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Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



My Corvair Chronicles

by Dale Olson



It all started when my grandmother, Anna Olson, drove a '63 Corvair Monza hardtop. I like it so much, that when I decided to buy a car at age **13**, I found and purchased a '62 Monza hardtop for only \$25. From then on I was hooked. It was a fun car to drive and it wasn't like my father's Chevrolet. I used it to take my mother to the grocery store a few blocks away from home. She didn't drive and Dad was always busy.

During that time my brother, Rick, acquired Grandma's '63 and bought a '65 Monza hardtop. After 2 years, I sold mine to a family friend for \$300 and paid Rick \$100 for his '65. I drove it to school and work. I then mounted N50-15 tires in the rear of the car. This was the car I drove to take my driver's test and became a legal driver. I drove this car throughout 10th grade. That summer Jeannette and I started dating. We decided to dress it up a little and put fake white fur on the dash and a stuffed cow and mule in the back window. On the first day of 11th grade while parked on 4th Street near East High School, I asked Jeannette to go steady and gave her a ring.

Later that fall we decided to go to a movie at St. Scholastica with a friend of hers. While driving to St. Paul Avenue to pick up Debi, all forward gears quit working. I drove in reverse from Woodland, downtown to get Jeannette, and to the movie. When we got to St. Scholastica, the parking lot attendant wouldn't let us into the entrance of the parking lot. We were facing the wrong direction. He made us go in the exit and when we left, you guessed it, made us leave through the entrance blocking traffic both times. Throughout the evening I drove in reverse at 30 mph keeping up with the flow of traffic. A few people noticed that we were going in reverse, but didn't seem to care. Even the police officers didn't pay us much attention, or they couldn't decide which law I was breaking, because I didn't get pulled over.

After that, we found a green '63 Greenbrier window van for \$100 to drive in the winter. My grandmother told us that we couldn't have a van without a nice big mattress for the back, which she provided. Since we had the mattress, then of course Jeannette made curtains, green print to match, for the windows and a dividing curtain behind the front seats for complete privacy. The following spring, we bought a '64 Monza convertible for \$50 to drive through the summer. It was black with red interior. This was the car to become my signature set of wheels throughout the rest of high school and almost every summer from then on. There are many van and convertible stories, which I will share next time. (At least those that can be in print.) In the meantime, keep those Corvairs cruising and we'll see you on the road.



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New Members
Dick Lee
WELCOME!!!!!!!



Birthdays

October 29 Paul Wotruba



Treasurers Report
SEPT

Beginning Balance \$368.77

Income:

50/50 \$15.50
Dues \$150.50

No expenses -0-

Total \$534.27

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

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clarks@corvair.com
413-625-9776
www.corvair.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



Activities and Events

- Oct 24 Monthly meeting Perkins London Rd 6PM dinner 7PM meeting
- Nov 7th Committee Meeting @ Pruddens 7PM
- Nov 11 Bonfire at The Olson's
- Nov 28th Monthly meeting Perkins London Rd dinner @ 6pm meeting @ 7

Meeting Agenda

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| 1. Secretary's Report– Treasurers Report | Antenna Flags—Ron Thompson |
| 2. 50/50 | Fall Tour with MPLS group |
| 3. Committee Reports: | 8. New Business |
| Car shows | Window stickies for new members |
| Corvair Cavalry Glen Lemke-Pat Murphy | 2007 Dues \$15.00 E-mail newsletter \$20.00 |
| 4. Pete's Parts | for snail mail |
| 5. Newsletter Ron Thompson | Membership Forms |
| 6. Web Page Tim Verthein | Nov 11th Bonfire @ Dale Olsons |
| 7. Old Business | Holiday Party |
| Superior food drive (Ron) | Date for Dec Meeting |

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Meeting Minutes -- September 26, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. There were 17 members and 3 guests present. Secretary's report was read and accepted. Meeting was held at Perkin's due to weather.

Art Bringe read treasurer's report -- details in next newsletter. Report was accepted. 50/50 drawing for \$12 was won by Charlie Running with \$12 going to the club.

Car Shows -- Art, Ed, and Charlie attended the McGregor show and the Floodwood show.

Corvair Cavalry visited Charlie Running's car. Glen Lempke is next on the list to be worked on at Art's place. Pat Murphy needs '64 heads for his car and is back on the list.

Part Orders -- Vic will get in touch with Peter to order parts he needs.

Newsletter -- Ron has 2 interviews scheduled for the newsletter and needs more.

