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From The Front Seat

by **Walt Baranowski**
MCC President

On Friday February 25th, we held our one annual fundraising event, our Sweets Auction. Wayne and Tracy Ruston made the trip from Michigan to provide the Auctioneer services. Eighteen club members showed up for the event. Wayne (aided by his granddaughter) helped the club raise \$335.00. We will take up the business of how we want to share some of these proceeds at our March meeting. Come and make your suggestions known.

The major item of business for our March meeting we will be nominations for Officers and Board Members. I was informed by our Treasurer George Vignyich that he will no longer be able to continue in this position due to the fact that he has taken on the job of managing Serb Hall. As I have indicated, I will not continue on as President. I would be willing to serve as a Board member. The time has come for other members to step forward and lead the club in the coming years. Beware! If you fail to come to the meeting you just may be nominated for President or other office.

Walt

The Engine's in the Rear...

Larry (Unkl Larr) Fry
MCC VP

Spring is at our doorstep Corvair fans!

Let the Easter Bunny watch begin! I've spotted the first Robin of spring already and MORE important- the first Corvair sighting last Sunday at the CCCC meeting in Madison. I'm ready to uncover our 1960 700 4-door and try it out on a nice long drive. The '64 Monza also awaits its turn as well. Don't you just LOVE SPRING!?! For me there is nothing better than that first ride of spring in the Corvair...

Okay, back to business. This month's meeting is an important one. It's time to nominate our officers for the New Year and we need to fill three positions- President, Treasurer, and Secretary. I am happy to remain in the V.P. seat but would be willing to move over to Secretary if someone would like to replace me. I've filled in most of the year at that capacity already. Now before you try and get me into the President's seat let me say that the President should be someone that lives in the area in my opinion. Beloit is over and hour's drive and making arrangements for meetings, events, etc. would be extremely difficult for me at this time. Don't get me wrong, filling in for the Prez from time to time is okay at V.P. but to be a good leader I feel it must be someone closer to home. The same would go for the treasurer since the banks the money is invested/held in are there.

Our club is an active and well run group, if you are reading this you are more than likely a club member and you should be thinking good and long about filling a position. If you don't then you should. It's time

for at least three members to step up and keep the club moving along. Besides making a meeting each month and driving your Corvair to events there isn't a whole lot more to do. This is your club. Take ownership and try an officer position. Walt and George have done a terrific job and you can do it too. Can you keep a checkbook? Then you can certainly handle the treasurer's job. If you ever planned a birthday or a family gathering you are perfectly qualified to step up and lead the club as the Prez. Have you ever taken notes during a meeting or a seminar? You are perfect for the secretary's position. Really, none of these positions are "Rocket Science" it just takes a small amount of time and dedication and I have faith that you can do it. It's important so please be at the meeting on the 25th and let's discuss it. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will see a few more Corvairs there. I do enjoy the parking lot conversations on meeting nights in the spring & summer.

Hey! I'm still a certified "Corvair Nut" and as always *Thanks for your support!* See you on the road (real soon now!)...seeing the USA in our classic Chevrolet Corvairs!!

Aloha!
Unkl Larr
MCC V.P.

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Minutes of the February 25, 2011 MCC Meeting

The MCC monthly meeting for February was called to order by President Walt Baranowski at 8:16 PM. 20 Members were in attendance.

Minutes of the January MCC meeting were approved as printed in the Pushrod.

Treasurer's report did not make the newsletter because of a miscommunication. Walt reviewed the numbers for those in attendance. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

MCC 41st Anniversary Dinner – The anniversary dinner was not as well attended as in the past. The food was just as good and those that attended enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining power point slide show narrated by Mel Francis about restoration of the Chevy "Biscayne" concept car built for the 1955 Auto Show, as well as other concept cars. The real focus of the talk was about the new Monza SS that Mel & Dick Reinders have been developing. The night's highlight was awarding the cash door prizes of \$100, \$75 & \$50 at the end of the evening. You had to be in attendance to win.

March MCC meeting - Nominations for club officers will be held. George is stepping down from treasurer because of his involvement as business manager at Serb Hall. Walt has already given his notice as well. We need candidates for President, Treasurer and Secretary. We need a few good members to step up and keep the club moving forward.

