

THE **PUSHROD**

A monthly newsletter from the Milwaukee Corvair Club

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Upcoming Events...

- Jan 15 – Club Meeting
Albanese's
Waukesha WI
- Feb 4 – Anniversary Dinner
Albanese's
- Feb 26 – Club Meeting /
Sweets Auction
Albanese's
- Mar 7 – Board Meeting
Ed's office
Milwaukee
- Mar 25 – Club Meeting /
Nominations
Albanese's

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President's Message

Ed Thompson

Milwaukee Corvair Club President

I am writing this message five weeks prior to our first meeting of 2012, so who knows what major automotive enthusiast world (or "real world") events will have occurred before we convene for what I believe will be the first Sunday afternoon meeting in the history of MCC, or at least the first in a very long time. This month's meeting on the 15th, and Sunday afternoon meetings next month and in March, will be at **Albanese's Roadhouse and Dominic's Sports Lounge in Waukesha**, see www.milwaukeeorvairclub.com for more details, or give Walt, 262-547-6420, or me, 414-744-0493 (AFTER 10:00 p.m.), a call, if you would like more info. We will gather around 3:00 p.m., **w/ pizza, beer and soda on the Club this month**, shortly after; the Packers will be in a Play-off game @ Lambeau that Saturday or Sunday, there is an ample number of TV's for our viewing pleasure. Feel free to bring interested (well behaved) friends and family!

The January 15th meeting program will be a review of meetings and events for the balance of 2012, and an introduction of any new members in attendance. If the weather is "challenging," we will still try to meet, please call Walt that morning if it looks like we may have to cancel/reschedule.

Our next gathering after that will be on **Saturday evening, February 4**, for our 42nd Anniversary Party, also at **Albanese's**. We will need a head count by the meeting on the 15th, the charge will be around \$15 per person. All attendees will receive a free drink ticket upon arrival. In addition we will be raffling off a few items (including homemade fleece blankets donated by Sophie and a few collector books) ... so bring a few dollars along. This annual event has been very successful since it started in 2010, thanks to Walt and Sophie, please put it on your winter event schedule.

The next Board meeting of the Milwaukee Corvair Club will be on Wednesday evening, March 7th, at my office in downtown Milwaukee; all members are welcome, I just need to know if you plan to attend. We plan to have an exciting Calendar in 2012, the Board has set a "think-outside-the-box" agenda, you will want to be part of it, and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions.

A belated Happy New Year to all.

The Engine's the Rear...

Larry Fry
Milwaukee Corvair Club Vice President

Warm Holiday Greetings my Frosty Friends!

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! It looks like we will slip into 2012 pretty much "snowless" at least here in southern Wisconsin. I'm certainly not complaining, it has given me more time to complete outdoor chores and get out to the garage on the weekends without digging my way out there. By the time this is read I'm sure the tide will have turned and the entire state will be a Winter Wonderland again.

Most know of Janet's lower back surgery the end of Sept. and I am happy to report that she is doing extremely well even though she still has some pain. She deals with it pretty well and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Jan. 15th afternoon MCC meeting at Albanese's Roadhouse. (details in this issue) Thanks so much for all the support and well wishes. By spring she will be itching to get the Corvairs out for a drive.

When I got the red 1960 sedan on the road I took her to the local "Tire's Plus" (now NTB) for a set of Firestone radials, that was a while ago. Well a couple weeks ago the new management sent me a reminder card that my 1960 Corvair was due for a

tire rotation, oil change and anti-freeze coolant flush and attached were coupons for the services. I was floored to find out that my little red Corvair had somehow grown a radiator & anti-freeze lines without my knowledge!!! I had a great laugh over it all. Maybe in the spring I'll stop in and ask about the coolant flush special for my waterless wonder.

The Board of Director met at the proposed meeting site for this month's meeting (Organ Piper Pizza) to plan the coming year's events and to see firsthand how the site would serve as a meeting place. While it was a fun place to enjoy food, drink and great organ music it was unfortunately very loud and did not have a separate meeting room. The Board opted to move the Jan. 15th meeting to Albanese's and I think it will be a really nice place to get together and socialize. We'll have the meeting room all to ourselves and good food and refreshments are always available Please plan on attending and getting together with your MCC friends. Oh yeah by the way, if you've never been to Organ Piper Pizza give it a try some time. It's very unique!

Hey! I'm still a certified "Corvair Nut" and as always Thanks for your support! Think Spring! when we'll see you on the road...seeing the USA in our classic Chevrolet Corvairs!!

Aloha! Unkl Larr (Email: "LarrVair@charter.net")



October Meeting Minutes

*Andy Kinzelman
Milwaukee Corvair Club Treasurer*

October 1st MCC Meeting was held at the home of Walt and Sophie Baranowski and called to order by president Ed Thompson at 6pm.

