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Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



California Dreaming



The trip to California started with an over 1700 mile drive from Superior to Seattle. We made a small side trip at Detroit Lakes Minnesota to stop by for a parts pick up at Vern Sundbom's. You never know what you will see when you take those little side roads but I can tell you we were not disappointed. Vern is a Corvair fanatic as most of us are. He has quite the collection, of which I have included some pictures. It was a very impressive sight. On the road again onward to the West Coast. The trip was warm to say the least, thank goodness for the A/C. Once in Seattle I was there for a night of rest then it was load up time for another long drive to Ventura California. We left Seattle in the wee hours of Saturday morning with a plan to drive straight through to the Willow Springs Racetrack, a twenty hour drive in a Corvair set up for auto-cross, so you can imagine how this car that belongs to John Barnes hugged the road. I got the chance to drive the car when John got tired to drive. I was taking 55 MPH curves at 70 MPH and John's car just hugged the road tight. We made it to Willow Springs where the temperature was a very hot 109 degrees. After watching some of the Corvair time trials we decided to head for Ventura, a two hour drive, 109 degrees, no A/C, just some ice in our hats to help stay cool. We made it to the hotel and got checked in and then our week of Corvair fun began. We got to the Convention site and checked in and found John's swap meet site. There were only a few swappers but I managed to snag a few items on the wish lists I was carrying. We didn't stay at the host hotel but we were still close to all the events. The convention site was the fairgrounds located across the street from the Pacific Ocean, so we caught a very nice Ocean breeze. At the convention one of the buildings was for the Corvair vendors, Clarks and Corvair Underground among others were there. Walking into the vendor area was like being a kid in a candy store. Everything looked so good.

Corvairs continued to roll in all day. Every model, year and color made the trip. Most made it without any trouble except for the 180 turbo that belonged to Rob from Canada.

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



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

Birthdays

Aug 1 Kathy Thompson
Aug 23 Ryan Vertein

July Treasurers Report

This is the proposed Treasurers Report for June

Table with columns: Income, Expenses, Beginning Balance, Ending Balance. Values include \$ 712.32 and .00.

Activities and Events

- July 22 Meet at the Aquarium 6pm for pictures before meeting Regular meeting at Perkins London Rd meeting at 7PM
Aug 5 Committee meeting at The Pruddens 7pm
Aug 26 Regular Monthly meeting at Perkins London Rd 6pm dinner 7pm meeting.

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 Aug 5th 7:00 2008 At The Pruddens

*Next Membership meeting Perkins London Rd July 22nd dinner 6PM Meeting
7PM*

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

California Corvairs
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

Clarks Corvair Parts
400 Mohawk Trail
Shelburne Falls, Mass 01370
423-625-9776
WWW.corvair.com

Rob had lost compression in one cylinder on the trip down. He had it pulled off on the grass to check it out and discovered the problem was a bad valve guide. He located a shop that could repair the head and soon he was putting it back together. When I stopped by to check his progress I could see that he was putting on the pushrod guides. He was on the last two when I noticed that sitting next to his toolbox was the pushrod tubes still in the paper. I politely asked if he was going to do the same thing I had done on an engine job, he asked what that might be and I offered that I had forgotten to install the pushrod tubes first. Well after the blue air cleared the assembly went smoothly and his trip home had no problems.



Vern and His Garage



Another funny story, as we were heading back to our hotel one night, Lon Wall from Corvair Underground was pushing his Corvair Van off the road. We stopped and asked if he needed help. He said the car just died and would not start. After some checking for spark and other things I asked Lon if he might be out of gas. Well he checked the carbs and yup nothing. John carries a two gallon can of gas so he went back to the hotel to get it for Lon. After some priming the car fired right up. We had a little fun at Lon's expense and one morning I left a note on his windshield that said "GOT GAS?" I am sure he figured out who the jokesters were.