New Business:

MCC PLBC, Sunday, June 26th – Discussion was held on laying out times for the Parking Lot Beauty Contest event that will now be held on Sunday and will be co-sponsored by the Muskego Lions Club. After discussion it was agreed upon:

Registration - 8:00 to 10:00 AM
Judging – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Awards – After 3:00 PM

Andy Rominiecki handed out event rosters and asked the membership to mark which events they will attend, might attend or don't plan to attend. This will help us to decide on the events the club will participate in. Please fill out the forms and get them back to Andy as soon as possible.

The membership was polled to see how many would participate in the drag racing at the CCE Show, Shine & Drag event at Great Lakes Dragway May 14-15. Andy R. will report the response to CCE organizers.

The meeting was adjourned and turned over to Wayne Ruston, our official auctioneer for the evenings Sweets & Treats Auction event. Many fine and delicious desserts and treats were donated along with Corvair related items up for auction. Many thanks to the Ruston's for traveling from Michigan to join us. Thanks also to everyone that participated. A good time was had by all.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Fry

**Milwaukee Corvair Club
January Financial
(I forgot to include this last month)**

Income

Club Program Income

Membership Dues	18.00
Brithday Dinner	285.00

Total Club Program Income	303.00
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Total Income	303.00
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Expenses	0.00
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Net Income	303.00
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Account Balances

Checking/Savings

Tri City Checking	1,435.69
Tri City Savings Account	4,018.14
Waterstone Bank Account	1,026.74

Total Checking/Savings	6,480.57
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June 4th - CCE organized Great Lakes Dragway Show, Shine, or Race – in Union Grove, WI. (west of Racine/Kenosha)

1. June 4 STREET CARS only.
2. Seat Belts and helmets are required. Some loaner helmets should be available.
3. Convertibles - top MUST be UP.
4. Any Vert running under 14 sec. must have ROLL BAR. No stock(ish) Corvair need worry.
5. No pre-registration necessary – pay at gate when entering.

COST

1. Driver and car \$25.00
2. Spectators \$12.00 (usually \$40.00)



CCCC Spring Tour June 11-12

MCC members are welcome to join in for the CCCC Spring Tour on June 11 & 12. The tour will start from Madison and tour west on scenic roads to the Monroe area to sample some of the culture, heritage and scenery of southwestern Wisconsin. Plans are for lunch at historic Baumgartner's Cheese Store and Tavern, Minhas brewery tour. Shopping the unique stores and enjoying free time to explore. We plan to stay overnight outside of Monroe and in the morning head for New Glarus for a chance to walk the downtown area full of Swiss heritage, more unique stores or take a self guided tour of the New Glarus Brewery. From there we plan to head toward Mount Horeb to check out the Wally Keller tool museum (located where the Mustard Museum was) and the new Duluth Trading Store next door. On the way out of town we will tour the Mt. Horeb "Troll-Way" on our way out of town and back to Madison.

We are hoping for a fun and relaxing weekend away with good friends and great driving roads for our Corvairs. For more info please contact Larry Fry at Ph. 608/751-4473, or e-mail (see 'the Engine's in the Rear column above).

Andy Rominiecki: Here's a few pictures of my car at the Chicago "World of Wheels" and a short blurb on how it got picked for display:

Chicago Oldies station WLS 94.7FM was having a contest in February to feature a classic car a day on their website. I sent in a photo of my '64 Coupe and it was featured on the website in mid-February. Two weeks later, I was surprised to get a call from WLS saying the Corvair was their contest winner and would I agree to have the car displayed at the Chicago "World of Wheels" show March 4-6. They would send a trailer to pick it up. I told them a Corvair doesn't need a trailer, and I'd be happy to drive it to the show. So on Thursday night, March 3rd, I drove it to the Donald E. Stephens convention center in Rosemont, where it was given a special spot among some 500 beautiful Rods, Customs and Race cars. Saturday afternoon, WLS morning DJ, Dave Fogel signed autographs and chatted with fans along side the Corvair. There were more than 30 gleaming Corvettes at the show, but only one Corvair and it drew quite a bit of attention all weekend. You can check out more photos from the show at <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2108947&id=1373747615&l=9bdf48ca3e>
<http://www.947wls.com/PhotoWall.asp?id=66833>



Here's the story of how Karl Behrens' Vert came to be in the Milwaukee Auto Show.

On the Friday prior to the auto show, I heard an ad on Oldies 95.7 saying they are looking for sixties cars to be entered to win a chance to be on display at the 2011 Greater Milwaukee Auto Show.

