

Hot Air Newsletter



Dan



Ed



Bob

The Prudden's Steal the show at the World of Wheels Car Show



Here's Pete with his Trophy



Here's Molly with her 3 trophy's and a \$200



We had a total of 11 Corvairs entered in the show. Pete displayed his engine with the Judson Supercharger on it. I had my 1964 Huffey Corvair bike in the display also.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday!!

May 24th Bob Johnson

25th Joyce Veillieux

June 1 Dale Olson

4 Jim Linder

16 Ed Lampi

25 Dick Eilers



**NEW MEMBERS
Welcome!!**

**Don & Judy Juntunen Carlton Minn
1963 Convertible**

*Don't forget to check out
our merchandise at our Club
Store!!*



<http://www.edselmotors.com/hlcahome.html>



Spring is coming

Hopefully before long spring will be here and the car shows will be starting up again. June 7th will be the GMAC show in St Paul this year. It's a fun show and we should dust off those Corvairs and get them on the road and show off our cars. I missed last year because of work but plan on making the trip this yr. Lets have a bunch of cars caravan down this yr. If you haven't went before this is the year to go. It would be a good road trip to get ready for the drive down to Iowa for the National Convention in 2010. So start making plans to join in on the GMAC show.



Wish Lists Needed!!!

I will be driving out to Seattle this summer in June sometime and if you need any parts that you can't find let me know. I have some friends out there with big parts stashes and can maybe help you out. So make up those wish lists and get them to me and I'll let them know what I need and haul it back for you. I'm sure I'll have a full van on the return trip.

Ron Thompson

WOW Show Corvair Leads!!

FOR SALE: 61 Monza 2 door Calif/Nevada Car. **GOOD** floors One small rust hole the size of a silver dollar.

Dick Lamppi

218-996 1056

He said he paid \$500-\$600 and would like his money back.

Mike Cornell

Rampside Camper

612-338-1938

2 engines

Garrett Little

715-374-2200

Rampside for sale

218-327-1444

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

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

Clarks Corvair Parts
400 Mohawk Trail
Shelburne Falls, Mass 01370
423-625-9776
WWW.corvair.com

The Newsletter needs your help!!

I really enjoy doing the newsletter but it's getting harder to fill it. We have quite a few members that don't attend meeting or gatherings. So what I am asking is for all members to sit down and write up a story about you and your Corvairs. How did you get into Corvairs? What work have you done to it? Tell us your best Corvair story. There has to be some stories out there. Pictures of your Corvairs are always welcome. Maybe you don't have a camera, well if your close, give me a call and I'll come over and take some pictures. I'll be asking all the officers to write up a small article about themselves also. Maybe if we all do this it will spark some interest. Bob Saunders had an idea that maybe this next summer we should all get together and drive our Corvairs to a members house for a visit. What would be nicer than to look out and see a flock of Corvairs pull up in front of your house? I like the idea. If they won't come to us lets go to them!! What do you think? Sounds like a plan to me. Maybe you have an idea of something you'd like to see in the newsletter. Just let me know and I'll get it in. *Ron Thompson*

Thank You!!!

Gary Meller a friend of Bob Saunders and myself bought a new computer and was nice enough to give me his old complete setup. I hooked up the Club printer to it and now can use it for doing our newsletter. I had trouble with having 2 printers on my computer. THANKS GARY!!!

Ron Thompson

Jason Again!!!

I guess when you drive your Corvair as much as Jason does you have to expect breakdowns. Last night 2/23 Jason called and needed some garage time to fix a failing generator. He was going to stop at Wal-Mart and get oil for an oil change. Well when he went to leave the battery was dead. So Off I went with a fresh battery and we got him to my garage. We then proceeded to convert his old generator over to an alternator. This meant rounding up an alt mount and changing it. And a little re-wiring. We found all the needed parts and in no time we had it running and charging again. I could see when he left the garage that his tail lights were about 3 times brighter. I got in the house and he called to let me know that his headlights were a lot brighter also. Changing to an alt is one of the best updates to do on any early model with a generator. The Early generator produces barely enough power to power all the accessories. After an oil change and filter he was happily on his way. My only question is what's next?

