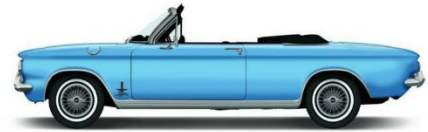




Leeky Seel

Corvair



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter August 2019

President's message...

We had a large group of Corvair Minnesota members attend the CORSA Convention and are looking forward to hearing about it and what we missed. Next year, the CORSA Convention will be in San Diego so start prepping your cars!

August will be very busy with club activities with our first event being the North St. Paul Car Show Friday night, August 2nd. Contact Tom Quinn for more information. August 10th is the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run with the lunch stop at Buffalo High School and informal car show in the parking lot. This is a favorite among CMI club members. August 13th is our monthly BOD meeting at 6 pm followed by tire kicking and membership meeting at 7 pm at Messiah United Methodist Church in Plymouth. See you there!

Save the date, Friday, September 20th we will meet for breakfast and then tour Fagan's Fighter Air Museum in Granite Falls. This will be a lot of fun, more details to follow.

To save money publishing the Leeky Seel we are going to be sending out the Leeky Seel via email. This month those who are receiving the printed issue will also receive an email digital version. Next month everyone with an email address will only receive their Leeky Seel via email. There are about a dozen members where we do not have an email address and we will be contacting you for that information. In the meantime, you will continue to receive a printed copy of the Seel. Please respond to the email with the Leeky Seel and let her know you have received it.

Wrench, drive, repeat,
Jack Bacon



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 9, 2019

The weather allowed another good parking lot session. At 7:21, the membership meeting moved indoors at the MUM and was called to order by President Jack Bacon.

34 members were present, another great turnout! Bob Kaczke is a local CORSA member visiting us for the first time, he had a Corvair in high school.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance	\$3111
Income	299
Expenses	<u>(374)</u>
Current Balance:	<u>\$3037</u>

Current Paid Membership: 80

Dick Mickelsen moved to approve, Chuck Johnson seconded, carried.

Recent Events Recap:

July 4, the Delano parade! Fran Schmit reported we had 5 Corvairs in this year's parade. Jack Zilliox got us a good position early in the parade and we met the tail end of the parade as we were departing, so this is a 2-hour parade with a route packed with kids. The Corvairs always receive a warm welcome even without throwing candy! Fran snapped some pictures which I'm guessing are further into this Leeky Seel.

Back to the 50's: Our own Tom Quinn was interviewed on the radio opening morning bragging about Corvairs and our active club.

Effective with the September newsletter, printed newsletters will only be sent to members with no email address. The secretary will continue attempting to fill in any missing addresses.

July 23 – 27, 2019: CORSA CONVENTION, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL. A sign-up

sheet was circulated, and 13 members are planning to attend.

August 2: North St. Paul Car Show: Tom Quinn reminded us we will be the official car club! Easiest entrance will be from the alley. A nearby event for all of you East Siders! 9 members signed up to attend so far.

August 10: New London to New Brighton Old Car Run: This Brass Era car and motorcycle event is unique to MN. We will meet starting about 10:30 at the Buffalo High School. The noon break is here so we can spend time actually touching some of the cars and talking to the period-dressed drivers and passengers. In addition, the informal "newer" car show in the parking lot has great variety. Come for the Buffalo burgers and Root Beer floats!

September 20: Fagan Air Museum in Granite Falls: Jack Bacon is planning a Corvair caravan and tour for this fall. 12 members are signed up so far.

Corvair Museum Donation: Last month John Herkenratt proposed CMI consider a donation as they are running out of cash to cover overhead. We learned that there will be a meeting session at the CORSA convention so we will have a recommendation next month.

OTHER:

Jackpot: Tonight's lucky draw was Robert Jaris who wasn't present, so next month's pot will be \$10.

8:20 Adjourn for treats before Tech Session.

BREAK: Gail Quinn baked for us once again!

