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## Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



# Another HUGE Successful Food Drive!!!



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Thanks to Everyone that helped making this a Huge success!!!



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**Birthdays**

Dec 1 Dan Rutka

Dec 24 Jeannette Olson

Dec 30 Ron Thompson

Jan 2 Glen Lemke

Jan 24 Irene Lampi

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



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

**Treasurers Report**

<b>Beginning Balance 9/1/2007</b>	<b>1,025.27</b>
<b>Revenue, Incoming</b>	
<b>Dues</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>50/50</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Total incoming</b>	<b>195.00</b>
<b>Expenses, outgoing</b>	
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Total outgoing</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Ending Checking Balance</b>	<b>\$1,190.27</b>

**Jim Linder Treas.**

**INFORMATION NEEDED!!!**

Joanne Lemke is making up a members list and we need all members to make a list of the Corvaairs you own. We need the year, model, and if it's running or not. You can e-mail me the info at [corvkid50@aol.com](mailto:corvkid50@aol.com) or mail the list to: Joanne Lemke  
10894 N County Rd S  
Hayward Wisconsin 54843

Thank You!!  
Ron Thompson

**Activities and Events**

Nov 27 Monthly Meeting at Perkins London Rd Duluth dinner 6PM Meeting 7PM  
Dec 4th Committee meeting at the Pruddens 7 PM  
No Dec membership meeting



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# Meeting Agenda

- Car shows - Done for the year
- Corvair Cavalry - Ron will update at meeting
- Petes Parts Order - Do need to keep this?
- Newsletter - We need to discuss printing costs
- Corvair merchandise - Patty
- Old Business - Food drives Superior / Duluth
  - Pot Luck at Pruddens
  - Christmas City of the North Parade (Full)
- New Business - Jan 13 Christmas Party
  - Ryan Verthein's article in Corsa
  - New Roster by Joann Lemke
  - Jan Meeting - Archers Tour?
  - Feb Meeting - Cirrus Tour?
  - Vic Blazevic moving to Missouri and selling his car
  - Pictures of members cars by the Arial bridge

## Vendor List

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

The Source Inc.  
[source@andc.com](mailto:source@andc.com)  
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)

California Corvairs  
[CACorvairs@aol.com](mailto: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](http://WWW.DaleMfg.com)

Clarks Corvair Parts  
400 Mohawk Trail  
Shelburne Falls, Mass 01370  
423-625-9776  
[WWW.corvair.com](http://WWW.corvair.com)

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The Head of the Lakes Corvair Club held it's 2nd annual food drive at Super One Foods In Duluth on Oct 20th. The weather all week did not look very good but Saturday came and it was clear skies and the Corvairs hit the road. We all met at Super One Foods at about 10am and stayed until 3pm when we delivered the food to the 2nd Harvest Food shelf. Members attending the event were Ron Thompson, Ed Lampi, Pete & Patti Prudden, Dan Rutka, And Dan Rutka. Bob Saunders showed up with Pizza for the gang, and Dick Eilers stopped by for a visit. This year we collected at total of just over 1000# of food and \$196.15 in cash which we bought food with for the food shelf. This far surpasses the 200 # of food and 70.00 in cash from last year. All 5 trunks were loaded down and again Jim Linders back seat was full. It was a site to see. This has been a fantastic event for our club to do. It gets our Beloved Corvairs out in the public eye. We had a lot of people remembers us from last years food drive. The TV Cameras were there also. KBJR channel 6 was there shot some film and we made the 5 o'clock news. The clip is loaded here for those who want to see it.

<http://media.putfile.com/SuperOne-Foods--Food-Drive07>

*Ron Thompson*



Bob Saunder's Loadside was lonely in his garage and was looking for attention by coming up with more things that needed to be fixed. Bob spoke to Pete Prudden and asked how he kept all his Corvairs happy. Pete told Bob that the key was Corvairs do better in pairs. So Bob took Pete's advice and has purchased a partner for his lonely Loadside. It's a 66 with a 110 PG. Bob figures he'll keep his Loadside engine happy so he also purchased a spare 140 HP engine he said. Here's a picture of his new baby.

