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## Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



## Detroit or Bust!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It all started about a month ago when my friend John from Seattle e-mailed me and asked me if I wanted him to pick me up on his way to Detroit. It took about 1/2 of a second to say SURE! The plan was he was going to drive his autocross car and pick me up. Needless to say I was very excited to finally go to a national event. Then on the Friday before we were to leave he called from Idaho and asked if we could take my car instead of his. His Auto-cross car was driving was giving him trouble so he drove his 65 4-door Powerglide that used to be mine. I said sure I'll get it ready for the trip. About all I had time to do was change oil. I was going to put a new belt on but forgot. I had spares in the trunk so wasn't worried. John arrived on Sunday about noon and we took off early Monday morning after meeting up with Pete Prudden. Pete was trailering his Spyder in an enclosed trailer. The trip down was about 13 hours and pretty uneventful. Now trying to keep up with Pete on the freeway is another story but we made it ok. The trip was just under 700 miles and the longest trip my 62 has ever been on. It ran fine all the way down, ALMOST. I had a plugged carburetor by the time we arrived in Detroit and my car would hardly idle. I pulled both carbs in the Hotel lot and cleaned them out and installed a new fuel pump for good measure. It ran fine again. The only problem we had on the trip down was when Pete took the life of a bed of some harmless Pansy's when he cut a corner too sharp. On the return trip I noticed a cross in memoriam of the flowers in the garden bed. Following Pete was like driving in the Gumball Rally, but my little 62 kept up just fine. It was a real test for the new engine. I pulled 24 MPG on both legs of the trip and was very proud. We arrived at the hotel at what we thought was about 9PM. We went to Wendy's for burgers and found them closed at 9:45, they were suppose to be open until 10. We later found out at the motel we that we forgot about the time change and it was an hour later than we thought.

We got up the next morning and checked into the convention and got our packets. We found our Swap meet spots and unloaded. John brought some stuff to sell in one spot and the 62 was parked in the other. Cars and trailers rolled in and before long the lot was full of Corvairs. What a sight, this being my first convention, I was in heaven. When we went inside and toured the vendors room. I was floored by with all the all the Corvair stuff. Anything and everything you could want was there.

We spent a lot of time in the swap meet area talking to everyone who walked by. It was nice to finally put some faces to names. There was just about anything you wanted in used parts for Corvairs. At night the whole lot was busy with everyone walking around kicking tires and sharing stories.

The car display at the GM Heritage center was a sight to see. Every color and body style was represented. It was a beautiful setting. We boarded a bus to Tour the GM Museum. The museum contained a lot of beautiful cars and a lot of GM Concept cars. A lot of the cars I remembered seeing as a kid on TV commercials. It was a real treat to finally see these beautiful cars in person.

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## Birthdays

Aug 23 Ryan Verthein  
 Sept 6 Carol Bringe  
 Sept 30 Mary Murphy

Happy Birthday!

## New Members

Bob Saunders

WELCOME!!!!

## Treasurers Report

July 2007

Balance 6/27/07 Newsletter	724.27
May 50/50	8.00
Balance 5/31/07 Per Bank /net Worth	732.27

June

Beginning Checking Balance	732.27
Revenue, Incoming:	
Dues	40.00
50/50	14.00
54.00	54.00
Expense Outgoing:	
Newsletter	30.00
(30.00)	(30.00)
Ending Checking balance/Net Worth	756.27

July

Beginning Checking Balance	756.27
Revenue Incoming	-0-
Expense, Outgoing	
Newsletter	30.00
Ending Checking Balance/Net Worth	726.27

Jim Linder Treas.

## \*\*\*CONVENTION PICTURES\*\*\*

I have more pictures and video on a couple websites listed below. I can make you a disk of these if you want, just let me know. Also I ordered a disk of the Convention and will receive it in a few weeks.