Tech Session: Econo Run: VP Jim Becker continued with his final tech session to prep us for the convention. Once again, his emphasis is "Any amateur can do this, here's how you prepare".

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Meeting Minutes continued:

First, again, READ THE RULES! While the goal of best fuel economy is obvious, less obvious is the TIME LIMIT! This ensures entrants do not drive so slowly as to be a traffic safety hazard. This is easily overlooked by newbies and others who may have participated in less structured events.

Second, attend the participants' meeting. Laws vary from state to state and rules vary from event to event.

Third, be sure to ascertain that checkpoint workers see you and record your presence. . .especially if you are driving a non-Corvair.

Bottom line, try it and have fun!

Meeting adjourned: 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Johnson

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| Bumper | Brakes |
| Upholstery | Alignment |

Where were you in '62?

I got a call last winter from a woman in Los Angeles. She grew up 10 miles from here and had inherited her father's Corvair with a Corvette engine. Her mother was preparing to sell the farm and could I have a look. I was thinking mid-engine LM and was surprised to find a blue 62 with a Corvette engine in the rear. Being a road racing sort of a guy, my first reaction was that it must be somewhat of a beast but Wow...

To make a long story short, I asked on Corvair Center forum and found an Oct 64 article in Hot Rod magazine about a black 62 from St. Paul. Skip Huth had bought a brand new Corvair and done the conversion immediately. He offered kits for \$349. I could find nothing on the Internet about Skip Huth or Huth Automotive Engineering. Our own Bob Rowe is good at searching and he couldn't find anything either, the nickname Skip certainly didn't help. I asked at the Corvair meeting and Gary Nelson thought he remembered the guy getting killed in that car way back when.

Meanwhile on Corvair Center Craig Nicol from Couer d Alene thought he remembered a young feller on another forum talking about his grandfather's Corvair. He dug around and it turned out to be on Facebook which I don't do. There was just a screen name to go by and I asked another young feller, our own Jake Callahan for help in finding him.

Meanwhile I called Ed Stulc, a local guy who made a living on hot rods and such. He remembered plenty. In 64 he was feeling pretty sporty on University Ave in a 63 102HP with a 4-carb conversion. He challenged another Corvair at the light and absolutely got his clock cleaned by Skip Huth. He heard that he got killed early in 65 in Wisconsin and saw the powertrain on the floor in a speed shop later in 65.

Meanwhile one evening my phone rings and it's Charlie, not the grandson but the son of Skip Huth. His father Charles Huth died in 65, leaving him as an unborn son and a toddler daughter. His mother remarried and not a lot was said about his father and the legacy of the black

Corvair when he was growing up. He has been looking into it as an adult, going so far as purchasing another EM rear engine V-8 out of California. There just aren't many around, you know that beast thing.

Charlie came here to look at the blue 62 and was increasingly convinced that it's the powertrain and other good bits from his father's wrecked Corvair transferred to another chassis. He wanted it something bad. I was working for the owner in California who had her own set of memories with her own father riding in the blue Corvair saying "someday this will be yours". She was firm in the Corvair not being for sale and had no desire to talk to Charlie. My job was to get it running and ship it to California and not my place to release her contact information. This caused great angst for Charlie. He finally stood very tall on an offer and she relented to at least talk to him. It took a while for her to decide but she finally agreed with misgivings to sell it to Charlie. Stepping back for an objective view this Corvair is not much to look at, it needs everything and more. It will be a labor of love for Charlie who sees the father he never knew in the craftsmanship. My hat is off to Susan for letting it go and I'm guilty of letting my historical curiosity get the best of me. I could have gone either way, getting it going and shipping it to California would have been satisfying. Seeing it stay in the Twin Cities as a snapshot in Corvair hot rod history at 'Back to the 50's' will be cool as well. Charlie has found other guys who remember the black Corvair. One guy had photos and a program with it from the Gopher State Timing Association show. Another interesting entry was Jerry Hansen with an AC Cobra. The Corvair was well thought of and Skip Huth was considered a genius. It was a perfect sleeper right down to the wheel covers. It was The Golden Age. There's lots more to the story that is not mine to tell. Charlie is a member of CMI now and one of our Corvair buddies.

