



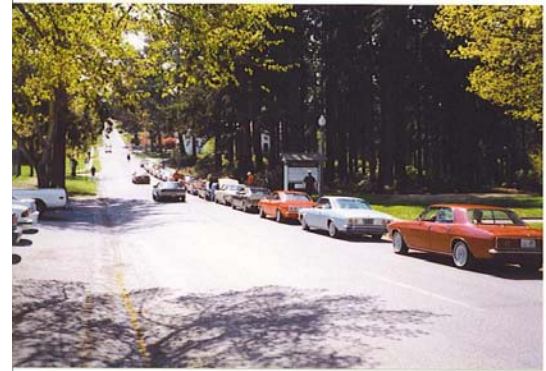
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“A Note from The Editor”

Well, our club is off and running to a great start. And I repeat OUR club. We started at the worst time of the year but this will give us all winter to get all the bugs out and be a smooth running machine come spring. This will give us time to get all those small projects done over the winter so we can cruise and enjoy those Corvairs all summer. I cannot wait for our first big cruise some where with a dozen Corvairs all in a row. It's a sight to behold. I remember back in Seattle when our club hosted an Econo-run and we planned a cruise that included approximately 75 Corvairs. It started with a line of Corvairs as far as you could see. Here's a couple picture's of part of the line up.



Now, picture that line of Corvairs cruising up the highway to Two Harbors or on the way to the All GM show in St Paul this spring. The Duluth-Superior area will know we are around for sure this spring. I believe the Corvair is just starting to come into the spot light. Here is a 40+ year old car that was deemed UNSAFE, but it's still alive and kicking. It's great to part of this movement. Our club has everything we need to be a success. One phone call will bring you experts that can do any repair and get it done right the first time. With all things considered, it's all come at the right time. It was the perfect time to re-start this association and take our spot on the stage. Now lets all join in and keep it growing strong. Be a part of the group. Every job is important and the more participation we have the more the club will grow and become one of the *Biggest Little Association's* around. I told you before you were going to hear that phrase again.

With the holidays approaching I want to take this time to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. Lets give thanks to those who made it possible for us to be lucky enough to enjoy life like we do today.

Ron Thompson



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NEW MEMBERS

Paul Wortruba
Chuck Johnson

Check out our Web page!!
It's "under construction" thanks To Tim Vertheim
http://www.edselmotors.com/hlcahome.html

Treasurers Report Oct-Nov
Table with financial data: Beginning Balance \$194.60, Income: Dues \$30.00, Contributions \$10.00, Expenses -0-, Postage -0-, Ending Balance \$234.60. Includes a note about a mistake in the Sept-Oct report.

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December Activities and Events
Nov 22 Monthly meeting Perkins London Rd Duluth Minn 6PM Dinner 7PM Meeting
Dec 6-Board of directors meeting
Dec 13- All newsletter articles due
Dec 20-Newsletter mailed out
Dec 25 Christmas
Dec-27-Monthly meeting at Perkins on London RD Duluth, Minnesota



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Meeting Agenda November

1. *Jim Linder-Fund raisers*
2. *Ron and Ed MN Car Club association Report*
3. *Wal-Mart Donation for supplies*
4. *Parts order?*
5. *Ron Thompson-Want Ads-Old business-Holiday Party-November event Pat Murphy-donor car?-Web Page-Tim Verthein*
6. *December Event*
7. *Names and Info on web page (discussion)*



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Need Help?

Did your Corvair come up lame? Can't get it running right? Give the Corvair Cavalry a call and we will mount up the troops and get that Corvair running right. Call or e-mail any officer to summons help. Phone numbers and E-mail addresses are listed in the newsletter. Art Bringe and Luke Ribich did and they are cruising in style. **CALL TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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CORSA Chapter Update!!

Our total membership now sits at 19 members. We currently have 9 Members that belong to CORSA and have a coupe waiting to join after the first of the yr. So we will become a CORSA Chapter at that time. I e-mailed CORSA and have all the needed paperwork to apply. GOOD JOB!!!



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Meeting minute of Head of the Lakes Corvair meeting Oct 25th 2005

The meeting was called to order by Pat Prudden at 7:00pm. We had 10 members in attendance. Jeannette our secretary was absent because she was stuck in Cancun due the the storm that hit that area. Pat asked Kathy Thompson to take the minutes for the meeting. Pat asked Kathy to read the minutes of the last meeting, that done it was moved and accepted that the meeting minutes be accepted as read. There was discussion as to when the official start date for the club was. It was determined that the date is September 1, 2005 and yearly membership would then end on August 31, 2006.