The rest of the week was all Corvairs and tire kicking. It was a lot of fun to put faces to some of the names that I have talked to on the computer in the Corvair Forum and Virtual Vairs. The autocross was held in the lot with a big course laid out. A lot of cars tried their luck at sliding through the corners. There was a van up on three wheels a few times making it a crowd favorite.

It was a fun week but soon it was time to head home. We left Ventura and arrived in Seattle 21 hours later. I got one night of sleep and we were on the road again for our trip home. Over all the trip was an amazing 6500 miles, well worth the travel and a trip that wont be soon forgotten.
Ron and Kathy Thompson



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Corvair Classifieds

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



11/07

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



Corvair Trivia
 By Glenn Lemke

What Automotive designer is credited with the design of the Corvair?
Answer on page 6 NO PEEKING!!



Up on 3 wheels



Low-rider Corvair



Think Gas was high here?

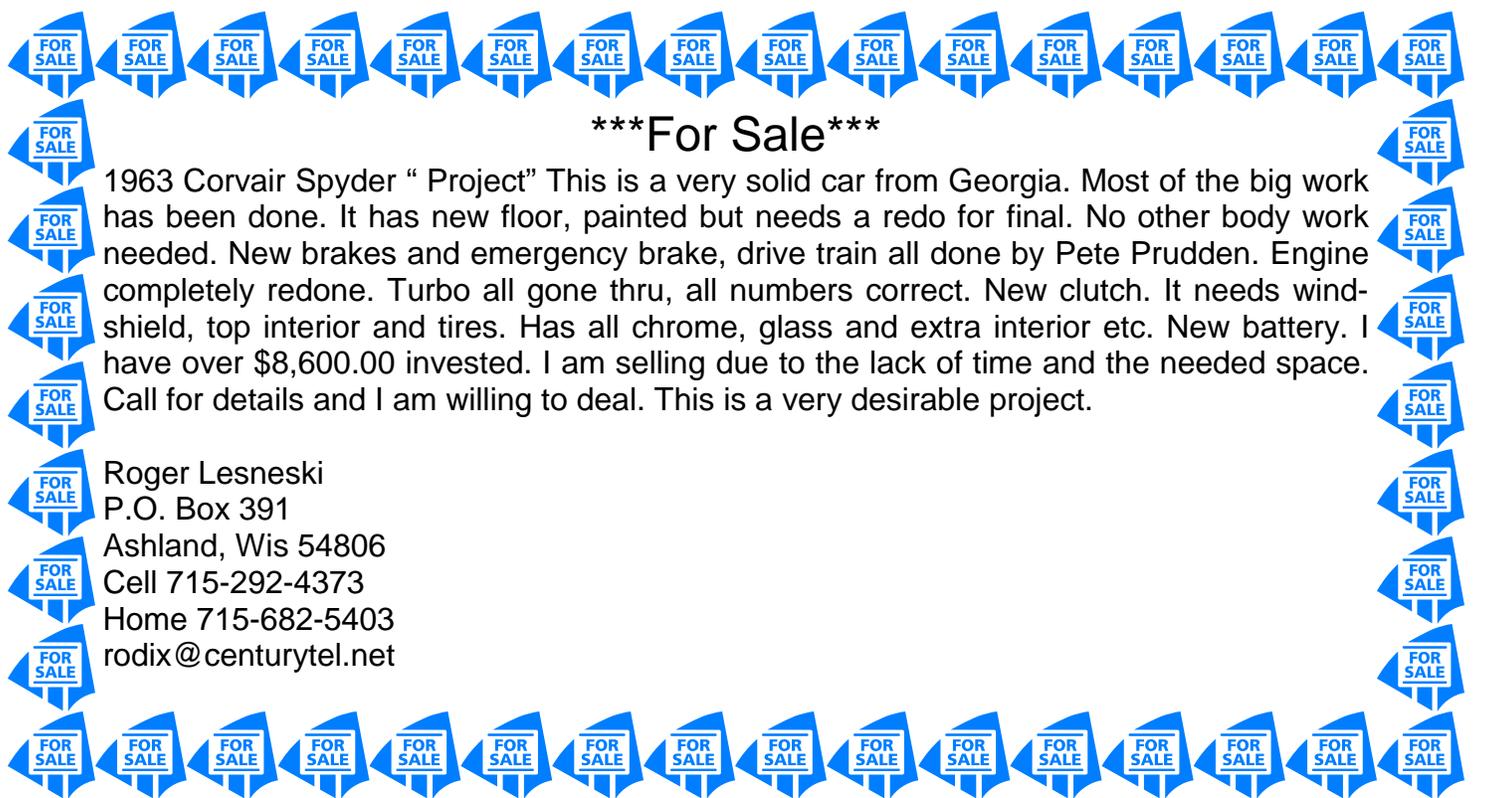


Left in the car in the sun
A little warm?

July- Aug Car Shows

- July 26 Carlton Daze Car Show
- July 26 Grand Rapids
- July 30 Spirit Valley Days
- Aug 1 Cloquet Car show
- Aug 1 Brickyard Days Car Show
Wrenshall
- Aug 2 Cloquet Classic Car Daze
- Aug 3 Lake Nebagemon Car Show
- Aug 7 Frank Lloyd Station 50th Aniv Car
show
- Aug 8 Eskimo Pizza Pies Car show Esko
- Aug 9 Minong Car show
- Aug 10 Studebaker Car show Proctor
- Aug 13 Proctor Hogshead
- Aug 16 Virginia Car show
- Aug St Cloud
- Aug 30 McGregor Car show

Trivia Answer: Ed Cole
Did you guess right?



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 and please put in the subject line (Club Birthday) so I will actually open your mail.

Kathy Thompson Secretary

More Ventura pictures and Videos at

<http://good-times.webshots.com/album/563973411gWqAQa>

Ron, Ed, Irene, Art and Barry Lampi attended the Superior Car show at the mariner mall on July 4th. It was a beautiful day and lots of Corvairing was done. Art drove his Ford to the show and didn't even get lost. GOOD JOB Art!!!

