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**Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter**



## Ed's Corvair History



In 1960, as the "Big Three" Auto manufacturers were bringing out their compact cars, the idea of Chevrolet's Corvair engineering took my interest. The thought of an air cooled, trans-axle design was so different from what had been the normal way of automobile manufacture for years. As I read up on the features of the Corvair, I became more interested. In early 1961, I had left the employment at one of the large retail department stores and later went to work as a salesman at the local Chevrolet dealer. As the newest salesperson I was given the use of a 1961 Monza 4-Door Sedan with a 3 speed Transmission. It was definitely a fun car to drive. While I left their employment after about 3 months, I had developed a feeling that I would be a Corvair owner. Some time later, an auto Dealer going out of business, had a 1960 Corvair 700, 4-door, Automatic Transmission for sale at a very reasonable price. It would be ideal for my wife to learn to drive, so it was purchased. She did learn to drive and received her driver's license. While I have never been employed as a mechanic, I've done my own auto repairs. I also learned to work on the Corvair as it needed repair and Maintenance. In 1969 when the Corvair Automobile was discontinued, it immediately became a throw away car. Corvairs could be bought and sold cheap. I revived quite a few of their neglected Corvairs through out the years.

I retired in 1983 and, having a 1963 Corvair parts car in the yard, I was looking for a restorable 1963. I finally found a 1963 Spyder body that I felt was worth salvaging. It took it a while to get it all together. The first time it appeared at a car show was in Hoyt Lakes in 1988. Since then I have had been to most of the car shows in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. And most times the only Corvair, winning over 75 trophy's. It was sold in 1999 and a 1968 Corvair Monza Sports Coupe has taken its place. Corvairs are showing up more and more and I feel I've led the way throughout the years.

Corvair Experience-1961-Present  
Beat This—If You Can!!!

*Ed Lampi*





Sept 6 Carol Bringe

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!**

**Treasurers Report**

Beginning Bal	\$662.12
Income:	
50/50	13.00
50/50 Hinkley	21.00
Auction Hinkley	31.00
Cavalry Donation (Rutka)	50.00
Expense:	
BB Cruz	185.00
Window Stickers	53.50
Parts Shipping	14.05
Ending Balance	\$524.57

Art Bringe

*"Ed Says"*

**"Fuel Pumps"**

New Corvair Fuel Pumps have been suffering from reliability problems. It seems that most of the suppliers of new fuel pump replacements are having problems from getting a reliable source of diaphragm material. Most new cars today are using electric fuel pumps, so sources for a good material for diaphragms somehow seems to be lacking. A lot of the Corvair parts suppliers still tell us that they have licked this problem. I've had some very poor luck with a couple of Corvair parts sources in which a total of 4 fuel pumps have been defective. Two that failed the first time they were used and a couple that would run until they heated up then they would quit. Unfortunately, this all happened within a 5 month period, and to have that many failures makes one wonder if it's possible to find a good reliable source. I finally had to put in an electric unit which seems to be working fine, so far. It seemed that the 40 yr old pumps that still operate are the most reliable. While my experience was probably remote happening, you should be aware that it can create a problem.

*Ed Lampi*

**Activities and Events**

**Sept 30** Food Drive Superior Wal Mart 10-3

**Oct 3** Committee Meeting At Pete Prudden's House 7PM

**Oct 24** Monthly regular meeting at **BRIGHTON BEACH 5PM** (Bring you Corvair for a photo shoot.)

## *Meeting Agenda*

- 1 Secretary's report*
- 2 Treasurers report*
- 3 Committee Reports Car shows, GM Eggerbrecht Chev, Aug 6 St Louis Fair, Wed Nights, Cloquet Airport, Spirit valley days aug 2, Veterans Memorial*
- 4. Pete's Parts*
- 5, Newsletter*
- 6 Web Page*
- 7. Old business Patches and decals Patty's window stickers. First Aid Kit, Food shelf Drive, Antenna Flags,*
- 8. New Business Park Point Cruise after Aug Meeting, Nomination of officers, 2007 Dues Changes, Board meeting-Exposure, finances, communication with MPLS, fun events, Cavalry*

## **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  
310-070-9851  
[www.larryscorvair.com](http://www.larryscorvair.com)

Clarks Corvair Parts Inc.  
[clarks@corvair.com](mailto:clarks@corvair.com)  
413-625-9776  
[www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.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)

## **Dues Time Again!!!!!!**

Well it's that time of the year already. Our first year as a club has went by fast. We have had a lot of activities and have a lot more in the planning. Now it time to pay the dues again. Like everything else the cost of everything has risen. Here is what we decided That we would break up the dues into 2 groups. If you want a Newsletter mailed to you by the USPS the dues will be \$20.00. If you have E-Mail and want it E-mailed the dues will be \$15.00. The cost of postage, Ink, and Paper is the reason for this. If you want your newsletter sent E-Mail just send me an E-mail with RE: E-Mail Newsletter in the subject line. Dues will be due Sept 1st. Dues can be Mailed to :

