

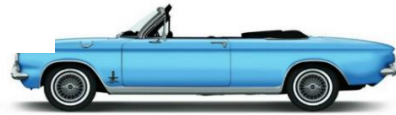


Leaky Seal

Corvair



January 2025



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message

Happy Holidays everyone!

I'm writing this the week before Christmas and it looks like we are going to have a white Xmas.

Our Holiday party is Saturday January 4th at Ideal Hall.

Reception from 4-5pm with Dinner at 5pm

Reservations need to be in by December 30th

We are planning events for our club for this year and we are still looking for someone to host our Chili party in March. If you're interested in hosting this event talk to myself or any board member.

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, January 14th

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

Dave Pedersen

CMI President

Reminder: Our annual club dues of \$20 are due January 1st. You can pay at the holiday dinner, our January meeting or mail a check to our treasurer:

Paul Schuler
23350 Wood LN
Rogers, MN 55347



CMI folks at Mike Gaynor's funeral: from left – Jim Brandberg, Chuck Johnson, Fran Schmit, Gary Nelson and J.D. (Butch) Strand.

Not shown – Bob Rowe



CMI Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

President Pederson called the meeting to order at 7 pm. and **David Quinn** read the creed.

I read half of the meeting minutes. LOL

Gail Quinn read the birthdays for December.

Saturday, January 4th is the Holiday party. 4-5 will be light appetizers, and dinner will be served at 5.

Regarding the car show contest, tonight is the last night to put in your information regarding shows that you attended in support of CMI with your Corvair. The winner will be announced at the January meeting.

Vice President Brandberg: 6 people attended Mike Gaynor's funeral. Mike Gaynor was a member of CMI and has spent many years involved with Corvair's.

CMI needs somewhere to host the chili party, possibly in March, if someone has a possible location, please present the idea to the board.

Paul Schuler - Treasurer: He will be putting another order for more name tags. They are \$10 each. As well, he has begun collecting \$ for dues.

Jim Becker: nothing to report!

Heidi Olson - Clothing: We haven't received many orders since she has begun. As well, please be aware, orders may take a bit more time. If you would like, you can customize shirts/sweaters/hoodies, etc.

Heidi is wearing a customized sweater with purple and yellow with the Corvair Minnesota, and I am wearing my new bright pink hoodie with my name on the front, and the large embroidery Corvair Minnesota emblem on the back. Embroidery is easier to do, compared the screen printing.

Lottery winner: #11 **Dan Fritsche**

18 people in attendance; No Corvairs in attendance

Vice President Brandberg Tech Session:

Dual Master Brake Cylinder. If you have single master cylinder, you can potentially lose all brakes – everything except the emergency. If you have a dual master cylinder, and you have a failure, than it will take out either the back or the front, but not both.

The dual master cylinder runs through the firewall, underneath the dash. With the original, you will see it in the trunk on the right side. Brandberg likes to use a right exiting one for the early Corvairs. In a late he likes to use a left exiting one. Clarks makes a kit, and they use a left exiting one. The longer the lines, the more wiggle room you have for assembly.

The cast iron rusts easy, but the first thing Brandberg likes to do is paint it, he likes to use black, or cast iron paint.

Putting a dual master cylinder in works on other Corvairs except for the 1960 or 1961, because the master cylinder is located under the dash. There is a push rod that you can adjust. The push rod needs to be short enough that you got have free play. Bleeding the dual master cylinder, it's best to bench bleed it before putting it into the car. It's necessary to pump the brake cylinder until you get rid of the bubbles. He likes using Dot 3 brake fluid.

Meeting ended at 8:05.

Thank to the treat queens **Kay McDaniel** and **Gail Quinn**!

Amber Leah

Amber Leah, CMI Secretary



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

Gail Quinn, Director of Treats
Gailquinn263@msn.com

January Birthdays:

- **Jerry Audorff**
- **Cody Berge**
- **Ali Long**
- **Dan Quinn**



Interior Motive

In January I'd like to talk about some things we can do to fix up our interiors without replacing the whole thing. I'll start out by saying that Corvair interiors can be expensive. We're very fortunate to have very nice new interior parts available from Clarks Corvair Parts. I've never priced what a whole new interior may cost but a lot of times we can do pretty well by repairing some pieces and replacing some others here and there. When it comes to vinyl seats I've had pretty good luck with just replacing the worst piece, specifically a '66 Fawn drivers seat back and a '63 Aqua drivers seat bottom. In each case the new vinyl from Clarks matched quite well and the torn piece simply went from the worst looking thing in the interior to the best.

With the bucket seat bottom we took it to a friends place where she had the tools like hog ring pliers and she was able to do some coaching while we did the work. It's tricky getting things pushed down from the top along the seams and captured with the hog rings from the bottom so it's good we had some advice.

With the bucket seat top I heard you have to start out with the vinyl inside out which was more than I wanted to tackle. I was lucky to find an upholstery guy who was between big jobs and snuck it in overnight. I was finding upholstery people talking about lead times of a year.

