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Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



“A Look Back and A Look Ahead”

Well, a look at what our association has accomplished in a few months should give you an idea of what we can accomplish in the spring and summer months to come. We restarted the club and are off to a great start. Now we have to keep it going. The key word here is participation. We need total participation to be a success. This spring we will be planning several events. To make these a success we will need help. Hopefully we will have a cruise to Hinkley with the Corvair Minnesota group. This is still in the planning stages. Other things will be on the agenda too. If you have an idea for an event, LET US KNOW!! This is our club so lets do this together. The Car show's will be starting soon and that's always a fun time. Half the fun of going to the show's is the trip there and back. Last year Myself, Ed Lampi, and Art Bringe took in a lot of shows. There was never a dull moment. Having a caravan of Corvairs arriving at the show gate would sure be a sight to see. We need to get our cars out there and show them off. In early June the GMAC show is held at the St Paul Fairgrounds. We want to have as many Corvairs as we can make that show. It's always a great show and the more Corvairs we can muster up the better. The trip down and back always has a few stories told about the trip.

Our Corvair Cavalry has been a big success. If you want to join in on one of these trips, let Ed or myself know. The more hands we can get the better. We have a few more jobs to finish as the weather gets warmer and I'm sure more will pop up later. It accomplishes 2 things. We get another Corvair running good and on the road and the club treasury benefits. The main objective is to get all the Corvairs on the road and running sweet.

Our association started with 3 guys and some ideas. Now that's a scary thought. But look how far we have come. We gained Chapter status thru Corsa and are on the way to putting out club on the map. When we started this club I figured we would have a total of about 12 members. We have more than doubled that and are still growing. It was all done thru a group effort. We need to concentrate on activities that we can do as a club. We started our Club at the worst time of the year but have done nothing but grow and improve since then. Jump in and join in on the fun. We need ideas for fun things to do. I would like to see us do a food drive with a few of our cars. Park a few Corvairs with empty trunks in front of a grocery store and have them fill our trunks with food. Then take the food to a local food shelf. Sometime this spring we have to do a photo shoot with our cars. We need to pick a good scenic spot along Lake Superior and get some good pictures of our cars for our web page. I have a good digital camera and will volunteer to take pictures. Anything we can do that's fun and gets our cars into the public eye is good. We need to promote ourselves.

Lets make this upcoming summer a summer to remember. We made a great start now lets keep it going. Lets get out on the road and show our stuff. Lets keep it active. The summers are short so lets pack it full of fun stuff.

Last but not least I want every member to stop for a minute and pat yourself on the back. **We** have done a great job in a short amount of time and without you **we** couldn't have done it. So I say a big “THANK YOU!! “

Ron Thompson
Newsletter Editor



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Christmas Party



NEW MEMBERS

Member Total 25



The Head of the Lake Corvair Association held it's first Christmas Party at Country lanes in Duluth. Approximately 12 people were in attendance. Some participated in bowling and some just watched. After bowling we were treated with some great pizza and also had a gift exchange. Those who brought a gift received a gift. There was some nice gifts that changed hands. A fun time was had by all. The club treasury benefited from this also, after paying the bills we were able to put approximately \$37.00 into the club treasury. Thank You to all who attended.

Treasurers Report January-February

Beginning Balance Jan	\$310.65
Income	
Dues Members	\$15.00
Expenses	
(Ink)	\$46.03
Ending Jan Balance	\$279.62
Beginning Balance Feb	\$279.62
Income	
Donation	\$70.00
Dues Members	\$30.00
50/50	\$22.00
Expenses	-0-
Ending Feb Balance	\$438.62



March-April Activities and Events

- March 28 Monthly meeting at Perkins London RD in Duluth 6PM Dinner Meeting @7PM**
- April 4 Committee Meeting at Pete Pruddens (April Board of Directors meeting)**
- April 11 All newsletter articles and treasurers report due to Newsletter Editor**
- April 21 **Patty Prudden's** Birthday**
- April 25 Monthly meeting at Perkins on London Rd in Duluth 6PM dinner Meeting @ 7PM**



