



# Leeky Seel

*Corvair*

November 2021



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

*President's message:*

I hope everyone had a quiet Halloween...

Fall is upon us, and it's cool crisp temperatures.

The October meeting was quiet, only 16 attend, I hope more will be at the November meeting.

Elections will be held during the November meeting, President and Vice President for the next two years are offices that will be voted on.

The second Saturday in January (the 8th) will be our Holiday party at Ideal Hall. Social hour will be from 4 - 5, and a sit down dinner at 5pm. The information will be in the Seel.

Hope to see everyone at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Birthdays for November:

Bill Cook  
John Herkenratt  
Brent Krause



If you would like to add your name to the birthday list, please contact [gailquinn263@msn.com](mailto:gailquinn263@msn.com)

Thanks,  
President Tom  
*Tom Quinn*



## Corvair Minnesota, Club Information

October 12, 2021

President Tom Quinn started the meeting at 7:01 pm.

15 people were in attendance.

Vice President Gary Nelson did a tech session on Wheel Cylinders and how they can be rebuilt. As well as instructions on how to flare brake/gas lines.

Bob Kaczke, CMI's newest clothing coordinator showed some of the newest samples. As well as handed out the price list for clothing/accessory items.

Dan Quinn with GMCCA mentioned that there is no update regarding the previous state fair car show.

The Holiday Party will be coming up soon, with the date set for Saturday January 8, 2022. There will be forms coming out, so you can make your reservation.

Due to the holiday party in January, there will be no January meeting.

November is nominations. Open positions are President, Vice President, as well as 2 year director. If interested, please contact Dave Pederson regarding entering your nomination.

2022 Everyone will have to pay their dues for membership.

The last drawing was for \$50. This evenings drawing was for \$55. #56 Tom Merkel's name was called, unfortunately he was not in attendance. Next drawing will be for \$60 in November.

Chuck gave a brief overview of how the Mankato trip.

The Frankenstein Car Show had 4 Corvairs in attendance.

Meeting ended at 8:00.

Amber Leah

*Amber Leah*

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**It's A Hard Knock Life**

I recently gained possession of a 1960 4-door 700 80 HP Powerglide, an orphan if I've ever seen one. I'm maybe in the minority but I've always liked the EM 4-door rear window overhang and I think they look especially good with the chrome beltline trim. There's been an emptiness in my heart since I scrapped my '61 500 last year. This one has been languishing on Craigslist for a month or two and I couldn't stop thinking about it. My brain said don't do it but my heart said it needed a loving home. Apropos for a Cave Car, it was quite dirty in the pictures and reminded me of the VW that Woody Allen and Diane Keaton found in a cave in the movie Sleeper. I went to get it in Eau Claire so stopped to visit our pal Don Colburn at Colburn's Downtown Auto. He's had over 90 Corvairs in his time and has a database on all of them. He remembers this '60 sitting on the lot in the 80s for a very long time, nobody wanted it. Finally his father Charles said he'd take it in 1985. In 1987 Charles Colburn sold it to Elk Lake Auto Sales where it has remained, apparently no one wanted it again. He only put 374 miles on it before passing in the 90s and it's been in the garage since then. I'm planning to get it running and drive it while it's for sale. Perhaps no one will want it again but that's okay, I can put up with it.

I was anxious to get it home and wash it to see if I've got an ugly duckling or a beautiful swan. How about if we just say it's pretty good looking for a duck. I'm especially nutty because under the blue and white repaint it's the same color as the turquoise '60 4-door I already have. Turquoise was my mother's favorite color.

I've always wanted to try my hand at Corvair repairables but I've never had the time, I still don't for that matter. I thought it would be good to always be driving a Corvair that's for sale. All of a sudden it seems I have 3 of them now to that end. I've got a great place to put a car for sale on the corner along busy CR5. I maybe didn't think it through however, it just dawned on me that CR5 is going to be all torn up and detoured next year. Doh!

Bob Kaczke has volunteered to take over our Merchandise. He joined CMI in 2018 and at his second meeting heard Lee Knauf mention a '66 Corsa convertible he saw for sale, probably down New Ulm way. It's a solid example in blue with a black interior. The engine turned out to be a '63 EM turbo so a proper 180 HP is in the works.

Bob's father went to work in an auto repair business in Wausau after the war and ended up buying the business. The shop mainly did body repair and then added a wing for frame straightening which became their primary focus with the ability to do truck and bus frames. The family usually had a salvaged or reconstructed car around and Bob happened into a 62 or 63 Corvair 2-door with a 3 speed in which he learned to drive and motored through his High School years.

