

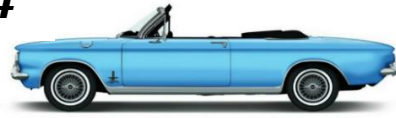


# Leaky Seel

*Corvair*



**December 2024**



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

## *President's message:*

Happy Holidays everyone!

As another year comes to an end I would like to thank all the Officers and Directors that help keep our club running.

- A special thanks goes out to Gail Quinn and Kay McDaniel for providing us with delicious treats at all of our meetings.

Elections were last month and I would like to thank our returning Officers and Director.

Enjoy this upcoming Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Dinner on January 4th. Social hour begins at 4pm. We will have light appetizers and a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 5pm.

- Please check the **December** Leaky Seel and RSVP no later than December 28th

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

- Board meeting at 5pm
- Food and beverage is available from 5:30 to 6:30
- Meeting starts at 7pm.

See you on the 10th!

*Dave Pedersen*

CMI President



## CMI Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

### Meeting Minutes:

Pres. Pederson called the meeting to order at 7pm.

David read the creed.

Members in attendance: 22 people

Cars in attendance:

4 Early Models

1 Greenbrier

2 Late Models

Gail Quinn read the birthdays!

No visitors or new members.

Frankenstein car show: there were 10 members that showed up. Weather was a lot better.

Brandberg said that Heidi Olson won best display.

Another event was the Corvair breakfast... 33 signed up, 30 members were in attendance.

President Pederson wanted to mention that in the previous Leeky Seel he mistakenly put the wrong date for the Corvair Dinner which it's actually supposed to be Saturday January 4th not January 5th. With the dish choices being roast beef/chicken with sauce and vegetarian dish.

This year we are also going to do hors d'oeuvres, with the reception to begin at 4 pm and dinner at 5 pm.

We proceeded to the elections.

Jim Becker, the nominating committee has been chosen for a while. All of the positions have agreed to continue with their current posts if no one else wanted it.

President Pederson read through the bylaws regarding the nomination process.

Director/ no one was nominated... motion passed;  
Jim Becker is Director for the next 2 years

Treasurer/ no nominees... motion passed;  
Paul Schuler is the Treasurer for the next 2 years.

Activities Director/ no nominees... motion passed;  
Ali Long is the Activities Director for the next 2 years.

Secretary/ no nominees... motion passed;  
Amber Leah is the secretary for the next 2 years.

All candidates up for nomination re-elected by acclamation. <Thank you for your service! – ed.>

Vice President Brandberg asked if there were any ideas for a tech session. Different ideas were mentioned:

Ross McDaniel talked about putting coffee in a sock and putting it in your car to prevent mice.

Paul Schuler talked about whether the updated contact list is updated.

Tom Quinn: Jim Becker did most of the work, although nobody contacted him regarding nominations. (Jim Becker: had no nominations as well!)

Heidi Olson: the person that does the embroidery does the silk screening as well, but she charges a lot. Heidi found another vendor that will do it cheaper. It's the same brand of shirt. Heidi showed a unique design t-shirt, it's a transfer, and it would have Corvair Minnesota on the front.

#19 David Quinn won the lottery!

Brandberg: had received some phone calls regarding whether CMI would be willing to do a national event for the Corsa Convention.

Brandberg: Tech Session

Discussed the difference between deep seat valves. Deep seat valves are all the rage these days, in the aluminum head, it's a steel valve. Over time, the aluminum doesn't hold the valves as well, it loses its temper. \$2000 valve for deep seat. When the seats come out, it'll hold the valve open, then the piston comes up and hits the valve, sometimes the valve can break into a thousand pieces, which will take out the head and the piston. If you don't want to do the deep seats, and you want to take your chances, sometimes they get corroded around the edge, it's always a gamble.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Thank you to Kay McDaniel for providing the wonderful treats!

*Amber Leah*

Amber Leah, CMI Secretary



## Dual Master Cylinder

I'm glad I brought a cylinder head to talk about last month, we run through the Elections pretty quick sometimes and it's better when I don't have to sing and dance to fill the time. I can use suggestions for a Tech Session you're interested in and would certainly enjoy someone else presenting one. I may be approaching you regarding what you know.

Dual master cylinder conversions are something that come up quite a bit and fairly easy for the do-it-yourselfer to accomplish. There are opportunities for the project to escalate quite a bit if you should break off a bleeder screw or twist a steel line. Fools rush in so time spent early with penetrating oil, heat and proper tools is way better than time spent later replacing broken parts. All cars in the USA since 1969 or so have been mandated to have a dual master cylinder. The idea is that in the event of a hydraulic failure one will still have some brakes. In a dual master cylinder the pressure from one circuit pushes against the other circuit so if one fails the brake pedal travels much closer to the floor before it does anything. In our case that anything is either the front or rear brakes. Remind me to talk about master cylinders with a smaller than 1" bore.

