

THE **PUSHROD**

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Upcoming Events...

- Oct 1 – Club Meeting:
Chili Cook-off/Swap
Meet at Walt's House
- Oct 8/9 – Fall Tour

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President's Message

Ed Thompson

Milwaukee Corvair Club President

First off, thank you to Walt and Sophie Baranowski, for coordinating and hosting the August meeting at their "second home," the Rochester Deli in downtown Waukesha. Good food, good company and we got our first look at their reincarnated '64 Monza coupe, a/ka "Miss Emily." This was the fourth, of five, summer, 2011 MCC "Road Show" meetings, which I presume we will try again next year, if that is what we hear members would like to do. This schedule was set under the previous "Administration," but I thought this approach was great, what say you?

Greetings during this first full week of Fall, 2011. Over the years, I have tended to get in a disproportionate amount of time behind the (wood) wheel of my '66 sedan from Labor Day to early, even late, November, I guess the reality of not being "able" to drive my car for about the following five months motivates me. On that note, we have several important, and fun, dates to be thinking about and driving our waterless wonders, even one member's H2O-cooled ride, yet this year. First, there is this Saturday afternoon's (September) meeting / "Chili Feed" on October 1st, at the home of Walt and Sophie; those of you on the Internet should have received a reminder notice earlier this month, it is critical that we know how many people will be attending, and last I heard, we needed one more provider of chili, besides Curtis and myself, so if you have not already indicated your intentions, please get in touch w/ Sophie or Walt at 262-547-6420, wbaranowskijr@yahoo.com. At this meeting, I will have an update on the intended bid for the 2013 CORSA Convention; if awarded, the convention will be hosted by www.ccecorvair.com in suburban Chicago, likely at the same venue as the 2001 convention, in St. Charles IL.

The following week, we have the infamous "Kinzelman/Schneider Fall Tour" on Sunday, October 9th, details either in this issue of the Pushrod,

CHILI FEED

October 1, 3:00pm
Walt and Sophie's House
RSVP TODAY... 262-547-6420

or at the October 1st meeting. We apparently have a "Toys for Tots" cruise to Volo IL on Saturday, the 15th, but I do not have those details at press time. With no meeting in November or December, our year kind of wraps up w/ the Friday, October 28th meeting, when we are back at Waterstone Bank, w/ our special guest speaker, and friend to all Corvair enthusiasts, Larry Claypool, of www.vairshop.com, 815-469-2936; Larry has indicated he will be happy to bring along any pre-ordered parts (less transmissions, motors, etc.), so this is an opportunity to save on shipping costs.

Please also be thinking further down the line to the MCC 42nd Anniversary/Birthday Party on Saturday evening, February 4, 2012, which is the night before the Packers will be defending their Super Bowl Championship in Indianapolis. Walt and Sophie have kindly agreed to coordinate this event, to be again held at Albanese's Roadhouse, details forthcoming, commitment due by the January 27th meeting.

Thanks, all, this is YOUR Club, please help it to be what you would like it to be. The best way to reach me is ed.thompson@quarles.com, or 414-0744-0493, after 10:00 p.m. A reminder, we will NOT be meeting this Friday evening.

The Engine's the Rear...

Larry Fry

Milwaukee Corvair Club Vice President

Greetings MCC faithful!

By the time you are reading this the 35th Annual Be-loit Autorama will be in our rear view mirror for another year. I have been doing my best to encourage a record Corvair turn out, hopefully 40 or more for the first time ever at this event. For those of you that were there my sincere Thanks! I hope you all had a great day (the weather is promised to be terrific) and I can honestly say it was really great to enjoy your company and see you and your Corvair there.

On to the next destination on the summer's "Take it

on the Road" MCC meetings for 2011 - the Fall Chili Feed at Walt & Sophie's home in Waukesha. More details and direction elsewhere in this edition of The Pushrod. Let's make it another great event.

Make a concerted effort to bring your sweetheart and enjoy the company of your fellow club members and some tasty chili. Oh yeah, there will also be a brief club meeting in there somewhere too! Many thanks in advance to our host and hostess for their hospitality.

