



Leaky Seal

Corvair

September 2025



Corvair Minnesota Newsletter

President's message

The car show season is almost over.

Join us at our next two club events in September:

- **September 6th Saturday:** Wheels and Wings in Osceola WI
- **September 6th Saturday:** Classics by the lake in Buffalo

Plan ahead! Coming in October we have:

- **October 4th:** Our annual CMI Fall Breakfast
 - Please RSVP by September 30th
- **October 11th:** The Frankensteiners Car Show

Ali Long has decided to step down as Activities Director. We are looking to fill her position for the remainder of the term, January 2027

- If you are interested in taking on this position please talk with myself, Paul, Tom or Jim Becker.

Club elections are in November, please consider running for a position. If you have an interest, talk with Amber. Below are the positions that are up for election and the current candidates:

- President: Dave Pedersen
- Vice President: Open
- Director: Tom Quinn

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday, September 9th

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

See you at our next meeting.

Dave Pedersen

CMI President



CMI Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

President Pederson had to excuse himself for a family event, so **Tom Quinn** took over the meeting.

Director Quinn called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Cars in attendance: 3 Early Models 5 Late Models

Members in attendance: 23

Welcome to the newest member **Tim Reilly**. He owns 1966 and 1967 Coupes.

We also have a visitor which is **Doug Lindner** with a beautiful 1966 Coupe. (Which I got a chance to look at when I was leaving the meeting)

Quinn read the creed and the birthdays.

The New London Event; there were 8 Corvairs in attendance.

Now and Then Threshing show is a 3 day event, but CMI will be going August 16th. CMI will have a spot for Corvairs. **Jim Becker** has a map if you need to know where to go. If you bring your car in the west entrance there is no fee.

Brandberg: On Saturday in Rush City there is a gear head show.

The following weekend is Wheels and Wings in Osceola, Wisconsin, which is \$20. That same day is Cars by the Lake in Buffalo, MN. Please see event schedule for confirmation of dates.

October 4th, there is the fall breakfast, which is \$20, and there will be a flyer in the next Leeky Seel.

Frankensteiner will be October 11th. Bring rain gear just in case. Frankensteiner it's better if you preregister, which you have to send before September 1st. It's only \$15.

Ali Long has stepped down from the activities director, we are looking for someone to fill her position, which will be until December 2026. In November will be elections; President, Vice President, and Quinn's position Director. I took the position as Nomination Committee Director, so if you would like to nominate someone for either any of these positions, feel free to contact me. I don't answer

unknown numbers, but if you sent a text message, that would be fantastic (612-251-9498).

Fran is doing a tech session regarding shifters.

Brandberg doesn't have any ideas for the tech session for next month, if you have any idea, please let him know.

Chuck Johnson mentioned that there will be another car show at Cowboy Saloon in Lexington this Friday August 15th. **Gary Nelson's** nephew will be having a car show at his restaurant.

Heidi Olson: Buffalo embroidery is making a lot of mistakes, not a full order, missing name, wrong color... Heidi may have to switch to a different company if there is a continuance of issues. As well, with winter around the corner, Heidi will start taking orders for stocking caps.

Dave Peterson is selling his Blue/ with white interior Corvair. This is an online auction at Auction Studios; it will show up on KBids as well.

#4 **Amber Leah** won the lottery, I gave it back to the pot!

Jim Becker: Assassination of the Corvair... some of it's a dry read, the author seems knowledgeable, if your lacking something to read, it's another Corvair book.

I brought in a Corvair belt for to give a member, #6...

Jim Becker won.

Fran did the tech session.

Sunshine Coordinator... This past month, I learned that 1 of our families is going through a difficult time. I coordinated through **President Pederson** and **Treasurer Paul** to send a gift basket to let the family know that we are thinking of them. (We have done this several times in the past) It's not an official position, but if you feel as if you know someone that is going through a extremely difficult time, please feel free to reach out to me, maybe we can send a bit of joy their way!



Distributors

It's sort of the last minute for me to decide on a Tech Session topic. Usually something presents itself but nothing is obvious this month that may have widespread appeal. Looking at my brainstorming list of topics I made two years ago nothing is really jumping off the page either. It's nice when I've maybe been having some trouble with something or otherwise have a new learning experience but it's been just sort of the usual stuff lately.

