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**Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter**



## **CORSA**

### **“A Sign of the Times”**

There's a song with the Lyric's "You don't know what you've got til it's gone." I think this holds true for CORSA. There has been a lot of talk about the financial condition of CORSA lately and I thought I would do an article on it to maybe help to encourage everyone to join that hasn't already done so. When Pete, John and I were at the Detroit convention we had a discussion with other members of CORSA about how if things don't change, CORSA might be a thing of the past. CORSA membership is dropping and expenses are rising and income is dropping. I think that same problem affects all people and businesses today. The paychecks don't go as far as they did. The national organization needs our help. They help setting up the national conventions and Offers Liability insurance coverage for Corvair events for all Corsa Chapters. Without this Coverage you would not see any local Corvair Shows. I know that don't mean much to us up in the frozen tundra. But when I lived in Seattle I seen what it means first hand.

Our Club in Seattle held a ORPHAN car show and I was treasurer of the club and was involved in the planning of the show so I know what it takes to put on an event like that. The biggest concern you have is Insurance coverage. One accident would mean the demise of the club and all club funds. All we had to do was contact CORSA with the proper paperwork and we were totally covered for any liability. Again you ask how does that affect me? Well the trickle down affect would be huge after a while. These shows give our cars a stage to perform on. It gets us out there to attract new owners and new CORSA members. Those members buy a car and will need parts. That's what keeps our Vendors in business. Without them we would be in trouble. CORSA membership is getting older and we need new blood to keep it going and building. In 2010 the National Corvair Convention will be held in IOWA and without CORSA that simply wouldn't be possible. I would encourage everyone to plan on attending the National Convention.

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## Birthdays

- May 23rd Vic Blazevic
- May 24th Bob Johnson
- May 25 Joyce Veillieux
- June 1 Dale Olson
- June 4 Jim Linder
- June 16 Ed Lampi

*Don't forget to check out our merchandise at our Club Store!!*

<http://www.edselmotors.com/hlcahome.html>

**March and April Treasurers Report**  
**This is the proposed Treasurers Report for May**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>— \$802.32</b>
WOW entry fee's	WOW show entry 135.00	<b>Income total</b>	<b>45.00</b>
Art Bringe 15.00		<b>Expense total</b>	<b>135.00</b>
Jim Linder 15.00			
Ed Lampi 15.00			
	<b>Total</b>		
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$ 712.32</b>

*Jim Linder Treas.*

**Activities and Events**

- May 6th** Committee meeting 7pm at The Pruddens
- May 27** Regular meeting at Perkins London Rd dinner at 6 meeting at 7PM
- June 3** Committee meeting 7pm at The Pruddens
- June 27** Regular meeting at Perkins London Rd dinner at 6 meeting at 7PM

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# *Meeting Agenda*

*Attendance—New Members or guests*

*Secretary's report - Kathy Thompson*

*Treasurer's Report - Jim Linder*

*Committee Reports - Car Shows - LSS May - Memorial Day Parade May26,  
GMACC June 8th Corvair Cavalry - Ron Thompson*

*Pete's Parts - Pete Prudden*

*Newsletter - Ron Thompson Needs Articles !!!*

*Merchandise Order - Patty Prudden*

*Old Business - Officer Handbook - membership form*

*Food Drive For Super One Duluth / House of Mercy Food  
Shelf Superior*

*Pictures By Aerial Bridge Photoshop Creation*

*Summer Picnic—Iron World Art Ed and Ron will Plan*

*New Business -*

*Tech Talk*

*Any other new business*

*Adjournment*

*Next Committee Meeting June 3 7:00 2008 At The Pruddens*

*Next Membership meeting Perkins London Rd June 24th dinner 6PM Meeting  
7PM*

## **Vendor List**

Corvair Underground  
503-434-1648  
[www.corvairunderground.com](http://www.corvairunderground.com)

The Source Inc.  
[source@andc.com](mailto:source@andc.com)  
858-259-3843  
<http://www.thesourceparts.com>

Larry's Corvair Parts  
[K6RO@Earthlink.net](mailto:K6RO@Earthlink.net)  
310-070-9851  
[www.larryscorvair.com](http://www.larryscorvair.com)

California Corvairs  
[CACorvairs@aol.com](mailto:CACorvairs@aol.com)  
323 223-2775  
<http://www.californiacorvairparts.com>

Dale Manufacturing  
3425 Fairhaven Ave N.E.  
Salem, Oregon 97303  
503-364-8685  
[WWW.DaleMfg.com](http://WWW.DaleMfg.com)

Clarks Corvair Parts  
400 Mohawk Trail  
Shelburne Falls, Mass 01370  
423-625-9776  
[WWW.corvair.com](http://WWW.corvair.com)

### \*\*\*Newsletter Update\*\*\*

Just a quick update on the newsletter. I am always in need of Corvair stories. Just sit down and share your story about your Corvair and send it to me. Send it to me with some pictures and I'll get it in the newsletter. Tell us how you got bitten by the Corvairitus bug. I'm sure someone has a Corvair story that we haven't heard.