Beyond that, I hear tell that there may be a Fall Tour in the works and of course a very special MCC meeting on October 28th when Larry Claypool will once again join us with another interesting presentation that is sure to be enjoyed by all that attend. The last time LC joined us we had one our best, if not THE best attendances ever for a monthly meeting. You won't want to miss it so save the date and plan on being there!

The coming fall season makes for some really great driving opportunities. Driving on country back roads with the fall colors every where can be really relaxing and therapeutic. Here in Wisconsin we have some of the prettiest fall "decorations" compliments of Mother Nature so don't pass up a chance to enjoy it this fall. Of course I would also suggest you take in the fall colors while driving you Classic Corvair. If you are like me, getting all of those "thumbs up" signs from other motorists and folks along the way is a real turn on. Our lives get much too busy these days and when you need to de-stress and enjoying some quiet time do it in your waterless wonder. Don't forget to drive you Corvair on it's 52nd birthday, October 2nd as a tribute to Ed Cole's ingenuity.

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



Aloha
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August Meeting Minutes

*Ed Thompson
Milwaukee Corvair Club President*

First, thank you Sophie and Walt for organizing the venue last night, and an early Happy 54th Wedding Anniversary to you on Thursday, the 1st (I think), Linda and I enjoyed going to the Rochester Deli.

Attendance was "thin," for a variety of reasons, at this fourth, of five, Summer 2011 MCC "Road Show" meetings, w/ Walt and Sophie being our hosts for the final such meeting/event, at their home on Saturday, October 1st. I plan to make a strong, but positive, point in my September Prez message, that we are seeking commitments from those who will be able to attend the October 1st "Chili Cook-Off," so appropriate planning can be put in place. It is very disappointing, of course, when there is low attendance at meetings and events, plus unnecessary costs can be incurred -- the "elephant-in-the-room" question is, why? I'm sure there were a variety of reasons more members were not @ the Deli last night, including the Packers and Brewers games, out-of-state CORSA Chapter event attendance, weekend get-aways, family and youth events, work obligations, not feeling well, vacation, etc., and the most likely reason, is that we have a lousy MCC President leading us, throw that bum out! If anyone receiving this message has suggestions on how to improve future attendance, please share those ideas, and Curtis can include those thoughts in the Pushrod if you like.

Thanks, and I hope to see as many of you as possible, and other MCC members, at the Beloit AutoRama on Sunday, September 18th, 8:00 a.m. group departure from the "usual" location, the McDonald's at I-43 and 164. A substantial number of "CCCC" (Madison) member will be there, of course, and usually a couple from CCE, w/ everyone then invited to George and Jackie's afterwards.

MCC August 2011 Treasury

Andy Kinzelman

Date	Item	Income	Expenses
8/14	dues - RR	\$18.00	
8/16	dues - DR - 2 years	\$36.00	
8/16	picnic catering		(\$656.00)
8/24	dues - GS	\$18.00	
8/26	picnic - beverages		(\$179.20)
8/31	interest	\$0.38	
		Total	(\$762.82)
		WSB Savings	\$1,027.25
		T-C Savings	\$2,752.89
		Cash on hand	\$55.00
		Outstanding check	(\$179.20)
		T-C checking	\$954.78
		Total	\$4,610.72

REMINDER!

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

Send check to:
 Andy Kinzelman
 3317 15th Street
 Racine WI, 53405

Chili Cookoff and Meeting

I know that October 1st seems like years away. However, for Sophie and I to make sure everyone has enough to eat and drink we need to know who will be coming to the party. To that end we are asking you to make your reservations now for that Saturday afternoon. You can always cancel if something comes up. Either call (262-547-6420) or email me at [wbaranowski@yahoo.com](mailto:wbaranowski@yaho.com) with your reservation.

For directions, please contact us

Thanks ! -Walt & Sophie



Save the date!

This is the meeting you don't want to miss. Larry Claypool will be joining us for our October 28th meeting at WaterStone Bank in Oak Creek, WI.

In the meantime, you would like to see cool and unique cars, visit his website: www.vairshop.com

Upcoming Events...

