



11/14/2006

## Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



### **A note about your Newsletter editor**

*Well I thought it was time I told my Corvair story for the newsletter. I'm long winded so bear with me here. I've had little bits a pieces from time to time but this time I'll try to fit it all together. My Corvair story starts back when I was about 14-15. My dad picked up an early coupe that the powerglide was shot. The car ran and started but would not run. I remember starting it up and playing like I was driving it. Next was when I was in high school and worked part time for the old Saratoga Café in Superior's north end. My job was to drive the waitress and haul all the catered food to the grain elevators and serve the workers supper. The one truck we all fought over to get first because it was the best one in the snow was the black Corvair Greenbrier. It was a classy looking rig. My next meeting with a Corvair was in about 91 when I found myself with a lot of time on my hands and always wanted to restore an old car. I heard about this 63 Corvair that a friend knew about and after one drive it was mine. It was a black 63 4 door. It ran great but needed a paint job. After talking to Jim Coss about my car he told me to get ahold of this fellow named Ed Lampi. He said he was the godfather of Corvairs for the area. I was so proud of my car and wanted to show it off so I called Ed and drove my jewel up to his place. He looked it over and asked what I paid for it and I told him. After he stopped laughing he said it was a little too much and proceeded to tell me about what he paid for his 100 some Corvairs he had re done and sold. I really felt good about this trip. (Sorry Ed) Over the next couple of years I learned a lot from just talking to Ed. He helped me out with parts and advice. I got so I felt comfortable working on my car. I did the o-rings and re sealed the engine. I had the car painted after I did all the body work. NEVER AGAIN, I'll leave that to the pro's. Next thing was the divorce after 23 years of wedded bliss, (or so I thought). It was a very cost thing and the time finally came when I had to sell my 63 Corvair. I was sad to see it go. Time went on and after a Heart attack, quad by-pass, 5 angioplasties with 2 stents I met this woman from Seattle on the computer. We talked for over a year and*

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**met a couple of times. I decided it was time for a change and packed up and moved to the Seattle Washington area. I was divorced and Kathy was going thru one so we started a new life together. This new life had to include a Corvair. I already had my story about how I found my 62 Coupe in the newsletter so I will skip past that. But here**



**The engine was shot but I picked up one from a club member that needed one to disappear. I sealed it up and got it running and it turned out to be a good car. Now I had 2 Corvairs and a big stash of parts. I stripped out a few engines so I had parts and engines hid all over. My next find was a 64 140 PG 4-door.**



**The car was a mess when I brought it home. My 16 yr old Step daughter seen it and said I have Dibs on it. She wanted it. After a lot of work it was back on the road again and a good daily driver.**

**is a picture after I brought it home and washed it. I joined the local Corvairs Northwest Corvair club. Here is where I met Kent Sullivan, Roland Martin, John Barnes, and a ton of other Serious Corvair People. Over the next 3 1/2 years I learned more about Corvairs than I ever thought possible. After I had my car painted and had it pretty much complete I picked up another 62 Coupe.**



**After deciding it was time to move back to Wisconsin I sold the 2nd 62 and 65 and kept my original 62 and on the road we went. I came home with a new Corvair, a new wife, and a whole bunch of knowledge and ideas I gained in Seattle. Now I can share that with our club members here.**

**Ron Thompson**





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**New Members**  
**Dick Dee**  
**WELCOME!!!!!!!**

**ADDRESS CORRECTION**  
Art Bringe's address on the membership application was a misprint. The correct address is:  
**Art Bringe**  
**4133 Schultz Rd**  
**Duluth, Minn 55803**



**Birthdays**

Nov 18 Pete Prudden  
18 Art bringe  
Dec 1 Dan Rutka  
24 Jeannette Olson  
30 Ron Thompson

**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)  
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)



**Treasurers Report**  
**Oct**

**Beginning Balance \$534.27**  
**Income:**  
50/50 \$15.50  
Dues \$150.50  
**No expenses -0-**  
**Total \$534.27**

**Activities and Events**  
Nov 28th Monthly meeting Perkins London Rd dinner @ 6pm meeting @ 7  
Dec 5th Committee meeting Pete Pruddens 7pm  
Jan 6th Bowling Party Details pending