On another note the new printer is great. I put a lot of pictures in the newsletter so that uses more toner. I had some mistakes when I first starting using it but now it works great. I had to install the 2nd toner cartridge in for this newsletter. This last month I printed the first page in color. I print that on my printer and it don't use that much ink. I'll just hold the pictures to a minimum on the first page. Our cost is still just the postage because of the generous donation of the printer, paper and extra toner cartridge. I figure that when we have to buy a cartridge our monthly cost for our newsletter will be less than \$15.00 plus Postage and paper. We currently print out 13 newsletters for our club and 14 Members get it thru E-mail. I also e-mail the newsletter to 6 other clubs as part of the newsletter exchange. If you have an idea for the newsletter come to a meeting and share it. This is **YOUR** newsletter so get involved.

Ron Thompson

### Art's 64 110 ready to install

Art Bringe picked up his 110 engine and it's ready to install. It runs like a champ and looks good. All it needs now is some run time. We'll get it installed as soon as we can all find a good time.

I rolled out Dick Dee's engine that I stored in my garage and will fire it up and make sure it's ready to install when the time comes. I'm sure there will be some bugs to work out after sitting all winter. Then it's a road trip to install it. LOVE THOSE ROAD TRIPS!!

I have a couple small jobs to do then it's on to Bob Sanders 66. We'll try to get it fired up and running. Spring has arrived!!!  
Ron Thompson

Before



All Done Ready to Install



## Building a Spare engine

(Like I don't have enough to do)



Here's the start of another project. I have enough 64 110 Parts left over that I'm going to combine all the good stuff and assemble it into a spare running engine. Nothing fancy just a runner that we can drop in if someone needs a running engine while they work on theirs. I've spent a lot of time in the garage just cleaning parts and it's just assembling it now. With some gaskets donated by Jason and a few parts it should go together pretty fast. That's the plan anyways, we'll see how it comes out. Like Bob Saunders told me, my garage is like therapy for me also. I spend a lot of time out there cleaning and painting parts. Some I'll never use but maybe someone else will need some.

*Ron Thompson*

## Ventura California or Bust!!!

Kathy, Buster and I will be leaving for a trip to Seattle Washington about the 16th of June. We will be driving to in the van not the Corvair to Seattle and will be staying with her dad. Kathy will stay there and I'll jump in my Buddy's John Barnes Corvair and drive down to the national Corvair Convention in Ventura California for a week of Corvairing. It'll be nice to see some of the old gang back in Seattle. If anyone needs any parts let me know and I'll see what I can come up with. I know Lon from Corvair Underground will be there. They usually have a show discount so if you order something I can pick I up there and save the shipping cost plus a discount. Just let me know. We should be back about July 2nd. I'll have my camera's with me so I'll have a lot of pictures. Should be a fun trip. The total trip is going to be around 6,000 miles.

*Ron Thompson*



This is a picture that I received from Dennis Van Alstine. He gave it to me out at work when he was in. I think it was taken at the Old Apollo Drag Strip just South of Superior. Anyone recognize it?

# Corvairitis, it is real and it is Serious!

By now most of you are aware of this serious affliction. There is no cure, and in fact because it cannot be treated it runs rampant among fellow Corvair owners. Corvairitis starts out with an itch, an itch to buy and restore an old Chevrolet Corvair.

Then the fever sets in. Now you find yourself feverishly looking for other Corvair idolizers, parts and the expertise to get your newly added family member on the road.

Now you are thinking wow I am cured, I have a road ready Corvair, great woohoo! Wait, you are itching again, what the heck, oh no, now you are wondering where your next car will come from and how you fit it in the garage, and of course how to convince the spouse that you really need another project. You now are itching out of control.

Then the itch is accompanied by the fever. The true Corvair owner, looking deep inside themselves, knows that one car is never enough. Sometimes one car is all that is practical but deep down the itch is always there for another car.

Those that only have one car, and are good with that are the lucky ones, because once you start building your inventory of cars, the Rash appears. This is the hardest part of this affliction. You can't believe that there are cars out there without owners, and you want to be the owner, even if it means getting rid of one to make room for another one. The rash now is at it's most infectious, because now there are calls made to find a hopeful home for a car you must part with to make room for another you want. The rash begins to spread like wildfire, each call at all times of the day, looking, planting the seed, hoping to find someone to pass the rash to. Fortunately there is therapy ( a monthly meeting) where those afflicted can get together and connect with others of their kind.

