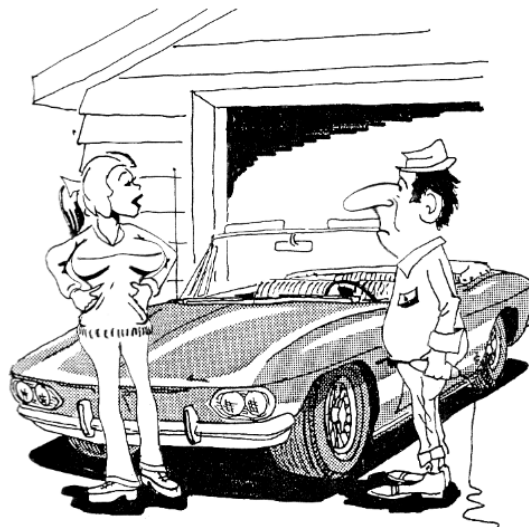
Wanted:
Early 2-door or 4-door station wagon, doesn't need to run. **Contact Dave at dave14957@gmail.com**.

Corvair Wanted:

New member is looking for a late model convertible. Would like to get a car that has been sorted out and running good or not need a lot of work. Manual transmission preferred. #2+ to 3+ condition car.
Contact Dean Dorholt at 612-803-0836.

Corvair Wanted:

Friend is looking for a reasonably priced Corvair that he and his 6-year-old daughter can work on together. Fair body would be good, engine does not have to be perfect. **Please contact Clarence 507-534-2442 or email: clarncyboy@aol.com**



"I don't care if it does do a good job... you are not using the electric toothbrush on those old wire wheels."

Courtesy of Corvair Center

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*April 9th membership meeting at the MUM.
See you there!*