Ed welcomed guests Steve Nichols and Jim Schmidt. He also thanked Mel Francis for bringing his beautiful Monza SS to the picnic meeting. Ed spoke about the plans for the October 9th Fall tour which was planned to start at West Bend. it was subsequently cancelled and changed to October 16th in Bristol.

Walt mentioned the initial plans for the Anniversary dinner, February 4th at Albanese in Waukesha. Andy R. handed out flyers for the Toys for Tots Cruise starting at the Bristol 45 Diner and cruising to the Volo Auto Museum on October 16th. There was no Treasurer’s report or other reports. Meeting was adjourned for dessert.

“Toys for Tots Cruise”

Threatening weather kept many classics home, but MCC members Andy Kinzleman, Murray Bruskin and Andy Rominiecki brought their Corvairs to the Bristol 45 Diner and joined about 85 other classics for the Toys for Tots Cruise to the Volo Auto Museum. The cars paraded the 20 miles to Volo where they joined other other groups of cars cruising from starting points in Illinois. In total, about 250 cars met the Marines at Volo, where the donated toys were dropped off in exchange for free entry to the museum. those who stayed home missed a great day without one drop of rain.

New MCC member Murray Bruskin’s Red ‘64 Monza Coupe was a hit. The engine compartment is pristine. Hopefully, Murray will bring it to an upcoming meeting or event to show it off to the rest of the club members. Andy Kinzleman drove his ‘66, and Andy Rominiecki brought his ‘64 coupe. Check the Facebook and website pages for more pictures.

November/December Meeting Minutes

*Andy Kinzelman
Milwaukee Corvair Club Treasurer*

Date	Item	Income	Expenses
10/29	Pushrod printing/postage		- \$89.36
10/29	Dues SM	\$20.00	
10/29	Dues SN	\$18.00	
10/29	Dinner for LC/JR		- \$28.04
11/2	Larry Claypool - Hotel		- \$125.00
11/16	Overdue Pushrod costs		- \$99.88
11/30	TC Savings Interest	\$0.34	
12/1	Dues TK	\$18.00	
12/18	Club handout cards		- \$35.00
			- \$320.94
	WSB Savings		\$1027.51
	T-C Savings		\$2753.92
	Cash on hand		\$109.00
	Outstanding Check		- \$35.00
	T-C Checking		\$389.28

A note from CORSA..

The CORSA board is pleased to announce that Gail and Jim Stranc have been appointed as the new Concours de Elegance Co-Chairpersons. Jim and Gail have taken over the position from Jim Allen. Thanks Jim for your time and dedication, and thanks to Jim and Gail for volunteering for this important position!

Jamie Reinhart
CORSA President

REMINDER!

**Make sure you pay your dues...
\$18/year.**

Corvairs at Volo III?

Andy Rominiecki

Corvair friends: Volo Auto Museum has offered Saturday, June 23rd as a possible date for the Corvair show at the Volo Museum. They also offered a date in August, but that one conflicts with the weekend of the Orphan Auto Picnic.

Does anyone see a major conflict with the June 23rd date? Milwaukee's PLBC is tentative for the following weekend (29th), which shouldn't be a problem. Otherwise I did not see any other major events that weekend.

Club Event Idea: Harley Davidson Museum

This will be up for discussion in upcoming meetings. Please review the overview and options and let us know your thoughts.

Much more than a nostalgia trip for motorcycle enthusiasts, the Harley-Davidson Museum® offers a glimpse of American history and culture like you've never seen it before – through the successes and trials of an iconic American company. Interactive, eye-catching exhibits present an unparalleled collection of legendary stories of our nation's last century.

Group Admission and Benefits

For groups of 15 or more.

\$12 adults

\$10 seniors/college students

10% discount for The Shop on day of tour*

*Restrictions apply

Tour Options

The self-guided tour pamphlets provide intriguing added context to the Museum experience.

Price: No additional fee

Our Visitor Experience Associates offer an engaging guided tour, "Journey through the History of

Harley-Davidson." Approximately 45 minutes.
Price: \$4 additional per person

Food Options:

Customize your group dining experience with boldly flavored, hearty American dishes sure to satisfy the hunger of anyone who appreciates good food.

- Motor® Bar & Restaurant: A full service restaurant serving lunch and dinner
- Cafe Racer® Custom Sandwiches & Custard: A restaurant with a more casual atmosphere offering Starbucks coffee drinks, pastries and lunch
- Fixed price menus are available for group dining

The Shop:

The Shop offers unique merchandise to commemorate your Museum visit, from jackets to posters to merchandise inspired by Museum exhibits.