We had one new member sign up.

Pat asked Jim Linder to offer the Treasury Report. Jim handed out a copy of the report for everyone to see where the Club stands. Mention was made that we need to have a criteria for accepting donations. Jim has talked to the bank about setting up an account and the Officers have decided that two signers will be required for checks. Jim reported that at the rate of supplies needed to create our newsletter our club will be broke by May. We will need to think of some ideas for raising funds. One idea is a 50/50 raffle where the proceeds made from the sale the night of the meeting will be split between the winner of the draw and the Club. Pete Prudden offered postage for newsletters to be run on his postage machine at his place of work occasionally. It was also discussed that the newsletter now will only be sent out to the paid membership with the exception of sending it to the Corsa President. There was also discussion about sending the Newsletter out my e-mail but that is not worked out totally as of yet.

Ed Lampi and Ron Thompson will be meeting with the Minnesota Car Club Association to discuss getting a separate class in shows for Corvairs. Ed read a letter from the Minnesota Car Club Association. They will report their findings at the meeting.

Due to the fact our Club started in the fall there was discussion on having a post holiday party type get together rather than try to plan for something before Christmas. If you have any ideas when or where to have a party send them to Ron Thompson to include in the Newsletter.

Other discussions included putting together a classified section in the Newsletter and if you find a car for sale to bring it to the meeting or get the information to one of our Officers or committee leaders. Members can run an ad for free, non members there would be a charge of 7.50 for 3 months.

Pat asked the group if they thought the format for running the meeting was okay, everyone agreed not to change anything.

The November event was discussed and the idea of working on a member car was offered and the possibility of working on Pat Murphy's car was also discussed. We should form a phone list was also brought up. Mentioned also was putting a call for help list in the Newsletter.

The remainder of the meetings conversations were about the Community Tool Chest and a list for the Newsletter of what is available. We can combine part orders and place them at one time for a discount. Pete offered to be the order maker. Tim is working on a web page which might already be up and running, Pat Prudden thought we might even be able to put the Newsletter on the website.

We held the first 50/50 raffle, Jason Agnich won \$10.00 and the Club coffers received \$10.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Kathy Thompson



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Minn Car Club Association Update



The October 29th meeting of the Minnesota Association of car clubs brought together very few of the car clubs that normally sponsor car shows in the Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin areas, Mike Tillman opened the meeting at 2:30 and introduced The Head of The Lakes Corvair Association as a new club in the area. He also stated that the Nifty 50's Car Club will be having a compact car classification at their Barnum Fair grounds show in 2006. Hopefully other shows will follow suit. The clubs in attendance were mostly area single marquee clubs with local lower attendance shows that showed a reluctance to offer a compact car category. It is recommended that it would not be to our advantage to join this group at this time.

The Cavalry is on the road Again

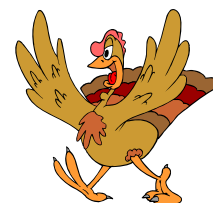
Another road trip was the order of the day on sat Nov 3rd. Ed and Ron took a trip up to Pat Murphy's up in Two Harbors to look at his 63 Convertible. It was a cold windy day but we were up for the task. Low compression on the right side was the problem. First on the agenda was to adjust the valves on the right side on cylinders 1,3.and 5. As Ron removed the valve cover on that side he had a surprise when the rocker arm and busted Rocker stud fell off into the Cover. No wonder there was no compression. That valve was not working at all. Now the problem was we didn't t have a spare with us.

We packed up our tools and figured this day was done until we got parts when Pat said he had a spare engine in the garage. We dug out the spare engine and removed the needed part and after pushing the car INSIDE the garage out of the cold wind, we installed it on the one in the car. Pat started the motor and it was finally hitting on all 6 cylinders. Next was to adjust the valves. Only problem was that the exhaust was too noisy to properly adjust the valves running. We advised Pat to get new crossover pipe donuts and then we will return and finish the job. Here is a picture of the busted stud and rocker.



Part 2 of this job will be in a future newsletter after the job is finished. After we packed up the tools a second time it was time for coffee and cookies. That's always the best part of the job for me.

