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Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



What's a Corvair?

I don't have any recollections of any Corvairs in my family or friends while I was growing up. My first experience with the Corvair that I know of is when I met Ron online. I saw that his screen name was Corvkid, of course I had to know what that stood for, and I believe the first thing he told me was that it was NOT a Corvette, the second thing he told me was his baby was a Corvair. He sent me a picture of his Corvair, it was well it was a car. No really I wasn't all that old car savvy but I feigned enthusiasm because I was more interested in him, but that is another story. When Ron moved to Washington he was Corvair-less. That would soon change. Five months after his arrival in Washington he and I were the proud parents of a 1962 Monza Coupe. It wasn't real pretty but it was something that soothed his passion for the car. The car soon was repainted and has been a mainstay in our family. Is this my car? Well, let's just say I accept the relationship. No I haven't driven it. Not yet anyway. That is car one, now here comes car number two. Ron was at the parts store when a fellow said hey I have an old car like yours just sitting in my yard. Well you all know how that goes when a Corvair owner hears about another Corvair that might be available. I believe it might be an unwritten rule you must have more than one. I know that because all of the sudden we had two! Ron got the cute little red and black 1962 running and it wasn't half bad. Alas though this was not to be my car, instead it found a home in Alaska. Did I drive it? Well sort of, I did drive it in the backyard and before it left for Alaska I did get to drive it from the backyard to the front yard. So far I don't think I have even logged one mile on a Corvair. As all Corvair enthusiasts know there are many online Corvair sites and once you have a Corvair and especially once you are in a club for Corvairs, then all the sudden the cars start coming out of the woodwork. The third Corvair to grace our yard came via a tow truck. Ron got a line on a 1965 power glide 140 automatic that was sitting in a field going nowhere. Just like a kid and a stray dog, all the sudden this Corvair was in our backyard. This car was sad, the windows were out and the tires were shot, but like all Corvair lovers the vision of repair was there. When my youngest daughter heard we would be working to getting up and running she put her dibs on it. She was just sixteen and this would be her first car. Needless to say she has more hours and miles driving a Corvair than I do. This car was a real prize, it was easily repaired and was a good runner. Well I know what a Corvair is now, haven't really driven one, hope to one day, maybe in a parking lot if I can convince Ron to show me ropes. All in all though it is a great car. I have enjoyed many a road trip from the passenger side of the car. For now that is okay with me.

Kathy Thompson

Birthdays

Dec 1 Dan Rutka
 24 Jeannette Olson
 30 Ron Thompson
 Jan 2 Glen Lemke
 24 Irene Lampi

Treasurers Report

NOV

Beginning Balance	\$636.27
Income:	
Dues	85.00
50/50	11.00
Expenses	-
Ending Balance	\$ 732.27

Road trip to Moose Lake

Dick Dee, one of our new members, has been having conversations with Ron Thompson regarding the restoration of his 1968 Monza Convertible. At our Nov membership meeting Ed Lampi suggested that we visit with Dick and check out his car. The car was purchased new by Dick and has been in the family, first as a family car, and later as a car for his growing family. It has been at a body shop for the past 4 1/2 yrs and apparently not much work has been done. Thursday Dec 7th was the day that we planned on making our visit. Ed and I were the only ones available to make the trip. On the way to Ron's house Ed noticed a noise in the front end of his car. As the speed increased the noise was more pronounced. We decided we better not attempt to drive the car further than trying to make it back home to Ed's house. We then took his Corvair to Ron's house and took his Lumina on the trip. So far we have driven about 2 hours and have not left town. We found Dick's house with no trouble and then proceeded to the place where his Corvair was being stored. As we went thru Moose Lake and headed out west on Highway 73 Ed mentioned that we were in the area where he had grown up. Sure enough we had pulled in to the yard of one of Ed's old neighbors. Small world, and it brought back a lot of memories for Ed. Dick's Monza Convertible has only about 40,000 miles on it, with a 4 speed Transmission. The engine will be pulled out and be at Art Bringe's garage where we will bring the engine back to life. New seals, gaskets, carb work and Distributor work is planned. This will be a cavalry project and all help is welcome.

Ron and Ed

Activities and Events

- Dec 5 Committee meeting at the Pruddens***
- Jan 2nd Board meeting and committee meeting at Pruddens***
- Jan 23 Regular meeting Perkins London Rd Duluth 7 Pm***



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No Dec Meeting

Vendor List

Corvair Underground
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The Source Inc.
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<http://www.thesourceparts.com>

Larry's Corvair Parts
K6RO@Earthlink.net
310-070-9851
www.larryscorvair.com

Clarks Corvair Parts Inc.
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

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Your
Corvair Stories
and
pictures
For
the
newsletter!!!!!!**



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Corvair Classifieds



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
1925 Wyoming Ave
Superior, Wisc
54880



or
corvaid50@aol.com



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*****

63 Corvan "Rough"

Comes with:

Early engine lid

Late engine lid

Early 2 door left door

Late 2 door right door

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



MAKE OFFER

Vern Sundbom

1-218-847-6631

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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: corvaid50@aol.com
If interested in this car contact:
Vern Rubesh
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Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Meeting Minutes -- November 28, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. There were 12 members and no guests present. Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Jim Linder read treasurer's report -- details in next newsletter. Jim will get a list of paid and nonpaid members, email or snail mail, and give to Patty. Renewal cards will be sent to nonpaid members. Report was accepted. 50/50 drawing was won by Vic Blazevic who accepted \$2 and \$18 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 which he can get from the West Coast and is back on the list. Dick Dee wants someone to restore his car. Ron & Ed will get a few people together to check it out for feasibility of club project/clinic.

Part Orders -- Pete is getting an order for Clarks in the next month if anyone needs anything.

Newsletter -- Ron needs articles, pictures, or want ads.

Vertheins -- Ryan wants to sell his cars.

Old Business -- The Olsons will hosted a campfire style hot dog roast on November 11th at 3pm. Not a big turnout due to the cold weather. Those who attended had a good time.

Ron is still checking into the distributor to find out how good a deal it is before pruchasing.

Ron has antenna flags.

Window stickies are available and were distributed to those members who have paid.

The holiday event for January 6th from 1-3pm will be held at Country Lanes. A \$5 - \$10 gift for the gift exchange is optional. If you bring one, you may participate. A side dish or dessert to share is also optional.

No December meeting.

In June 2007 is Fire and Ice in Marshalltown, Iowa. Some Iowa members drive 300 miles to attend meetings. This is something we could do in addition to the BBCruise with the Minneapolis Club.

February event will be a garage party at the Pruddens' or at Art's on February 11th at 1pm.

We need to design a club flag for the Detroit National. Come up with ideas to present at the January 23rd membership meeting.

A thank you card from the Duluth Emergency Food Shelf (Second Harvest) was received.

Christmas City of the North Parade in 2007 is a good possibility for Club cars to participate.

The World of Wheels -- about \$50 per car for a club to be in. Pete will get details for January meeting.

Next committee meeting will be on December 5th - 7pm at the Pruddens. Next club meeting - January 23rd - 6pm for dinner and 7pm meeting at Perkin's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

 *Jeannette*

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