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## Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter

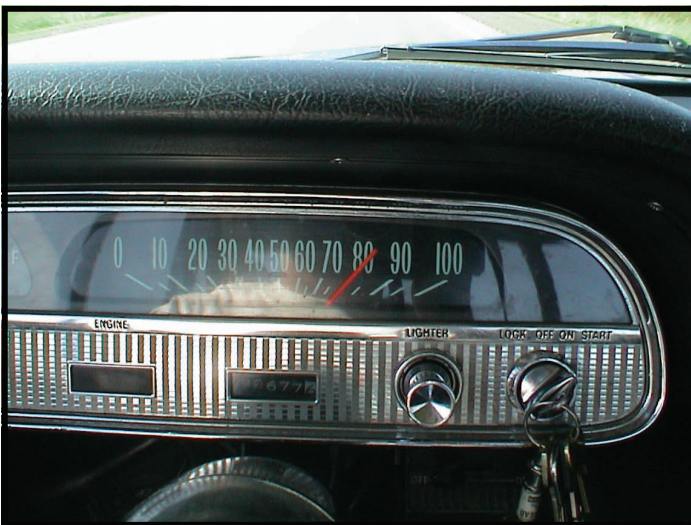


# It's SHOWTIME!!!

Well, The snow is all melted and we finally have the oil changed and got our Corvair all tuned up and ready to hit the road and head out to some car shows. I will be putting a car show list in the newsletter every month and updating it regularly. Contact me if you have any updates or additions. Our annual trip to the ALL GM Show in St Paul. That is always a fun and interesting trip. The show date is June 11th. We plan on meeting at the Thompson Hill Rest stop at about 8:30 and leave there about 9am, then caravan down to the show. We would like as many Corvairs to participate in this event as possible.



Pit stop at Hinkley



Did I mention the trip is fun?



Corvairs Everywhere  
2004 show pictures



## *May-June Birthdays*

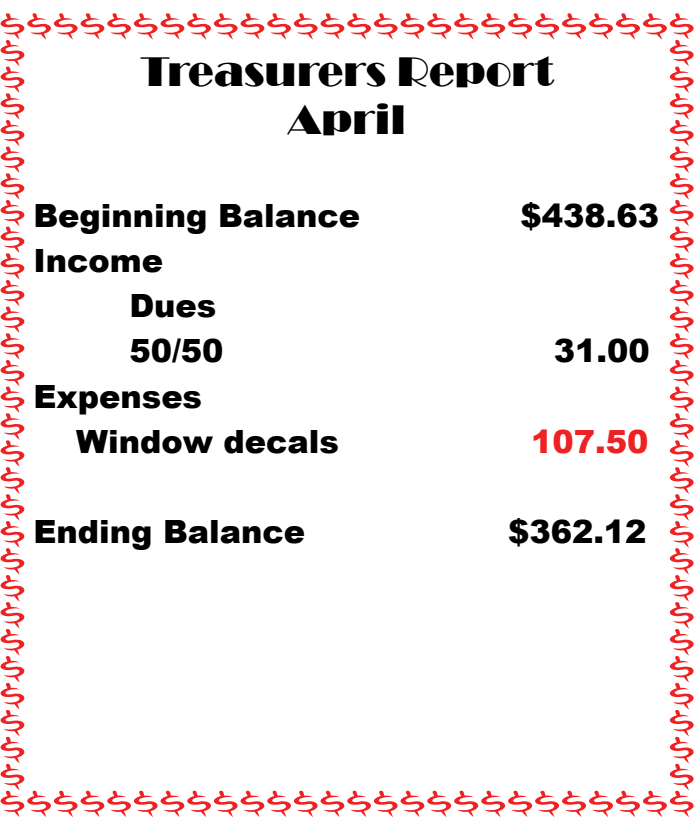
- 5/23 Vic Blazevic*
- 5/25 Joyce Veillieux*
- 6/1 Dale Olson*
- 6/4 Jim Linder*
- 6/16 Ed Lampi*
- 6/25 Dick Eilers*

## *"Ed Says"*

### *Size does matter, in Tires*

Corvairs 1960-65 used 6:50 X 13 tires as original equipment. The exception was the 1961-62 station wagon which used 7:00 X 13. Later model Corvairs used the 7:00 X 13 size as original equipment. The diameter of the 6:50 X 13 was in the 23 1/2 " Range, and the 7:00 X 13 was in the 24 1/2" range. This will vary slightly for different manufacturers. Radial tires have been in general use for more than 30 years and have improved the handling and ride of the Corvair considerably. The early model used a 4-Bolt—13 X 5 1/2 " rim with a 1 3/16" offset. The late models used the 5 bolt wheel with the same specifications. When buying new tires keep as close to the original tire diameter and possible for best results. This will help keep the speedometer accurate eliminate any clearance problems. Replacement tires for the 6:50 X 13 would be 175-80X13 with stock wheels and 185-80X13 for the 7:00 X 13 inch tire. When using different wheels tire offset and diameter must be taken into consideration. There is plenty of literature on this subject available. Also don't forget the pressure differential between the front and rear tires. The front which carry's less weight should be 10-12 pounds lower than the rear tires. 30 in the rear and 18 in the front seems to work just fine.