Well it didn't take long to find out what was next. Today, 3/6 I was out in the garage working on assembling an engine and Jason called and said his front end was loose and something was wrong. He came out and we found the pitman arm bushing was loose. He already had a new one so we took out the old one and had to have the new one pressed in. The whole job went smooth and he was back on the road in no time.

I was installing the pistons with new rings and bearings in after he left and managed to break my ring compressor so I was done for the day. I thought about firing up the Corvair and taking it for a ride but the snow bank in front of the garage helped me change my mind. I'll wait for a warmer day when the snows gone.

UPDATE: 4/25/09 The engine is together and almost ready to fire up.

Ron Thompson

Reasons to Join CORSA by Bob Helt

- 1. CORSA** is the central focal point for all Corvair activities and information. Without CORSA there would be no National Conventions, no Corvair newsgathering and dissemination service. No uniting of members together for a common purpose. If it weren't for CORSA, providing the integrating effort and central focus, local Corvair clubs would have disbanded and drifted far away by now. CORSA has provided the glue that has kept Corvair oriented people together. Certainly you want to be part of that kind of organization.
- 2. The** high-quality monthly magazine, the *Communique*, is full of news and information you need and want. There's news of events and what's happening with CORSA and the local clubs. There are technical articles, restoration articles, historical articles, and how-to articles. Owner's experiences and projects get much attention. There are also vendor and classified ads of cars and parts for sale. Here is the place to find the Corvair suppliers and vendors for the things you need. In short, everything of interest on and about Corvairs is covered in the CORSA *Communique*.
- 3. Within** CORSA's membership is the majority of Corvair technical and historical information. If you want technical or historical information or help, here is the place to get it.
- 4. CORSA** also provides the social framework for all people interested in Corvairs to get together and enjoy their cars, no matter what their interests are. All Corvair oriented activities and discussions are not only invited, but also encouraged. And you can be involved to whatever level you want. Be a learner, or be a leader, all types of participation is invited and encouraged.
- 5. CORSA** provides information and instructions to local chapters on the formation and operation of local clubs. In other words, how to get a local club started and keep it going.
- 6. CORSA** supports the local chapters in putting on the annual conventions, which rotate each year to one of the three geographic divisions of North America. There are some 110 local club charters around the US and Canada, plus several in Europe. Annual conventions are usually five day events comprising many activities for all ages and interests, including car shows, Concours, tours, auto-crosses, rallies, economy runs, tech sessions, model car contests, and a Saturday night banquet. Especially interesting are the parts swap meets with many members and vendors offering a wide variety of both new and used Corvair parts.
- 7. CORSA** provides insurance coverage for all CORSA and chapter sponsored events. This is especially valuable when you consider the liability of moving car events. This insurance coverage covers all sanctioned Corvair events whether just a monthly club meeting, or a moving car competition. This kind of insurance is quite costly otherwise and very necessary considering our litigious society. And it comes along with membership in CORSA.
- 8. CORSA** actively supports Concours and Autocross events, which are an integral part of all national conventions. In the Concours, different classes allow for all types of Corvairs to be entered. Corvair powered vehicles and Corvair bodied vehicles are allowed to participate. Thus, Corvairs with V-8 engines, and Corvair powered aircraft can enter the Concours. Similarly, different classes allow all Corvairs, and Corvair powered or Corvair bodied cars to enter and participate in the Auto-cross. In addition, CORSA supports other car activities such as rallies and economy runs.
- 9. CORSA** supports the Corvair Preservation Foundation, which is dedicated to the establishment of a permanent Corvair museum.
- 10. CORSA** provides specialized Corvair books, literature and other merchandise to help you, the Corvair owner. *The Corvair Technical Guides* (books), and the *Corvair Decade* are two such books that would not be available at all, if it were not for the financing and support of CORSA. CORSA is also publishing and selling the new book for Corvair beginners, called *Corvair Basics*. Certainly you want to be part of an organization that does so much for its membership.
- 11. CORSA** prepares and sells a "roster" of members with addresses for your glovebox. So if you are traveling or even visiting, away from home in your Corvair and need assistance, help and guidance can be available to you from the nearest phone.