Alas, no cure, but you can find comfort, join the club, go on a car cruise, go to a car show and accept that you are hooked.

Finally because we Corvair lovers don't really want to be healed, spread the disease, take your children or your grandchildren out to the garage, show them the car or cars, and tell them someday this will all be yours. And there is no cure.

*Kathy Thompson*



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# Corvair Classifieds

**For Sale:**  
 1965 500 CPE  
 Vic Blazevic 's Corvair is for sale.  
 \$5,000 or Best offer  
 His Brother in law and sister are the contacts.  
 218-628-1520  
 11/09

**For Sale:**  
 1966 Monza 140 4 speed  
 Ran when parked. Stored in heated garage.  
 Ray Mlaskoch  
 Willow River, Mn  
 218-372-3693 218-380-9922  
 \$3,500.00  
 11/07

**Parts Needed:**  
 61 Loadside - Gas Pedal FC, R & L door sill  
 Trim, Shift Boot Early model on floor.  
 66 coupe - Coupe windshield, Body Parts L 1/4,  
 left door bottom, Mirrors, Front spoiler/Air Dam,  
 R & L floor pans, AM radio Preferably Pushbut-  
 ton, Wedding Band stop and back up lights w/  
 trim.  
 Bob Saunders 218-581-0642  
 5/08

**For Sale:** 1959 Ford T-Bird 390 C.I. 4-Barrel  
 Auto Trans, PWR Windows, PWR Seat, Electric  
 Wipers, New Interior, Many new parts, California  
 car  
 \$15,000.00  
 Contact: Glenn 715-462-3978



**For Sale:**  
 1966 Nission Patrol 4X4  
 Frame and Body Rough  
 Running gear good.  
 \$600 Best Offer Or Trade for?



**Art Bringe 721-3050**  
 1/12

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**  
**3932 E 8th ST**  
**Superior, Wisc**  
**54880**



Here is a couple leads on parts and a van for sale that we received from the World of Wheels car show.

For Sale:

1963 Corvair Van 95

Rebuilt Engine New tires, brakes, cables, and exhaust

Gerry Broman 729-7260

For Sale:

Corvair supplement manuals \$10.00 ea.

Steve Loehcein

320-255-5182

St Cloud, Minn

Corvair Parts Car

1969?

No drivetrain

Cheap!!

Contact Ron 218-590-0765

### \*\*\*13 Inch Tire Status\*\*\*

From a recent article in the Corsa Communicate the following information was revealed. Tire sizes that match the Corvair Radial 1.75-80-13 = 6.50 X 13 and Radial 1.85-80-13 = 7.00 x 13 are NOT being manufactured at this time because most cars are using larger tires. Tires of this size are still available from dealer stock. If you are in need of tires at this time, it would be advisable to buy them before the supply runs out.

Ed Lampi

## Early June Newsletter!!

I will be leaving For Seattle then on to the National Corvair Convention In Ventura California on about June 16th so June's newsletter will go out a week early. If you have any Articles please get them to me right away. I am running out of things to put in the newsletter. We need more members to write up a story about your car and send them to me with some pictures. I love doing the newsletter but I need your help.

*Ron Thompson*

## May-June Car Shows

May 22 Cloquet Walmart

May 26th memorial Day Parade West Duluth

June 4th Elks Club Haines Rd

June 5th Moose Lake Dairy Queen

June 7th Grand Marais

June 8th Hibbing Alliance Church

June 8th Spooner Car Show

June 14 Barnum Car Show

June 15th Mille Lacs Show Onamia

June 21-23 Back to the 50's

June 28 Twin Ports Ford & Mustang show Two Harbors

For those interested I have been downloading a lot of our Corvair pictures I have taken to a Webshots website. I have a lot more to download and some video also. Take a peek. Here is the link.  
Ron T

<http://community.webshots.com/user/HTLCA>



**I wrote to Harry Jensen and asked him to explain the Corsa Ins Coverage better and here's his reply. I think we should talk about this at the next meeting.**

*Ron Thompson*

The insurance CORSA has is Commercial General Liability Insurance. The insurance certificate outlines the limits of coverage's:

General liability

Each occurrence: \$1M

Damage to rented premises: \$1M (each occurrence)

Medical Exp.: \$10K (any one person)

Personal injury: \$1M

General Aggregate: \$2M

Products: \$2M

Automotive liability

Hired autos and non-owned autos: \$1M (each accident)

If you are going to a show or any event, you are covered by your own insurance. While at the show or event, you are covered by your own insurance. CORSA's insurance is secondary, which means your coverage's would have to be exhausted before our insurance kicks in.