A lot of times our door panels are warped and unattractive but they can be repaired. With warped ones I've had pretty good luck laying them on the floor with wood and cement blocks on top for a week or two. Sometimes you need to overcompensate by supporting them a little higher around the perimeter to build in a little "sag" in the center. The Early cars have "nails" imbedded in the cardboard and the Lates have clips so you need to work around them with your block arrangement and then either replace the missing ones or figure out a replacement fastener, for example a screw and countersunk washer.

A lot of times the vinyl and perimeter "cord" can be pulled back into place and secured with contact cement and clamps while drying. The door panels are largely held to the door in the center by the arm rests that have big phillips screws, then the door pulls and window cranks which have clips best removed by using a special flat inexpensive tool. The perimeter of the door panel is originally pushed into place along the top and sides with screws along the bottom. Door panels are often warped because the drains in the door are plugged or the waterproof paper is compromised. You can just use poly or I've used the paper they put in for dirty shoes.

New carpet is not terribly expensive. You can get free samples if you're not sure about the color. Menards has 6' automotive carpet in black or gray that isn't bad. I'm having a 66 coupe painted Silver and the interior metal painted Satin Black. I have Maroon seats from a Dodge Daytona and will have Maroon door panels. I almost have to see all that before deciding on carpet color. Same with the headliner, I'm wondering if white would be crazy. I'm fortunate that it's a '66 with a provision for a shoulder belt which I looked at before going to the paint shop.

I like satin paint in an interior rather than gloss but that's just me. I repainted the interior metal in a '61 4-door once when the original Green looked horrible with some '63 Aqua seats. I also painted the door panels and had some contrasting stripes. I've been known to repaint steering wheels. Sometimes with a little imagination you can bring the color outside into the wheels or engine compartment for a complete package that's quite fetching.

Jim Brandberg

Corvair Minnesota, Vice President

Fran classic: Engine Lid Latch conundrum!



Here's the Deal! I had to remove my '64s Engine lid, for some cosmetic reasons. When I went to remount it, I got caught in a "conundrum"! When you bolt the lid onto the hinges you can position the lid left/right and/or Fore/aft. One time I had the lid a little too far aft, to the rear, when I dropped it onto the latch. Little did I know, as this had never happened to me before - nor did anyone ever warn me - which is why I thought to write this note to y'all! - be careful, or you won't be able to open the lid - again! Read-On!

On the left, you see the male portion of the latch - which can be adjusted up/down by use of the screws shown. When you close the lid this part slides inside of the 'receiver' part - on the right, and that Hawk's beak part snaps into the square hole and secures the lid. This 'receiver' can move laterally, but not fore/aft.



In my case when I went to open the lid it popped up about an inch and was stuck - hard, metallic and solid - to go no further!



look closely on the first photo, above, it is visible, but you would never think it could be a bother!

After much crowbarring around and pounding etc., I got it open and was surprised to see what was holding it shut. There's a small sharp bump on the tip of that male part - not the latching "hook-nose" part but just an extra bump - see close-up photo of a top-down view of that strong little piece. Arrows should help you 'see' the bump. If you



Moving the lid - on its hinge mounts would have solved this problem but the lid's adjustment was all the way forward -see clearance, in photo on the right. So, I had to remove that bump. Don't know why it never caught me before, but I solved it by elongating the holes in the top part of the latch - so the latch's 'receiver' could move forward and I also carved off the bump - nice and smooth so that at some other time if those two parts ever get too close together - they will just smoothly slide apart! Paint was for the picture.

Let's Keep-On-CORVAIRing, *Fran*

If you are planning on helping families at a food bank this season, things you probably don't know.

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

In all the years I have donated food at the Holidays, I bought what I thought they wanted but have never asked. I am glad I did.

2025 CORSA International Convention

Breaking news:

Announcement: San Luis Obispo, California is the new location of the 2025 CORSA International Convention.

Due to the unexpected cancellation of our contract by the Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria, the convention host team has secured the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo for the same dates- May 20-23rd, 2025.

San Luis Obispo is a historic town with unique shopping and many wineries in the area. Driving events will enjoy beautiful scenery along the coast and through the hills. Our new hotel offers wonderful amenities for our convention: Two room suites, free made to order breakfast, and an evening reception along with an indoor pool. It is centrally located with many restaurants and shops in the area. Additionally, more airlines and flights are available to this city. Hotel room prices are \$129 for a king and \$139 for a double suite, (prices not including taxes and fees.)

Note: Reservations previously made at the Radisson in Santa Maria will be canceled. The reservation link and information for the Embassy Suites hotel will be provided by email to members and on the CORSA Website shortly. More details about the schedule and events will be in the next Communique and posted to the website in January. Registration for the convention will open in February.

