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## Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



# The Store is Open!!!!!!!

A new addition to our growing club has been added. We now have our own store that we can sell merchandise with our Club Logo on. How about a shirt or maybe a coffee mug? Then again a nice Ball cap would be nice at those sunny car shows. Those and many other items can be purchased at our Store. Here is an example of one of the shirts and a couple other items. Help support your club and order today.



Check out our store at:

<http://www.cafepress.com/hlcastore>





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**May Birthdays**

- April 21 Patty Prudden*
- May 23 Vic Blazevic*
- May 25 Joyce Vellieux*

**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*  
"April 1, 2006"**

Today, I talked to Jerry Chesney of Chesney Auto Salvage about having a car show at his place of business. He said he would be all for it, but it would have to be on a Saturday after close of business (12:00 Noon). I told him we would have about 10 to 15 Corvairs, and he assured me he would make accommodations for us. He set the hours at 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. and would provide entertainment. He would also serve brats, chips and soft drinks. The only provision he had was that he would like some help draining the oil and gas out of our Corvairs, and we would have to find our own way home.

**Art Bringe**  
April 1, 2006



**We're having another BBQ at !!!! Come on up to Pete Prudden's on April 23 and join the fun. Pop, Coffee and Hotdogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share. Corvairing will be on the menu!!!**

**Treasurers Report  
March**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$438.63</b>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Dues</b>	
<b>50/50</b>	<b>31.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Window decals</b>	<b>107.50</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$362.12</b>

**April-May Activities and Events**

- April 21** Patty Prudden's Birthday
- May 2** Committee meeting
- May 9** Newsletter articles due
- May 23** Monthly membership meeting at Perkins London Rd Duluth
- May 23** Vic Blazevic's Birthday
- May 25** Joyce Veillieux's Birthday

## *April Agenda*

1. **Secretary's Report** Jeannette Olson
2. **Treasurer's Report** Jim Linder Fundraiser-50/50
3. **Committee Reports** Car shows-Rice lake Days-GM Eggerbrecht Chev-Newsletter Calendar- Cavalry
4. **Pete's Parts Order** Any questions about parts order-Discounts
5. **Newsletter** We need articles
6. **Web page** Tim Verthein
7. **Old Business** Hinkley Get Together-Arnolds Shirt Works-New Web Store
8. **New Business** Patches and window stickers-Summer Picnic-Pete's Picnic-First aid kit for Cavalry-Keeping track of mileage and donations
9. **New Business**

**\*\*\*\*\*Next committee meeting May 2nd All Members Welcome\*\*\*\*\***

## **Vendor List**

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

The Source Inc.  
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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.  
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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  
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Salem, Oregon 97303  
503-364-8685  
[WWW.DaleMfg.com](http://WWW.DaleMfg.com)

## *"Ed Says"*

Corvairs that have regularly lubricated and well taken care of normally have very little problems in the steering and handling department. The fact that the Corvair does not carry a load over the front wheels plays a great part in this. There is one simple part that can deteriorate and cause poor handling all of a sudden, which can have you wondering what happened. This is a rubber pitman arm bushing. After 40 some years this will deteriorate and cause a lot of play in the steering. Corvair vendors have solved this problem well. A Nylon bushing can be installed easy to replace the worn rubber bushing. This will give back the control and your steering will be like having power steering. Keep in mind that the air pressure should be about 10# less in the front tires than in the rear. 20# in the front and 32# in the rear is about right.

**Ed Lampi**

## **Our Mission Statement**

**"To Support the national Organization and structure of the Corvair Society of America. To support the charter members and encourage the restoration and preservation of the Corvair Automobile. To conduct a helpful and friendly environment in which members are able to expand their knowledge of the Corvair Automobile and sources to preserve it. "**

# Corvair Classifieds

## For Sale:

Set of 4 Nissan Rims 15" with early Corvair bolt pattern. Came off my 1964 Monza. Great condition. Presently have 195-60R-15 tires on them which worked GREAT on my car. Two of the tires have some sidewall cracking from age and need to be replaced but the other 2 are excellent. All necessary lug nuts and washers included.



\$150.00 For All.

Call Tim 218-245-1782 in Bovey or E-mail  
Tim at minoxphotographer@yahoo.com

## NOS Parts For sale

As I am no longer restoring early's and FC's, I have several NOS parts for sale. 7451254 Axle bearing 61-62, 7451328 axle bearing 63-64, 3790672 tie rod end 60-62, (2) 1945376 points 60-61, (3) 6255721 pitman bushing & bolt 60-69, (2) 908076 blower bearing 60-63, (2) dome lens FC, (2) Glove box lock complete w/keys, (2) 1993317 Stop light switch FC, 1116626 ignition switch w/cylinder & Keys, 3157112 heater lever FC, 3833127 heater knob kit FC, 3826596 tie rod end 63-64 FC, 3848873 inside door handle FC, Also miscellaneous early and FC used parts.