So, on a whim, I entered a picture of my convertible and waited. Monday afternoon I received a call from the radio station saying I was a finalist, and that they are sending my information to Motor Trend. They will make the final decision on the cars that will be shown.

Tuesday afternoon I received a call from Motor Trend saying that the car had to be moved in Wednesday from 2:00-7:00. So, Tuesday night was spent detailing the interior, and polishing the wire hubcaps. I placed the hubcaps in the car since I had to drive the convertible down to the Frontier Airlines Center. On Wednesday afternoon, I hopped in and cruised downtown. The facility had plastic all over the floors, and a service bay where I could wash the salt off the car! I was then led by security down a corridor to room 101B. There I was guided through the doors and parked the car next to a 68 Monza convertible. While waiting for the show organizer to come down and place the cars where he wanted, I went ahead and put the top down and detailed the car for the display. The 68 was on my left, a Rambler convertible on my right followed by a Buick Riviera, and a Mustang Convertible. After about 20 min, the show organizer came in and began sorting out where the cars are going to go. My car took the first slot by the door! Then the Riviera moved to my right, and the Mustang was placed along the wall. A 69 GTO Judge backed in the corner, followed by the 68, and so on. No one knew how to release the parking brake on the Corvair, so they had me move both my car and the 68! After pulling off the battery cables, and taping up the fuel cap (fire marshal's orders), I headed home. Saturday arrived, and I headed over to the show with Chris Dean to check out the display. The room was nicely done, except for the big peace sign they placed behind my car. Oh well, I guess I shouldn't complain considering I've paid nothing for this opportunity! My only regret (besides driving the car in winter), was not displaying anything for MCC. If I had more notice, I would've done something for our club. It was a nice show, and I'd totally do it all over again! I hope to see y'all at the next meeting.



Updated list of possible Club Events - some dates are tentative. Some are definite; some are only speculative.

by Andy Rominiecki

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mar. 25	Meeting – Nomination of Club officers
Apr. 29	Meeting – Club Officers Election
Apr. 29-May 1	Spring Jefferson Swap Meet
May 10	CCCC meeting – presentation by Larry Claypool
May14-15	Great Lakes Dragway, Union Grove Show, Shine or Drag w/CCE
May 27	Meeting – Pizza at Figaro's, Waterford
June 11-12	CCCC Spring Tour to Mt Horeb/New Glarus/Monroe

June 16 – 18	Circle City Corvair Olympics
June 24	Meeting – Parts Auction Bring those extra parts, club gets 10%
June 26	Parking Lot Beauty Contest, Muskego
July 2	George Barris at Volo
July 4	Holz Chevy Show
July 7-10	IOLA 2011 Swap Meet
July 10	Rods for a Reason, Benefit Show & Shine Petrifying Springs Park, Racine
July 17	Corvairs At Volo – 2 MCC sponsored event at Volo Auto Museum
July 22	Meeting - Tech Session?? Let's take something apart or put it together.
July 26-31	CORSA International Convention – Denver
Aug. 6-7	Summer Elkhorn Swap Meet
Aug. 7	Illinois Railroad Museum Show w/CCE
Aug. 14	MCC Picnic at Dick Reinder's – Concord, WI
Aug. 21	CCE Orphan Picnic
Aug. 26	Meeting – Ladies Night, Chili Cook-off?
Aug. 27?	Muskego Corvette Club Chevy Show
Aug.28	Milwaukee Masterpiece Show
Sept. 3	Kenosha Classic Cruise – Downtown Kenosha
Sept. 4	Injured Soldier Benefit Show – Simmons Island
Sept. 5	Gordie Boucher Labor Day – Janesville
Sept. 17	Day in the Country Show – Rochester
Sept. 18	Beloit Autorama w/CCCC
Sept. 24-25	Fall Jefferson
Sept. 25	Ferry to Orphan Auto Picnic – Michigan
Sept. 30	Meeting
Oct. 8-9??	Fall Tour
Oct. 15	Toys for Tots Cruise to Volo
Oct. 28	Meeting – Winter Storage Tips

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- We meet the last Friday of each month (except November, and December) at: **WaterStone Bank**, located at: **6560 S. 27th St., Oak Creek, WI.**
- Meetings start at 8:00PM sharp.
- 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