Jim Brandberg



Delano 4th of July Parade Recap

We had yet another glorious 4th of July parade in Delano! The Zurah horses were right in front of us so we had to dodge the horse-apples throughout the parade. The sky was shadowy the whole way but narry a piddle fell upon us.

Tens of thousands of people lined the entire route. We started off near the front of the parade and after an hour got back to the 'start' where the remaining participants were just getting started. So, the watchers got at least a two-hour parade today!

Gray skies are the best for "parade duty" as the slow traffic can be deadly in the bright sun, especially in an open car. We had two 'opens', two 'closed' and an FC and made a good showing for CMI to show/remind folks of what a neat car-line the General had.

A good day was had by all.
Keep on CORVAIRing, Fran



Guess the next three letters in the series.

G T N T L ? ? ?

!,'S = the first letter of every word in the sentence.

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).

- Aug** **02 Corvair Minnesota Night at the North St. Paul Car Show.**
03 Hanover Festival Car Show, Hanover, MN.
10 Annual New London – New Brighton Antique Car Run/Car Show, Buffalo, MN, 10:30 – 1:30.
As in previous years, we will convene about 10:30 for a unique event as these vehicles arrive and depart during their lunch break. While there, you can stand next to them as they perform maintenance and re-water their steamers. Wonderful event to bring kids of all ages to!
13 Board of Directors meeting, Messiah United Methodist, 6pm.
Membership meeting, Messiah United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 7pm.
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 (Friday) 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



Follow Up

A while back I issued a note about a FIX for the smelly FC gas tank. Namely that the filler hose is poorly designed and lets the gas that is in the tank slam up against the gas cap when you make a right-hand turn. That is, if you have a nearly full tank, obviously not much of an issue if your tank is low.

The fix came about by plugging the vent in the cap and letting the tank be vented by the Factory fitting built into the top of the tank –

on ALL FCs!

I just filled my tank and it took a whole ‘charge’, so the tank had not imploded (by being sucked to death by the fuel pump) and wondered why nobody had asked about doing the “fitting thing”.



My recollection was that I had “offered assistance” if anyone wanted to do such a thing.



I just looked back at that article and found I never made the offer!

So, here it is: Anyone wanting to fix the smelly gas tank situation on their FC, and save their paint in the process, can ask me how to do it and I will tell them when, where, why, how, etc. And ... if they want to (for the local readers) come over here, I will show them how.

There, now I have made the offer, for certain! Let's see if there are any FC takers.

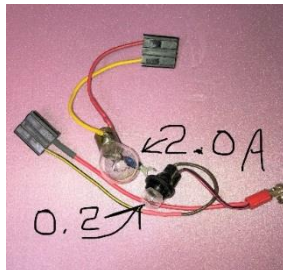
Keep on CORVAIRing, Fran

Fran should'a known better!

Many times Fran has reminded others of this situation. Namely, "how do you turn off a light bulb?" there are several correct 'answers', but the least favorite is to make both bulb-wires HOT at the same time...surely the bulb will go 'dark' in that case. That is the situation with the "idiot" light on any car's dash since as far back as my friend's 1935 Pontiac. So, it's truly an ancient story!

This light was, of course, on a DC generator as well as the later arrival – the AC generator. This brown wire from the light on the dash (which we idiots call an idiot light) must carry current through it – in order to light the light – right? That current also turns on the old time DC generator, in so doing it makes a small "electromagnet" inside the generator which can generate a small amount of current in order to turn on the REGULATOR, so the whole system can function. That light bulb current must be large enough to make a large enough electromagnet to stimulate the rest of the system. Of course, if that light stays dark you have a problem. So, when we ignore that message, guess who's the idiot?