Prices are 1/2 of Clarks.

Vern Sundbom 218-847-6631  
vmsundbom@lakesnet.net

## Parts Wanted:

Rear antenna Late Model L & R lower door hinges late, 66 140 emblem for engine lid, 66 turbo Dist, any late turbo sheet metal or exhaust parts, 66 Corsa dash & wiring. 66 black interior 2DR

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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: corvkid50@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  
1925 Wyoming Ave  
Superior, Wi 54880 or  
corvkid50@aol.com

## ***The Worst Corvair Repair***

When General Motors quit manufacturing the Corvair in 1969, that instantly made it a “Throw-Away” car. Many Corvairs were driven until they died and a lot of owners felt they were not worth reviving. I had been employed at a local Chevrolet dealer briefly during the spring and summer of 1961. I was given a 1961 Monza 4 Door 3 speed for a demonstrator. It was a fun car to drive and when I left the employ of this dealer, I felt that I'd like to own a Corvair. Later I found a 1960 700 4 door automatic at a reasonable price and purchased it. The automatic would be easy for my wife to learn to drive and would be a great handling car for her. This was our family car for several years.

During the later 60's, I started buying some of these Corvairs that people had given up on. Many had very little wrong with them, Lacking normal maintenance and mechanics that had little or no knowledge of how to work on a Corvair. I was the Tire and Auto Service department manager at a local national retail outlet about the time the Corvair went out of production. My fellow employees thought of me as the “Corvair Nut” and if they spotted a Corvair for sale, they would tell me about it. A fellow employee spotted a Corvair station wagon for sale on his way to work and thought I would be interested. As it was only about a mile from my place of employment, I drove out on my lunch hour to look it over. It was a 1962 Monza Station Wagon with an automatic transmission. The body and interior was in pretty good shape, except the right front was damaged, needing a bumper, head-light rim, and light body work. The windshield was also cracked from the impact. The car had no battery, so I made my usual “Low Ball” offer, \$50.00, and it was accepted. We came back during the week-end to tow it home. The title was signed over and as we were about to leave the previous owner handed me some papers and we were on our way.

At home, I had a better chance to look over my treasure. Inspecting the engine compartment, the first thing I spotted was the right side carburetor had no choke connection. A 1961 Cylinder head had been installed! Oh well, I hadn't expected perfection. A battery was installed and it finally was coaxed to start and run. Run it did, badly. The number one cylinder head gasket was blown. It was then I looked over the papers the previous owner had given me. What I found was a statement from a local independent auto Repair shop for repair work done on the engine of this car to the amount just under \$700.00 WOW!! It should have run like a new Cadillac!! This was not the end, read on. I pulled the head and in doing so, I discovered the rear top stud on the engine block was stripped, the reason for the gasket failure. The stud was replaced using an insert and a proper Cylinder head installed.

Finally it was started and seemed to run fine. Keep reading, it's not over yet. I had only driven it on short trips, no more than 10 miles at a time. I had the occasion to make a 100 mile round-trip and decided to take the wagon. Everything went fine until going up a fairly long steep grade on the free-way about 15 miles from home. The car was losing power and was over-heating. It finally quit running. After allowing it to cool off, it started and I headed back home. Back to the repair statement. One entry – nurlize pistons. Most mechanics know air cooled engines are designed for more piston to cylinder wall clearances than water cooled engines. The piston when warmed up, expanded and seized! This was a repair shop that had a good local reputation, but certainly had no experience in working on Corvairs. I later installed a 1964 110 HP Motor and was able to use the wagon. The winter salt finally got the best of it as it was parted out and junked.

This still is about the way most repair shops still operate when working on your Corvair. You are paying them to learn to work and suffering the consequences when they make this type of expensive mistake. The Head of The Lakes Corvair Cavalry's Mission is to help prevent this from happening to our club members.





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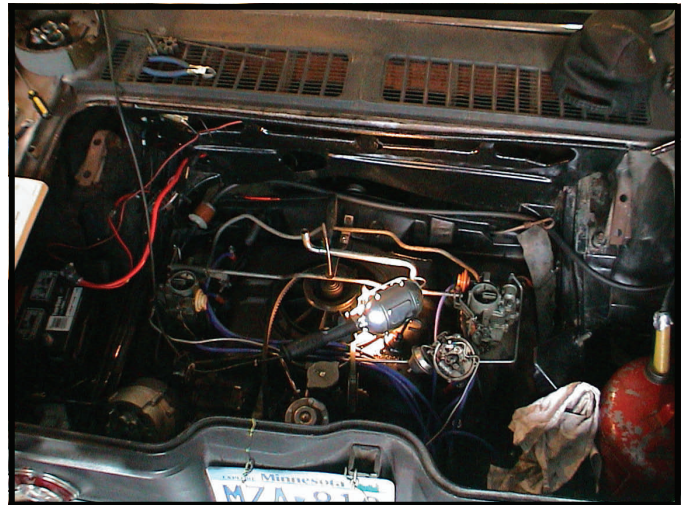
### An afternoon in Bovey

