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Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



Just Some Newsletter Babble

Since I had no plans for any article for the front page of this month's newsletter, I thought I would just write about what's going on in the Corvair club. First off out Senior member Ed Lampi had surgery this week. He had a blood clot removed from his brain. I talked to him last night and he sounds GREAT!! He was having trouble getting words out after his last stroke but now is back to normal. Lets hope for a fast recovery for Ed.

The National convention in Detroit is coming up fast and finally this year I am planning on attending. My pal John Barnes from Seattle is driving there and is going to swing by Superior and pick me up and I am really looking forward to it. I've never been to a national convention so this should be a fun get away. Catch up on old times and see some people I have talked to for years on the computer, and now will finally meet. I'll take lots of pictures like always.

I still have Dick Dee's engine in my garage waiting for his body and suspension work to get done so we can install it back in the car. It's going to be a real looker when he's done. His engine has company in my garage now. I also have Bob Saunders engine out of his loadside. I tore it apart to find 3 bad pistons and scored jugs. We are in search of a good running engine so if you know of any, let me know. Bob will be joining our club and I'll pick him up for the next meeting. In talking to him we found out we live a half a block from each other when we were kids and I'm sure we played together.

Now a few years later we get to play again. Only with bigger toys.

Over the winter I finally bit the bullet and ordered new Seat covers for my 62 and had them installed. The old ones were rotted and now they are like new. Now all I have to do is drive it. So far this year I've had it out 3 times only. I don't know where the time goes.

Our Club has grown over the past couple of years and we have done a lot of things. I think my favorite activity was the food drive we did, It was a great feeling when we did the one in Superior and found the shelves empty when we delivered the food and cash we collected. Plans are being talked about to have more food drives this summer. The Corvairs attract a lot of attention and it's a great thing to do. The more things we can do to show off our rides the better.

I am always in search of newsletter articles and pictures. If you have a Corvair story, write it up and send it to me. Maybe you have some good pictures you want to share with other members. Just sent them to me and I'll scan them and put them in and get them back to you. Let us know what your doing to your car or future plans are. Well that's about all the babble I have for this month. See you at the meeting at Perkins London road June 26th.

Ron Thompson
Editor



Birthdays

- May 25 Joyce Vellieux
- June 1 Dale Olson
- June 4 Jim Linder
- June 16 Ed Lampi
- June 25 Dick Eilers



Treasurers Report

Beginning April Balance	\$685.27
Income	
April 50/50	\$14.00
Dues	25.00
Expenses	-0-
Ending April balance	\$724.27

Jim Linder

“A Note from the editor”

I just wanted to apologize for last months newsletter. I was looking at the calendar and thought I had another week to finish the newsletter. Thankfully Ed called and asked if I sent it out. I made a mad dash to the computer and unfortunately made a few mistakes. I hope no one missed the meeting because of it. The last month has been a little hectic around here. I'll pay better attention in the future. Sorry!!

Ron Thompson
Editor

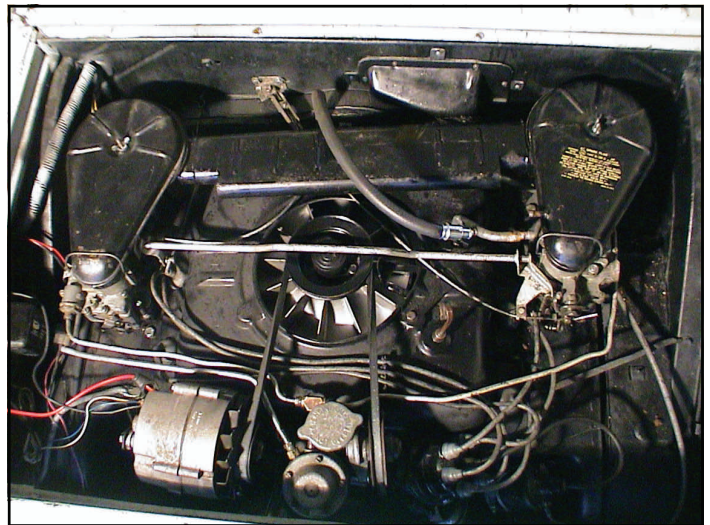
Activities and Events

- June 26th Monthly membership meeting at Perkins London Rd Duluth**
- July 3rd Committee meeting at the Pruddens 7PM**

Another Corvair Surfaces

I was reading my Virtual Vairs e-mail and I seen a guy who signed his e-mail with the phrase "From Tropical Wisconsin at the tip of lake Superior". He also made mention about seeing our Corvairs at the Arena World of Wheels show. I e-mailed him and asked where he was from and he told me he lived in Central Park. Less than a mile from me. He bought a loadside and was having trouble. I told him I'd stop over and take a look if he wanted. Today I went over and we had a nice chat. He knew me from the paint dept at Wal-Mart where I work part time. The week before I took Dick Dee's starter in to get checked out and when I went in to pick it up the guy told me another guy came in and picked up a Corvair starter 10 minutes before. Come to find out later that was Bob from Tropical Wisconsin. His name is Bob Saunders and he said he was going to join our club. I told him when time permits I'll drop over and give him a hand with his truck. Here is a couple of pictures of his truck. It's funny to find out there is another Corvair a mile away and I didn't know it. Thanks to the computer I found out.