So, let's say you are driving to a chapter event with a magnetic sign on the side of your car with your chapter's logo on it. There is an accident, with significant injuries. The injured person hires a lawyer, who sues you, your chapter, its officers, CORSA, its officers. Your auto insurance covers you. CORSA's insurance covers, you (as an officer of the chapter), your chapters other officers, and Tim, Ned, and me, as officers of CORSA.

A couple of misconceptions:

1. You do not have to notify CORSA or its insurance agent for coverage: we are covered automatically.
2. It is not necessary that the event be a show or an autocross; meetings, picnics, and other gatherings are also covered.
3. It does not have to be a 'Corvair' only event. Same coverage applies whether it is a 'Corvair' only event or open to all makes and models.

I do not think we've ever had a claim in the 30+ years I've been with CORSA. The closest we came, was an incident at a mall show when a mall patron slipped and fell on some Armor All spilled on the mall floor.

On insurance matters, consider liability as the most important coverage. Even if you own a 95 pt show car, the car's value is likely no more than \$20K. Then consider how much the person at Mac-Donald's received for spilling hot coffee on herself.

Harry Jensen, CORSA Executive Secretary 9

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I went to my first Convention in Detroit last year and it was a lot of fun. You get to see all kinds of Corvairs and get ideas for improvements you can do for your car.

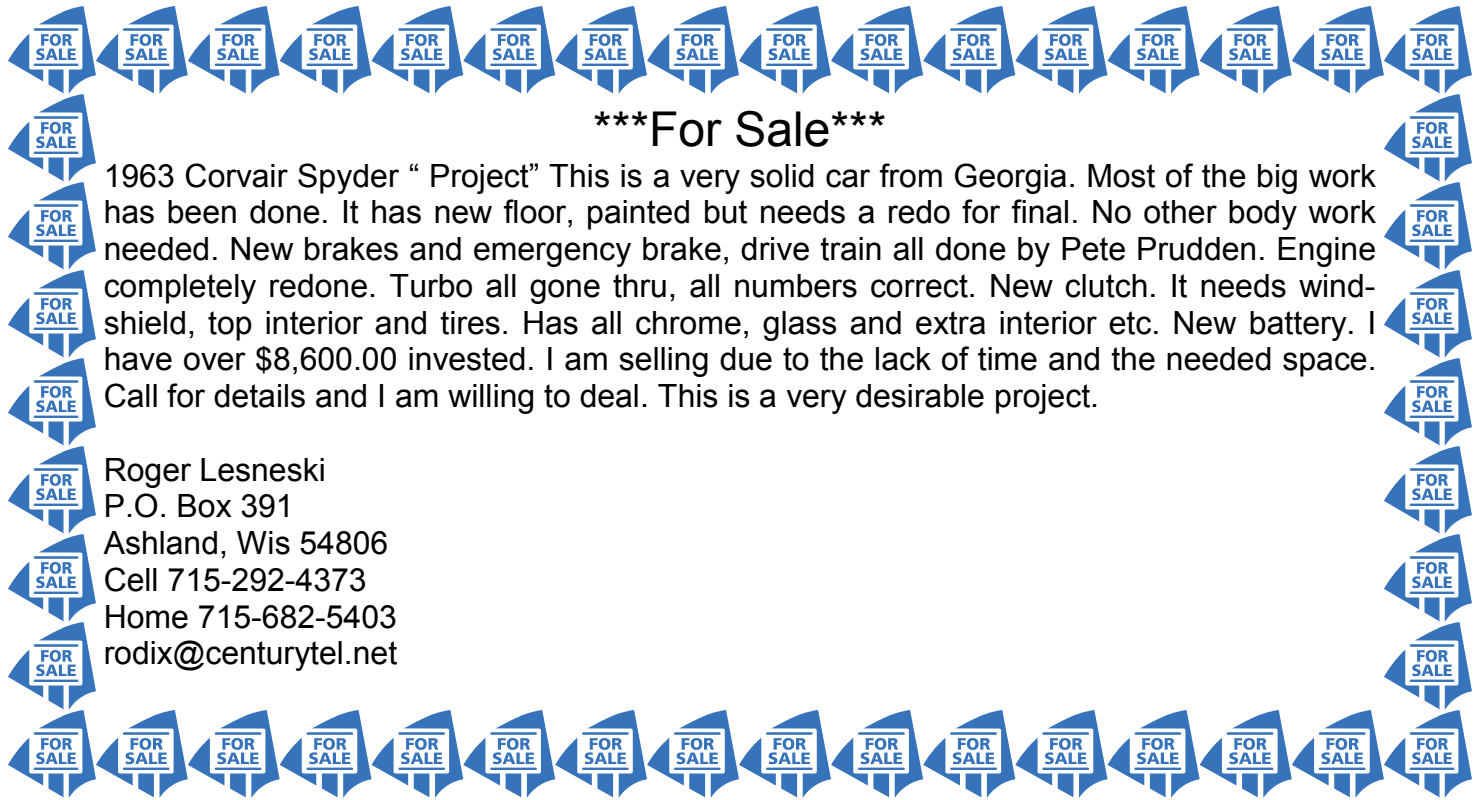
CORSA also has a monthly magazine called The Communique. It always has technical articles on Corvair fixes and want ads for parts and cars available. There is a listing of what's going on and where in the Corvair world. It keeps us in contact with Corvair owners all over the world. Anyone can write up an article of what your club is doing or what your doing on your Corvair and get nation attention. Our Club has had many mentions in it from articles that I sent in. CORSA dues are \$38.00 a yr as it stands now. They offer other membership deals also. I still belong to 3 Corvair Clubs, one in Seattle, Corvair Minn and our own Club. With those and CORSA membership I feel it's cheap when I look at how many times I've had to reach out for parts or advice on fixing a problem on the engines I'm doing. Along with a CORSA Membership come Years and Years of experience from people that have been turning wrenches on Corvairs. I look back and am still amazed on how much I have learned about repairing Corvairs over the last 10 years. Before that I knew nothing. I learned for Joining the local club and getting involved with CORSA. For me that was a cheap education. So PLEASE lets help and Join CORSA today. **THEY NEED OUR HELP!**