### Pictures:

<http://community.webshots.com/user/corvki07>

### Video:

<http://media.putfile.com/Detroit-2007>

<http://media.putfile.com/Autocross-46>

Ron Thompson

## Activities and Events

Aug 28th Monthly membership meeting at Perkins London Rd Duluth  
 Sept 4th Committee meeting at the Pruddens 7PM  
 Sept 24th Monthly membership meeting at Perkins London Rd Duluth

The autocross was the highlight of the trip for me. I had seen autocrosses when I lived in Seattle but to see one that was all Corvair was a sight to see. I wanted to be out on the course with my car so bad but I had 700 miles to drive home so I had to be a spectator. I took some video of the event and will have that and all my pictures on a disk if anyone cares to see them. Also I ordered a disk of the show that I will share with the group.

We also attended a couple of the tech sessions. One was on Fuel injection and it was a little over my head but still interesting. The other one we attended was 2 GM engineers that were in the design dept when the Corvair was in production. They had a lot of fantastic stories to tell. The one story that surprised me the most was when they said they were about to unveil the Camaro. He went on to say that they had a bunch of dealers and buyers in the room and when they uncovered the car they said “we introduce you to the New Corvair.” The dealers all said you can’t do this. With all the trouble the Corvair has had you can’t do this. The other interesting thing was to listen to all the Tests they performed on the cars of that time. The one thing that never came up thru the whole discussion was Ralph Nader. When a person asked the speaker said Nader was not a factor in the demise of the Corvair. Very interesting stuff that I will talk about at the next club meeting.

After a solid week of Corvairing we finally wrapped things up and headed for home. I blew a fan belt about 10 miles out of Detroit but had a spare, I installed it and off we went all the way home. I failed to take my own advice and install a new belt before the trip and paid the price. All in all it was the dream vacation for me. It was great to spend the week with my buddie from Seattle. It was a trip that’s going to take a while to come down from.

Ron Thompson





# GM Heritage Museum Pictures



**\*\*\*It's Dues time again!\*\*\***

Yup, it's that time of the year again. Our fiscal year ends the end of August and Sept is a new year. Our dues are \$15.00 a yr if we e-mail your newsletter and \$20.00 yr if we mail it thru the USPS. Our club has grown in the last year and we are planning more activities for the upcoming yr already. We need more people to come to our monthly meetings. The more that come and participate the better time we have. We need your input. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

**Election of officers will be held at our Sept regular monthly meeting. If you have any nominations please attend the August meeting. So far here is a list of nominations:**

**President: Patty Prudden  
Phoenix Charlie**

**Secretary: Kathy Thompson  
Margaret Thatcher**

**Vice President: Dan Rutka  
Dick Cheney**

**Treasurer: Peter Prudden  
Alan Greenspan**

## **Membership Application**

### **Head of The Lakes Corvair Association**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Corvairs Owned:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Corsa Member Yes** \_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_

**Dues: Check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$20.00 For Newsletter mailed thru USPS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$15.00 If we E-Mail the newsletter**

**Payable to: Head of the Lakes Corvair Association**

**Send Dues to: Jim Linder Treasurer**

**1120 W 5TH ST**

**Duluth Minn 55806**





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## Meeting Agenda

### 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  
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# Corvair Classifieds

**For Sale:** Two Kelly Charger 195/60R/15 Tires. Lots of tread left. Fit my early model great on 15" Nissan rims, and would be swell on a late model with 15" rims too. Can't beat the price, FREE! Pick 'em up in Bovey, or could bring 'em to a meeting. Call **Tim at 218-245-1782** or e-mail:

**minoxphotograher@yahoo.com**

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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**

*Here is some leads on Corvair's and parts we received at the show:*

Jim 218-885-2026  
Pengilly Corvair Truck and Parts

Dave Carlstrom  
Chislom, 1 Cpe, 1 4-door hardtop

Ray Kerr  
25890 US Highway 2 Ashland Wisc  
1-888-767-8818  
Corvair Pick up and parts

Jim Cronstrom- Superior  
715-392-1619  
66 Corsa Red Convertible  
Paid \$7,500—????