Bob sort of figured he'd go to work at the repair shop after graduation but his parents had higher hopes for him. Sounds like a good thing as being in College probably kept him from going to Vietnam. After college he went to work for Control Data where he and Bob Krueger became buddies. They drifted apart somewhat when they didn't work together anymore but reconnected about 6 years ago and they both have Corvairs now.

He's also got a red 66 Mustang with a 289 automatic that was his father's, sort of a work in progress that's about done now. He also has a Can-Am 3 wheel motorcycle and enjoys riding up to the cabin in Wisconsin. Bob and Jill live in Orono and there's also has a garage space elsewhere to work on cars. They're really nice folks and it's good to have them around.

*Jim Brandberg*

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**Fran catches it again!**

The good old Tach in my Spyder dash went South a while back and I searched for a good replacement fruitlessly, I decided that I have several good CORSA Tachs, and I could just as easily use one of them, if I was willing to do some butchering.



Turns out the guts of the two units would fit inside either can. The Late Model just sits inside a bigger box. BUT, it has a 270° movement so it will give me a nicer swing to the needle, I think. A close-up shows my butchering, next time I will paint better.

The numbered faceplate of the CORSA Tach is too large to use so I had to put some numbers on the new guy. I debated whether I could get by with just one number - in the middle - but then I went with the three you see. Idling will all be over on the left and the orange area will be where the engine is really torquing out, so 20 - 40 will be shift points and such.

Anyway, I put this all together and calibrated it with 120cps from a 12 V transformer (full wave to get all the spikes) to give me 2400 RPM. I figure if it's reading right, in the middle - that's good enough. After shoe-horning it in there I mounted it all very nicely and then went to test it out. NO spark! Went back to see what was up and checked - everything - to find voltage at the points (externally adjustable, you know) but it was as if the points were closed all the time! Puzzled that one for a minute till I saw the Tach wire on the coil and said, "what did I just do?" I put in a new Tach... so that's where the problem should be. It was. I had not done my due diligence on bolting it all together after doing the calibration @ 2400 and had bolted the signal lead tightly to ground. So, after loosening all the other connections and jiggling them all - correctly - I was able to get the insulators in their proper places and merrily re-installed the works.



The Spyder Dash has a brushed Stainless Surface so I matched a nice Glovebox door with a brushed Stainless sheet fancily adorned with a trunk logo off a '65. Note the chrome trim on that door - hey, that was a trick! The gauges that I like are plastered in the middle where the ashtray used to be and a nice old fashioned Tick-Tock Clock (with a points-saving transistor inside to help winding it up) sits dead-center on top of the FC dash. Very easy to read, is this analog clock. Anybody need parts from a dead Spyder Tach?



Remember to Keep-On-CORVAIRing, *Fran*



# Corvair Minnesota Holiday Party

**Saturday, January 8th, 2018**  
**TST Creative Catering/ Ideal Hall**  
**1494 Dale Street N, St Paul**

**Social Hour: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Cash Bar is available**

**Dinner is served at 5:00 pm**  
**Cost is only \$10.00 per person**

## Dinner options:

**Stuffed Chicken Breast**  
**(with Wild Rice & Sausage)**  
**Garlic Mashed Potatoes**  
**Carrots**

**Roast Beef**  
**Mashed Potatoes**  
**Carrots**

**Vegetarian Ravioli**  
**Vegetable Medley**



**All will be served with:**

**Salad w/ Dressings, Rolls & Butter, and Chocolate Caramel Cake**

**Questions/directions: call Dave Pedersen @ (612) 385-2241**

**Mail in your reservation (opposite side)**  
**along with payment of \$10 per person (check payable to CMI)**

**Dave Pedersen**  
**14957 Durant St NE**  
**Ham Lake, MN. 55304**





# Corvair Minnesota Holiday Party

**Saturday, January 8th, 2018**

**\*\* \$20.00 dues for 2022 are payable at the Party or mail check to: \*\***

**Lee Knauf  
401 West Street  
New Ulm, MN 55073-1527**

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**\*\*\* Annual CMI Holiday Party Response \*\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Meal choice: Chicken \_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_

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**Cost: \$10.00 per person (make your check payable to CMI)**