# Meeting Agenda

**Dinner 6:00 Meeting 7:00**

**Call to order at \_\_\_\_\_**

**Attendance—any new members / guests / Welcome Dick Dee**

**Secretaries report—Jeannette Olson**

**Treasurers report—Art Bringe**

**Sept 50 / 50 Vic Blazecic \$5.00 \$11.00 back to club**

**Committee Reports**

**\* car shows—none at this time**

**\* Corvair Cavalry—Glen Lemke (spring), Pat Murphy (64 heads), Dick Dee**

**Petes Parts - Parts order—any questions on parts order**

**Newsletter—Ron Thompson— We always need articles!!**

**Tim Verthein—on-line Store**

**Old Business—**

- **Bonfire at Olsons**
- **Ron / First aid kit for the Cavalry ( Distributor from Checker)**
- **Ron Thompson—Antenna flags**
- **Window stickies for re enrollment**
- **2007 Dues \$15.00 E-Mail newsletter or \$20.00 for snail Mail, \$5.00 increase**

**New Business**

**\*Holiday Party—Bowling at Country Lanes (Bring a gift \$5.00-\$10.00 get a gift)**

**Sat Jan 6 at 1:00 til 5:00**

**\* No Dec Meeting at Perkins**

**\* Fire and Ice— Mpls group going**

**\* Feb event—Garage Party? Hinkley get together? Food drive?**

**\* Date for Dec Meeting?**

**\* Club Flag for the Detroit National (Patty)**



**I forgot to Give credit to Tim Verthein for his  
Fantastic report on Fire and Ice in last  
months newsletter.  
GOOD JOB Tim !!!!!!!**

# ~ ~ ~ CORVAIR CLASSIFIEDS ~ ~ ~

## \*\*\*\*\*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

**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

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**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)

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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: [corvkiid50@aol.com](mailto:corvkiid50@aol.com)  
If interested in this car contact:  
Vern Rubesh  
344 8th ST.  
Cloquet, Minn 55720  
218-879-8234

**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**



# The Future Corvair Mechanic

The future of our Beloved corvairs will be in good hands. Here is a couple pictures of Master Mechanic Spencer Agnich rebuilding a powerglide. Spencer was never interested in toys, he was more happy with a Powerglide. He was rebuilding powerglides before he could walk. Word on the street has it that Spencer has designed a 5 speed overdrive tranny and it all fits into to 2 speed case. We'll have to keep an eye on him in the next econorun. Spencer, keep up the good work and keep us informed.



## Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Meeting Minutes -- October 24, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. There were 12 members and no guests present. Secretary's report was read and accepted. Dick Dee of Moose Lake Minn has joined the club as a new member.

Art Bringe read treasurer's report -- details in next newsletter. Report was accepted. 50/50 drawing was won by Vic Blazevic who accepted \$5 and \$11 went to the club.

Car Shows -- No car shows have been attended in the last month. None are known to be upcoming.

Corvair Cavalry -- Glen Lempke is waiting until spring. Pat Murphy needs '64 heads for his car and is back on the list. Dick Dee is added to the list.

Part Orders -- Get in touch with Peter to order parts you need.

Newsletter -- Ron needs articles or want ads. Keep up the good work, Ron! Great newsletter!

First Aid kit -- Ron got a new distributor from Checker and it worked out well. By vote one will be ordered for the First Aid kit.

Web page is going well.

Antenna Flags -- Ron Has Antenna flags for sale at \$4.00 each

Old Business -- Food Shelf Drive was held at Superior Walmart. 437 pounds of food was collected for the neighborhood food shelf at the Central Assembly of God Church including \$160 cash collected that bought part of the food. A family had just taken the last of the food the night before, and our collection filled their shelves. They were so appreciative!

Window Stickies are available for new or renewing members. 2007 dues are \$15 for email and \$20 for snail mail.

New Business -- Fall Tour was cancelled due to weather.

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 6th or 13th will be held at Country Lanes. A \$5 - \$10 gift for the gift exchange is optional. If you bring one, you may participate. More details will be shared at the November meeting. December 5th will be the Dec committee meeting. We will not have a December general membership meeting as decided by vote.

In June 2007 is Fire and Ice in Iowa. Pete will have more information at the next meeting.

Molly Prudden has been instated as an honorary club member by unanimous vote. She will check into getting us into the Christmas City of the North Parade in 2007 to advertise the club and our community service activities.

Next committee meeting will be on November 7th - 7pm at the Pruddens. Next club meeting - November 28th - 6pm for dinner and 7pm meeting at Perkin's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

## 2005

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**Did we pay our Dues?**