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Head of the Lakes Corvaair Association Newsletter



## A time for Reflection



I think that this is the time of the year for some reflecting back on the last year. I look back at how far our Club has come from that first meeting. Myself, Pete, and Ed had sitting on Pete's deck on about Aug 15th 2005. We all had a dream and set some plans to make that dream become a reality. I think the key word here and most important one is the word "WE". The success of this association has been a we project. We have accomplished a lot in a short time. No one person could do it all. Another key word here is participation, we need to participate. We are the new guy on the block and we are making our presence known. I for one am looking forward to the upcoming year. We are heading into the dull winter months and we can use this time to make our plan of attack for the upcoming year. We need ideas for activities that we can include every member. Another word is fun. Anyone who has attended any of our Board meeting knows that fun is the key word there.

Our membership numbers are fantastic! We have a total of 23 members at this time. That's double of what I thought it would be. The application for our Corsa Charter is in the mail and we are on the move. This is the time of the year when the word Giving is used a lot. We are a success because we are all giving our time and our energy. This club will always be a WE club. And it will always be a fun club. We are all in this together and That is where our success will come from. We have had many step up to the plate and helped in with the organizing and start up of the club. To those we say THANK YOU!!

I also think it's the time of the year to say thank you to all those that made it possible for all of us to be able to live out our dreams and enjoy the things that have been given us so freely. There are many different holidays being celebrated at this time of the year and my wish is to all have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!

Thank You!!  
Ron Thompson





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**Treasurers Report**

**November-December 2005**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$234.60</b>
<b>Incomes:</b>	<b>\$92.00</b>	
<b>Dues</b>		<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>50/50</b>		<b>15.00</b>
<b>Contributions</b>		<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Membership Lists</b>		<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$15.95</b>	
<b>Bank checks</b>		<b>\$15.95</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$310.65</b>



**NEW MEMBERS**

*Dave Fierek  
John Herkenratt  
Bob Johnson*

*Member Total 23*



**Birthdays**



Would all members please let us know your birthdays or other special days so we can publish them in the newsletter. Send the info to any club officer and they will get to the newsletter editor. Also please let us know what year and model of Corvaairs you have for our records.

*The Editor*



**WE MADE IT!!!**

We have enough Corsa members now to apply for a Corsa Chapter status. The paperwork has been filled out and as soon as it's signed it will be in the mail. This is a big step for our club. The benefits will come in handy in the upcoming years.  
**GOOD GOING ALL!!!!**

**January Activities and Events**

- Dec 24** Jeannette Olson's Birthday
- Dec 25** Christmas
- Dec 27** Monthly meeting Perkins London Rd
- Dec 30** Newsletter editors Birthday
- Dec 31** New Years Eve
- Jan 3** Board of directors Meeting Pete Pruddens house
- Jan 10** Newsletter articles Due
- Jan 24** Monthly meeting Perkins London Rd Duluth Mn





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Head of the Lakes Corvair Club Meeting  
November 22 2005

The meeting was called to order by Pat Prudden at 7:10 PM. Jeannette Olson read the minutes from the last meeting as taken by Kathy Thompson. Minutes were accepted as read.

We signed up two new members. Dave Fierek from Moundsview and John Herkenratt from Hopkins.

There were 14 members in attendance with two guests.

Jim read the treasurers report. The checking account was opened with \$250.00 at US Bank. Jim is working on a statement that will show months and year to date totals.

The 50/50 raffle drawing will be held at the end of meetings. Tickets can be purchased throughout the meeting.

Pat and Jeannette will become signers on the bank account along with Jim.

Ed Lampe took the floor with his account of the Car Club Association and read the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Ron said that the Black Bear Casino was going to try to have a compact car class, but other shows are having troubles making ends meet and are not receptive to having additional classes.

We are waiting to hear from Walmart regarding the request for help with ink and other supplies for printing our newsletter. Ron has made a request for a donation.

