

# *Hot Air Newsletter*



*Molly*



*Jason*



*Dale*



The cavalry has been busy this yr again. Still behind on a couple jobs. But we are catching up. Today Jason and I drove Charlie Runnings 62 Coupe back to Grand Rapids. The smile on Charlie's face told the whole story. It was a lot of work but it all worked out in the end. Now to finish Bob's Loadside and make a trip up to Don Juntunen's to look at his Corvair. We'll have to check in with Gary Antilla also to see if his problem is fixed. Hopefully I'll get time to get my early in that garage to fix some oil leaks, and get the emergency brake cable fixed. I was planning on making Fire and Ice but I have just too much to do and couldn't get my car ready. There's always next yr. Thank you all for your patience.!!!

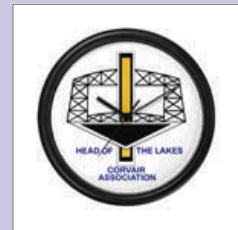
Ron and Jason

**Birthdays**  
**Happy Birthday**

**Sept 6 Carol Bringe**  
**30 Mary Murphy**

**Oct 29 Paul Wortruba**

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



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**Treasurers Report**

<b>April closing</b>	<b>\$543.43</b>
<b>May Opening</b>	<b>\$543.43</b>
<b>May closing</b>	<b>\$543.43</b>
<b>June Opening</b>	<b>\$543.43</b>
<b>Deposits Dues &amp; 50/50</b>	<b>198.00</b>
<b>Laser Cartridge</b>	<b>69.76</b>
<b>June closing</b>	<b>\$632.32</b>

**Thank you all who  
Submitted  
Articles  
And Pictures!!!**

***Activities and Events***

## TIME FOR A CHANGE

When I belonged to 2 Corvair clubs in Seattle I was the newsletter Editor for both clubs for a while. I was also Treasurer for both of them. I took on the Newsletter editor job when we started up The Head of the Lakes Corvair association, and I have totally enjoyed doing it but it's time for a change. I am getting burned out. I have so many Corvair projects on my plate that I don't have time to get to them all. I have an older Computer that will go with the job. All the programs needed to do the job are loaded on it. We also have the Club printer for printing it. I will help in anyway I can when someone takes the job. We will be having nominations for new officers in October and elections in Nov. That's when I will be stepping down. SO **PLEASE** think about taking the job.

Ron Thompson

Dan Rutka showing off his sweet ride with Art Bringe at the Two Harbors Heritage days car show.

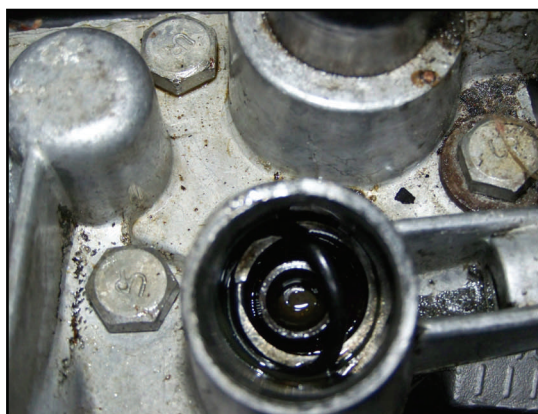
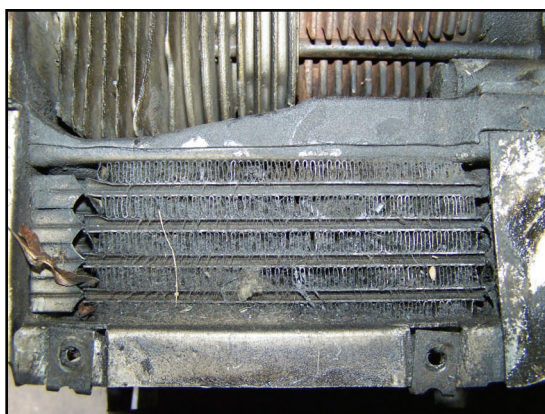
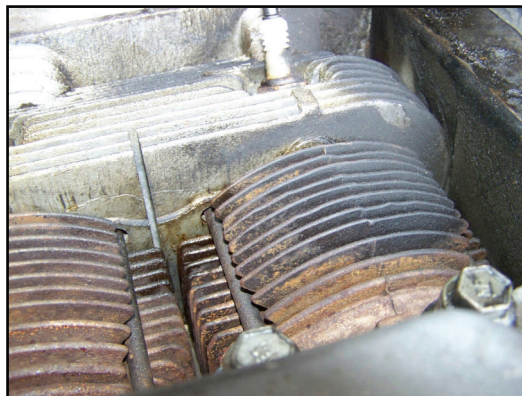