One thing unusual is that I've been making good strides in getting rid of stuff. I've got quite a few differentials and transmissions stacked up on shelves and one section outside under the eaves fell over. At about this same time while looking for a Powerglide for Clint's '62 Wagon I came across a few that didn't look or feel good for one reason or another. I got the wheel barrow and started putting some on the trailer destined for the scrap yard and it felt pretty good as the pile started to grow. I had more than a dozen, and more than a dozen cylinder heads too. A few crankcases with stuck internals and some generators, starters and alternators too. I brought some stuff home from Gary's and decided to make some more room while I was at it. When it comes to throwing away Corvair crap, getting started is the hard part. I went through and consolidated a lot of non-metallic Corvair stuff and managed to throw a lot away. Next step is to get a Greenbrier out and fill it with body parts like doors and such along with other scrap like shrouding. We put a ton of good Corvair stuff in the alley for the scrapper at Gary's, you people had your chance. I get filthy dirty doing the scrap thing but in a way I feel cleansed.

I had been trying to look at Bill's '60 Monza for a few years and finally managed to get over there last month with Jim. While it would be a worthy project for someone it's not for me. I did commit to working on Dave's '60 Monza this week, hopefully sooner rather than later.

What I'd really like to talk about is rear suspension geometry but I'm not ready. The new to me Fiat 850 Spider with a Corvair powertrain project has Early stuff which needs some work. Rather than continuing down the path with the swing axles I wondered about double jointed axles like our Lates. Triumph TR6 and GT6 designs get by with similar angled suspension arms and double jointed axles but they're more robust. The GT6 is descended from the Spitfire which had the evil swing axles so why can't I do it too? So far looking into it I've only learned that there's a lot I don't know. If I continue with the swing axle EM stuff I think a camber compensator spring is worth looking into. That's what the hot shot 850 guys were doing with a very elaborate attachment system. It might be halfway there with '64 Corvair attachment in the center. I keep thinking a Fiat 850 with 100#s more weight in the powertrain and double the power might be one evil bastard if the swing axles jack up. I'm also trying to get some stiffer 850 Van springs from a guy in Italy. As an aside, can you imagine heading up the freeway ramp with a Van full of stuff while throttling a 850 cc engine? In the meantime I've put the Fiat to the side and covered it up so I'm not distracted. When in view she's so lovely that I can't keep my hands off her.

It's a little early to talk about Winter storage so what I'd like to discuss at the September meeting is distributors. Points and condenser ignitions seem a little old fashioned but they work fine with good parts and a distributor bushing that's okay. We can talk about Pertronix 1 and Pertronix 2 and Crane XR-700. Also Corvair distributors might look like they're all the same but there's a lot of different advance curves through the years. I don't seem to hear so much about pinging these days, maybe you're just not flogging your cars enough.

Jim Brandberg

Corvair Minnesota, Vice President

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Hello! My name is Teresa Keifer (<tkeifer72@gmail.com>) and I'm reaching out to you regarding my 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Convertible (Monza).

My Corvair is looking for a good home - whether to restore, revive, or use for parts. This 1965 Corvair Convertible Monza has been in my family since 1970. It's a project car with potential for the right Corvair enthusiast.

Details: **Model:** 1965 Corvair Convertible Monza
Mileage: 81,000 miles
Engine & Gas Tank: Repaired in 2017
Interior: All original (dash, seats, interior panels)
Exterior: Original paint & trim (shows significant rust & wear)
Convertible Top: Original but broken and in poor condition
Convertible Motor: Original, but not functioning
Collector License Plate
Original Owner's Manual included

Condition Overview:

This Corvair is a true survivor but needs a full restoration. The body has visible rust (especially around the wheel wells and rocker panels), interior wear, and the convertible top requires replacement. Mechanically, the engine and gas tank were serviced in 2017 but should be re-evaluated before driving.

Ideal for:

A passionate Corvair collector seeking a restoration project looking for authentic parts for another build or a vintage car enthusiast who appreciates its history

If you think someone in your group may be interested, please let me know! I have a few photos and can take more if needed. Located in Tyler, MN.

If there are any questions you may have, or more info I can provide, please let me know. Thank you!

Teresa Keifer (<tkeifer72@gmail.com>)



Breakfast and Corvairs

October 4, 2025

8:00AM – Noon

Location: TCT Ideal Hall

1494 Dale St. N, St. Paul, MN 55117

Beverages available 8:00 – 10:30

Food served 9:00 – 10:30

Cost: \$20.00 per person (\$10.00 for Kids, 10 and under)

Meal includes: Eggs, Potatoes, Bacon, Fruit, French Toast Bake, Juice & Coffee

Please RSVP no later than September 30th

Send payment (checks made out to CMI) to:

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

(or bring payment to the Membership meeting)

RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED

Total # People @ \$20.00 (10.00/child) = _____ (List Names below)

We will be collecting donations for "We Can" www.wecanmn.org
Check out a list of suggestions on the reverse side.