*Ed Lampi*



## **Treasurers Report April**

<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>

## ***Activities and Events***

- May 23 Monthly membership meeting at Perkins London Rd Duluth**
- June 6 Committee Meeting at Pete Pruddens 7 PM**
- June 27th Monthly meeting Perkins London Rd Duluth 6PM dinner Meeting @ 7PM**

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|-----------------------|---|
| 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 Cal-  |
| endar- 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

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[www.larryscorvair.com](http://www.larryscorvair.com)

Clarks Corvair Parts Inc.  
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## Cavalry Notes

The Corvair Cavalry was established to help Corvair owners get their beloved cars back on the road, When we complete a job some of the owners have made a donation to the club. This is not expected. This is a choice of the person receiving the help. The Club greatly appreciates the donation but does not want to make anyone feel obligated to make such a donation. If you need work done and have low funds, PLEASE call us and we will help you out. Remember when we first started this club and I said this will be a "WE" club? Well, We are here to help you. Our main concern is to help get all the Corvairs running good and on the road. Some of the donations we have received helps to pay for those who need it, but might not have the extra cash. The club has a lot of plans for the upcoming year and will need plenty of extra hands in planning events. Also Everyone is welcome when we go on a Cavalry mission. Thank You  
Ron Thompson

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THANK YOU DAD'S!!!!!!!!!!!!**

# 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

**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**

## 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  
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## Our Mission Statement

**“To support the National Organization and structure of the Corvair Society of America. To support it’s 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 an sources to preserve it.”**



# My Story

*By Ed' Lampi's 1964 Corvair Monza Coupe # 40927W185840*

I Came together at the Willow Run Corvair assembly plant in the late fall of 1964. I was transported north to Grand Marais, Minnesota, to be sold by the Chevrolet Dealer in that town. I am a little fuzzy about this, But my first owner was a young woman who lived in the area. She became a nurse, and eventually worked in Duluth at St Likes Hospital. I spent several years with her transporting her to work and then back home to Grand Marais on the week ends. This went on for some time and we got along just fine. Eventually, she decided to head west on a vacation trip to the North Dakota area. This was the year 1973. and I had over 60,000 on my odometer . Unfortunately, my engine failed and I was to be sold to an auto recycler, and I lost my first owner.

A person from Duluth who had rebuilt several other Corvairs located me and brought me back to Duluth. I thought I would have a new life. He installed a good 1965 engine, and picked up a lot of other parts that would have spruced up my appearance. Another person saw me at his home , and offered him enough money for me that he could not refuse to accept. This was alright, as I thought that he would go through making me a nice drivable Corvair again. I was moved to his home, and he made a few attempts and giving me a new life. He sanded a few spots, sprayed a little undercoat , and then abandoned me. I was parked outside for several years, my tires went flat, my parts were lying loose inside my body. now left to deteriorate

An El Camino pick up had taken his interest and I was now left to deteriorate.

In the fall of 2005, my owners had decided to leave the Duluth area. And had their property up for sale. I was towed to the driveway entrance where people could see me, and some of these people notified a Corvair owner in the neighborhood that I appeared to be for sale. He came to check me out in my forlorn condition and thought I had possibilities. He was asked to make an offer which he did at a very reasonable price, and it was accepted. He wasted no time in getting me to his home and checking me out. Now I know that something will be done to make me whole again. I have had my oil and filter changed, a new battery, and some tires installed. My interior has been salvaged, and I'm starting to feel like I'll be whole again. Thank You ED! He also helped me write this, as I cannot speak or write.



## Pat Murphy's Part 2



Well today the Corvair Cavalry was on the road to Pat Murphy's for part 2. The plan of the day was to adjust the valves and balance the carbs. We proceeded to adjust the passenger side valves and had one that wouldn't quiet down. I then went to the Drivers side and they we all a little snug so I got them all where they should be. Then back to the passenger side. Once again I went thru them all and still had one that would not quiet down and would not hold adjustment. After deciding we had a bad lifter it was time to pull it out. The only problem was that we didn't have a spare lifter or a magnet to get it out. SO you guessed it , another trip is the plan. Maybe this time we will be able to finish up this job so it can get on the road again.