More Ventura Pictures





GMAC 2008

By Art Bringe

I went down with Ed Lampi's son Barry. I led all the way down to Hugo. I figured I led 95% of the way why not let Barry take the other 5%. Sure enough, once we got off I35E he got us lost. He then stopped at a gas station for directions, (A closed gas station.) Well I took over again and got us to the fair grounds, well, pretty close. I took us to the wrong side with no entrance. Well, Barry took over again and got us to the right entrance, but turned left instead of right and we went to another dead end. We had to turn around in that narrow street along with the 4 other cars that followed us. We FINALLY made it to the right gate. Did I mention Barry had a GPS Unit, and my friend Lee who was riding with me also had a GPS Unit, ours worked better than his. We probably wouldn't have needed the GPS with the great sense of direction I have. While registering, Fran invited me to take a turn at the gate, being in the club for a few years I thought it's about time I volunteered for something so I took the 11:-12:00 shift. Let me tell you, This Mpls Club has some nice people but they aren't too smart, they put a Pollock in charge of the money!!! Things went well and I spent a lot of time talking to Gary Nelson and others from the club. Gee, I hope they let me do this again next year. They had 27 cars registered and only 19 showed up. People tend to pick and choose where they go when gas is \$4.00 a gallon. Attendance has been down in just about all the shows I've gone to this year.



Barnum Show

By Art Bringe

Mike Budislulich and I went to Barnum on June 14th. Charlie Running and his bride were already there. Most of us were parked in water but we really had a real nice day with no rain for a change. Mike Tillman and his club put on a really great show as usual. Mike always recognizes everybody's helpfulness, anniversaries, good deeds, ETC. He and his members are always at the gate as we leave, thanking us for coming. Makes you look forward to next year before you get home. Barry, Charlie and I all got trophy's.

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