Years ago, as a younger person I made a gadget to check my AC generators and found when I used a small bulb in the tester that I couldn't get the blankety-blank machine to do its thing. I then made another tester with a larger bulb (more light from more current is what I mean by 'larger') that worked just fine. Point being that just because a person knows something - - doesn't mean he will always have it come to mind, when needed. See the testers on the right where the 'larger' bulb pulls 10 times the current as does the smaller bulb.



Last week, I took the dash out of my '64 to change the speedometer head and to do an 'every fifty year' clean-up. In the process I changed all the dash lights to LEDs, I figured old eyes need more light, so, get with the program. After doing the speedo project twice as the needle was slightly bent and my "road-hop" trip

showed the speedo sticking at 43 mph MPH... bumper! Anyway, once I had it all buttoned up, again, I found my GEN light would not go dark. This brown wire (SEE discussion above) also drives the sensor than turns on my Headlights and my Fuel Pump, so those were not working either.

I went on a sleuth trip and discovered my GEN was not GEN'ning. "The wire" had no voltage when it was supposed to be at 12+V...! I switched Generators and the new one did the same thing, so I checked the 'bad' one on the bench and it was fine! So, I put the tester on the GEN that was on the '64 and it tested OK, as well. So, there I was, with a good GEN that wouldn't work!?!?

I was telling Peter about my conundrum and he asked what I had changed recently...when I said LEDs in the dash lights, he said AH-HA. As soon as he said that I said, "should'a known better!"

There is a very small current going through an LED when it's lit and certainly not enough to turn on the electromagnet inside the GEN (same story goes for DC and AC Generators, by the way).



I plugged in the big-bulb tester and everything worked – now I will go back and reinstall the old light bulbs. BTW, the Black 'two wire' socket has "THE" brown wire in it! There are 9 lights in this dash along with 10 electrical plug-ins, not counting the complex Headlight and Ignition switches. WOW!

Should'a remembered better, right? **Anyway, we'll keep on CORVAIRing, won't we?**

Fran

CMI Classifieds

For Sale:

'63 2dr Coupe Monza, '65 engine 140 hps. Burgundy/black upholstery. South Carolina drove all the way to MN. \$6,700 or best offer.

Contact Hugh Tunstead at 952-465-9668, Chaska

For Sale:

\$100 for the Lot:

2 NOS outside rearview mirrors

1 pair headlight mesh stone guards

1 Corsa 4sp shift lever box (that mounts to the floor)

Contact Al Vanderplatts at 763.234.6541

11358 Chisholm Circle NE, #D, Blaine, MN 55449

For Sale:

2-'66 Monza 2drs. Lots of accessories.

\$3,000. **Contact Rudy at 612-840-9788**

For Sale:

Contact Jerry Berge at 480-250-8816

- Two early FC headlight bezels, very good condition. \$50 each
- 1964 aluminum air grill, new, also fits thru '63. \$150
- Relined late front brake shoes \$30.

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For Sale:

Complete set (8 pieces) of Early Beltline SS trim. They need work or I would have installed them. \$80 + shipping (if out of area). **Contact Fran Schmit at 952.929.9174 or email: schmfran@hotmail.com**



For Sale:

New Rampside Dustop indoor car cover from California Car Cover. Soft flannel liner. \$175

New 1965 Corvair chassis shop manual and body service manual. \$15/both

Pair new front shocks for FC \$40

Contact Jack Bacon at 763-291-1298

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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: clarnyboy@aol.com**

Corvair Wanted:

Looking to buy a parts Corvair, early or late model. Doesn't need to run or be complete.

Contact Dave at: Dave14957@gmail.com

Leeky Seel Classified ads

Do you have a Corvair related item you would like to sell or are in search of? Send your request for an ad in the **Leeky Seel** to: corvairmleekyseel@hotmail.com.

Deadline is the 25th of the preceding month.

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Spot the Corvair!

Oops...knew I should
have moved that van!



*August 13th membership meeting at the
MUM. See you there!*