**We** are Proud to announce that at our next monthly meeting we will have a special tech session. Art "**The Tool Man**" Bringe will be doing a tech session on what tools to bring while traveling in your Corvair. Art has over the years learned to find multi uses for each tool which helps to make a smaller lighter tool box. On a recent trip with Ed Lampi he was able to demonstrate to Ed how an open end adjustable "crescent wrench", can also be used as a jack wrench and also as a lug wrench. Another trick that Art uses is to limit the air in your spare tire to 10 pounds. With the price of gas you don't need that extra weight of air in the spare tire. Another heavy weight item is a Socket set, however if you eliminate the ratchet from the set, it weighs a lot less. It's tricks like these that our elder members can teach the Younger Corvair owners and help us to have safer and more interesting road trips.

Part 2 of this tech session Art will demonstrate his **Self Taught** method of memory control. This is another thing that Art has developed over the years. On a recent Cavalry trip to Hayward, Art was able to store every turn of the road in his mind and this saved precious Glove Box space because there was no need for a map. After the trip Both Ed and I were without words.

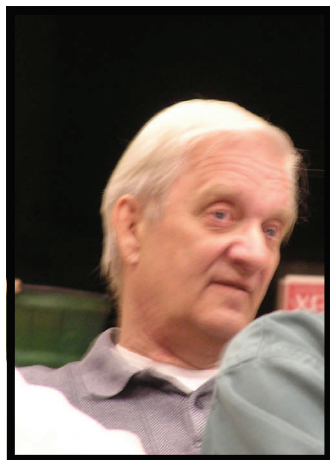
## Pat Murphy's Finale

Well The Calvary was on the road again today. Ed and Myself went up to Pat Murphy's to finish up his job. I started in by getting the old lifter out after bit of persuasion and installed the new one. I then re-assembled everything and it was time to start it up and start adjusting. After a little time we had it running nice and smooth. Now the plan is to get some running time on it and re adjust things again. We gave Pat some recommendations and were on our way. Another job done. What started out as a tune up ended up as a broken Rocker stud and collapsed lifter. Ed and I were talking on the way home about how happy both of us are in how good the Cavalry idea is working out.

## On The Road Again

Pete, Dick, Jason, and myself took a ride down to Minneapolis to the Corvair Minnesota Car club meeting on Tuesday May 9th. We went down to promote our July 15th Bar B Cruz. We arrived early and had a great time. The trip was filled with it's usual banter. Pete had his electronic navigator on and we drove right to the meeting and back home without missing a turn or backtracking. I would recommend that Art take a look at this nifty piece of equipment, it would save him a lot of road miles. We arrived a little early and had a before the meeting gathering in the parking lot. There was approximately 25 members in attendance and all seemed quite interested in the Activity we have planned for July 15 in Hinkley. Pete gave a short talk about what we have planned at Banning state park and the econo run cruz. I think the more things we can plan for the 2 clubs the better. It's good exposure for our cars and a lot of fun. We left the meeting a little early and headed for home. After stopping for supper in Hinkley I arrived home about 1:30. All in all it was another fun trip.

Ron Thompson



# Car Show Calendar

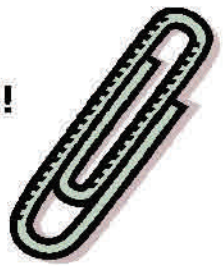
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Monthly**

- 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  
10 Nifty 50's Cruisers Car Show Barnum  
11 All GM show St Paul  
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 / Hayward  
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  
16 Bemidji Car Show  
21 Cruza Paluza Central Entrance Duluth  
22 Savannah Portage Floodwood  
23 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 Ashland Wal-Mart / 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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SAVE THIS  
INVITATION!!!



Presents:

**1ST "BAR B CRUZ"**  
**SATURDAY July 15, 2006**

Bring The Whole  
Family!!!

Games or  
The Kids

Face  
Painting

Water  
Balloons

Sack  
Races

Adult  
Activities

Cribbage &  
Checkers

## ECONO RUN COMPETITION & AWARDS

YOU FILL ER UP AT HOME & PRESENT *Miss PATTY* WITH A HINKLEY GAS RECEIPT AT CASSIDY'S PARKING LOT BEFORE NOON.

### THEN CRUZ TO:

## BANNING STATE PARK FOR A PICNIC 1 til 4

Bring Meat to grill and a bowl to share.

If your last name starts with a:

A-G bring a desert

H-L bring a salad

M-Z chips or munchies Pop and Lemonade supplied by Club

### FOLLOWED BY:

## GRAND CASINO AFTERGLOW GETAWAY

## FOOD - MUSIC - GAMING

\*\*\*\*\*On your Honor\*\*\*\*\*

### Fuel-O-Meter

Start Mileage \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Mileage \_\_\_\_\_

Miles Traveled \_\_\_\_\_

Fuel Used \_\_\_\_\_

**MPG** \_\_\_\_\_



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