September

Fall Jefferson
Saturday/Sunday, September 24/25

October

Monthly club meeting, Chilli & Swap Meet at Walt's! Bring your old car stuff, extra parts, diecast, magazines, brochures, etc.
Saturday, October 1

Fall Tour
Saturday/Sunday, October 8/9

Toys For Tots Cruise to Volo
Saturday, October 15

Monthly club meeting - winter storage tips
Friday, October 28

[See MCC Facebook page for full list of events]

Pushrod Submitted for Award

Curtis Henken

Milwaukee Corvair Club Newsletter Editor



Three issues of the Pushrod have been sent to CORSA for the Tony Fiore Memorial Chapter Newsletter Award. See page 29 of the September CORSA Communique for details.

Got a story to tell? A picture to share?
We want to include it in a Pushrod!

Please submit any material (stories, articles, pictures, etc) by the 12th of the month to:
Curtis.Henken@gmail.com

Fall Tour Information



Possible Late October Drive?

Walt Baranowski

Sophie and I happen to be at a fall art show in downtown Waukesha on Saturday. Picked up this brochure and thought it might be a cool tour. We could do it Sunday October 23, the Pack plays at

3:15 on that Sunday. Just a thought. Let either Ed or I your thoughts and we will see if we have enough interest to do this as a club event.

- 1** Rock River Gallery
205 S. Main St., Jefferson, WI 53549
(920) 541.3322 • rockrivergallery.com
- 2** Sandhill Designs • Bill Bale - Furniture Designer
N3163 Co. Hwy. J, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
(920) 568.0333 • sandhilldesigns.com
- 3** Mary Pratt • Potter/Sculptor - Pratt Clay Studio
Exhibiting at the Sandhill Designs
Studio: Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
(920) 728.0528 • prattclaystudio.com
- 4** Jorn Lynae Mork • Jeweler, Printmaker
Exhibiting at the Sandhill Designs
Studio: Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
(920) 397.7384 • jornsstudio.com
- 5** Dawn Dark Mountain • Watercolor painting
Exhibiting at the Sandhill Designs
Studio: Monona, WI 53716
(608) 221.8692 • darkmntn@gmail.com
- 6** Suzanne M. Modjeska-Seffrood • Pastelist
Exhibiting at the Sandhill Designs
Studio: Edgerton, WI 53538
(608) 279.0170 • love-to-pastel.com
- 7** Fiberholics - Basket Weavers
W7867 Riedel Lane, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
(920) 563.1466
- 8** Mary Wallace • Feltmaker/Fiber Artist
White Dove Farm
173 Cty. Rd. A., Cambridge, WI 53523
(608) 884.4301 • whitedove@jvlnet.com
- 9** Ric Lamore • Potter - Broadwing Clay Studio
503 Co. A., Cambridge, WI 53523
(608) 884.8099 • ric.lamore@gmail.com
- 10** Michael Schael • Potter - Rock Eagle Pottery
2297 Clearview Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523
(608) 423.7026 • woodfiredpots.com
- 11** Mark Skudlarek • Potter
Cambridge Wood-Fired Pottery
10 Tranquil Lane, Cambridge, WI 53523
(608) 423.4507 • cambridgepottery.com
- 12** Glen Cutcher • Potter - Glen Cutcher Studio
218 Spring Street, Cambridge, WI 53523
(608) 335.9194 • glencutcher.com
- 13** Karen Calkins Ragus • Painter/Printmaker
Lake Mills Arts Center
100 Water Street, Lake Mills, WI 53551
(608) 843.33087 • ragus.com

2011 Earth Wood & Fire Artist's Tour Locations

Legend:
 ● 2011 Earth Wood & Fire Artist's Tour Locations
 ● Suggested route
 ● Live demonstrations

Scale: 0 to 1 mile (note: minor roads omitted for clarity)

Begin anywhere you like... Just watch for the white ARTIST TOUR signs.