Tips and Tricks For Buffing your Corvair

A buffer is one of the best ways to wax a car to a showroom finish. The buffer leaves a professional appearance for a fraction of the cost of detailing, and the evenly-applied wax keeps your car's paint protected from harsh conditions. But not everyone knows how to use a buffer to wax a car. Be careful! Orbital waxers are great tools, but in the hands of the inexperienced, they can leave paint burns, whorls, and crevice stuffing! If you don't feel confident with the automated process of using a commercial buffer to wax a car, consider hand waxing. Here are the steps to wax a car with a professional buffer:

1. Choose your wax: Select a wax specially formulated to be gentle on car paint. Some contain abrasives, so be extra careful when selecting one of these for use on a lacquer finish, highly detailed, or dark car. I recommend a non abrasive formula that is fade resistant and environmentally safe.
2. Wash your car: Use wax remover and a nice, gentle soap made specifically for automobiles, and be sure to rinse it thoroughly. If your car is heavily soiled, you may opt to take the car to a spray-style coin operated carwash and clean it thoroughly using a high-pressure hose. Do not take your car through an automated car wash, because some of them add conditioners or silicone-based soaps that might not react well to the car wax you choose. Before it air dries, wipe it dry with a clean towel or chamois. Pay special attention to crevices and areas where ornamental pieces are attached. Then, use a special masking tape to cover rubber trim, body seams, and body creases. Using a buffer on those areas can result in paint damage.
3. Choose a temperate day and park your car out of the sun. It is preferable that you choose a carport to avoid bird droppings as you wax. If you work in the sun, you could end up with streaking from the sun [baking](#) your wax before you get the car finished. Don't wax in extremely cold temperatures either, as the cold will solidify your wax before you can get it spread.
4. Using a palm-sized, one inch wide sponge that is barely moistened, dip out about a teaspoon sized lump of wax and rub it onto the car in a circular motion. Don't get it in seams or around your insignias. Some prefer to apply the wax directly to the car in a quick squirt. Work in a very small area to start.
5. Put the wax applicator in place over the buffer pad. Use the buffer without turning it on to spread the wax around. Turn on the buffer and gently smooth in the wax without applying pressure or mechanically rubbing the car with the buffer by pushing it. Just guide the buffer and let it do the work. Always work in the lines of the vehicle, paying special attention to the way the metal flows.
6. Let the wax dry to a hazy look all over. Then take off the wax applicator. Put the wax removal cloth insert on the buffer pad. Using long strokes, remove the wax. Never go in circles or push the buffing pad. Only guide it. That can not be emphasized enough.

This should give you a detailed shine without damaging the paint. If at all possible, consider having someone show you how to wax a car with a buffer prior to using one yourself. The best rule of thumb is to never push down on the buffer and let it do the work. Good luck!

Trivia answer: Uni-body



4/28/2009

Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



Corvair Classifieds

For Sale:
 1966 Monza 140 4 speed
 Ran when parked. Stored in heated garage.
 Ray Mlaskoch
 Willow River, Mn
 218-372-3693 218-380-9922
 \$3,500.00 11/07

For Sale: 1959 Ford T-Bird 390 C.I. 4-Barrel
 Auto Trans, PWR Windows, PWR Seat, Electric
 Wipers, New Interior, Many new parts, California
 car
 \$15,000.00
 Contact: Glenn 715-462-3978



11/07

FOR SALE:
 1960 & 1964 Corvair's
 Located out in Pattison Park Area.
 Parts cars.
 I work with the owner so if interested contact me.
 I have pictures also.
 Ron Thompson
 715 392-4634
 corvaid50@aol.com 1/09

For Sale: 1965 Corvair Corsa 4 speed 63,000 miles
 Evening orchid VERY NICE!!!
 \$6,800.00

1964 Corvair Convertible 4 speed Many new parts
 \$4,500.00 Possible trade, looking for a Loadside or
 rampside truck.
 Art Bringe 218-7213050 2/09

**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
3932 E 8th ST
Superior,Wisc
54880
 or
 corvaid50@aol.com



Corvair Trivia

What years were the Corvair-based trucks and vans built?
Answer on page 8 NO PEEKING!!

Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Meeting for March 2009

Meeting was called to order by President Patti Prudden at 7:00 P.M.