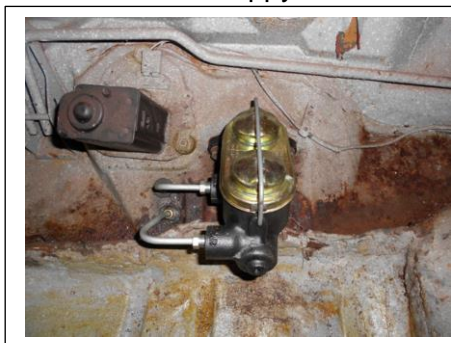
When I first started installing them I tried a kit from Clarks and a kit from Corvair Underground. I thought they were sort of expensive and I wasn't thrilled with the way they were made. I thought one had the lines a little too long and vulnerable to shifting luggage and the other one had sort of hokey fittings and adapters. I suppose that was 30 years ago and they could have improved for all I know. I developed sources for parts and templates for lines so I just haven't tried a kit again. I don't sell kits so you're on your own to some extent if doing your own.

In Late Models I use the same master cylinder like a '69 Corvair but without the rigmarole of the warning light. It exits on the left side and I run the lines under the master cylinder to the firewall. In Early Models there's a little more room so I use a right exiting Master cylinder from a Dodge with drum brakes of that era. On FCs I use the Late one and it's turned in the other direction under the floor. I buy new ones from Brake and Equipment Supply in Minneapolis. Raybestos are Made in China but have been good, I like that idea better than something rebuilt.

I run a new 1/4" line to the original Tee on the firewall. Under the dash I remove the line from the original Tee that feeds the rear brakes and bend it a little to line up for a new hole through the firewall. Under the dash I use a new Tee to feed the rear brakes. That Tee also gets a new line from the master cylinder. The hardware may vary a little, on some Corvairs the line to the rear is 1/4" and some are 3/16. The threads on the ports on the new master cylinder are bigger than what a normal 1/4" line usually has (7/16) but there are tube nuts available (1/2 and 9/16) to fit 1/4" line without an adapter. You need flare plugs for the unused holes. I'm a bit of a fastener snob and try to avoid adapters in plain view although they work just fine.

It's good to bench bleed the master cylinder before you install it. You may argue the point but things just seem to go better. You have to bleed the brakes at all 4 wheel cylinders when you're done but it's a good thing to do routinely anyway. I bleed brakes with a rubber hose into a clear pop bottle. If I don't have a helper I wedge a 2 x 2 between the pedal and the steering wheel to hold the pedal down after a number of pumps while I go tighten the bleeder screw. If you don't get good flow as evidenced by the level growing in the pop bottle, there may be a restriction in the brake hose which along with wheel cylinders may be another story for another day. I usually just use DOT 3 brake fluid but I'm happy to discuss it.

*Jim Brandberg*  
Corvair Minnesota,  
Vice President





## REMEMBERING



Michael D. Gaynor, age 83, of Siren passed away on October 22, 2024.

**Service:** Thursday, December 5, 2024 11:00 am

**Location:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Address:** 19001 Jackson St NE  
East Bethel, MN 55011



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# *Corvair Minnesota Holiday Party*

**Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**TST Creative Catering/ Ideal Hall**  
**1494 Dale Street N, St Paul**

**Social Hour: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Light Hors d' Oeuvres**  
**Cash Bar is available**

**Dinner is served at 5:00 pm**  
**Cost is only \$25.00 per person**



## **Dinner options:**

**Chicken Champagne**  
**Garlic Mashed Potatoes**  
**Carrots**

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

**Vegetarian**  
**Wild Rice Stuffed Acorn Squas**  
**Vegetables**



**All will be served with:**  
**Salad w/ Dressings, Rolls, and Chocolate Caramel Cake**

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

**Mail in your reservation (opposite side)**  
**along with payment of \$25 per person (check payable to CMI)**  
**to:**

*Response is due by December 28<sup>th</sup>!*

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





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

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

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**Cost: \$25.00 per person (make your check payable to CMI)**

**Return your reservation for the Party no later than December 28<sup>th</sup> to:**

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

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



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**Michael Dale Gaynor**, age 83, of Siren, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at home on October 22, 2024, surrounded by his family. Michael was born in Minneapolis, MN to parents, Michael J. and Olga M. Gaynor. He graduated from Roosevelt High School, and went on to the University of Minnesota where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mortuary Science.