Opinion

Corsa Fee

Starting next year, Corsa will extract an extortion fee from every club in the nation for non-Corsa members. Yeah, Yeah, I know it's for the insurance. But if you recall, we've been paying Corsa a \$40.00 extortion fee for years for non-Corsa members. And even the Corsa board knew that was strictly forbidden by the Corsa constitution. So you may call it a surcharge, I call it an extortion fee. The original idea was to pass that \$3.00 fee on to each member that does not belong to Corsa. But many of our MCC members fall into that category. So the Board, instead of making a colossal mistake like Netflix and losing MCC members (about 40% are non-Corsa members). How about not spending all our money on donations to charities and instead pay that fee with your "donation" money. Charity begins at home and it's time we helped our own members.

Jackie Johnston

A concerned CCCC and Corsa member

**THE MILWAUKEE CORVAIR CLUB
INVITES YOU TO**

2012 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2012
Location: Albaneses in Waukesha, WI
(<http://www.albanesesroadhouse.com>)
Time: Cocktails @ 5:30
Dinner 6:30
Dress Casual

Menu Choices:

Meat Lasagna, French Fried Shrimp, Baked Chicken, Chicken Parmesean, or Sicilian Style Pork Chops

Cost: \$15.00 per plate
includes tax, tip, and beverage (Coffee, Tea, Milk)

Attendees will receive one free drink ticket

Raffle Prizes: A few collector books (see below), two handmade fleece car guy lap blankets, and maybe a few more items. Raffle tickets will be sold at 6 for \$5:00.

Presents a plethora of photos of the original 'Holden' prototypes on test and even a Corvaire engine installed in a Porsche, its first running test bed.

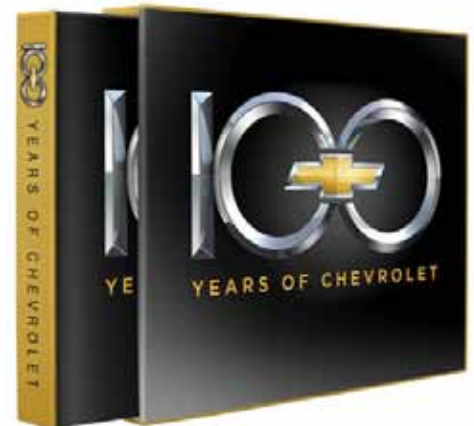
Photos of the production Corvairs down through the years are combine with prototypes and concept cars based on this auto.

It is a feast for fans of the novel and endearing Corvaire.



Automobile Heritage Publishing is pleased to bring the Centennial Story of Chevrolet® to press in a unique and compelling history book.

160 beautiful pages contain the canvas for the story that is uniquely American. Accenting the award-winning narrative, over 60 artifacts and hundreds of photos have been assembled to illustrate the story.



Run to Brighton

Andy Rominiecki

I was driving the T-Bird with my son Mike as navigator, but there were 3 Corvairs on the today's Run to Brighton, Wisconsin: John Skowron's newly painted '63 Rampy (please pass along to him if you have his e-mail), Murray Bruskin's '61 Monza with sharp new wheels, and I never did see who was driving the '65 Convertible. It was a well organized 50 mile tour. Kudos to the North Shore AACA. Fifty degrees, but we were top down all the way. Great heater in that 'Bird.



Murray Bruskin's '61 Corvair made the Run with his friend's TR-3.



New wheels on Murray's '61 looked good



A '65 convertible Corvair made the run as well.



New paint on John Skowron's '63 Rampy looked great.



Vintage Chevys on hand for Chevy's 100th birthday.

Wanted to buy

1965-69 Corvair Corsa or Monza coupe. 4-speed preferred. Excellent condition only. Please email tennis4two@att.net or call Jonathan Hancock at 262-634-3686.

For Sale

Complete early Air Cleaner System

Newly powder coated in "Black Chrome" a silvery grey color. Included are 2 new Wix air filters, new rubber gaskets, pcv valve, hose and clips. \$125.00 obo plus shipping and handling. Contact: Walt @ 262-547-6420.



For Sale

Corsa Dashboard

Modified Corsa dash setup for a V8 car w/ A/C cut-out. Call Tommy for Price: 414-614-6263



WANT TO BUY A CORVAIR- RELATED ITEM?

HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL?

Submit your classified ad to Curtis Henken (curtis.henken@gmail.com) by the 10th of any month for it to be included in that month's Pushrod!

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MEETINGS

- We meet the last Friday of most months (except Nov & Dec.) at WaterStone Bank - 6560 S. 27th St. - Oak Creek, WI.
- Meetings start at 8:00pm sharp.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is \$18.00 annually, due in May.
- The Milwaukee Corvair Club is an affiliate club of: The Corvair Society of America (CORSA, www.corvair.org), and encourages individual membership

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