**The following article was taken  
from Popular Mechanics Oct 1963  
The price then was 35 cents.**

## CORVAIR

The happiest handling story in the industry is the improvement in the little Corvair which has had no important body style changes. Chevrolet engineers have added an anti-roll bar to the front suspension and a single leaf spring "camber compensator" under the transaxle; this keeps the rear wheels from pivoting too much on turns. Thus, they don't bend under the car and work their own special witchcraft on the steering. Past Corvairs have had a tendency to swing their rear ends around on severe cornering at the whim of centrifugal force. This suspension improvement is a particularly welcome addition on the 1964 Corvairs, whose standard engines have been upped 19 cubic inches in displacement and whose horsepower has increased from 80 to 95.

We tried both a 1963 and 1964 Corvair Monza on GM's abruptly curved handling course at 30-35 m.p.h. The new car stayed where we steered it while the uncompensated and unstabilized '63 tried to slide out from under. Incidentally, the '64 ride is also better thanks to new shock absorbers.



## CAVALRY UPDATE

Here is an update on the Cavalry work in process:

**Dick Dee:** His engine is done and ready to install when his front end work is done.

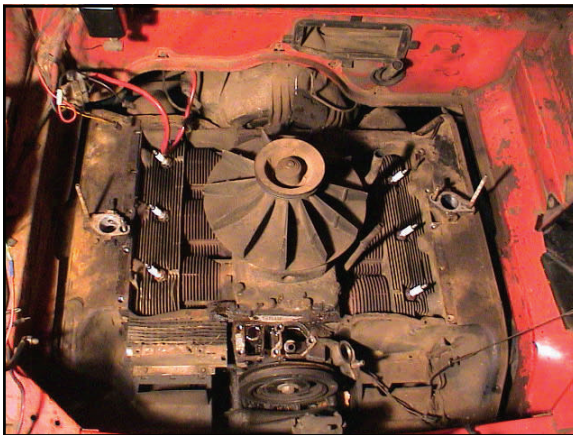
**Bob Saunders:** His Loadside is on the road and made it's maiden voyage to the food drive at Walmart in Superior. When he went to leave his back brakes hung up. Now the wheel cylinders need to be replaced.

**Pat Murphy:** Pats new engine is running on the garage floor and sounds real strong. Today Jason is coming over to lend a hand installing it. It won't be long now Pat!!!

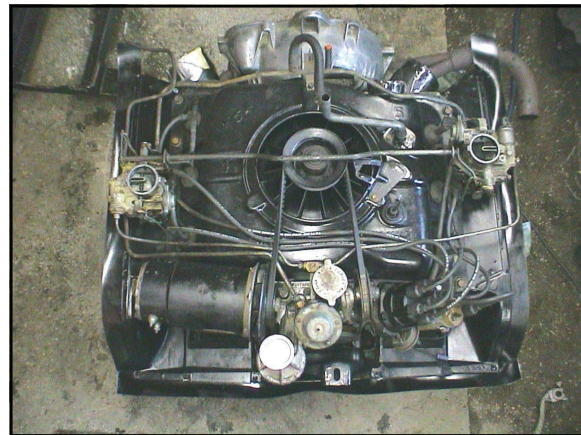
When these 3 jobs are done the cavalry will not take on any more big jobs. Tune ups and small problems will be taken care of. The big jobs have taken up too much time and I cannot do it alone. It's been a joy to help get more Corvairs on the road but I simply took on too much work. Thank you to those patiently waiting for your Corvair to be completed.