Pete's Parts: Pete is collecting part orders to be placed by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dale offered that some Corvair parts are still available in town.

Want ads: Ron has one Want Ad so far. If there are more, contact him by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Corsa Update: We now have 12 National members so we can make our application to be a Charter Club. There are many benefits to this including: listing on the National site, insurance for shows and etc.

National Shows: We should have a display of our club for shows. Ed has our sign from the former club in his garage. Niagara Falls convention is coming up in July 2006. It is not too early to start making your plans and reservations. Costs depend on what events you want to participate in. Valve cover races are an event that our club could participate in along with many other fun events. Members shared stories about other fun things to do at these National events. Call Pete Prudden if interested in the Niagara Falls event or any other National events you would like information on.

Joyce has volunteered to help quilt a banner for our club.

Old Business: Tues December 13<sup>th</sup> the Corvair Minnesota Club is having their Xmas party. Country Lanes was suggested as a place for our own post holiday party. The VFW was also suggested as a potluck supper. The Hammond and The Shack were also suggested. It was decided by vote to have our post holiday party at Country Lanes on a Saturday in January. Anyone who wants to participate in a gift exchange can bring a wrapped gift ( \$5.00 limit) indicated on gift if for man or woman.

Fix it crew: Pat Murphy recommends the Corvair crew to anyone that has a problem. His problem, a minor broken valve, was fixed with parts from a spare engine. Problem solved!!

There is still discussion about a project car that the club could work on to fix up and sell.

Vern Rubish is willing to sell his car for \$1000.00 to finish and resell. Pat and Pete offered to front the money with the understanding that they would be reimbursed upon final sale.

Dale, Pete, Ron and Ed will make a road trip to see if this is feasible. After a lively discussion it was decided that they would investigate and report back next month.

The web page is up and running you can see it at <http://www.edselmotors.com/hlcahome.html>

The question of anyone having a problem with personal information on the web was discussed. No objections were voiced.

Thanks to Ron and Tim Verthein for all the work on getting this together.

New Business: December events, 6<sup>th</sup> the board meets, 27<sup>th</sup> general club meeting.

The club is not planning any special events as everyone is very busy with the holidays. You are invited to the Corvair Minnesota party as a goodwill gesture. There was

discussion for next year and our club participating in the Christmas City of the North Parade. Molly will make the inquiries and gather the information. A bowling fundraiser has also been discussed.

Other business: Ron gave Pat the membership list. There is a member address list available for 1\$. Discussion was made to put together a Sunshine Club, they would send out Birthday greetings to club members. Ron will put together the information for the committee.

Pete has put together a list of tools in the tool chest and it was suggested if any manuals, videos, etc would be included. Contact Pete to add to the list.

Ron made a suggestion that we get together with the local Chevrolet dealers to see about having a spring car show. Ron said he would look into this.

We had the 50/50 drawing, the club received \$15.00 and \$14.00 went to the winner, Vic Blazevic. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm



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## January Meeting Agenda

1. Corsa update
2. Update on car show
3. Pete's parts order
4. Newsletter: Articles, Want ads, Birthdays
5. Web page-Tim Verthein
6. Holiday Party, Wal-Mart Ink donation, Club Project Car (Pat Murphy Chapter 2, Parade update)
7. Ed's editorial
8. February Event

## Vendor List

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503-434-1648  
[www.corvairunderground.com](http://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](http://www.larryscorvair.com)

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

California Corvairs  
CACorvairs@aol.com  
323 223-2775  
<http://www.californiacorvairparts.com>

## Corvair Classifieds



1965 Corsa-Evening Orchid  
60,854 Original Miles, Garage kept since the 70's. Body good, 1 small rust spot on front fender. Many new parts with receipts from Clarks. Papers from original owner

**\$5,500.00 or Trade for 65-69 Coupe or Convertible W/Automatic transmission and of equal Value.**

Contact Glenn 715-462-3978

Or E-Mail Glen at

[gjlemke@cheqnet.net](mailto:gjlemke@cheqnet.net)

List your car or parts here for sale. Free to members and \$7.50 for non-members. Send info and pictures to: Ron Thompson  
1925 Wyoming Ave  
Superior, Wisc  
54880

Or e-mail [tocorvaid50@aol.com](mailto:tocorvaid50@aol.com)



November's newsletter postage was made possible Thanks to Pete Prudden and Dad's Electronics. Thank You!!!



