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Corvair

August 2023



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message:

Welcome to the summer heat! It's going to be in the 90s this week and very hot. If you are out driving in your Convertibles this week, cover your heads!!!! ; Everyone be safe in this heat.

Elections are coming up, so think about which position you might want. Being part of CMI is a great feeling, something to be proud of.

President, Vice president and Board of Directors positions are open. Also Activities director, if Jim Brandberg decides not to volunteer for that.

If anyone has ideas for a field trip, or great places to go visit, speak up!

Come get involved in CMI, it's so worth it.

I just spoke with Vickie Peterson. Steve is improving a bit, he sees his Surgeon again on August 8th. Prayers for their family would certainly be welcome. Thank you all.

President Tom

Tom Quinn



August Birthdays:

- Jim Bangston
- Don Fricke
- Chuck Johnson
- Becky Lawrence
- Royce Long
- Vickie Peterson
- David Quinn



Happy Birthday to you!



As always, let me know if I have missed your name on the Birthday list
Thanks! **Gailquinn263@msn.com** (Gail Quinn, Director of Treats)

Corvair Minnesota, Club Information

CMI Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

No new members.

EM 8, LM 5, Greenbriers 2

President Tom Quinn called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm.

Vice President Gary Nelson, spoke about old hot rod magazines that he had received. Speaking about an article on "Take your hot rod out in the snow in Minnesota" the article was published in 1951.

Paul, with the clothing, mentioned that sales have been staying pretty leveled. We are about \$3000.

August 8th is our next meeting there will be a board meeting beforehand.

It was brought up regarding whether we should do a live video for the meetings.

Most were opposed.

Brandberg talked about upcoming activities.

Frankensteiners in Cambridge. As of yesterday, they have pre-registration.

Nowthen Threshing show will be on August 18th, 19th, and 20th.

Bob Krueger will be moving to Arizona full time, we need someone to fill the position. If someone is interested in managing the website, please let him know.

President Tom Quinn, elections are approaching. Start thinking about who would be capable to fill the positions. Positions that are going to be available are: President, Vice President, and Director.

#10 Mike Bednarchuk was drawn for the prize.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm

Amber Leah

Amber Leah, CMI Secretary

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Summer Nights

We had a nice turnout with 5 Earlies and 3 Lates at the Prior Lake Car Show. They're always so nice to us there. I was a little disappointed not to see more of the folks from that side of town who grouse about going to Saint Paul for the meetings but I suppose folks are busy. It had been so hot for so long but that evening was splendid with a nice breeze coming over the top of the hill. I wandered around the Farmers Market a bit but I must confess the food vendors were my main focus. The traffic going down was a little factor but not too bad, just a little slow and go on 169 south of 494 where 4 or 5 lanes of traffic all squeezes down into 2. We all had to squeeze together over the river before branching out our separate ways again. When they say it goes until 7 PM they really mean it, I thought of the MASH 4077 unit bugging out. The drive home was fantastic with the windows down and the floor vents open, especially when I got on the 2 lane roads north of Anoka. It's just so enjoyable being out for a drive when you don't have to be anywhere and I drove a little slow so it would last. Chuck Johnson was our hub for this event, he got us lined up nice and even for a good overall appearance and we were very well accepted.

It's a little sad that Bob Krueger is moving away to become a full time Arizona resident. He's been 50/50 for a few years keeping a LM up here and a EM down there. He's sold his white LM coupe to Shades in Nebraska and has been getting rid of excess Corvair encumbrances. He did a very nice overhaul and upkeep of our CMI website and we are most grateful. He's a good guy who's interesting and fun to be around. Good luck and write if you find work.

On Saturday August 12 we have the lunch stop in Buffalo for the New London to New Brighton Antique car run. It's a good place to see the old cars because they often poke around under the hood before setting off on the second half and you can also see them while underway. We usually like to gather under the Corvair Minnesota flag about 10:30. The cars start arriving about 11:45 and depart about 1:00. It's at the Buffalo American Legion again this year.