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March Agenda

- 1) Secretary's report
- 2) Treasurer's report
- 3) Committee reports
 - +Car Shows
 - +Corvair Cavalry
 - + Does anyone want to be on a calling list for the Cavalry
- 4) Pete's Parts Order
- 5) Newsletter-Ron Thompson
 - +Want ads & Articles
 - +Birthdays, Add to registration forms
- 6) Web Page Guest book – Archives
- 7) Old Business
 - Hinkley Get Together
 - Patches & Decals Tim V Web Sale
 - Ed's findings
- 8) New Business
 - + Patches and window stickers
 - + Summer Picnic
 - + Pete's Picnic April 23, 12:00 ??
- 9) Any other new Business

Vendor List

Corvair Underground
503-434-1648
www.corvairunderground.com

The Source Inc.
source@andc.com
858-259-3843
<http://www.thesourceparts.com>

Larry's Corvair Parts
K6RO@Earthlink.net
310-070-9851
www.larryscorvair.com

Clarks Corvair Parts Inc.
clarks@corvair.com
413-625-9776
www.corvair.com

California Corvairs
CACorvairs@aol.com
323 223-2775
<http://www.californiacorvairparts.com>

Cavalry Road Trip to Hayward

The cavalry was on the road again on Valentines Day. Ed Lampi, Myself, and Art Bringe took a trip to Glen Lemke's to help fix a few things on his Corvair. We left at about 10 am and the usual banter started right away. Glen supplied us with great directions so we were on our way. We finally found his place after a couple of wrong turns. When a Norwegian is reading directions to a Pollock there is bound to be trouble. After moving the truck out and shifting a little, we had the Corvair out and read to start. First in the agenda was to install the new rear valance and grills. This went really smooth. Next was to see why the gas gauge, dash lights and Tachometer weren't working. I checked all the connections and could not find a problem. Then finally after looking under the dash we found the problem. A wiring harness connection came loose under the dash. After securing it and finding a good battery all things worked fine. The dash lights still were not working but I think the switch needs to be replaced. We packed up our tools and were treated to a nice lunch. We headed home about 3:30 and after only one wrong turn made it home ok. These road trips are always fun and I am looking forward to many more this summer.
Ron Thompson, Art Bringe and Ed Lampi



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Thank You!!!

Corvair Classifieds



For Sale:

1965 Corsa-Evening Orchid 180 HP Turbo
60,854 Original Miles, Garage kept since the
70's. Body good, 1 small rust spot on front
fender. Many new parts with receipts from
Clarks. Papers from original owner.

**\$5,500.00 or Trade for 65-69 Coupe or Con-
vertible W/Automatic transmission and of equal
Value.**

Contact Glenn 715-462-3978

Or E-Mail Glen at gjlemke@cheqnet.net

NOS Parts For sale

As I am no longer restoring early's and FC's, I
have several NOS parts for sale. 7451254 Axle
bearing 61-62, 7451328 axle bearing 63-64,
3790672 tie rod end 60-62, (2) 1945376 points
60-61, (3) 6255721 pitman bushing & bolt 60-
69, (2) 908076 blower bearing 60-63,(2) dome
lens FC, (2) Glove box lock complete w/keys,
(2) 1993317 Stop light switch FC, 1116626 igni-
tion switch w/cylinder & Keys, 3157112 heater
lever FC, 3833127 heater knob kit FC, 3826596
tie rod end 63-64 FC, 3848873 inside door han-
dle FC, Also miscellaneous early and FC used
parts.

Prices are 1/2 of Clarks.

Vern Sundbom 218-847-6631

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Parts Wanted:

Rear antenna Late Model L & R lower door
hinges late, 66 140 emblem for engine lid, 66
turbo Dist, any late turbo sheet metal or ex-
haust parts, 66 Corsa dash & wiring. 66 black
interior 2DR

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For Sale:

1964 Corvair Coupe

1966 110 Engine Runs Great!!

4 Speed Transmission

Wheel Cylinders rebuilt and all new brakes.

New master cylinder

New Floors

AM Radio

This is a complete car with all the parts. The
car has been dismantled and stripped to bare
metal and all body work has been done. All
that's left is paint. **For pictures contact:**
corvkid50@aol.com

If interested in this car contact:

Vern Rubesh

344 8th ST.

Cloquet, Minn 55720

218-879-8234

For Sale:

Set of 4 Nissan Rims 15" with early Corvair
bolt pattern. Came off my 1964 Monza. Great
condition. Presently have 195-60R-15 tires
on them which worked GREAT on my car.
Two of the tires have some sidewall cracking
from age and need to be replaced but the
other 2 are excellent. All necessary lug nuts
and washers included.