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**  
or  
**corvkid50@aol.com**



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# Sept Car Shows

- Sept 1 McGregor Car Show**
- 3 Cloquet Labor Day Car Show By City Hall**
- 5 Dales Commemorative Air Force Duluth**
- 6 Downtown Moose Lake**
- 12 Days Inn Miller Mall Area**
- 15 Floodwood Car Show**
- 15 Superior Business Car Show**
- 29 Hinkley Oktoberfest Car Show**

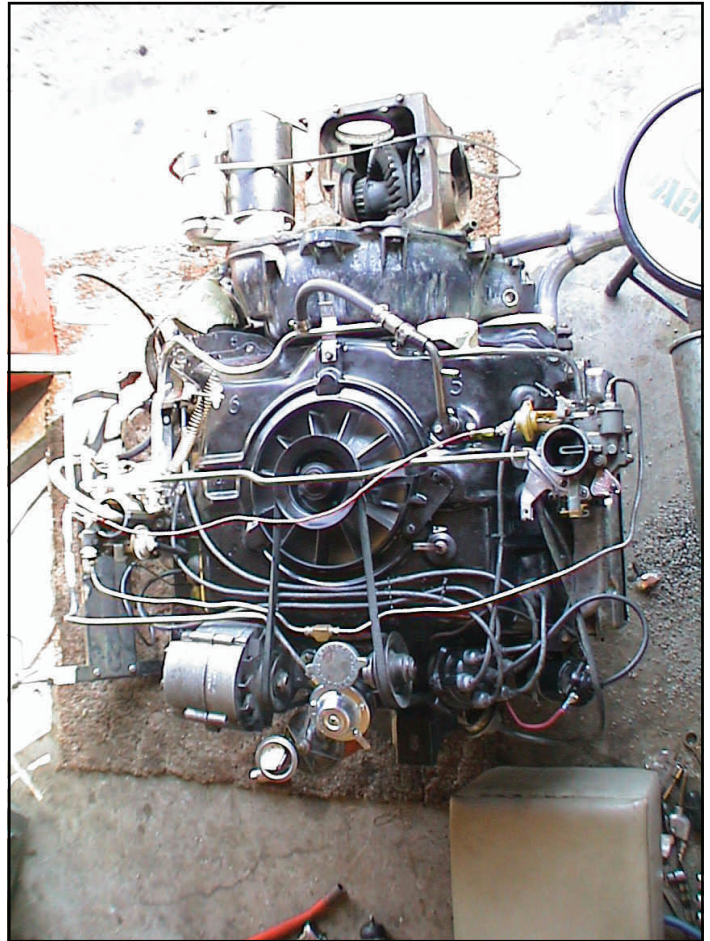




## ***Success!!!!!!!***

Well I fired up Bob Saunders engine today. We got the engine from Glen Lemke and found it had a bad cam gear. I pulled it apart and put Bob's cam from his old engine in it. After cleaning it up and firing it up I discovered it had a lifter that was not moving. It was stuck in the up position. Back apart it comes. I freed up the lifter and cleaned the bore and assembled it once more. I checked everything but missed the stuck lifter. It fired right up and ran like a top. It'll need a couple quick oil changes and some run time in the garage on the floor before it goes back in. I adjusted the valves and it purrs. Next is some new plug wires and fine tuning. Bob has been working on the truck while the engine was out. He painted a red stripe on it and is doing some interior work in it also. It'll be a nice addition to the club.

Ron Thompson



Here's a picture of Ed Lampi and Dan Rutka enjoying a night at Airport Autos. In the past year Ed has had a couple strokes and a brain operation. Ed's back working on his 64 project and doing car shows again. Keep up the good work Ed!!

**2006-07**

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