On Saturday August 19 we have the Nowthen Threshing Show. It might be good to arrive by 8:30 or 9 if we want to park together and folks in the Car Show get free admission. Our own Mike Manthe set us up in a good spot last year. There's a lot of historical buildings and equipment in action to see. I want to see the saw mill running, I've seen some modern facilities when I was in the lumber business. I love old timey things, especially wood stoves. I hope folks don't stay away from Car Shows with their Corvairs because they feel like they don't really have "show cars". My so-so Sixty gets as much attention as the nice cars, maybe even more because that's how people remember them. So many folks I see have warm memories of a Corvair that was in their life back in the day. I met a gal at Walmart who had a Corvair as her first car in North Dakota (her second car was a Pinto). A fellow at Prior Lake rode around in his buddies Corvair in a group when he was a teenager. Someone a while back spoke of riding around with his favorite Aunt when he was a lad. A fellow followed us into Wendy's remembering the Corvair he had. The memories may be sparked by seeing the Corvair but the warm fuzzy spot comes from remembering the people they knew and loved that came along with the Corvair. I hope that's what they're thinking about on the drive home on a lovely Summer evening with the windows down. It helps to turn the radio off. Thinking about Chuck's orderly parking led me to thinking about engine compartments for some reason.

Jim Brandberg

Corvair Minnesota
Activities Director

CMI 2023 Schedule

Some upcoming events, shows and cruise-ins

August

08 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul

13 New London, New Brighton Antique Auto Run, Buffalo Legion: 12-1

18-20 NowThen Threshing Show, NowThen; 7:00-9:00 (Fri/Sat) 7:00-5:00 (Sun); \$15 daily
<https://www.nowthenthreshing.com>

19 34th Annual Summer Spectacular, Buck Hill, Burnsville 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$10
[Southern Cruzers Summer Spectacular \(thesummerspectacular.com\)](https://thesummerspectacular.com)

26 Cars and Caves, Chanhassen Autoplex 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

September

02-04 Rice County Steam & Gas Show, Dundas, <https://www.ricecountysteamandgas.com>

09 Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **cancelled due to road construction**

10 Car Show & Food Truck Festival – Fleet Farm Brooklyn Park 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$10
[car show and food truck festival fleet farm brooklyn park 2023 - Search \(bing.com\)](https://www.fleetfarm.com/brooklyn-park)

12 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul

17 All Makes & Models Car Show for Charity, Apple Ford, Shakopee 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

[All Makes & Models Car Show for Charity, Apple Ford Shakopee, September 17 2023 | AllEvents.in](https://www.allemvents.in)

30 Cars and Caves, Chanhassen Autoplex 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[Cars and Caves - Chanhassen AutoPlex](https://www.chanhassenautoplex.com)

October

02 Roadsters Swap meet, State Fairgrounds, 5:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; \$5

<https://twincitiesroadsters.com/swap-meet>

10 CMI Membership meeting – Ideal Hall, 1494 Dale St, St Paul

14 Frankensteiner Ball 18 – Isanti County fairgrounds 3101 MN-95,

Cambridge 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. <https://www.frankensteiners.club/>

Frequent Events:

Saturdays, Anoka Car Show, corner of Fourth Avenue and Van Buren Street.

4-8 p.m. Aug. 5, 12 and 26; and Sept. 2) The season will wrap up with the Sept. 16 finale.

Mondays, Wagner's Drive In, Brooklyn Park [Home - Wag-Niters Car Club \(webs.com\)](https://www.wagnersdrivein.com)

3rd Tuesdays, Culvers Cruise Night, **Savage, 5:30 p.m.** 4725 Hwy 13

3rd Tuesdays, **Montgomery** Classic Car Roll-In, May-Sept; **4:00-7:00**

Wednesdays (every other), **Victoria** Classic Car Night (June 8- Sept 28) **5:00-8:00**

Wednesdays Cruise Night, **St. Paul Park, 4:00 – dark**; near railroad tracks on both sides of Broadway

Wednesdays (every other), Rum River Rods Bi-weekly Car Show, **Isanti, MN (June 1 – Aug 24) 5:00-8:00**
 Junction Bowl, 123 Cajima St NE

Thursdays Classic Vehicles Roll-In @ The Little Market That Could, **Prior Lake 3:53-7:19** 16907 Hwy 13 S

Fridays, **North St. Paul** History Cruze, North St. Paul **6:00-10:00** Downtown, 7th Ave



Do you have any shows/ cruises that you wish included?