Ron Thompson

### Pat Murphy's



Before



After

### \*\*\*\*\*A Note from the Newsletter Editor\*\*\*\*\*

The newsletter has come a long way since our club started. For the past 2 plus years now I have been printing the newsletter on my home computer. The cost of ink to print the newsletter has risen because of our growing membership. Nice problem to have. I now print 17 newsletters and e-mail 11 to club members. 17 newsletters with an average of 5-6 pages printed on both sides requires a lot of ink when printed in color. I have tried every possible way to cut costs but it still costs \$45-\$55 a month for ink alone depending how many pictures are inserted. At first I did all the printing at my cost. I did it to get things going but now it's time for a change. The club now pays me \$30.00 a month for ink but that don't quite cover the cost. It was brought up at the Monthly meeting that maybe printing in black is an option. Novembers newsletter will be printed in black and we'll see how it looks. If anyone has any ideas how we can cut costs please let me know. I checked at a local print shop and they wanted \$1.00 a page for color copy and that's out of the question. We have a couple of options in the works but still searching for a solution.

*Ron Thompson*

We all know that most people who have a Corvair suffer from a disease called Corvairitus. One is never enough and 10 is not to many. Hiding parts is another symptom. When I lived out in Seattle our club would travel up to Canada to the Western Canada Corsa Club and together the 2 clubs would offer treatment to those who needed help with this dreaded disease. It attacks old and young, rich and poor, the disease has no boundaries. Having been in a 12 step group for another disease I adapted the 12 steps of that 12 step group with hope that it would help someone afflicted with the Corvairitus disease. Please read these steps and practice them in your daily life.

1. We admitted we are Powerless over Corvairs, and our family cars have become undrivable.
2. Came to believe that driving other makes of cars could restore us back to sanity.
3. Made a decision to put other car keys on our key rings and drive cars other than our beloved vairs.
4. Made a searching and moral inventory of ourselves and our garages.
5. Admitted to our Club President and other club members the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to remove ourselves from E-Bay and Virtual Vairs.
7. Humbly attend Club meetings and not volunteering for more jobs.
8. Made a list of all the friends we ignored because of Club functions.
9. Invite those friends and family members to take in a movie, and no car movies.
10. Inventory all our Corvair manuals and e-mails and put them in boxes in the attic.
11. Concentrate on Family and friends and refrain from Turbo-charging the lawn Boy.
12. Share with our friends and club members our new-found happiness that you have all the grass cut and no oil stains on the driveway.

# Corvair Classifieds

Here is some leads on Corvair's and parts we received at the World of Wheels 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—????

**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:**  
1965 500 CPE  
Vic Blazevic 's Corvair is for sale.  
\$5,000 or Best offer  
His Brother in law and sister are the contacts.  
218-628-1520 11/09

**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 them up in Bovey, or could bring  
'em to a meeting. Call Tim at 218-245-1782  
OR  
e-mail:  
minoxphotograher@yahoo.com 11/07  
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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: corvaid50@aol.com  
If interested in this car contact:  
Vern Rubesh  
344 8th ST.  
Cloquet, Minn 55720  
218-879-8234

From the food drive:  
**For Sale:** \$200.00  
1964 110 motor & Transmission (It runs)  
Ron Moen  
399-8514 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: Glen 715-462-3978



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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. Free ads will be run for 3 months then deleted. Send all ads to:

Ron Thompson  
3932 E 8th ST  
Superior, Wisconsin 54880 or Email: corvaid50@aol.com



## UltraVan #247—Episode #2

By Glen & Joann Lemke

After getting the UltraVan in the garage last winter we started to take it apart. This turned out to be the worst smelly job one could imagine. After 11 years in the woods, it was hard to believe where mice can get into. We have it stripped down to a bare aluminum box on wheels. All we could do at this point was to step back and say “good Lord what we gotten into”!

Since then Glenn has made forms to fabricate new ribs for the damaged side panel and for the new entry door. Joann is finally getting the hand of “bucking” rivets. Glenn has molded in new LED tail lights and temporarily mounted new LED turn, back-up and running lights. We have mounted new electrical and water supply outlets and have fabricated new front tire and antenna mounts and a new brake pedal assembly for the dual master cylinder. We picked up new black and grey water tanks this last July and will be installing them as we install the brake, water and electrical lines.