**Mail your reservation for the Party no later than December 30th to:**

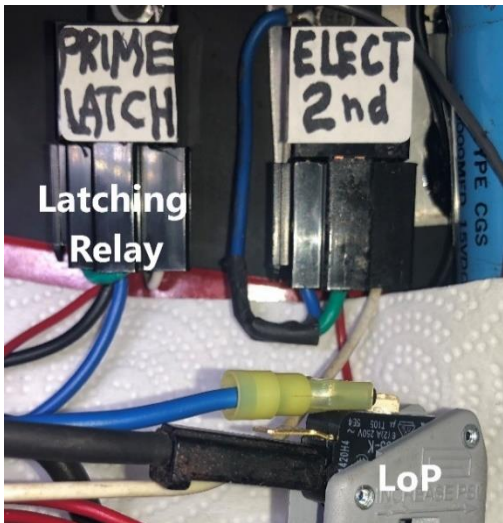
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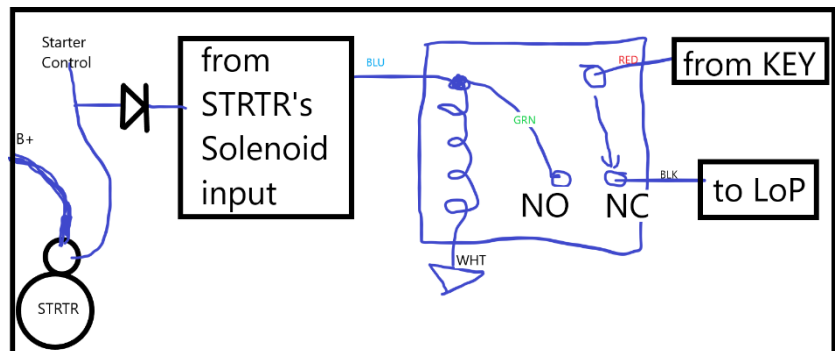
**\*\*\*Return this part with your check(s)\*\*\***

Fran Learns Yet-Another Lesson !

Fran put a Latching Relay on the Automatically Primed Fuel Pump of his FC. Now he attempts to duplicate that effort on his '66. An older Modification comes up and bites him! Follow... See the Latching Relay and

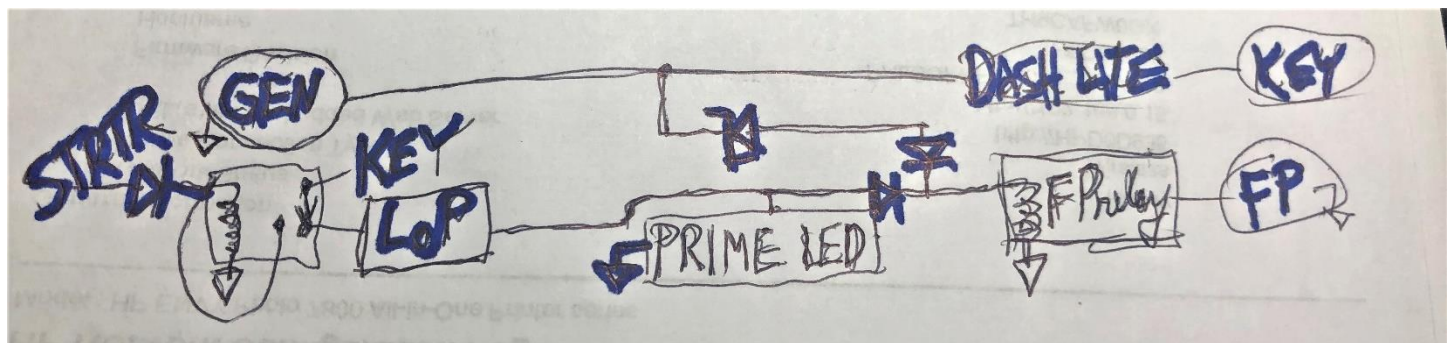


LowPressure switch, (LoP): mounted on the '66 engine, in the figure on left. Relay's wires are Red, Blk and Blu. GRN and WHT wire (GND) not seen. RED wire is from the Key. BLK wire goes to the LoP (and is shown attached to the LoP Switch). BLU wire comes from the Strtr terminal to Latch the relay. GRN wire attaches the NO Relay Terminal to the Relay's Coil. Coil is grounded to car frame. A different BLU wire (shown with Yellow insulator, on LoP), goes from the LoP up to the LED at the dash of the '66 to power the LED and through a diode, powers the FP's relay. (Relay and in-tank FP are up front)



The wire from the STARTER Relay (the Original big Purple wire) is tapped at its original connector, near the Umbilical. Note lack of the Yellow wire. This tap provides the control signal for the Latching Relay.

Here's a sketch of the setup on the '66.



HA! The '66 has the Special engine, (180 psi on cranking) which required a BIGger starter motor, [Clark's Gear Reduction Starter Motor] which doesn't come with a yellow wire (the resistor bypass) so when the KEY input got latched over to the NO contact it Latched the Relay but also sent a signal back up that wire and kept the Starter Motor engaged! So, a diode had to be added into that control circuit. You can see in the drawings, above, they went back into the sketches, and added that diode.