Let us know at the membership meeting; or contact Jim Brandberg (jimbrandberg@aol.com)

Frankensteiners Ball 18

Isanti County Fairgrounds

October 14th 2023

Here are the particulars:

Pre-registration - \$15 by mail. All pre-registered cars WILL get a dash plaque. Registration forms must be received by September 14th. Any received after this date WILL be returned.

Pay at the gate admission is \$20. Sorry NO dash plaques (we will have limited supply that can be purchased.)

We will also have Family Pathways on site again collecting food and cash donations in support of the local food shelf.

Don't forget to bring treats for Trick or Treating by the kids.

FOOD VENDORS GENERAL VENDORS

More information will be on our Facebook page as it comes in, so check there for up to date info.

Don't forget to pre-order/pre-pay t-shirts

If you would like to order a t-shirt for this year's ball, please fill out the quantity and sizes on this form below. Include cost of the t-shirts WITH your pre-registration.

Complete the form below. Write legibly,
if we can't read it we will return it to you.
Make checks payable to:
Frankensteiners Car Club

*As in the past, this is a rain OR shine show

Neither the Frankensteiners nor Isanti County Fairgrounds are responsible for damaged, lost OR stolen items... especially parts of your car that we may want :)

----- Cut Here -----
Mail in Pre-registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Car Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Club: _____ Email: _____

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2X _____ 3X _____ 4X _____

Small / XL \$20
2X - \$20 3X - \$20 4X - \$20

Cut and mail this form along with your
Check or Money Order to:

Frankensteiners Car Club
PO BOX 48024
MPLS, MN 55448



Nowthen Threshing Show

Nowthen Historical Power Association

For more information:

[Welcome to the Nowthen Threshing Show | Nowthen Threshing Show](#)

Welcome To The Nowthen Threshing Show

Welcome to the Nowthen Historical Power Association's website featuring the Nowthen Threshing Show. On this site you will find information on the Nowthen Threshing Show as well as information on our other projects and events.

In existence since 1971, the Nowthen Threshing Show attracts thousands of visitors every year thanks to the unique exhibits, demonstrations, and the variety of food and entertainment. The Nowthen Threshing Show gathers hundreds of rare and historic antique tractors, small engines, steam engines, trucks, cars, implements and tools in one place for a fun-packed three day event geared towards "Bringing the Past to the Present" for people of all ages.



Join Us At The 2023 Nowthen Threshing Show On August 18, 19, 20

52nd Annual Show

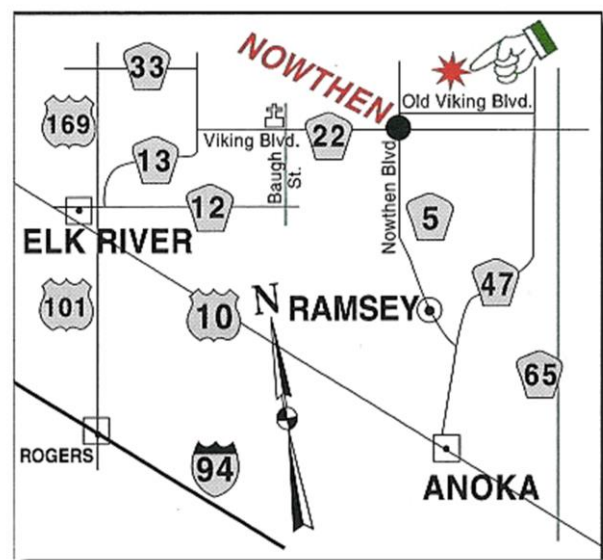
Everyone Is Welcome!