Web page is going well. Patches are available through the online store.

Old Business -- 1st Annual Food Shelf Drive was held at Super One. 200 pounds of food was collected for the food shelf and \$70 cash went to CHUM. A thank you letter was received which Patti read. She was on all 3 TV stations and ads were run on most of the local radio stations. Thanks again to Tammy for making the calls to inform the media of the event. A thank you letter with pictures will be going out to Super One.

Brighten Beach Picnic is postponed until further notice, maybe spring.

The Superior Wal-mart Food Drive will be held on September 30 from 10am to 3pm. This will take place rain or shine. Canopies will be assembled. If you can attend, be there at 9:30am to set up.

Membership forms for new or renewing members will be in the next newsletter and available at the next meeting.

Fall Tour -- This event is planned with Minnesota Corvair Club. There are 15 rooms blocked at the Edgewater for \$159 which includes 4 passes to the Edge for the night of October 14th. There is a schedule of events which includes supper at Perkin's on Saturday and lunch on the North Shore with a tour of colors on Sunday. For more details call Peter Prudden. Whether you stay at the motel or not, come for the events.

November Event -- The Olsons will host a campfire style hot dog roast on November 11th starting at 3pm. Bring a side dish to share, lawn chair, and the beverage of your choice. Hot dogs and brats will be provided.

The holiday event for January will be discussed at the next meeting. Bring your ideas to share.

Next committee meeting will be on October 3rd - 7pm at the Pruddens. Next club meeting - October 24th - 6pm for dinner and 7pm meeting at Perkin's.

~ CORVAIR CLASSIFIEDS ~

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 Email corvki50@aol.com

*****FREE*****

I have 2 tires mounted on rims that look new. I have no use for them. Come take them away.

P205/70R14 Goodyear INVICTA

P205/70R15 Michelin X24

Ron Thompson 715 392-4634
Cell 218 590-0765

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
3832 E 8th ST
Superior, Wisc
54880

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: Two Kelly Charger 195/60R15 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

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: corvki50@aol.com
If interested in this car contact:
Vern Rubesh
344 8th ST.
Cloquet, Minn 55720
218-879-8234

*****For Sale*****

63 Corvan "Rough"
Comes with:
Early engine lid
Late engine lid
Early 2 door left door
Late 2 door right door

MAKE OFFER

Vern Sundbom
1-218-847-6631
vmsundbom@lakesnet.net

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Membership - Renewal

Name _____ Significant Other _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Corvairs Owned

Running Car('s) _____

Restorations in Progress _____

Parts Car(s) _____

Membership with news letter \$20.00 Membership with news letter e-mailed \$15.00

Payable to: Head of the Lakes Corvair Association

Mail to : Art Bringe

4131 Schultz Rd.

Duluth, MN 55803

Fire and Ice VIII

(That's eight for those of you who don't speak Roman)

Here ya go gang, just one mans review of the Fire and Ice event put on by the [Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts](#) at the [Iowa International Raceway](#) go cart track in Marshalltown Iowa.

We headed out from Bovey Minnesota Thursday afternoon, heading to Minneapolis to stay with my folks, then on to Marshalltown the next day. After we left Friday morning, we got nearly to the Iowa border when I was again cursed with the strange clutch cable trouble I had on the way to Buffalo. I still haven't figured out HOW the slack gets into the cable. Stopped at a rest area, backed up on the curb, scootched under and adjusted, and again, it's been fine since!



Stopping to adjust the clutch cable at a rest area in Minnesota

This is my first time attending this event, and it was a great time! In fact, I was so impressed with Iowa, and Marshalltown itself, I'm about ready to move South! As you know, Ryan has moved to Topeka and couldn't make the event, so I brought the wife along as pit crew and photographer. Upon arriving in Marshalltown, a city easy to find, by the way, we drove directly to the hotel, a very nice Best Western, where we were promptly checked in by friendly, polite staff. We dumped out stuff and went in search of the things you need at an event such as this. First of all...a car wash. Just a couple blocks away we found the finest self serve carwash I've ever visited in my life (OK, so maybe it doesn't take much to impress me). This facility took quarters, paper money, or even credit/debit cards, right there in the bays! Clean, neat, everything worked, heck...even had hot air dryer hose! It was swell! After scraping off nearly 500 miles worth of bugs from the car we went in search of gas. Hmm..looks like most stations only had 89 octane at the top of the chart, so thought I'd pick up a bottle of Lucas octane boost, me brand of choice..low and behold..just a couple blocks from the hotel....an auto parts store where we were again treated to friendly helpful staff who sold me the right fuel booster. A cruise thru town and we found a station with 91 octane gas, filled 'er half full, dumped in the boost, and headed off to find [the track](#) so we'd know where we were going in the morning. Found it also with no trouble and found a couple kids racing go-carts and again, friendly folks to chat with. Feeling darn pleased with the whole thing thus far, we popped into Perkins which was also just a couple blocks from the hotel....where our waitress, Allison, was extremely cheerful and efficient. This was shaping up to be one of the most comfortable road trips we'd ever been on! I was about ready to start looking at real estate. Back to the hotel to find the wireless internet service in the rooms worked at blazingly fast speeds. Found a mess of Corvair folks down in the parking lot where we proceeded to BS the evening away.