Ron and Ed





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3 Guys and a Corvair

This is a story about 3 guys and 66 Corvair convertible that has been a problem to keep running well. Art Bringe purchased this Corvair in the late 90's knowing it had mechanical problems and needing body work. Picking up the car from the former owner, a new fuel pump was installed, the car was started and seemed to run well. As the first hill was climbed on its trip to its new home, the speed dropped to about 15 MPH and the highest speed on the flat was about 50 MPH. Eventually the body work and new paint job was completed and the car was looking great. At first a worn camshaft was suspected as the reason the car would not run well. And as there were oil leaks the engine was pulled out and new o rings and various gaskets replaced. The camshaft was checked and found to be ok. Carbs were rebuilt, distributor was overhauled, and the car would seem to run fine. Several car shows were attended. At times the motor ran great and other times it would seem to lose power. Ed Lampi had been helping Art with these problems but the solution to the problems did not happen. Ron Thompson, an acquaintance of Ed Lampi's had returned to the Duluth-Superior area after living in Seattle for 3 ½ years. Ron had a Uni-syn Carb Balancer and had balanced the carbs on Ed's 68 Monza coupe. Ed says the car has never run so good. Ron volunteered to check the carbs on Art's car. Afterwards the car still had a slight miss on the left side. Art had just completed a 130 mile round trip to a car show and on the way back, Art noticed a tapping sound on the left bank of the engine. Ron was called and the 3 of them tackled the problem again. Ron tried adjusting the valves again starting with #6 cylinder and the clanking sound became very apparent. A compression test followed and #6 cylinder showed zero compression and #2 was 150 PSI. This finally gave us the answer to the problem. The left head would have to come off and be replaced. Ron had recently given Pete Prudden some of his surplus parts, which included a pair of 110 heads. Between Ron, Pete, and Ed all the needed parts to replace the head were rounded up. The next day all 3 met at Art's garage to remove the head. Now the story gets better. We have 3 people to do the job which included Ron a Norwegian, Art a Pollock, and Ed an old Finlander. This had the makings of a best seller movie! We started the job at 11 am and before long, the head was off, and our suspicions were confirmed. TWO Valve seats on #6 and #4 were found to be loose!

Here's Ed telling Art what to do.



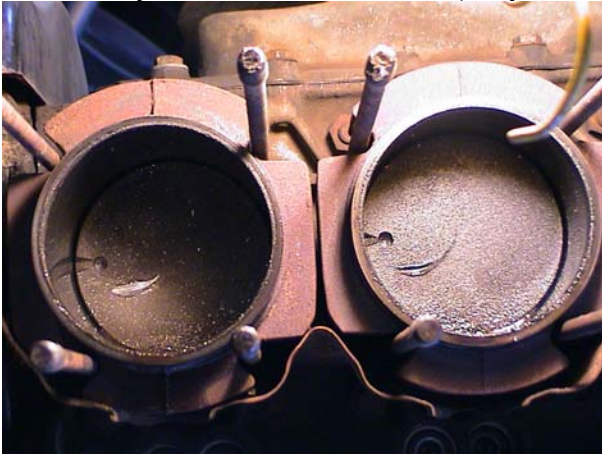


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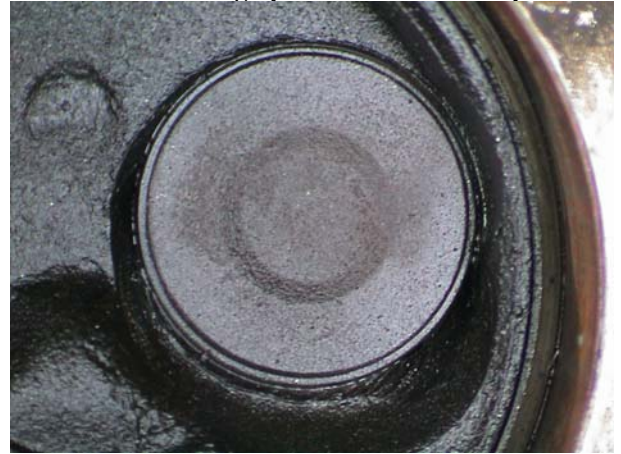
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When I pulled the head off the first thing I notice is BOTH #6 and #4 piston have smiles on them. (See picture below)



Next is a picture of #4 cylinder that shows signs of a loose seat where it has hung up and settled back in place.



Below is a picture of #6 Cylinder with the valve hung up on the loose seat



Last picture is of #2 cylinder that shows signs of debris bouncing around in the cylinder.