Featuring International Harvester.

The 2023 Threshing Show Features:



Directions To Show Grounds



7415 Old Viking Blvd. Nowthen, MN

10 Minutes Northeast of Elk River

15 Minutes Northwest of Anoka

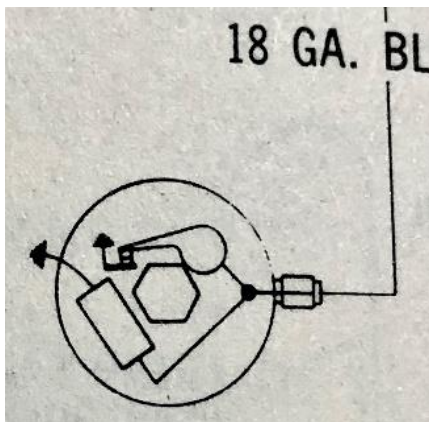
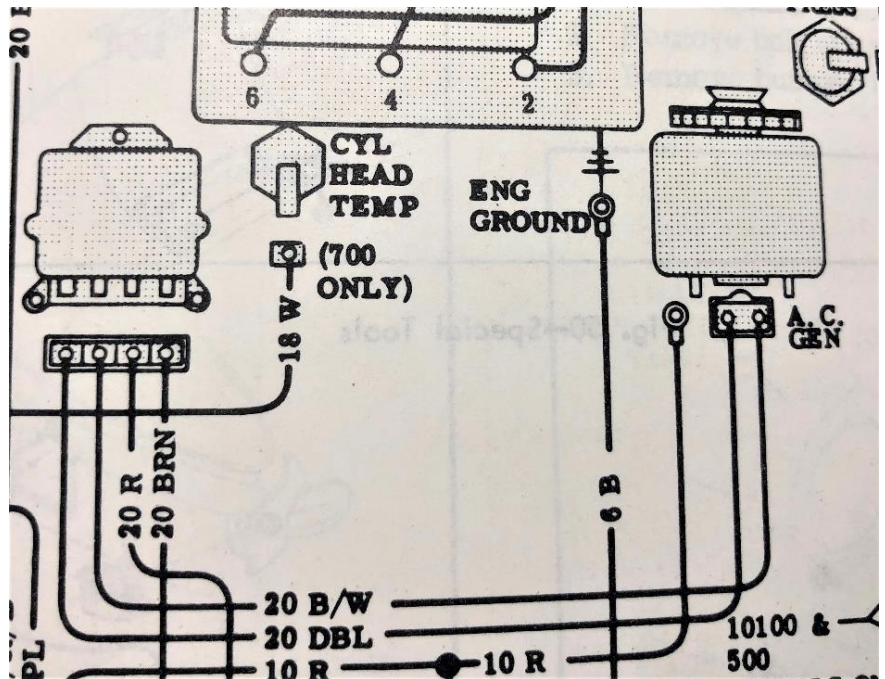
GROUNDING the GENERator

Not a BIG worry but this is something I often see but rarely comment on.

Note, in this copy of the LM ('65) shop manual. We see no mention of a ground connection on either the GEN or the REG. Of course, nobody worries about grounding the GEN because you unknowingly ground it when you tighten the bolts.

You don't have to say that! But that also means the new guy has never heard about it. The Plus terminal on the GEN goes to the BATT but it can't charge the BATT unless there is a NEG connection. When you don't show it, the new guy doesn't get the message.

Take the REG, that sits right next to the GEN on this chart, its ground wire is a critical component that is needed to Regulate (Control) the Voltage from the GEN, but again is not shown. The GEN-FAN lite (on the Dash) supplies current, from the Key, to the BRN wire (shown as 20 BRN) that goes through the REG and continues on through the GEN - - - to GROUND. The Dash light (called a Tell-Tale Lite, by the factory) tests the system's wiring connections every time you turn on the Key. When the Tell-Tale lights, that means all systems are "go".