# Charlie Running's Engine Job

## And a reason **NOT** to have a Non-Corvair person work on your Corvair

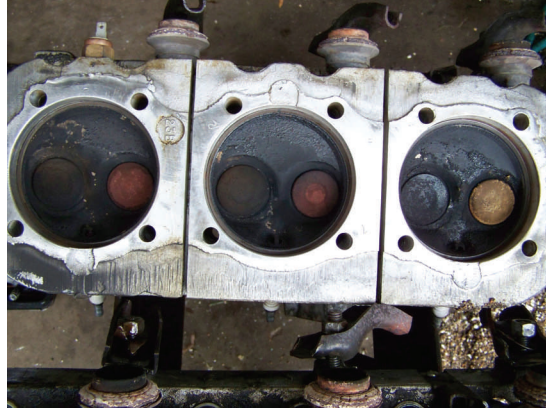
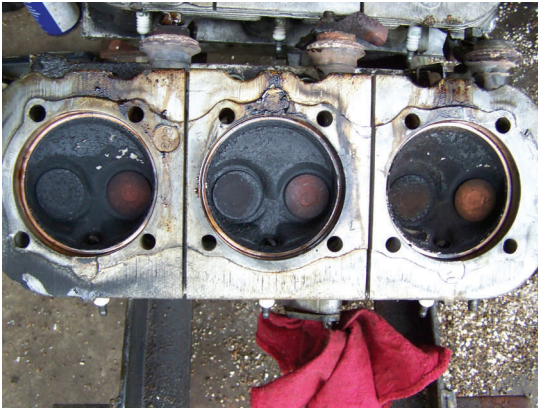
Charlie wanted me to check over his nice little 62 coupe. He had several problems he needed looking at. Not long ago Charlie had a non Corvair mechanic put new Jugs and pistons in his engine and do A LOT of work on it. The following article is one good reason why **NOT** to have a non Corvair person work on your Beloved Corvair.

After a test drive I notice that the shift pattern is all screwed up. The first place I look is the coupling on the shift tube. One look and I see the problem. Whoever worked on it before Lined up the 2 grooves so it was way out of alignment. The little Tab that is supposed to be in the groove is flattened out. That was a quick fix and after another drive she shifted just fine. Now, on to the motor. First thing I did was pull the oil cooler cover to see how it looked. Here is a picture of what I found.



It looks like a dryer sheet is covering  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the cooler. I removed the sheet and the top of the oil cooler is plugged. I decided to pull the top shroud and see what's going on there. On inspection I see what appeared to be at least one maybe 2 Blown head gaskets. Also there was a broken spring on the Fuel pump pushrod.

I decide that it was time to drop the drive train and pull the heads. After pulling the heads I see that one side had copper head gaskets and the other side was steel.



I pulled #5 valves and found Teflon intake seals on both the intake and exhaust. The intake seal was broke in 2 and left in place.



The rockers all looked good but 5 pushrods were trash, flat and cracked ends. Next I pulled the pressure plate and clutch out and see that the snout seal on the differential was shot and leaked grease covering the new clutch plate. One other thing I found was a stripped bolt in the top of one valve cover, and another on the generator adapter. The rear perimeter seal was about 50% there so I know by the wrapped gas lines it was getting hot. Not knowing what shape the heads were in I decided to use some 102 heads I had that were gone thru. I put it all back together and she fired right up. Runs like a champ. Now, to get it back in the car. All new seals in the differential were on the menu also. Both axle seals were leaking also. All this repair work should have been done right the first time.

Jason also found something that will need attention. Looking at the rear axles we noticed a couple pieces missing on one axle. This will need to be addressed also.



Charlie will feel like he's driving a different car. I can wait to finish this job and take it for a test drive.

Charlies job continued:

After I had it back in the car and running Charlie called and told me he remembered that the Mechanic told him that his mechanic's helper installed some rings in upside down and they left them that way. So That ment tearing the engine down AGAIN. I pulled both heads off in the car and pulled all the pistons and cylinders out. I found 4 of the 6 center rings were installed upside down. Cylinders 2-4-6 and 5 all the rings looked ok, the sides were still nice and sharp. I checked with Clarks and they said hone the cylinders and throw them back in the RIGHT way. After cleaning up the pistons doing a quick honing on the cylinders I put the ring back in the correct way. I got it all back together and after burning off the residual oil it runs great and but still smoking after it sits for a while. Not sure but I think it's coming apart for new rings on the pass side pistons. .

Here is couple pictures of 2 of the 4 pistons with the rings installed upside down. The dot on the ring is suppose to go to the TOP of the piston. Also if you notice on the piston you can see almost all 3 ring groove are lined up. That's a big no-no also. They are suppose to be staggered.



After getting my 2nd order from Clarks I finished up with Charlie's engine job. It runs, shifts, and drives like a dream. Now just give it some time for the rings to seat themselves again and it should be just fine. I pulled Charlie's old heads apart and found loose and worn valve guide, #5 being the worst. You could wiggle the stem in the guide. Also no stems seals on the 1-3 5 side of the engine. It's been a huge job for my garage but I have to say I enjoyed EVERY minute of it. Now to get it back to Charlie and he can enjoy driving his beloved Corvair again with no double clutching or oil smoke.

Ron Thompson

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**Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter**

**Corvair Classifieds**

**For Sale:**  
1966 Monza 140 4 speed  
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Art Bringe 218-7213050

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# September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**This Calendar is provided for the members of the Nifty 50 Cruisers Car Club**

**To find State-wide car shows go to [www.autoswalk.com](http://www.autoswalk.com)**

**NOTE: Wednesday nite gathering will start in May at the K-Mart Mall Area**

**Every Friday Gathering at West Duluth McDonalds**

**NOTE: All activities during the week start after 4pm, unless otherwise noted. SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

						1 Wild Rice Days Car Show McGregor
2 Rat Rod Rondevous Mahtowa Shell Lake, WI Car SHOW	3 Labor Day Car Show Cloquet	4 Bridgeman's GARY New Duluth 5-8pm	5 Eagle's Nest	6 Sammy's Pizza Cloquet	7	8 Walker Car SHOW Garfield Ave Drags DULuth
9 Little Falls Garfield Ave Drags Duluth Glenwood City Car Show Glenwood City, WI	10	11	12 Commemorative Air Force By Cirrus	13 Mystery Cruise	14	15 Floodwood Car Show East End Superior Car Show Smalley's Car Show & Swap Meet
16	17	18	19 Days Inn Miller Mall	20	21 Moose Lake Oil 5-8	22 Cable, WI Car SHOW
23	24	25	26 The Other Place Calvaly Road	27 Nifty 50 Cruisers Meeting Night	28	29
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