So now we know what the problem is. We start on putting the new head on and the job went so smooth is was scary. Every bolt and nut fell into place and the car was back together and running again by 4 o'clock. After adjusting the valves and adjusting the carbs it ran sweet as pie. Art has taken this car on many long trips and how this never did any major damage is beyond me. He truly is a lucky person in my eyes. Now for the road trip. Ed and Art took it for a spin. Art knew that Ed would be listening to every noise, so when he took off he pumped the gas to make it sound like a miss just to get Ed's reaction. This is how the whole day went. Fun and games. Right after we got the head off Ron told Art he would give him \$150.00 for the car because that's all it was worth with a bad engine. Slowly Ron raised the price to \$250.00, but Art never bit. The whole day was fun. A lot of laughter and all the work got done. Now a note from Ron:

It made me look back and reflect on how many great people I have come in contact with since I have become involved in Corvairs. It has truly been a blessing. Art, Ed, and myself do a lot of shows during the summer months and every trip has been fun. It's just too bad the summers are so short. All in all it was another fun Corvair day with some great Corvair friends. Thank You both Art and Ed for a wonderful day!!!

Ron Thompson



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This is where it all starts



This is my other Corvair. It's a 1964 Huffy Corvair.



Stripped to bare metal



Fresh Paint



My 140 Engine



Lots of attitude

Ron and Kathy Thompson's 62 Monza 900 Coupe

Well, I figured since I do the newsletter I would do a little bragging about my 62 Monza 900, as car of the month. I purchased my 62 out in Seattle Wa when I lived out there. The story of how I found it is a funny one. We were going to the computer store in a strip mall close by and I spotted this 62 Corvair in the lot with a for sale sign in the window. It was in love at first sight. I checked it out and wrote down the phone number. After getting home I called and the number had been dis-connected. We drove back to the parking lot and it was gone. Now What? Well the next day we went back and sure enough it was there again. My wife started at one end of the strip mall and I started at the other going in each place and asking who owns the Corvair for sale. I finally found the girl who was selling it. She was in her early 30's and it was her daily driver. I drove the car and bought it on the spot. It was a 102 HP and a 4 speed. I had the body blasted down to bare metal and painted it Autumn Maple. I installed a radio because it never had one and new door panels and new carpet. The car only had about 59,000 miles on it and ran great. I later pulled the engine and re-sealed it all complete with a new fan bearing. While it was out I installed a new clutch, pressure plate and a 65 4 speed tranny for better gear-ing. I shortened the shift tube and installed a brass bushing. Also, I installed a 65 shifter because it has shorter throw. After moving back to Wisc I started building my 140HP engine. I hoarded all the parts I needed and started the build. My 140 has .30 over jugs and pistons, a mild Racer Brown cam with a little more lift and duration. The heads have all new Guides and deeps seats. All new parts went in and it really purrs. When I installed it I dropped in a 3:55 Differential and it just flies. What a dream to drive. It's like a dream come true. Special thanks go to John Barnes out in Seattle and Pete Prudden for their help. My car is a driver and the chips in the paint prove that. I built it to drive and enjoy and there is a price to be paid for that. But It's all worth it. Like I tell the people at car shows, this 2nd childhood at 55 is GREAT!!! ENJOY THE RIDE!!!!

Ron Thompson



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Head of the Lakes Corvair Picnic/Cruise

On Sunday, October 9th, we had our first event as a club. In full Corvair style, we started in the parking lot of 40th West Perkins with Peter Prudden pulling off the front tire of his Corvair to fix the brake so the wheel would free up. I can't ever remember a totally break down free event involving Corvairs, can you? Anyway after our impromptu tech session, we continued on to Pattison Park. All together there were 8 Corvairs in attendance with their perspective families. Shortly after arrival, the grills were going and the table was filling with food. What a perfect day! After eating our fill, some of us ventured to the falls. What an awesome sight! Many stories were shared as well as some good coffee. (Thanks, Rutkas!) There was some discussion about bugs vs. chill and heat stroke vs. wearing a light coat, but all in all everyone was in agreement that (just for you Patty) "a good time was had by all".