Live and Learn, while we always have FUN, as we keep on CORVAIRing! Fran

# ORDER YOUR CORVAIR APPAREL NOW !!

Our supplier for apparel is Visions Embroidery of Buffalo. We have really nice quality clothing to choose from, and the prices are very reasonable. We usually have LG and XL in stock, but we can order whatever you want. **CURRENT PRICES AS OF 10-1-21 REV 10-14-21**

T-SHIRTS : Gildan crew, heavy cotton (size S - XL)	\$20.00
Colors : black, white, navy, red, heather, slate (size XXL) (no 3XL)	\$25.00
SILKSCREENED T-SHIRTS : CMI logo front and back Gildan Crew (size M - 3XL)	
Colors : black, slate blue, white, sapphire blue	\$20.00
SHORT SLEEVE BLUE DENIM SHIRTS (size S - 3XL)	\$25.00
LONG SLEEVE BLUE DENIM SHIRTS (size S - 3XL)	\$30.00
SWEATSHIRTS : Hanes crew neck 90oz heavy fleece (size S - 3XL)	\$30.00
Colors : black, gray, navy, red, heather	
POLOS : L.A. Loving Egyptian cotton (size S - XXL)	\$25.00
Colors : black, white, navy, red (size 3XL)	\$30.00
JACKETS (unlined) : Port Authority Classic Poplin (size S - 3XL)	\$50.00
Colors : black w/tan, navy	
JACKETS (lined) : White Bear 3-Season nylon (size S - 3XL)	\$60.00
Colors : black w/gray fleece lining	
FLEECE VESTS : Port Authority Polar Fleece (size S - XXL)	\$25.00
Colors : black, navy (size 3XL)	\$30.00
CAPS : Low Profile, velcro adjustable	\$15.00
Colors : black, white, navy, red, slate blue	
VISORS : Low Profile, velcro adjustable	\$10.00
Colors : black, tan	
Ash T-Shirts w/cartoon Corvaire screened on front (size S - 3XL)	\$20.00
CMI OVAL LOGO MAGNETIC DOOR SIGN (8 x 10)	\$5.00
CMI SELF ADHESIVE OVAL LOGO (8 x 10)	\$2.00
CMI OVAL LOGO IRON-ON PATCH (8 x 10)	\$5.00

\*\* All clothing items are priced with CORVAIR MINNESOTA logo on the left crest

\*\* 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 Bob Kaczke at 612-916-8769 or [bkaczke@gmail.com](mailto:bkaczke@gmail.com)



# CMI Classifieds



Selling my 1961 Chevy Corvair rampside truck. Originally came from Montana . Wheel base was shorten to 58 ' center to center. Engine is a 1965 ,6 cylinder air cooled 4 speed trans. Has new rear shocks, 4 new tires, new clutch, disc pressure plate, throw out bearing. Fly wheel has been resurfaced. Fish tail exhaust. Dual carbs rebuilt. New air cleaners. New clutch cable. New throttle cable. New cap, wires, plugs and points. New electric Edelbrock fuel pump.

\$5200 or may trade for ?????  
Call Mike at 1-715-743-8088

Goes down the road perfect and FUN to drive - drive it anywhere!

**For Sale**

1960, 1961, 1962 & 1963 New and Very Good Rocker Panel Trim (3 sets)

Also:

- 1960-69 rebuilt starter, includes drive & housing
- Two early FC headlight bezels, very good condition. \$50 each
- Relined late front brake shoes \$30

Contact Jerry Berge at 480-250-8816 June 2021

**For Sale?  
Wanted?  
Lost/ Found?  
What have you got?**

**FREE** Seats: Fabric VW Jetta seats adapted to fit front and rear of Late 4 door.

Seats are light beige with black stripes. Front seats can be adapted to other Corvairs, not sure about back seat.

Contact: Chris Hefty @ [chefty@usfamily.net](mailto:chefty@usfamily.net)  
(I can send pictures) July 2021



Here's a pair of metal moldings- I think they might be for an Early Sedan, maybe, but they look like something a person would want: If anyone wants them, ask me. Fran

**For Sale**

Four late model wheels with mounted BF Goodrich P185/70R13 Redline tires in good condition with 8/32" of wear remaining. Tire date code is 0818. I took these off my '66 when I installed oversized wheels. They were on the car when I bought it last spring. \$20 for each wheel/tire OBO. Call Bob at 651-587-7312 or email [engineheat@gmail.com](mailto:engineheat@gmail.com)

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**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: [corvairnleekyseel@hotmail.com](mailto:corvairnleekyseel@hotmail.com). **Deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.**

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**Spot a Vair!**



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

*created by Brad Brodie*

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**THE LEEKY SEEL**

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Hopkins, MN 55343-7722

**TEMP – RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



*The November membership meeting is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> at Ideal Hall – social hour at 5:30 and meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.*