After graduating college and getting married to Dianne, they first settled in Minneapolis for many years and then later in Bloomington. Mike worked several years as a Funeral Director/Mortician, and then started at 3M Company, where he would work for 34 years as Director of Engineering in the hard goods department. By the time Michael was 35 years old he and Dianne had four kids under their belt. In addition to working fulltime, he also took on side jobs, as a father of four might do. He maintained his Mortician's license and worked that part time, drove taxi and limousines, partnered in a bar business... He was First Responder at 3M and an Instructor training others in First Aid and CPR.

Michael remarried in his 50's to Patricia and together they lived on Coon Lake in East Bethel for 20+ years. After retiring at age 58 Michael went on to finish out the few credits left he needed to earn his Masters Degree. He never sat still or had an idle mind. He would say, "I don't know how I ever had time to work!" Michael kept himself busy involved with many things such as the Corvair Car Club that he was a member of since his early 20's, the Coon Lake Association, Lions Club, Recycling of East Bethel, the VFW, Gambling manager of meat raffle and pull tabs. A forever donator and volunteer for veterans services...

His family will remember him as someone that would do anything for anyone. He valued hard work and honesty and being true to your word. With his kids growing up Mike coached Bloomington BAA Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball and Softball. He played on a men's hockey league for years and made his kids skating rinks in the back yard in Winter. His other hobby was messing around with cars in his garage and that was the place of many conversations with family, friends and neighbors.

Known as Mike, Mick, MD Gaynor, Dad, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, Friend... Michael was super loved. He preceded in death by his wife Patricia Moellman, parents Michael J. and Olga M. Gaynor, stepson Chris Moellman and nephew Jason Price. He is survived by his kids Lynn Hudy (Tom Costello), Lori LaBine (Chris), Lisa Durbahn (Glen) and son Michael Gaynor (Amy). Grandkids Nicky, Ricky, Jack, Pierce, Caleb, Samantha, Alec, Michael Jr., Michelle (Brentan), Mason, McKenna. Great Grandkids Aliyah, Jaylah, Savannah, Bentley. Brothers Gary and Dave Gaynor, sister RoseMarie Schneider. Caregivers MaryAnn and Alan Guthrie. Stepkids Dawn Ruzinsky (Vic), Tony Moellman (Jody), Chris Moellman (Christine), Jim Moellman (Amy). Many beloved Aunts and Uncles, Cousins, In-laws, Nieces and Nephews and lifelong best friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 11:00am. (Visitation 10am-11am) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 19001 Jackson St. NE, East Bethel, MN 55011. Michael's Celebration of Life and Luncheon to follow the service at the church, where all will be able to share memories. Special thanks to Pat and Stacy Taylor of Swedberg-Taylor Funeral Home and Cremation, Siren, Wisconsin. And Pastor Jeff Beebe, Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



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## December Birthdays:

- Jim Becker
- Jim Brandberg
- Dan Fritsche
- Steward Linzke
- Tom Merkel
- Heidi Olson
- David Passe
- Nick Pedersen
- Fran Schmit



*As always, let me know if I have missed your name on the Birthday list  
- Thanks!*

**Gail Quinn**, Director of Treats [Gailquinn263@msn.com](mailto:Gailquinn263@msn.com)



## For Sale

### 1965 Corvair Monza 110 Convertible

Solid body and mechanicals, perfect for restore  
58,000 miles  
Less than 500 miles on a rebuilt engine  
Less than 500 miles on a rebuilt transmission  
The car is currently not running has been in storage for 12 years.  
Asking \$4,200

Contact - Mike Mesarchik, (612) 865-0553, [mmesarchik@hotmail.com](mailto:mmesarchik@hotmail.com)  
13545 Elkwood Drive  
Apple Valley, MN 55124

**For Sale** Here we have a Volkswagen dune buggy with a Chevy Corvair 6 cylinder engine, it has a manual VW drivetrain. Has headers and new hubcaps, plenty of other stuff done, one of a kind! Street legal and titled as a 56 Volkswagen! Come check it out, I'd be happy to answer any questions .

Lewie Plantikow, Creative Auto Service, 7300 Lake St W, St. Louis Park. (952) 920-2277

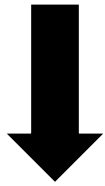


**Wanted: Garage storage** for 3-6 collector cars preferably in east Washington County (Lake Elmo area?)

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

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676 members  
(as of 11/28/2024)

# Spot a 'Vair!



Oxford 1961 Chevrolet Corvair  
Passenger Wagon Turquoise 1/87 HO  
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*The next CMI meeting will be held on the  
10<sup>th</sup> of December at Ideal Hall in St. Paul*