🌸 Jeannette 🌸





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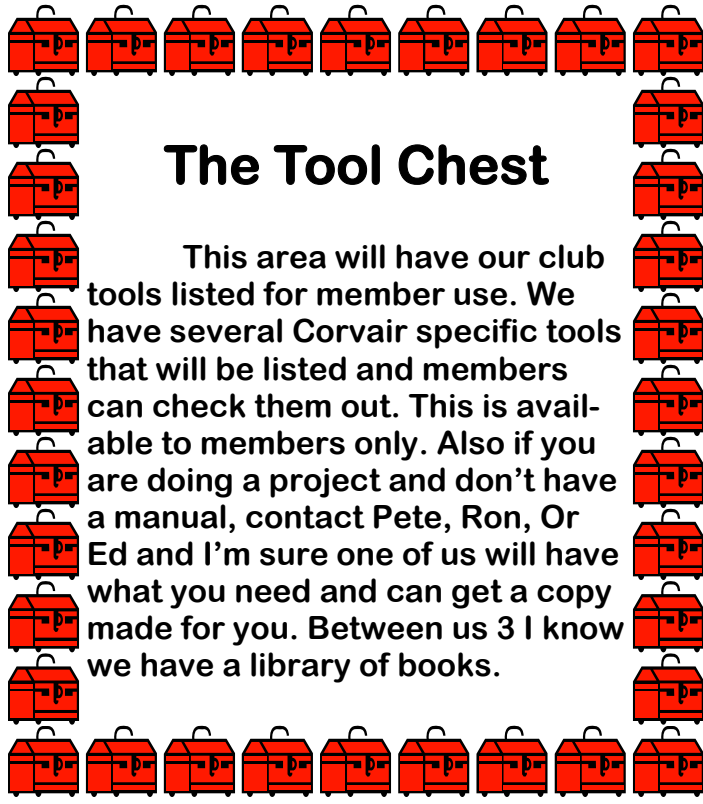
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The Tool Chest

This area will have our club tools listed for member use. We have several Corvair specific tools that will be listed and members can check them out. This is available to members only. Also if you are doing a project and don't have a manual, contact Pete, Ron, Or Ed and I'm sure one of us will have what you need and can get a copy made for you. Between us 3 I know we have a library of books.



*** A Bit of Humor***

For those who have an eagle eye when reading things, you might notice that in a previous newsletter I made reference to our Corvair Calvary. Now this month it was changed to Cavalry. Just for giggles I looked in Webster's to see what word was the correct one to use. Here is the definitions:

- **Main Entry:** cav-a-lry
- **Pronunciation:** 'ka-v&l-re, ÷'kal-v&-re
- **Function:** noun
- **Inflected Form(s):** plural -ries
- **Etymology:** Italian *cavalleria* cavalry, chivalry, from *cavaliere*

1 a : an army component mounted on horseback **b :** an army component moving in motor vehicles or helicopters and assigned to combat missions that require great mobility **2 :** HORSEMEN <a thousand cavalry in flight>

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- **Pronunciation:** 'kal-v(&-)re
- **Function:** noun
- **Inflected Form(s):** plural -ries
- **Etymology:** *Calvary*, the hill near Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified

1 : an open-air representation of the crucifixion of Jesus
2 : an experience of usually intense mental suffering

Now the way I see it the closest meaning is Calvary because of the usually intense mental suffering we have all experienced from working on 40+yr old Corvairs at one time or another. Maybe we need a show of hands on this one. On the other hand I have felt like I was in a Combat Mission after working on my Corvair. You decide HA-HA

THE EDITOR





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We are in need of a car of the month for the next issue of the newsletter. It's time to sit down and do some bragging about your Cor-

Christmas Party???



We are in the process of trying to plan an after Christmas party for our club. We think it is just too busy around the holidays and maybe it would be easier to have a party after the holidays. Sometime in early January is what we were thinking. What we need is ideas for when and where to have the party. If you have a place in mind that would work LET US KNOW!! Contact any club officer with your suggestions.



Here's a picture of our buddy Ralph Nader

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CLUB UPDATE

Well our association is growing. We are 18 members strong and still have more in the wings waiting to sign up. As far as our CORSA Chapter goes we still need 2 more members to be able to apply to be a CORSA Chapter. CORSA is offering a \$10.00 discount if you are a new member or haven't been a member for over 2 years. After Jan 1 they are offering a copy of the Corvair Basics Book and printable CD Version instead of the \$10.00 discount. If you are planning on Joining CORSA after Jan 1 please let us know so we can get the ball rolling and file for a CORSA Chapter. CORSA is also working on discounts to several Chain stores.



The above picture has no story behind it at all but it sure filled this space nicely didn't it? Can anyone guess what club member's car it belongs to?



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