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## Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



# Happy Birthday Head of the Lakes Corvair Association!!!

By Ron Thompson

The Head of the Lakes Corvair Association is 2 yrs old. On the right is a copy of our first newsletter cover. Look how far we have come. When I lived in Seattle I kept in contact with Ed Lampi and talked about firing up the old Corvair club when I moved back. The day finally came and I moved back to Superior. We arranged a meeting up at Pete Pruddens house and the 3 of us began resurrecting the Club. My thought was if we had a dozen members we would be doing great. Here we are 2 years later and have approximately 26 members. Needless to say it's gone far past my expectations, and we're gaining new members all the time. We have had many great outings and it's been a lot of fun.



Last year we put together a couple of food drives that got us some TV coverage and helped a lot of people in time of need. We have had a few outings with the Minnesota Corvair club in the Minneapolis area and have many more planned. Now the possibility of helping out on a National Convention is a possibility. We were represented at the last few conventions and had a club banner up at the Detroit convention.

I borrowed the idea of a Corvair Cavalry idea from my former Corvair Club, Corvairs Northwest in Seattle. It's been a great money maker for the club and it's put a few corvairs back on the road that were silent for a few yrs. And there's a lot of work to be finished yet. The success of the club is possible because of everyone working as a unit. We have a great list of members that help make our club a success. To All the officers and members I want to say **Thank You** for making a dream come true. The future is endless. It shows even a small club can make a difference. And again **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!**



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**Birthdays**

Sept 6 Carol Bringe  
 30 Mary Murphy  
 Oct 29 Paul Wortruba

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






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

**Treasurers Report**

**In Memoriam**



**Activities and Events**

Sept 4 7PM Committee meeting at The Pruddens  
 Sept 25th Monthly meeting Perkins London RD Dinner at 6 meeting at 7  
 Oct 6th Bar B Cruz in Askov Minn  
 Oct 13 Food drive Superior WalMart  
 Oct 20th Food drive at Super One At Miller Hill  
 Oct 25th Monthly meeting Perkins London Rd dinner 6PM meeting at 7



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# Meeting Agenda

1. *Sec't and Treas Report*
2. *Committee Reports*
  - a) *Car Shows*
  - b) *Corvair Cavalry*
3. *Pete's Parts*
4. *Newsletter-Ron Thompson*
5. *Web Page Tim Verthein*
6. *Old Business*
  - a) *Christmas City of The North Parade*
  - b) *Corsa Donation \$300.00*
  - c) *Fall Color Tour with Corvair Minn*
7. *New Business*
  - a) *St Croix 08*
  - b) *Get together at Vic's*
  - c) *Christmas Party location*
  - d) *Food drives*
8. *Tech Talk*  
*Pete on Petronic's*

## 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)

# FIRE AND ICE IX

*By Tim Verthein*

Once again Iowa served up a perfect day for some Corvair Fun! The short report is....I took 2 seconds off my best time from last year, but my son Ryan managed to still beat me by a couple seconds with his best run. I blame it on slippery track conditions later in the day, hotter track run-and the fact that he had lower, meaner rubber on his car, (he was in IS2). For other early fans Team Early cars were rather poorly represented this year, with only THREE 60-64 cars entered. #24 Bill Schmelling was cursed with a dropped valve seat after his first run, which left 2, myself and Jim Dallas in his good running early in SM! Class (I was SS1 as was Bill). Yellow seems to be the new color for the season—That's me in the '64 with the chrome wheels/Bumpers, Jim Dallas in the early with the black bezels, and my son Ryan in the same color as mine. I did ok with the first class and longest distance driven to the event. Others came a greater distance but trailered their Corvairs. Pete Prudden made it down with his Corsa and had a great day of action, but I think he needs to let his inhibitions run wild a bit and give'er the gas. Lots of guys from Corvair Minnesota showed up to watch as well. We did get the added thrill of a chipmunk deciding to dash onto the track right into the side of a tire on a speeding Corvair, which of coarse let track officials with an expired rodent to clear from the track before he became a slippery spot. Another great day of Corvair fun, and next year will be the 10TH Annual!!



# More fire and Ice pictures

Pictures By Tim Verthein



## Bar B Cruz

It's time for our 2nd annual Bar B Cruz. We will leave **McDonnalds Thompson Hill Parking lot at 9AM Sat Oct 6th**. We will cruise down to the City of **Askov Minn** and meet up with The Minnesota Corvaair group at the **Pavilion on Main Street in Askov**. The gathering will start at **11AM rain or shine**. The Head of The Lakes Corvaair Association will provide refreshments, and angus beef burgers on the grill. The 1ST half of the alphabet will bring a salad, hot dish of accompaniment, and the 2ND half Brings Dessert.