We are pleased to still be able to host the 2025 CORSA Convention, with all the events, in this beautiful area of the central coast of California. So, get those Corvairs ready for San Luis Obispo and make your travel plans. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

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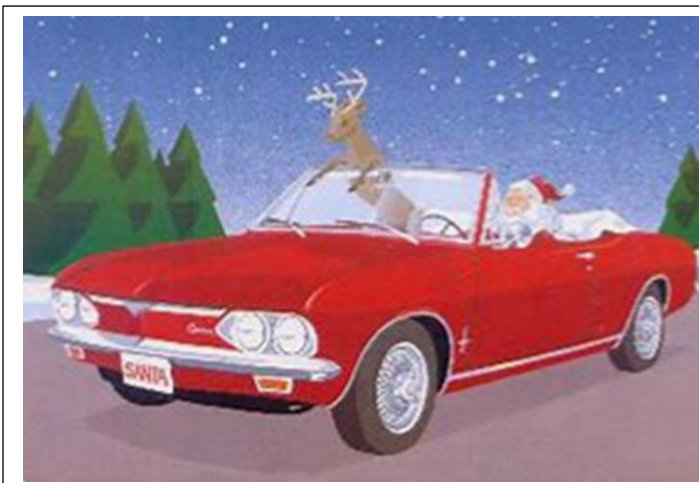
The 2025 CORSA Convention in San Luis Obispo will have all the traditional activities including Concours, Autocross, Banquet and more! The Central Coast Corsa chapter will be hosting this convention with assistance from surrounding CORSA chapters, namely San Francisco Bay Area CORSA, Tucson Corvair Association, Classic Corvairs of River City, San Diego Corvair Club, CORSA West, Inland Empire Corvair Club and South Coast CORSA.

Convention registration will open early in the year 2025.

For more information, visit <https://vwgiunta.wixsite.com/vairplay>

When: May 20th, 2025 1:01 AM to May 23rd, 2025 11:59 PM
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 San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 United States
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CORVAIR CHRISTMAS 2024



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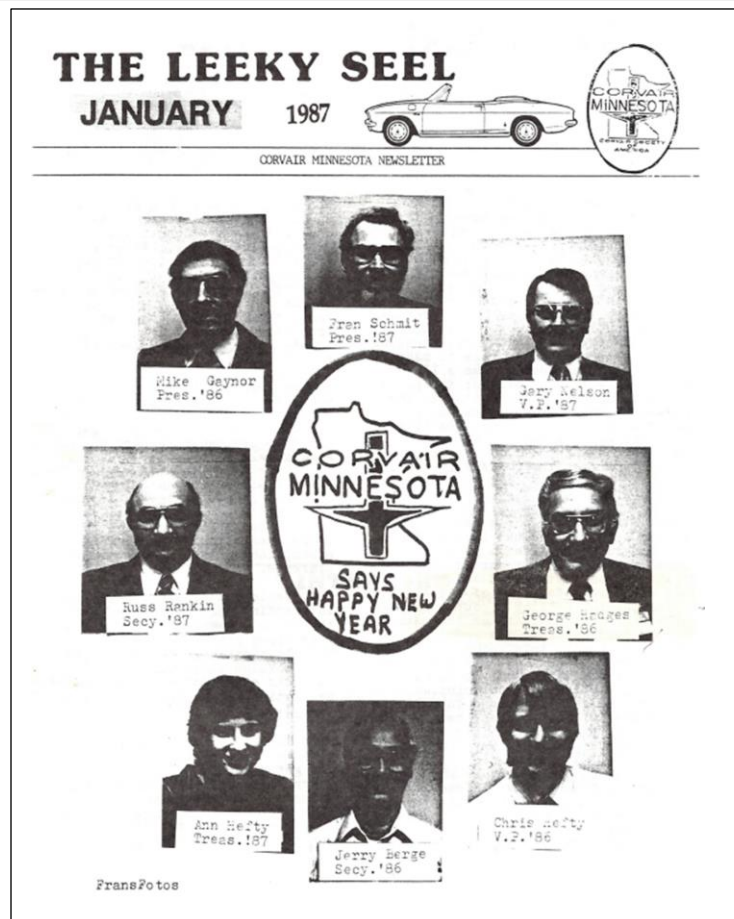
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Corvair Minnesota was founded in 1972 as NCCA (North Central Corvair Club).

This is the front page of the LEEKY SEEL from January 1987.

Officers were:

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 Vice Pres (1986) Chris Hefty
 Vice Pres (1987) Gary Nelson
 Secretary (1986) Jerry Berge
 Secretary (1987) Russ Rankin
 Treasurer (1986) George Hedges
 Treasurer (1987) Ann Hefty



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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,
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13545 Elkwood Drive
Apple Vallev. 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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(as of 12/28/2024)

Spot a 'Vair!

(Reminder)

Corvair Minnesota
Holiday Party

Saturday, January 4th, 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

CMI is a non-profit corporation, chartered with the CORVAIR Society of America. Send CORVAIR Minnesota's \$20.00 annual dues, payable by January 1st, to the CMI Treasurer. Membership in CORVAIR Minnesota entitles you to the monthly newsletter, the **Leeky Seel**, with free ads for members, a club window sticker, discounts on club activities, information on parts availability and good advice on the preservation and enjoyment of the CORVAIR automobile. **Yeah!**

THE LEEKY SEEL

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The next CMI meeting will be held on the
14th of January at Ideal Hall in St. Paul