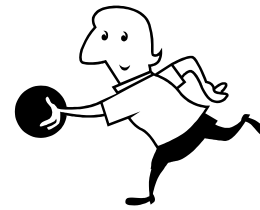
Hopefully we can get this done during this winter so Glenn can get to work on the new dashboard which will include new digital gauges, a rear mounted TV camera, a location finder, radio/CD player and a flip down TV in the overhead console.



## For Sale Oil Filter Gauge Bolt

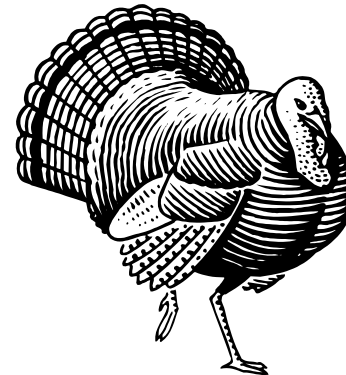
I had my friend John in Seattle make up some oil filter bolts that you can install an oil pressure gauge into. Some of you maybe have seen the one on my car. I bought a gauge from Central sales and it works fine. I am selling the bolts for \$20 each. I have 5 left. I'll bring them to the next meeting. Profit from these will go towards Ink cost for the newsletter. Call me and I'll save you one. Or pick one up at Novembers meeting. Here's a picture of my set up.

Ron Thompson  
218-590-0765



## Christmas Party

We will be having our annual Christmas party on January 13 at Country lanes in Duluth. The address is 2327 Mountain Shadow Drive. The plan is to start about noon and eat Pizza about 1:00 then bowling to follow. There will be a \$10.00 gift exchange if you care to participate. If you bring one you get one. Please mark on the package if it's a male or female gift. Come and join in on the fun.



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MEETING MINUTES OCT. 23<sup>RD</sup> 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM with 13 members in attendance. The meeting was held in the dining room of Pete and Patti Prudden. The 50/50 raffle went to Art Bringe \$8.50 of which he donated back to the club \$4.00 so the club received \$12.50.

Secretary: The minutes from the last meeting were read and after an amendment to mention Art Bringe and Charlie Running winning trophies at one of the car shows the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer: Jim Linder gave his report and mentions that there were two reports in the newsletter. Jim reports we had some expenses and also have taken in dues money. Membership cards were handed out to all that have paid their dues for this year. It was noted that Vic Blazavic sent his dues in with a short note.

Pete sent a letter and check to the Editor for Corsa indicating that we wanted our donation to go the general operations fund. It was also agreed that the check sent to Arla who was the gracious hostess of the Askov trip be approved, thanking her for a wonderful time.

We have no new members at this time but our membership roster IS at 33 members with only a few not having renewed at the time of this meeting.

Joann Lemke has put together a format of membership information that she will be handing out at a future meeting.

There are no car shows for the rest of the winter months, look for May to see them start up again. Thanks to Ed Lampi and Art Bringe for bringing us the scoops on most of the shows. It is hoped that the Minnesota club with host next years get together event, we can pat ourselves on the back for putting together a great event in Askov at the last minute. The Iowa Fire and Ice event was a great time and we hope more from our club can attend next year. Our club is starting to be noticed we are out there and they see us.

Pete will be putting an order in soon so if you need something be sure to get with him.

Patti will make online purchases when she has orders, this way you can save on shipping.

Newsletter: The newsletter has gotten costly and deep discussion was held as how to put a newsletter out without emptying the treasury. It was decided to see if going black and white will make a difference. Also discussed was making photo copies rather than printing on the computer. Any ideas are welcome as we work on this.

We had two very successful food drives and we plan to continue that tradition next year.

Our X-mas (post x-mas) get together is planned for Jan 13 at Country Lanes Bowling, \$10.00 gift exchange. Starts at 12:30 goes to whenever.

We had a great potluck meeting and had some videos to watch. Thanks for the fun Pete and Patti.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm

Kathy Thompson  
Secretary

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