**Ron Thompson**

### It's Jason Again

Here's a couple of pictures from Jason Agnich's break drum failure. It totally came apart while driving it in Duluth. He's lucky to not had an accident. Jason called me and I called Ed and he had a spare drum. Jason was back on the road in no time. I wonder if he's doing this on purpose just to get more newsletter space? Jason puts more miles on his Corvair than anyone I know. It's like the energizer bunny, It keeps going and going and going.





### \*\*\*For Sale\*\*\*

1963 Corvair Spyder "Project" This is a very solid car from Georgia. Most of the big work has been done. It has new floor, painted but needs a redo for final. No other body work needed. New brakes and emergency brake, drive train all done by Pete Prudden. Engine completely redone. Turbo all gone thru, all numbers correct. New clutch. It needs windshield, top interior and tires. Has all chrome, glass and extra interior etc. New battery. I have over \$8,600.00 invested. I am selling due to the lack of time and the needed space. Call for details and I am willing to deal. This is a very desirable project.

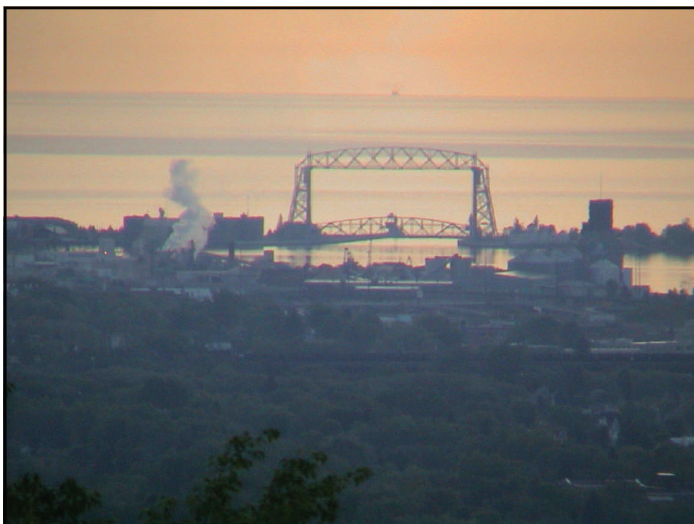
Roger Lesneski  
P.O. Box 391  
Ashland, Wis 54806  
Cell 715-292-4373  
Home 715-682-5403  
rodix@centurytel.net

## Hello from the Sunshine Committee

I have taken on the responsibility to recognize every paid member in our club with a Birthday greeting. I thought it might be fun and nice to have your special day not go unnoticed. I would like to request that all paid memberships please send me your special day so I won't miss sending you a card. Please e-mail me at [Karingkat@Aol.com](mailto:Karingkat@Aol.com) and please put in the subject line (Club Birthday) so I will actually open your mail.

*Kathy Thompson Secretary*

### Just some filler pictures from the past trips



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