It's interesting that this drawing in the '65 manual does show the Engine being grounded, but nothing else.

In the 50's when they 'drew' all the pictures in a shop manual, they included the ground wires even where there were two of them right next to each other. See this Old Distributor drawing where the points are Grounded and the Capacitor is too!

Let's have fun, and stay grounded, while we Keep-On-CORVAIRing!

Fran

Eight Corvairs represented CMI on our southside event July 20 in Prior Lake. Good representation of cars but only one could claim to be a truck: the El Corvino!

Lucky Gary Nelson won the door prize!

CMI participants:	Jim Brandberg -	'60 700 4-door
	Gary Nelson -	Shorty Roadster
	Dave Pedersen -	El Corvino
	Gregg Peters -	'69 Monza Coupe
	Rick & Rene Storlie -	'65 Monza Coupe
	Paul and Joyce Schuler -	'64 Monza Coupe
	Bob Kaczke -	'66 Corsa Turbo Convertible
	Chuck Johnson -	'64 Spyder Convertible

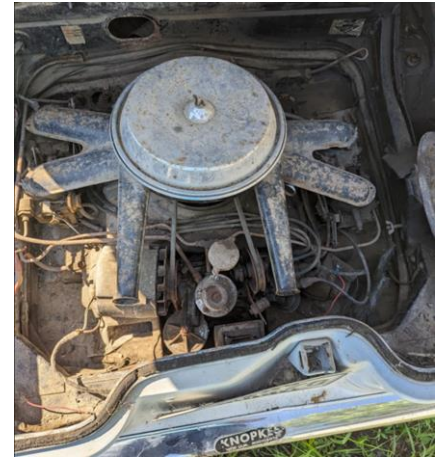


Dave's El Corvino, Gary's Shorty, Jim's '60 Sedan



CMI Classifieds

FOR SALE 1965 Monza convertible,
4-speed, 140 engine, turns freely, power top, Wheels turn freely
\$1,200. See pictures
Located near St. Peter jimmyr.jr3@gmail.com (Jim Randolph)



Wanted: The El Corvino has been getting attention at car shows and I'm thinking about the next project. I'm looking for a few cars to make another custom Corvair.

I need a station wagon, an early 2 door and an early 4 door, none of which need to run. The wagon needs to have a good body - nothing else matters, I'm going to put in a 64 suspension, different interior and customize the body.

Send me an email with some information and pics. Dave Pedersen dave14957@gmail.com

WANTED

Garage storage for 3-6 collector cars preferably in east Washington County (Lake Elmo area?)

I live in St. Paul and I now have cars stored at Rock Creek and this is too far for me to enjoy them.

Willing to lease or even build on your land – everything negotiable.

Norb Johnson 612-218-1940

GM Signs and Memorabilia Wanted

Seeking original Chevrolet/GM/Pontiac dealership signage and memorabilia. original NOS parts AC Delco, United motors OK used cars sports dept. etc. looking for stuff in good to excellent condition. cash paid and will pick-up

Chad Blomberg (612) 214-1866
cbinthecloud@icloud.com

I have parted out many Corvairs and have a wide variety of parts.
I now have good used starters. They have been inspected and cleaned up internally and tested on an engine. \$120 for the ones with a new solenoid, \$100 for the ones with original solenoid.
I have a few worn out but not catastrophic failure \$400 core engines for the airplane guys. 65-67.
I have about 20 engines that have not been evaluated. I could do so depending on need.
I've got many transmissions and differentials. Complete front and rear suspension assemblies.
763-FourFourFour-9334

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Spot a 'Vair!



This one might buff out!?

(From a post by Allen Bristow on Facebook)

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THE LEEKY SEEL

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Hopkins, MN 55343-7722

TEMP – RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*The next CMI meeting will be held on the 8th of
August at Ideal Hall in St. Paul*