Well The Calvary made a trip up to Bovey on Friday March 31st. We went up to help out Ryan with his late 110. It started out as a trip to adjust the carbs and look at the tack. First off was to adjust the valves so we started by removing a valve cover. This is where the fun begins. After removing the cover we see that there is no oil at the rockers. We thought maybe it needed a little more running time so we tried to run it for a short time and still no oil. Now bear in mind there is no mufflers on the car and the manifolds are on backwards so the open manifolds are pointing to the rear of the car. The only thing we could find to get the exhaust extended was a round cardboard tube. We cut it in half and had Art hold on one side and Ed held the other It helped but was still loud.



We then pulled the alternator so we could remove the oil pressure switch. We tried to crank the engine and found no oil pressure. Then we removed the distributor and used a drill to spin the oil pup and a nice flow of oil finally appeared. Now to figure out why we get no oil flow with the distributor installed. I pulled the oil pump to check the ears on the drive end and found everything perfect. SO back together it goes. Again we try the drill motor and have a nice flow of oil. Now we put the distributor back in and try and finally get a flow of

Oil at the oil sending unit hole. Next we start the engine and check at the rocker arms for oil once again and find no flow of oil. Now we are stumped and cold. We decide to pack it up for the day and head for home. We talk about it all the way home and pretty much agree that somewhere the oil passages are blocked. Not long after I arrived home Ryan calls to inform me that he went to town and got some Crank-case oil Cleaner and ran thru it. In no time he had good oil pressure and oil flow everywhere. What a relief!! I told Ryan that now we know what we need we would put some parts together and make a return trip and finish the job, It seemed like it was a wasted day because we didn't get much accomplished but then again I think we saved an engine that had it been run much would have froze up from no oil.



The day was filled with it's usual bantering back and forth, some of which cannot be shared on here LOL. When Lunchtime came we were treated with some Homemade lasagna, salad and brownies. Thank you for that, It was Fantastic. Part 2 of this story will be at a later date when we make the return trip. Thank you Ed Art, and Ryan for another fun day!!!! This is what Corvairing is all about.

March 28 2006  
Head of the Lakes Corvair Club

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. There were 18 members and 2 guests in attendance. It was noted that at last meeting there were 14 members in attendance.

Patti read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The club secretary, Jeannette, plans to print copies of future minutes for the members to read.

The 50/50 drawing was held before everything else got started. Patti won the raffle; the prize was 21.00 for the winner and 21.00 for the club. Patti donated 10.00 of her prize to the club.

Car shows- Dan took the floor to talk about car shows and places to park the cars. Englebret Chevrolet, Country Kitchen in Proctor and the VFW said ok as long as we called ahead.

Newsletter- Ron has an event calendar in the newsletter. Ron is working out all the details of getting together with the Minnesota club. A show of hands at the meeting approved a Hinckley drive on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>. A committee will be put together to plan the itinerary for the day. There is also plans to put together a goodie bag. Jason, Ron and Pete agreed to be the committee to plan the event. Patti said she would drive to Hinckley and pick up brochures and any other bits of information.

Treasurer Report- Jim reviewed the February treasurer report. He also mentioned that he will be away in the summer months and we might need to find a replacement for him while he is gone. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer report as read.

Corvair Cavalry- Ryan still needs help and there are plans to continue that project. Patti suggested a call list when there is a work party so that anyone who would like to be involved can be alerted. Members can also get in touch with Ron if they are interested in participating. The club received a group of Corvair manuals to go into the tool chest for anyone who would like more information on their car.

Newsletter- Ron still would like to see more articles turned in. You can write about any Corvair experiences you would like to share. Talk turned to dues, and it was decided that the dues should be raised. How much is yet to be determined but 15.00 for e-mail version and 25.00 for snail mail version. A motion was made to look at both medias and decide how much to increase. The web page is going strong and you can now go to archives and see past issues of the newsletter.

Window decals- It was decided a committee was needed to look further into window decals. Ed and Dick offered to be the committee. A motion was made to get 50 decals and then was tabled until more information was made available. Pete did make a motion to use the Café Press site as an option for having available different products that we can put our Logo to.

**Events- On April 23, 2006 there will be a potluck picnic at Pete's garage.**

We missed World of Wheels this year but perhaps we can get in on it next year.