\$150.00 For All.

Call Tim 218-245-1782 in Bovey or E-mail
Tim at minoxphotographer@yahoo.com

List your parts or car for sale here.

Free to members and \$7.50 to non Members.

**Just send all the information and I will get your
ad in here. Send all ads to:**

Ron Thompson

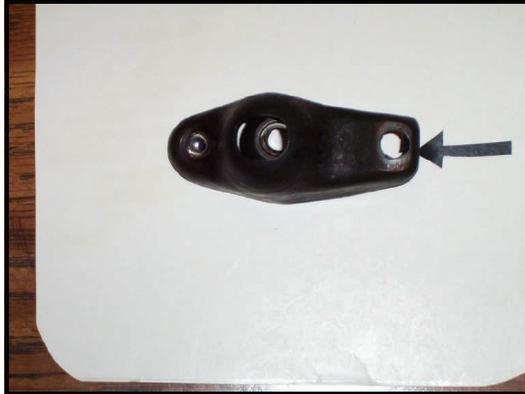
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Charlie Running's Rocker Arm Trouble

This is a photo from a 1962 Corvair Monza 900, owned by Charlie Running of Grand Rapids, Minn. Note the perfectly round (hole by the Arrow) where the engine valve, over time, pounded a hole through the end of the rocker arm. After 3 years of knocking off and on it had caused the car to barely run. Charlie called Ed Lampi of Duluth (a fellow Corvair owner), and asked him if he had an idea what the problem was. Ed knew what it was and came all the way to Grand Rapids, and with some spare parts he had brought with him fixed the problem. Thanks to Ed the old Corvair was up and running again. When Charlie Running picked up his 1962 Monza 900 for restoration, from Rogers Minn, he almost didn't make it home to Grand Rapids in one piece. When he loaded the car onto the transport trailer he hadn't thought about the engine weight being in the rear instead of the front end. With the light end on the tongue of the trailer, that caused the rear of the trailer to be too heavy. This wasn't a problem until a strong gust of wind came up and at the same time 2 semi's were passing him in the oncoming lane of the highway, creating a mega gust of wind to hit the trailer. This caused the unbalanced trailer to fishtail out of control. The truck, and trailer with the Corvair all ended in the ditch jackknifed. The Pick up sustained \$1,900 in damages from trailer hitting the truck. The Trailer was twisted but the Corvair did not have a mark on it. They just don't make them like they used to.

Charlie Running

"Ed Says"

What about all those Numbers?

Your Corvair could be up to 46 years old and many changes in specifications have occurred during their manufacture their repair throughout this time. Corvairs varied in Horsepower from 80 to 180 and compression ratios from 8 or 9 to 1. These engines With Straight stick or Automatic transmissions varied widely in specifications of their camshafts, Carburetors and distributors. It is important to match components as close as possible to the originals to have a smooth running engine. Your engine number may be the first clue as to the best combination needed to make this possible. If the engine number follows the specifications for your year of car, you can check the distributor number and carburetor numbers to see if they are correct, and follow the adjustments recommended for your particular car. If the engine number does not match, try to match the rest of the components to your car. Engine timing is controlled by the distributor and this should be as close as possible to the original specification in order to have a well running engine. Carburetors varied considerably: 1960-one of a kind choke at air cleaner 1961-Manual Choke, only year 1962-1964 Automatic Chokes 1965-1967-idle air passage improved 1968-1969-Air Injection Reaction System (also on the late 1967) The 1965,66 and 67 (without AIR) are considered the best for use on your Corvair.

Ed Lampi

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm. Corrections: "Ron Verthein" needs to be changed to "Ryan Verthein". Report accepted with the correction.

Jim Linder read the treasurer's report. Glenn Lempke wrote a thank you note and enclosed payment and a donation to the club. The holiday party netted \$37.00. The February 28th balance is \$401.62. Details of the account will be in the March newsletter.

Jeannette Olson will check with Diane Andrews re: Rice Lake Days to get details of what will be allowed and what we need to do to display our cars. Ron will check with Larsen Chev re: a gathering there in the future.