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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.

Here is a list of Repair and maintenance equipment available:

1. Brake wheel Cylinder Hone
2. Cylinder Ridge reamer
3. Cylinder hone and stone kit
4. Valve removal / spring compressor tool
5. Valve lapping tool
6. Valve lifter removal tool
7. Valve guide remover / installer
8. Piston ring grove Cleaner
9. Piston ring compressor
10. Engine removal jack and Cart
11. Empty Axle housing for engine bench run
12. Dwell Tachometer
13. Timing light
14. Uni-syn carb tool
15. Blower bearing Grease tool
16. Muffler bearing remover
17. Harmonic Balancer Puller
18. Steering wheel puller
19. 5 ton jack stands

### Books:

- How to hotrod Corvair Engines
- Chiltons Corvair Repair and Tune Up Guide
- Corvair Basics (Paper and PDF)
- Unsafe at Any Speed
- Assassination of the Corvair
- The 60-69 Corvair Authenticity series
- Everything you wanted to know about a Corvair but were afraid to ask

Service manuals: 1960 1961 1963 1964 1965 1966      1962 Shop Manual  
61-63 shop manual CD version    1967 1968 1969 Chassis shop manual Supplement

Body and chassis Manuals: 1963 1965 1966

Turbocharger Section

Corvair 95 and Greenbrier

Assembly Manuals 1963 1966

(The really detailed ones)

*\*These tools are available for members use, see any officer or director for additional information*





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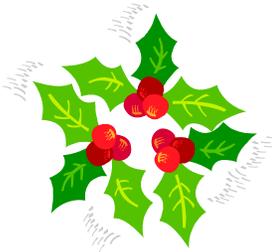


## Future Events?

I was thinking about an event for this coming spring. How about contacting a local Chevrolet dealer and see what they think about parking a dozen or so Corvairs on the lot. Maybe even have a small Corvair only car show. It might be a way to make some extra money for the club. Maybe we could contact the Corvair Minn club and have them bring up some Corvairs. I'm sure we could come up with some trophy's. I do a little woodworking and could make up some nice wooden plaques or maybe one in the form of the State of Minn or Wisc, depending on where the show was held. Let's put our heads together and see what we can come up with. Another idea is a meeting of our club and the Corvair Minnesota club maybe in Hinkley. It would be a nice cruise and I'm sure the casino would save some space for us.

Another thing I would like to plan is a photo shoot for our Corvairs. I would like us to find a nice setting by Lake Superior where I could get some good shots of our beloved Corvairs for our web page and use them in the newsletter. These are just some ideas I want to throw out. Lets put our heads together and get planning on some events for the upcoming season. If you have an idea for an event, bring it up at the next meeting or send it to one of the officers. We have plenty of time to plan this stuff for the next year. Success takes planning and participation, so lets start now!!

Ron Thompson



## I Hurt All Over!

A group of senior citizens were sitting around talking about their ailments. "My arms are so weak I can hardly hold this cup of coffee," said one. "Yes, I know. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee" replied another. "It has gotten to where I cannot hear anything anymore." said one in the loudest voice of the group. "I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a third, to which several nodded weakly in agreement. "My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," claimed another. "I can't even remember what I'm doing half the time; if I don't make myself a note I forget what I am trying to do in the first place" chimed yet another. "I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he shook his head. Then there was a short moment of silence... "Well, it's not that bad," said one woman cheerfully. "Thank the Lord we can all still drive."