Chuck and Patty are sure to entertain us with their antics-water balloons again. Everyone is welcome to bring their favorite hobby along to demonstrate or share with the group. RC Cars, spinning wheel, needlepoint, Collections, photography, and any CORVAIR stuff etc. Gary nelson will provide us all with a car dolly demonstration. Any questions contact Pete Prudden 218-728-2408

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!**



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# Corvair Classifieds

*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

**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: [corvaid50@aol.com](mailto:corvaid50@aol.com)  
If interested in this car contact:  
**Vern Rubesh**  
**344 8th ST.**  
**Cloquet, Minn 55720**  
**218-879-8234**



**Head of the Lakes Corvair Assoc.  
Meeting minutes August 28th 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Patti Prudden. There were 14 members and 1 guest in attendance.

**Secretary Report:** Jeanette read the minutes from the June meeting as there was no July meeting. Minutes were accepted as read.

**Treasurer Report:** Read by Jim Linder. His report will appear in the next newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was held and Joann Lemke won \$9.00 with \$9.00 also going to the club.

**Committee Report:** The Wednesday night club will be meeting at 27th W on 9/1/07. Ed and Art attended the Two Harbors show and they also went to the Virginia show.

**Corvair Calvary:** Bob's car will hopefully be finished tomorrow, Pat Murphy's will be worked on and finished soon, and Dick Dees's will be ready for working on soon.

**Pete's Parts:** Pete doesn't have an order going it at this time but if you need something be sure to get a hold of him.

**Unfinished Business:** CAF Tour was on 6/30 and on 9/5 the Wed night club we be there.

The airplane wash was a success, earning the club \$300.00. It was a lot of work . Thanks go to the team of Pete, Patti, Molly, Paul and Dick , you all did a great job. There was talk about how some changes could make it an easier job. This is something we would like to do again and hopefully recruit a couple more members or friends to join in.

**Detroit Nationals:** Attended by Pete, Ron and John Barnes from the Seattle Club. Pete gave a recap of the events. Ron put an article in the newsletter also. Corsa is trying to encourage new membership due to dwindling numbers. Pete made a motion to make a donation to Corsa to help them out, by giving Corsa the \$300.00 our club made washing airplanes. There was discussion in support of the motion it was seconded and passed. Bob Donahue approached Pete about co-hosting the 2010 (50th anniversary of the Corvair) Nationals with the Iowa Club in Cedar Rapids. It would be a 5 day event (Monday-Friday) the last full week in June. Ron shared some of his National's experiences with the club. Ron ordered a CD of the event and when it comes we will plan a meeting to be at Pete and Patti 's so we can see the CD on their big screen TV.

**Fire and Ice:** This event is over Labor Day weekend. Rooms are still available.

**Fall Colors Tour:** This event is a picnic at Banning Junction with the Minnesota club. To take place on Oct 13th which is a Saturday. Our club will be providing burgers and brats. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. Fran and Chuck will be contacted to pass the word to them by Pete. Anyone from our club that would like to drive together can meet at Thompson Hill McDonalds at 9am.

Vic Blazevic has suffered some serious health issues. He can no longer drive and if anyone is near or would like to stop by and give him a ride to the meeting that would be great. He is at Westwood, St Scholastica if you want to stop in and just visit.

The new year for our Club starts in September. Nominations/elections were held at the August meeting. Here are the officials: Patti Prudden-President, Dan Rutka-Vice President, Jim Linder-Treasurer, Kathy Thompson-Secretary. Pete, Ed and Jason will be board of directors. The committee meetings and Board meetings are open to all members and if you have anything for the agenda you can offer them by phone or in person. The next board meeting is September 4th and the next membership meeting is on September 25th at Perkins, eating at 6:00pm meeting at 7:00 pm.

**New Business:** Bob has offered to draw up an Advance Directive (Living Will) for medical issues to anyone interested for either Wisconsin or Minnesota at no charge. Ron wants to do another food drive for the same Church food shelf that we did for last year in Wisconsin. When he has firmed up the date and time he will let everyone know. Ed thanks everyone for all the cards, letters and support during his most recent health issues. Welcome back Ed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

# Car Shows

Oct 6 Frederic Wisc

Sept 19 Coffee Cabin Rice lake Rd Duluth

## FOOD DRIVES

The Head of the lakes Corvair Association will be holding 2 more food drive in Oct.

On Oct 13th we will meet with empty Corvair trunks at the Superior Wal-Mart on Tower Ave. Also on Oct 20th we will hold a food drive at the Super One store on Miller Trunk again. Last year was a booming success and they need more food. I spoke to a member of the church and their shelves are empty. LETS FILL THEM UP!!!

The second food drive will be held at the Super One store on Miller trunk. Lets dust off those Corvairs and get out there an help those who are less fortunate and need some help. Last year was a huge success so lets make it even better this year!!!

### Pictures of last years food drives





## Progress on Ed's 64



## Corvairs on the road to McGregor

**Art, Ed, Ron and Charlie Running took to the road and drove to McGregor to the annual car show. It was a nice hot day and a lot of cars. When we came over Thompson hill you could see Superior was fogged in totally. It was close to 80 and sunny all day in McGregor, but the cool air felt good.**



## **“The Cursed Brake Job”**

**by Glenn Lemke**

This job started out simple enough. After acquiring this '66 Convertible, I thought a good thing to do would be to install a dual master cylinder conversion. That's when it all started!