Art Bringe  
4133 Schultz Rd  
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Make payable To:  
Head of The Lakes Corvair Association

## **Our Mission Statement**

**"To support the National Organization and structure of the Corvair Society of America. To support it's charter members and encourage the restoration and preservation of the corvair Automobile. To conduct a helpful and friendly environment in which members are able to expand their knowledge of the Corvair Automobile an sources to preserve it."**

# Food Shelf Drive

The Club was out collecting food for the Second Harvest Food Shelf on Sat Aug 26th. We parked 5 Corvairs in front of Super One up on Miller trunk highway and had the people fill our trunks. The Cars really caught the attention of all the people. We collected a total of 200 Pounds of food and \$70.00 in cash. The weather was great and we had a good club turnout. The usual banter and laughter was the rule of the day. We had 2 tv stations show up and interviewed our President. GOOD GOING Patty!!!



**Another food drive is going to take place at the Superior Wal Mart on Sept 30th 10-3 Plan on attending!!!!!!**

Nominations for officers was held at our monthly Club meeting at Perkins on Aug 22nd. The following officers were nominated for Office.

**President** Patty Prudden.

**Vice President** Dan Rutka

**Secretary** Jeannette Olson

**Treasurer** Jim Linder

**Assistant Treasurer** Art Bringe

**Newsletter Editor** Ron Thompson

**Historian** Molly Prudden

**Directors** 1 Pete Prudden

2 Ed Lampi

3 Jason Agnich

Elections will be held at our Sept meeting At Perkins London Rd Duluth, Minn. Please be present to participate.

## Thank You!!!

For those that own a computer and check our club web page, you will notice that we have a club store up and running. Also all of our newsletters and archived. This is a lot of work. This reaches an unreal amount of people. All this work has been done by Tim Verthein. I think I can speak for all the club members and say Thank You Tim for all the behind the scenes work you do for the club. I just wanted you to know, that it is noticed. Again, Thank You!!!

Ron Thompson

## Food Drive Superior Wal Mart 3705 Tower Ave 10 AM-3PM

Once again we are planning another food drive. Because of the huge success of our last Food Drive in Super One in Duluth, we are planning a food drive in Superior at the Wal Mart Superstore on Tower Ave. All proceeds will go to the House of Mercy-Mercy Fund Food Shelf located at 3000 Hill Ave at the Central Assembly of God Church. This is a community food shelf helping those in need. Lets got those Corvairs out and help a good cause.



# 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](mailto:minoxphotograher@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto:corvkid50@aol.com)

If interested in this car contact:

Vern Rubesh

344 8th ST.

Cloquet, Minn 55720

218-879-8234

**For Sale:** 1965 Corsa Coupe. Very solid body, originally Turbocharged. Perfect Glass, POR-15'd interior and engine compartment. All new brakes and Duel Master Cylinder kit installed. 1986 Toyota Celica GT Fully adjustable Bucket seats included. Need to be fitted. Could be re-engined and driven. Call Ryan at 218-244-0247



**For Sale: Make Offer**

1 Fram PH16 Oil Filter

2 AC PF13 Oil filters

3 Motorcraft FL 400A Oil Filters

1 6014 Seal Beam Headlamp

**All New In box**

Take all or Part, Proceeds to be donated to club treasury.

Contact: Ron Thompson 590-0765 or [corvkid50@aol.com](mailto:corvkid50@aol.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 1925 Wyoming Ave Superior, Wis 54880 or [corvkid50@aol.com](mailto:corvkid50@aol.com)

# Car Show Calendar

## September

- 2 McGregor Car Show
- 4 Hugo Orphan Car show
- 6 Dale's Confederation Air Force Hanger
- 7 Carlton Bank
- 9<sup>th</sup> Walker Car Show/Northfield Car Show
- 10 Little Falls Car show
- 13 Days Inn/ Duluth
- 16 Floodwood Car show / East end Superior Business Car Show
- 20 Saginaw Grand Lake Station/Wal Mart Hermantown
- 21 Gordy's High Hat
- 23 Cruise To Bayfield
- 27 Wal Mart Hermantown
- 30 Food Drive Superior Wal-Mart



The Corvair Cavalry was on the road on Thursday Sept 14th. Ed and Ron Made a trip to Grand Rapids to work on Charlie Running's early Corvair. After a compression test the valves were adjusted, 1 carb was flushed out, and carbs adjusted balanced. 2 valves were seriously out of adjustment. Some vacuum lines and one spark plug was replaced and it was running sweet once again. We were treated to a fine lunch and headed for home. Another Corvair was repaired and we had smiles all the way home. A big *Thank You* to the Running's for their Donation.

## Election Ballot

Here is your Ballot for the officers for the up coming year for our club. If you want to nominate some one Please write their name in the correct position. Please fill out and return To: Jeannette Olson 323 Thurber Rd Duluth, Minn 55903 The election will be held at our Sept 26th Meeting at Perkins on London Rd in Duluth. Please plan on attending.

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