We had 11 members and 1 guest in attendance. Patti welcomed all new members and board members to the new club year. Part of the new format is the board meeting held one hour before the regular meeting.

There were no minutes to be read, the treasurer was absent therefore no official report but it was reported by Officers that there is approximately 700.00 in our account. We did not have the 50/50 raffle due to Dan's absence.

Car Shows: At meeting time the big show coming up is The World of Wheels, the club is expecting a very nice turnout of Club Corvairs. WOW runs March 27,28 and 29th.

The next big show is the All General Motors show on June 6th and 7th. Ed said he would try to get the big list of all shows for the coming year.

The Calvary: Work was done on Art's clutch, Jason has had a couple break downs and now is up a running for the time being. There is a 102 being worked on and Jason and Ron are working on a project in their "spare" time.

Pete's Parts: Pete will still combine orders to save on shipping just get with him if you need to order anything.

The Newsletter: Remember the newsletter is only being sent out in Feb, Apr, June, Aug and Oct so that gives you plenty of time for writing up your Corvair Story. Let Ron know if you have anything to contribute, everyone has a story, don't worry if you don't type we have a secretary that will do it for you. Just get that article in! Ron reports that the Club Newsletter received a very nice donation from Chaplain Gary, a desk top computer now compliments the donated printer for putting the Newsletter together.

The club got together, those that could attend, in January for our post holiday get together. There was pizza and sodas and a gift exchange. Everyone had a great time bowling and just hanging out.

It appears our new schedule for meetings will work for everyone, but if you ever have questions or issues be sure to contact our President, Patti Prudden.

We received a very nice write up from CHUM about our food drive efforts. Keep up the great work!

A motion was made and seconded to pay half of the repair price for the Neon Corvair sign. You can see it at the WOW car show.

The floor was open to discussion for the World of Wheels, what our theme should be, who would be attending with their car and the club picking up 10.00 of the entry tab for each of our entrants.

The Detroit home coming dates are August 20-23rd. No date has been made at this time for the Fire and Ice in Iowa.

There are raffle tickets for sale for the Florida convention, they are giving a Corvair as grand prize. See Patti about the details. There was a motion made and 2nd for our club to buy one as a give away at WOW, no other details.

The Minnesota club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, Patti would like to know if there is any interest in caravanning down as a friendly gesture and take in their meeting.

Joanne needs another run of memberships for a new directory.

Bob suggested a road cruise, some good ideas were kicked around, places like Gun Flint Trail, Delta Diner, Gordy's Hi Hat, if you have any ideas for a cruise, or would like to plan one get with Patti, it is always fun to get together for some tire kicking and just plain hanging out.

October 2009 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Corvair. There is a big whoop de do in Milwaukee, dates N/A.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

At the moment we are still meeting at the Perkins in Duluth, another site is in the works and if the location changes you will be notified. Remember board meeting at 6 and meeting at 7. SEE YOU THERE!

Trivia question answer: 1961-1965

Activities and Events

**May 5 Committee meeting 6 pm Perkins London road 1 hr before regular meeting
May 5 Regular membership meeting 7PM Perkins London Rd**

Ed says:

Corvair Oil Change

Everybody knows that the price of gas has been going up and down lately, but has anybody realized that the price of motor oil has also gone up just as drastically. Gone are the days of motor oil at 69Cents a quart. Corvair need 4 quarts to fill the Crankcase and a pint to fill the oil filter. If you have been throwing in 5 quarts of oil you have been wasting a half a quart. That over fills your crankcase and does more harm than good. The extra oil swirls around and can cause improper lubrication until the extra oil is dissipated. The best way to do the oil change is to put 4 quarts in the crankcase and one pint in the new oil filter and use the rest in your oil can or for adding oil later as needed. While it may not seem like much , it is better for your engine and will save a little oil for another purpose.
Ed Lampi

World of Wheels show.

The world of wheels car show was a success again this year. We had a total of 11 Corvairs with Petes Judson motor display and my Huffy Corvair Bike. Also we had 2 tables full of literature. Lot of people with lots of questions. Members showing their Corvairs were:

Molly Prudden

Bob Saunders (2 Corvairs)

Art Bringe

Ed Lampi

Paul Wotruba

Jim Linder

Pete Prudden

Ron Thompson

Dan Rutka

Pat Murphy

Pete won Best in class with Showgirl

Molly won Best in Class, Outstanding sports Compact/tuner and \$200, and also outstanding display. GOOD GOING EVERYONE!!!