Newsletter calendar - Ron will make a list of the local car shows and consolidate them into a calendar for us. The Grand Rapids car show is around the end of July or first of August.

Corvair Cavalry - Glenn Lempke - they fixed up the car. A loose connection was found. Everything works now except dim dash lights. Glenn was very grateful to Ron, Art, and Ed. Ryan Verthein - Needs help with timing and the finishing touches after the car is running. Pat Murphy and Charlie Running - will be later this spring.

Pete's Parts - Clark's Corvairs has same discount for everyone. No special discounts for clubs. If the parts have an "e" or "i" points are accumulated over time and a certificate is mailed out to let you know what percent discount you have earned with the points accumulated. They also have offered a \$3.00 discount coupon toward CORSA membership, which ends this month.

Larry Shapiro - Larry's Corvair is offering a 10% discount to our club members.

Corvair Underground - offers a 5% discount to CORSA members for orders under \$1000, and 10% for orders over \$1000.

There doesn't seem to be any benefit to grouping orders, so ordering will be done on your own. If you need help placing an order, call Pete. He'll be happy to assist you with your ordering.

Wolf Enterprises - is willing to donate items or make donations if there are special events or a show. We need to contact them when we have need.

Newsletter - Ron sent the newsletter online in PDF format to all known email addresses. Let him know if this works and if you want to drop your name from the "snail mail" list. This will save costs. The past newsletters are now archived on the Web page. DADS is donating postage - Thank you!

A thank you letter was presented to Tim Verthein for all his work in creating our Web page. There was discussion on email vs snail mail with savings on dues if you want email only. Dues schedule to be revisited next month.

Old Business - Hinkley get together - Ron will keep making plans with the Minneapolis area club. They are interested in a get together. If you have ideas on what we could do in the Hinkley area, bring them to the next meeting.

Holiday Party - Pete read the report regarding the Country Lanes Bowling Party which will be published in the March newsletter.

Pete's Picnic - If you couldn't make the party, stop in to see the clean garage and movies anytime. This summer the Pruddens are thinking of having another Corvair picnic. Plans to follow.

New Business - Patches and window decals - Several people check on the prices from several different vendors. There is a wide range of prices and products available. Some places require money up front, while others only charge for what is ordered online with a profit going to the club. Ed will check into more details and bring a catalog next month. If anyone knows of any others, bring details to the next meeting. Discussion tabled to the next meeting in March. Motion was made and seconded that each member, new and existing, will receive a decal or vinyl cling or patch. This will be decided at the next meeting and an order will be placed.

The next board committee meeting will be March 7th and the Club meeting will be March 28th. The April 4th board committee meeting will be an official board meeting. As always, it will be an open meeting. According to the bylaws we need to have 3 per year. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.



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Car Show Calendar

March 2006 17-19 World of Wheels Duluth

May 2006 20 Grand Marais, Minn
28 Dairy Queen/ Benna Ford Superior

June 2006 3 Cloquet Springfest
3 Hibbing Cruise
4 All GM Show St Paul
4 Shifters Car Show
10 Nifty 50's Cruisers Car Show
10 Thunder Bay Car show?
11 Spooner Car Show
13 Aurora A & W
17 Two Harbors All Ford
23-25 Back to The 50's
25 Aitkin Car Show

July 2006 1 Ashland Car Show
5 Superior Wisc Car show
7 North Shore Rod Run
8 Black Bear Car Show
8 Two Harbors Car Show
8-9 North Shore Rod Run
12 Downtown Duluth
15 Bemidji Cruise night
15 Bemidji Car Show
21 Cruza Paluza Central Entrance Duluth
29 Carlton Days Car Show
29 Northern Cruisers Car Show
30 Grand Rapids Car Show

August 2006 2 2006 Spirit Valley Duluth
3 Gordy's Curbside Classic
4-6 Cloquet Extravaganza
6 Ashland Car Show
6 Studebaker Club Car Show Proctor
8 Aurora A & W ?
9 The Depot Car Show
12 Lake Nebagamon Car Show
18 Fuzzy Dice Cruise Night Virginia, Minn
19 Virginia Car Show
19 North Shore Classic Car Show Two Harbors
19 Hinkley Car Show?
20 St Cloud Car Show
27 Embarrass Fair Car Show



Ashland Car show 2005



All GM Show St Paul 2004



Downtown Duluth 2005

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