Ron Thompson
Editor



Ed Lampi on Corvairs

YES! I bought a 1960 Corvair 700, with an automatic transmission, in 1962 as a daily driver! One of the reasons was that it would be easy for Irene to learn to drive, and I was also attracted to the principle of rear drive and the idea of being air cooled. This car served us well for many years. As the Corvair lost it's attraction to the general public, the car became a throw away car. These could be bought for title, and in many cases were given away. I was known as the Corvair guy, and bought and sold many that needed very little to make them into cheap reliable transportation.

I am quite sure I'm one of the few that had a Corvair since 1962. I was showing my Corvair at car shows when no one else even bothered to feel that they were something special. At my age, soon to be 86, I still play with my Corvairs and enjoy every minute!! That's been for 45 years!!!

Ed Lampi

May 22 2007
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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Patty Prudden. There were 9 members in attendance.

No minutes were read in absence of the secretary.

Patty asked Kathy Thompson to take this meetings minutes.

Treasurer report was read by Ron Thompson.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Patty Prudden. 8\$ for her and 8\$ for the club.

The committee report covered some of the many car attractions coming up that we as a club might like to attend. Some include Rice Lake Days June 2nd, Barnum on June 9th, the big GM Show on June 10th and Proctor in August.

If you are planning to go to the GM show the group is meeting by McDonalds and Holiday on Highway 35 at 7am to travel as a caravan.

Corvair Calvary reports that no work is being done at the time but that Pat Murphy still has work needed. Ron also shared a few of his experiences while working on Dick Dees engine.

Parts have been ordered by Pete Prudden if you are waiting for parts he can update you on when they will be here, if you need parts he is the man to talk to.

Ron reports that the newsletter is going well but as always could use a personal article or two. Come on if you have a story about a Corvair type it up, or write it out, or record it. Ron would love to hear from you.

Un-finished business: Discussed was the CAF tour that took place up at the Air Hangar. Everyone that attended had a very good time and enjoyed the planes and the museum. The biggest hit though were the Sloppy Joes ala Patty Prudden.

New Business: Pete is putting together a group for airplane washing. This is a way to make some cash for the club and if you are interested there is a training class to learn how to wash the planes, then on Thursday and Friday the last week of June the group will be washing Airplanes. If this sounds exciting and you don't want to miss out please get with Pete Prudden for all the details.

The Memorial Day Parade was discussed, at this writing that has already occurred on May 28th. If you attended we hope to hear the details at the next meeting.

Dick brought up a guy he knows that has some interesting films on the Corvair. He is going to work on getting a viewing or copies to share. More details on that as it unfolds.

More was discussed as to when to have our annual BBCruise and the Fall Colors drive. We might be looking at combining the events possibly looking at the Saint Croix area for a campout color viewing BBQing event.

More details on this will be discussed at future meetings. If you have any other ideas please come to the meeting and share them.

The club is also looking at having the annual food drive at Super-One sometime in August. No date yet.

June 5th committee meeting

June 26th club meeting at Perkins in Duluth (the usual place) 6pm for dinner meeting starts at 7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm

Kathy Thompson



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Meeting Agenda

Vendor List

Corvair Underground
503-434-1648
www.corvairunderground.com

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

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Corvair Classifieds

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

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

Here is some leads on Corvair's and parts we received at the show:

Jim 218-885-2026

Pengilly Corvair Truck and Parts

Dave Carlstrom

Chislom, 1 Cpe, 1 4-door hardtop

Ray Kerr

25890 US Highway 2 Ashland Wisc

1-888-767-8818

Corvair Pick up and parts

Jim Cronstrom- Superior

715-392-1619

66 Corsa Red Convertible

Paid \$7,500—????

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

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or

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June Car Shows

27 Archer Brothers
28 Copper Top Church Burger Night Fund Raiser

July Car Shows

July 4 Cloquet 4th Of July Car Show Northeastern
4 Superior Car Show
7 Ashland Car Show
7 Two Harbors Heritage Days Car Show
11 Downtown Duluth
17 Airport Autos
20 Cruise-a-Palooza City Auto Glass
22 Bemidji Car Show
25 Depot Car Show
27 Lost Isle Car Show Carlton
28 Northern Cruisers Car Show Grand Rapids
28 Carlton Daze Car Show
29 Itasca Vintage Car Show Grand Rapids Fair Grounds





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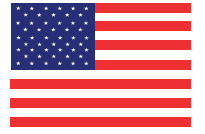
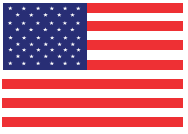
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Commemorative Air Museum Visit



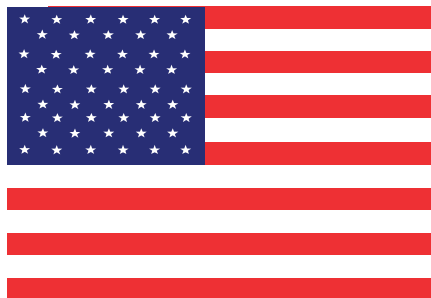
A few of the Corvairs took a tour of the commemorative Air Force Museum. We took a look at the planes and the work being done. My thought was this is one of those things tucked away in town and you don't know it's going on. I was impressed. Pete did a great job as tour host. A lot of work has been put into this Museum and the work is unreal. It makes restoring a Corvair easy. After we took the tour we had a great pot luck dinner and sat and talked about the planes and what was ahead for them. It was nice to get the Corvair out for the 2nd time this year.



Corvairs in the Memorial Day Parade



Ed Lampi, Art Bringe, Dan Rutka, and Vic Blazevic all attended the Memorial Day Parade in west Duluth. The Corvairs grabbed a lot of attention. Let's get those Corvairs out more this year and show them off!



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