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## \$\$\$ For Sale \$\$\$



Here is your chance to buy a piece of history. This is the original unrestored, Ralph Nader 21 passenger Tour Bus. It was said that Ralph himself chose the upholstery colors himself. Ralph had his hand in the design of this Grand Tour bus, the design was an early open air design to save on air conditioning costs. If you look closely in the front row you can see Ralph's reserved seat, it's the green one. Ralph being an advocate for automobile safety had the best electric brakes installed, along with deluxe fenders. Ralph believed this open air design helped eliminating all the blind spots. Also it was the first automobile to have safety reflective tape, side marker lights, and 4-way flashers from the factory. You will also notice all the seats face the rear, This was done because Ralph believed that the past was our most valuable asset so we should all be looking to where we have been, not where we are headed. If you are interested in owning this valuable piece of history contact. Pete Prudden. Call for an appointment to set up a test drive and bring your friends. This one won't last long.

## \$\$\$ For Sale \$\$\$



Here is another piece of history on the auction block for sale. This rare item is from the Ralph Nader Green Gardener Project. The story behind this very rare item is that after Ralph Nader had his hand in killing the Corvair, he was dealing with a lot of guilt and tried to help give the Blessed Corvair a new life. His idea was to covert them into Portable Green Gardens to feed the poor. This was the beginning of the Green Party movement. It has been said that Ralph himself toured the nation in this car filled with greenery to promote his project. After many miles of breathing noxious exhaust fumes from the leaky exhaust log gaskets Ralph suffered brain damage and abandoned the project. He went on to start the Green Party movement in our great nation. Another fact of history about this car is that because Ralph has never had a drivers license, so he hired a fellow named Lyndon LaRoushe to be his Chauffer. All this history and a few bags of to-mato, and rutabaga seeds can be yours for the right price. The fertile soil has been lost thru the rotted floor pans but the history remains. Contact Pete Prudden if you are interested in this valuable piece of History.



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**UPDATE!!!!**

## Ed's 1964 Corvair Monza Coupe Project



Now that I've had this Corvair for the past month I've been able to check it over more carefully. On the positive side there is a good Minnesota Title. The last time it was licensed was the 1973-74 year to a person in Grand Marais Minnesota. The body is in fairly good shape, no major dents and showing only some minor rust areas. The motor turns over and all major components seem to be in place. AT this time a set of used Radial tires have been mounted and balanced. The master brake cylinder was dry of brake fluid, but the brake linings are still very serviceable. The interior has suffered damage from the sun and will require some refurbishing. Some sanding and priming had been done and then abandoned. It appeared that a new gas tank is in place. Most of the exterior trim is there and in great shape. Most of my time has been occupied in clean up of all areas. The motor, interior, and trunk have all been vacuumed and some rust-proofing sprayed. All areas have been checked to see what has to be done to make this abandoned vehicle into a reliable driver. The oil has been changed and a new filter installed. A distributor with the gear removed and attached to an electric drill was used to pump oil to all bearing

surfaces. A new battery was installed to turn the engine over to further distribute the oil. A compression test revealed that most valves are not operating properly, which will be addressed by removing the valve covers and freeing the valve stems in some manner. A distributor has been checked out, a new plug wire set is ready for install, as well as a serviceable fuel pump. I am now taking parts to my basement for refurbishing and will leave the mechanical service for better weather conditions. It seems that this is a pretty much "Bare Bones" Monza. It appears that of all the upgrades that were available, a push button AM Radio was the only option. According to the motor number, someone installed a 1965 110 HP motor in the car. It has a manual 3 speed transmission. No padded dash, a regular rear view mirror, not a day-night, and a non-stock outside mirror. A set of NOS wheel covers are on the car along with a complete set of used covers. I feel that all in all, this car was a real bargain, and that's difficult to come by in this day and age. Did someone mention CORVAIRITIS? This is proof that it can get it at any age.  
Ed Lampi

The following 2 pages are some pictures of some of the car shows we attended in the last couple of years. I always take a lot of pictures of all the corvairs and now some of them are members. The shows are a lot of fun and the trips are always interesting. Never a dull moment. I'm really looking forward to the upcoming year when we can plan to attend some show as a club. The sight of a long line of Corvairs pulling in is awesome!!