The next meeting of the Board and any interested members will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Pete and Patti's.

The next club meeting is to on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Perkins, the usual place.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

# *The Legend of the fender Necklace*

A true tale by Patty Prudden

Once upon a time in a land far far up north, lived King Peter... It was a snowy day and Queen Patty was arriving home after a long day of shopping for her Princes and her little Princess. Now you have to understand that King Peter was busy ruling over his Corsa Kingdom and entertaining his Royal guests, so the courtyard was plum full of chariots of all types. The Queen was in a hurry, as her appointment book was always filled. So in her haste to find a place to park, the Queen spotted her only choice, she had a very small space to move through, (as the King forgot to have his Royal servants remove the mountains of snow.) So with grace, as only a Queen can display, she maneuvered between obstacles (one being the mountain of snow). It was a thwarted attempt as she was unable to push through the snow. The Queen being a strong willed, never give up type of person, was not going to let a pile of snow win. She backed up and put her chariot into ramming speed. With a mighty push the Queen broke through... "Oh no!" shouted the Queen. The whole block of snow moved unveiling a colored corner of snow bank.

Unbeknownst to Queen Patty, under layers and layers of snow, was parked the Kings cherished 1969 Corvair that he was saving for Prince Paul. You can imagine how sick the Queen felt for she had to confess her sins to the King and receive possible dungeon time for her misfortune. So the Queen slowly walked down to the Kings play room (his royal garage) where he was proudly showing off one of his many "toys." She hung her head in shame as she told of the snow bank that moved! Now King Peter has always been known to be a fair King so he listened patiently to the story and kept his temper leashed. With tears in her eyes and a sickened stomach the Queen was done telling of the sad tale. It felt like an eternity for the King to react to such a horrific event but finally the King just place his hand on the Queens shoulders solemnly looked her in the eye and said "not to worry the car could be fixed". Months passed and the King never once brought up the unfortunate incident and the accident became just a bad memory, till one warm summer day... King Peter and Prince Paul walked into the Royal Kitchen where the Queen was busy at work (the servants must have had a day off) and presented her Majesty with a gift, "a necklace" he said. So the King asked the Queen to turn around so he could surprise her and help her on with her golden jewels.... Surprised by the weight of the necklace the Queen could only imagine how many priceless gems were gleaming from her neck. The Queen ran to the mirror to admire her new gift only to stop in sudden horror to see once again, the colored piece of metal that once peeked out of a snow bank a few months back hanging from her neck! She looked at the King to see him smiling like he had just place a prized treasure upon her. The Queen should have known that the King wouldn't let her off that easy and was planning an attack the moment he witnessed the offense given to his cherished car.

The moral of the story is... when you kiss the toad that turns into a Prince and becomes King make sure that he does not rule over a Corsa Kingdom and if he does make sure you live down south, where it doesn't snow!



# *Car Show Calendar*

- May 2006** 20 Grand Marais, Minn / St Scholastica Car show  
28 Dairy Queen/ Benna Ford Superior
- June 2006** 3 Cloquet Springfest  
3 Hibbing Cruise  
4 Shifters Car Show Hibbing  
4 All GM Show St Paul  
10 Nifty 50's Cruisers Car Show Barnum  
11 Spooner Car Show  
13 Aurora A & W  
17 Thunder Bay Car Show  
18 Iron River Car Show  
23-25 Back to The 50's  
24 All Ford Show Two Harbors  
25 Aitkin Car Show
- July 2006** 1 Ashland Car Show  
4 4th Car Show Cloquet  
5 Superior Wisc Car show  
7 North Shore Rod Run  
8 Black Bear Car Show  
8 Two Harbors Car Show  
8-9 North Shore Rod Run  
12 Downtown Duluth  
15 Hinkley get Together  
15 Bemidji Cruise night  
15 Bemidji Car Show  
21 Cruza Paluza Central Entrance Duluth  
22 Savannah Portage Floodwood  
26 Veterans Memorial Car Show Depot Duluth  
28 Lost Isle Car Show  
29 Carlton Days Car Show  
29 Northern Cruisers Car Show  
30 Grand Rapids Car Show
- August 2006** 2 Spirit Valley Duluth  
3 Gordy's Curbside Classic  
4 Wrenshall Show  
4-6 Cloquet Extravaganza  
6 Studebaker Club Car Show Proctor  
8 Aurora A & W Cruise night  
12 Lake Nebagamon Car Show  
18 Fuzzy Dice Cruise Night Virginia, Minn  
19 Virginia Car Show  
19 North Shore Classic Car Show Two Harbors / Virginia Car Show / Crosby Car Show / Hinkley Car Show  
20 St Cloud Car Show  
27 Embarrass Fair Car Show



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