For more pictures go to:

<http://rides.webshots.com/album/570705369NwyPQm>

The car displays were awesome and thanks to everyone the show was a success. Looks like Bob worked the show really hard.



Crusin!!!

Summer is coming, and we all love showing off our cars!

This summer, Mn Hwy 23 is scheduled to be rebuilt, going from 4 lane to two lanes, from Gary new Duluth to Jay Cook State Park.

Hi-Way 210 is a great road course thru the state park to Thompson, and Gordys' Hi Hat is just a few miles down the road from there. If you havent been there before, it is a muscle car paradise, wouldn't you love to show up in your air cooled wonder to show off?

Our June Second meeting will be at Gordys in Cloquet. We start in Soup town at the Pilgrim Lutheran Parking lot, {across from the Post office 1 block west of Belknap and Catlin}, cross the Bong Bridge and make our way thru Morgan Park, New Duluth and Fon Du Lac. From there up to Thompson and then to Gordys... Meet at 4:30 in Superior, or be at Gordys at 5:30 for dinner.

Here is a mapquest link for the "scenic" cruise: {cut and paste into your browser}

via highway 23 & 210 takes approx 1 hour

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?>

1a=800+Belknap+Street&1z=54880&2c=Cloquet&2s=MN&2pn=Gordys+Hi+Hat#a/maps/
l::800+Belknap+St:Superior:WI:54880-2908:US:46.72061:-92.088989:address:Douglas+County:1/
l::SR-23;+Grand+Ave:::46.715145:-92.20269:::2/
l::Commonwealth+Ave;+State+Route+23;+Highway+23:::46.683929:-92.226509:::2/
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210;+Highway+210:::46.664802:-92.450645:::2/l::SR-33+S;+Sunnyside+Dr:::46.707141:-
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or the quicker I35 way takes approx 35 minutes

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?>

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l:Gordy%27s+Hi+Hat+Drive-Inn:411+Sunnyside+Dr:Cloquet:MN:55720:US:46.741977:-
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This is a nice way to get together, have fun and show the locals who we are! We could even invite some other clubs/ individuals to join us.

We are planning a summer trip to Grand Marais, Jeff Gecas has invited us up to his Restaurant. More to come on that later!!!

Bob Saunders

Head of the Lakes Corvair Association
Meeting April 7th 2009

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. There were 11 regular members and one new member (Don Juntunen) in attendance. Introductions were made all around and there was reminiscing about a lot of cars.

The Secretary report was read and approved by motions. There was no Treasurer report given. A thank you card was passed around to send to the Minnesota club along with a check for the neon Corvair sign that we borrowed for the World of Wheels.

The 50/50 raffle brought in \$6.00 for the club and \$6.00 for this months winner, Kathy Thompson.

The committee reports for cars shows: The main topic was what we want to do next year for the World of Wheels and get started with planning now, the more time the better the experience could be.

Don't forget to mark you calendar for the All GM Show on June 6th and 7th. This the next big event. There is a Fire and Ice in August, the 29th and 30th and the Detroit Homecoming is August 20-23.

The Calvary reports that Jason is up and running "again" but surely there is more to come. Bob is working on his undercarriage using the rotisserie.

Pete always can help with parts used and new when you need to order, just contact Pete.

The Newsletter reminds us that all submissions need to be in by the 3rd Tuesday of every month and articles are always welcome and needed.

There is still a plan to try to make the meeting in Minnesota and share experiences and show loyalty to the Corvair.

Our next meeting is May 5th at Perkins , 6:00 for the board meeting and 7:00 for the general meeting.

Next month on June 2nd we are planning a cruise to Gordy's High Hat to hold our meeting there and have some really good eats. There will a group meeting to caravan at the Lutheran Church on Belknap in Superior at 4:30.

Final note more details will be forth coming on the Memorial Day Parade May 25th. If you have interest in this or questions get in touch with our President Patti Prudden.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16

Kathy Thompson Secretary

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