**Please send me Your Corvair stories and pictures!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



# Pictures From Past Car Shows





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*The following is an article from the Seattle based Corvairs Northwest Corvair Club. It's the club I belonged to when I lived in Seattle. I put it in the newsletter just to give you an idea what other clubs are doing. I send a copy of our newsletter to them so we will be sharing articles back and forth from time to time. This article is about a trip they made from the Seattle area over the mountain pass to Boise Idaho for a Corvair round up. Hope you enjoy!!*

Ron

### Head 'em Up and Move 'em Out – It's Roundup Time Again

By Roland Martin

Out of the mist of Western Washington, east-bound Corvairs emerged into the sunshine on Snoqualmie Pass headed for the Boise Basin Corvair Roundup on September 16<sup>th</sup>. CB radios crackled as the Brossard's, the Martin's and Rob Stowe exchanged tachometer and speedometer readings, trying to stay under the radar but still make good time, as they sped toward Boise. Quick stops for rest and fuel in Yakima and it's on the road again. A lunch stop in Pendleton included taking pictures of the Corvairs in front of the famous Pendleton Roundup diorama featuring life-size cattle, horses and riders. Another fueling stop in Baker City and the little Corvair Caravan continued eastbound, arriving at the designated pizza parlor meeting place exactly on time for the Welcome Party. (Flying low and fast, according to Jim Brossard – Roland sets a fast pace.) Actually, the CNW folks were the first to arrive, but they were soon joined by dozens of Boise Basin club members. Old friendships were quickly renewed and new ones made as plans for Saturday's Roundup activities were discussed and the excitement level was high. A highlight of the Welcome Party was meeting some Corvair folks from Salem, Oregon, who were just passing through Boise on their way home and were staying at the host hotel. They noticed all the Corvairs there, and joined us for dinner. They were warmly welcomed by all.

Saturday morning showers did not dampen spirits as nearly a dozen Vairs left the motel parking lot for a scenic tour of rural Boise and a visit to the dam and a huge powerhouse which supplies all its power to Seattle, but none to Boise! After completing a challenging Corvair trivia quiz designed by our tour leader, Greg Reeder, we were off on the last leg of the tour through some scenic hilltop areas and finished at a raptor sanctuary high above the city. It was a very interesting and enlightening tour enjoyed by all.

Then it was back to the host motel to get the Vairs ready for the Show and Shine. Nearly two dozen beautiful Corvairs were lined up for the Show. Among them CNW members Jim & Janet Brossard's very low mileage '68 Monza coupe, John Fellon's beautiful black '61 Monza coupe, Rob Stowe's gorgeous '65 Corsa convertible and Yvonne Martin's daily driver, her yellow '66 Monza coupe. A trunk swap meet at the show saw lots of parts change hands while guests enjoyed snacks and soft drinks provided by the Boise Basin folks.

The day concluded with an Awards Banquet at a local restaurant with nearly 40 Corvair enthusiasts enjoying a great meal, car show awards presentation and 50/50 and door prize drawings. Corvairs Northwest did well in the Show and Shine, with John Fellon winning 1<sup>st</sup> place, Rob Stowe 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Roland Martin, the winner of the Trivia Quiz. The Best of Show winner, an early turbo convertible owned by Loraine Devey of Jerome, Idaho, has to be seen to be believed, and will be featured in a future article.

If enthusiasm means anything, the Roundup will become a regional tradition, and it should. Thank you, Boise Basin Corvair Club for a great weekend of Corvair fun.

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