Up early for free breakfast at the hotel, which was a complete breakfast buffet, not just donuts and coffee like I was expecting. Good BS session over French toast and orange juice and it was off to the track. Pretty much everyone arrived at the track on time and registration and tech seemed to go very smoothly. Walked the track, then things got underway. Cars were split into two groups, 11 cars in one, and I *think* 10 in the second. I made it into group one. Pretty basic runs, roughly three laps per run, first lap is really about 3/4 lap, then you hit it, make two laps, each timed and separate lap times and total for the run times are posted.



In the pit area. I think the car looks faster with the moons off the wheels anyway!



Waiting on the grid for my turn

As far as the racing myself, I remembered to add air to the tires this time, and near as I can tell the car handled really good. Of course, different tires than last season, more air too. I still have to suffer with the horrible turn cutout trouble I have but I was expecting that as I just haven't got to dealing with the carbs yet. But had a great time and was very happy with the car and my performance. And I wasn't the slowest car this time!



I look like Gazoo..the spaceman on the Flintstones with my helmet on!



And this finish line shot looks pretty spiffy!

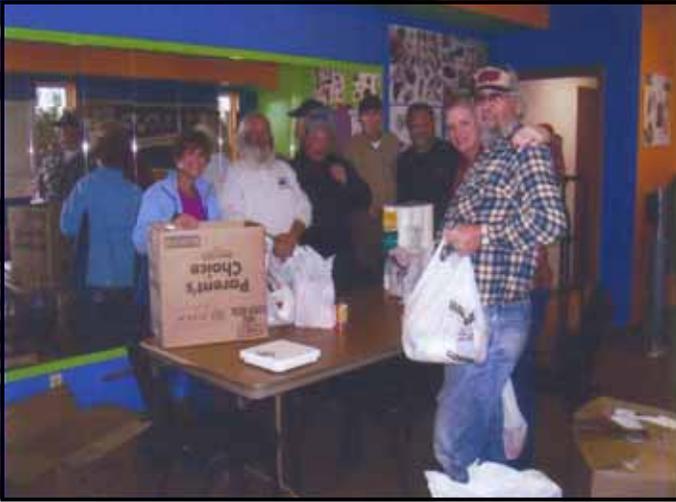


Gotta love the corner shots

After my last run (the fastest naturally) my fan/generator light came on about halfway thru the last lap. Got to the pits and had thrown a belt, and it had a nasty split area in it. So, went to put on a new belt and as I was tightening it I discovered that a mounting tab for the generator had busted off, allowing the generator to pivot up and down. Hmm..what to do. A hose clamp of course! Of course, no one seemed to have one, since Corvairs don't have radiator hoses, but got a ride from a "racer wife" (wish I could remember who) to the auto parts store got some clamps and snugged it right down and it was fine!



Food drive in Superior Huge Success!!!!



On Sunday Sept 30th The Head of The Lakes Corvair Association held another food drive for the Central Assembly of God's Church Food Shelf. We had a total of 5 Corvairs in attendance. Myself, Ed Lampi. Pat and Pete Prudden, Dale Olson, Dan Rutka made the trip. The weather was kind of cool at times but it was a very productive day. We collected a total of 437 pounds of food. We collected about \$160.00 in cash and bought food with that for the food shelf. It was a welcome sight when the 5 Corvairs rolled down the Church driveway with trunks full of food. The church told us they packed their last box of food up the night before and the shelves were empty. So we were a blessing. I want to thank all who helped to plan and help out with both of our food drives. It was a great thing for our club and I know I felt great about helping someone who needed it. **THANK YOU ALL!!!**

Ron Thompson

More Food drive pictures from Superior Wal-Mart



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