After getting the conversion kit from Clarks, I proceeded to assemble it (see photo #1). It really looked terrible. Clarks instructions tell you to drill a ½” hole in the vertical wall of the firewall and to disconnect the rear brake line from the tee, rotate the old line 90 degrees and face it forward. “Good Luck”! After giving it much thought I decided to make my own lines (see photo #2) . This worked out much better since I did not have to try to rework the existing rear brake line. Also Clarks cost for the conversion kit was \$107.05. The cost for just a master cylinder is \$74.90. That's a difference of \$32.15. For \$6.50 for 2 brake lines from Car Quest you can save \$25.15.

That being done, a friend came and helped me bleed the brakes. Oh, oh – problem! The right front wheel is locked up. Not a big deal – we'll just pop off the drum and fix it. Not good – wheel seal was leaking and soaked the lining which needed to be replaced. I removed the drums from the left front and rear wheels. Not good – wheel cylinder showed leakage and adjuster on rear was frozen. Moved to right rear – tap, tap – drum won't move. Get bigger hammer – bang, bang – drum still won't move. Fire up compressor and pneumatic hammer – still won't move. No choice left but to get the torch. That does it, but drum no longer useable. Neighbor down the block stops by wondering what all the noise is about.

Turns out that all the linings needed replacement. So I called the local Car Quest and ordered new linings, spring and adjuster kits and wheel cylinder kits. Removing the front wheel cylinder I noticed the left front flex line was cracked – ordered 2 new flex lines. While I was down under the car Joann stopped by and asked “what is that crude looking thing by the wheel?”. That's just grease and duct tape covering the speedometer cable. Called Clarks and ordered new speedo cable.

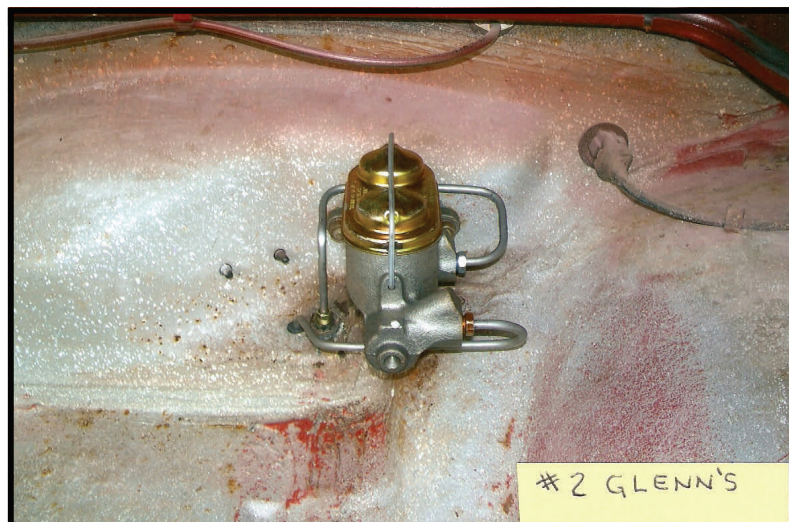
Start to remove rear wheel cylinders but will have to replace brake line from cylinder to flex line. Clarks get \$10.75 for each of these lines, but I can bend my own for \$3.00 each. I ran to town, came back and bent both lines. I installed the left side. No problem – everything looks good. Went to install the right side and could not get the threads to work. Turns out they had given me one standard thread and one metric. A 10-24 fine thread and a 10 millimeter metric look almost identical. Back to town to get another line. This doesn't seem bad until you realize we are 20 miles from town.

Picked up brake parts from Car Quest and started to assemble front brakes. Everything looking good so far. Went to the rear and started to clean and rebuild rear cylinders. Whoa! This is not good – these kits don't fit – they are for 1 1/8” cylinder and I need 15/16”. Call Car Quest and they will check part numbers. Part number is correct but parts

are wrong and they will have to check inventory from warehouse. Ordered new kits from Clarks just in case.

Got new cylinder kits and proceeded to assemble the rear brakes, but could not get the hold down springs to work. Turns out Car Quest doesn't know the difference between front and rear hold down springs. By this time I am pretty fed up with Car Quest. Friday before Labor Day weekend, I ordered new spring kits from Clarks knowing I will not get them for a week. Finally UPS arrives and I eagerly opened the package with the anticipation of finishing the brake job. Not to happen! Clarks sent me the wrong parts. Did you ever think you couldn't win for losing? I'm thinking this would be my last Corvair brake job but I still have the Ultra Van to do, so I will probably be in the funny farm by the time I finish it.

My thanks to Peter Prudden for the rear brake drum and the many odds and ends he has provided for me. My thoughts of having this car on the road by the end of August will just have to wait until spring.



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