If you are planning on helping families at a food bank this season, here are some 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 special gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. Recipients and food banks 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. Food banks rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. Recipients and food banks 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.
21. Don't forget – there is always a need for paper towels and toilet tissue

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

Me and my brother Pete were part of the club back in the 70's with Mike Gaynor and a few other guys. I bought this 62 about 3 years ago and I had Jim Brandberg do a bunch of work on it for me. My plan was to get back in the club and be a part of the community again at some point but that hasn't happened due to work, travel and life changes.

This was a restoration that was done several years ago, and it still shows very nice, sheet metal, convertible top (like new), and interior, and it drives down the road very nice.

Jim Brandberg has done several things to the cars for me including: Clutch replacement, flywheel, disc, pressure plate and throw bearing, Rebuilt carbs, Tune up, Plugs, Electronic ignition, Electronic Fuel Pump, Shocks, Re-seal engine compartment.

I have installed: New battery, Alternator system from Clarks, New Muffler and crossover pipe including exhaust gaskets from the head.



I'm looking for \$12,000 or best offer

Email is: bongard1@charter.net

Bert Bongard (952) 292-5837

Corvair Minnesota Birthdays



September Birthdays:

- *Floyd Ackley*
- *Clarence Day*
- *David Edwardy*
- *Joe Fricke*
- *Chris Hefty*
- *Terry Quesnel*
- *Gail Quinn*
- *Paul Schuler*
- *Ray Willett*

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

Gail Quinn, Director of Treats
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Some Up-Coming events

September 6 – Wheels and Wings, Osceola Wi 8:00 a.m.

September 6 –Classics by the Lake, Buffalo, MN 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

September 14 – 10,000 Lakes Concours d' Elegance, Canterbury Downs 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 4 – Fall CMI Breakfast @ TCT Ideal Hall

1494 Dale St. N, St. Paul, MN 55117 8:00a.m. – Noon

October 11 – Frankensteiners Ball 19, Isanti County Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Classified Ads

I have a Corvair and I'm finally at the point where I am ready to let it go. I have had Jim Brandberg work on her over the years and it's because of him I'm reaching out to "Corvair Minnesota". The car is is a **1965 Corsa convertible** with manual transmission. She runs great (thanks again to Jim) and her exterior is if good condition but certainly not show quality. kirk larsen <kirklarsen123@yahoo.com>

My name is Terry Johnson and I have a **1964 Corvair Monza** that I would like to sell. It is in original condition, and would need some tender loving care. Engine runs good, and it is drivable. I am asking \$6,000 for it. My number is 651-470-4071



1967 4-Door, 110, power glide, completely redone, new paint and bodywork, new tires and rims. Request for more pictures, too many things to list (*no A/C*).

Call Bill Gautsche @ (715)828-9001 with questions \$13,500



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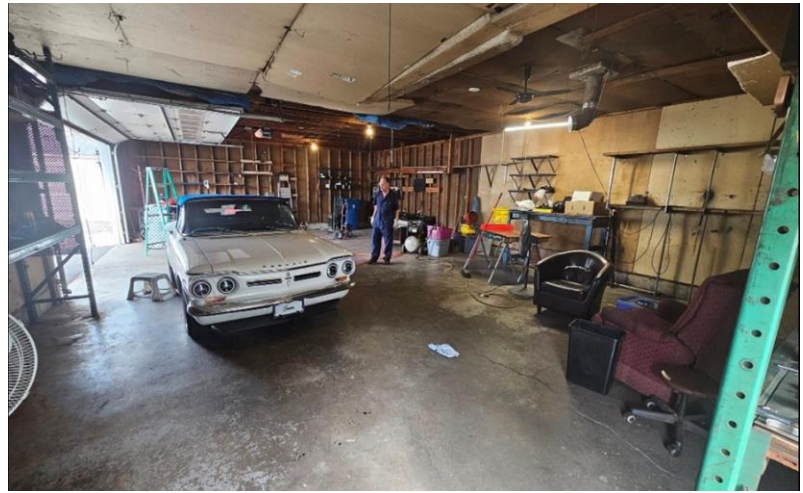
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782 members
(as of 08/28/2025)

Spot a 'Vair!



After 83 years in Richfield MN, cutting and styling hair and repairing cars (especially Corvairs!), Gary Nelson has relocated to be with family near Chicago.

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
9th of September at Ideal Hall in St. Paul