ARTIST TOUR

14 Peggy Furlin • Watercolor - Watercolor Outside the Lines
Exhibiting at Lake Mills Arts Center
Studio: Lake Mills, WI 53551
(414) 510.8087 • artid.com/efstudio

15 Bruce Johnson • Potter - Bruce Johnson Clay Studio
302 Campus Street, Lake Mills, WI 53551
(920) 648.3049 • brucejohnsonclaystudio.com

16 Leslie DeMuth • Landscape Painter - Town Hall Studio
N. 8016 County Hwy. G, Lake Mills, WI 53551
(920) 390.9341 • lesliedemuth.com

17 Ann Long Fisher • Handweaver
Exhibiting at Town Hall Studio
Studio: Lake Mills, WI 53551
(920)945.0122 • ponyweaver@charter.com

18 Will Wipperfurth • Wood Artist/Woodworker
Exhibiting at Town Hall Studio
Studio: Lake Mills, WI 53551
(920) 648.2563 • designsbywill.com

19 Ed & Laura Klein • Potters/Sculptors
Bur Oak Pottery
W6202 Klein Lane, Johnson Creek, WI 53038
(920) 648.4549 • buroakpottery.com

20 Rick Hintze • Potter - Johnson Creek Clay Studio
140 1/2 N. Watertown St., P.O. Box 454
Johnson Creek, WI 53038
(920) 699.2529 • rickhintze.com

Volo Auto Museum Show Well Attended

Andy Rominiecki

Milwaukee Corvair Club Secretary

Forty Corvairs and their owners braved the 97 degree heat for the 2nd annual "Corvairs at Volo" show at the Volo Automobile Museum in Volo, Illinois. Ample shade trees and free admission to the museum for Corvair owners and guests provided relief from the sun. "Vinyl Jackets" provided great 50's & 60's music for the attendees.

Burt Neuner's '65 Coupe, last year's Best of Show graced the dash plaque given to all participants.

This year's awards went to:

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| 1. Dennis Arendt | '64 Spyder | Best Early Model Open |
| 2. Paul Fawley | '64 Monza | Best Early Model Closed |
| 3. Rick Herda | '65 Corsa | Best Late Model Open |
| 4. Rich Deiter | '65 Corsa | Best Late Model Closed |
| 5. Mike Pfingsten | '62 Rampside | Best Forward Control |
| 6. Bruce Quantock | '65 Corsa | Best Custom |
| 7. Larry & Janet Fry | '60 700 | Best Survivor |
| 8. Shirley Fawley | '63 Monza CV | President's Choice for Best of Show |

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SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

SS Update

Mel Francis

There hasn't been any aggressive driving yet. It's been running on 93 octane, with ethanol-our regular local mix, until just a few days ago, when I



James Rice travelled with me and took a bunch of great shots.



Friday morning, I started the car up and drove it out to the street, then we put it on the trailer for its trip up to the Heritage Center.



Here it is with Stu Shuster, who I wanted to thank personally, for his great studio shots of the original SS, which were really helpful during the photo-scaling stage, to keep the proportions right. I know that collector plate isn't correct and should be a hobby plate, but it is registered to me and was good enough to use in Detroit

bought a 5-gal jug of 110 gasoline to run our GT3 car at the Fire and Ice autocross. I shared some with the SS and it runs much smoother now.



As we left, I put the car up on the viewing pad in front of the Heritage Center, where Stu's car had been parked earlier that morning. I'm putting a taller set of springs in the front, since I want the nose just a bit higher than this. Then it went back on the trailer.



Here we are with Jim Musser. He was delighted with the size of the car, since it has the presence of a Corvette, when you walk up to it. I'm preparing the chassis drawings now and will let him critique them before I start the build. He wants to be involved with the cars and I'm honored to have his advice and assistance!

Fire and Ice Autocross

Mel Francis

We took the GT3 to the Fire and Ice autocross event on the 4th and here are some shots I took at the track, which started out years ago as a kart track, but is open mostly to car club autocrossing



This is my friend Matt getting ready for his run. You can see his video cam mounted just above the windshield. He's a well-experienced karter, but this was his first event in a car, of any type, on a closed course. Beat my previous time by 5 secs, but that's why I invited him along!



Bob Dunahugh's white and blue Flexi-flyer is just at the left, ahead of us in line. This car had the fast time of the day, with a 39.3, Stock body with 13" Goodyear race slicks.



Here's Matt finishing his first set, getting the checkered flag as he crossed the line at speed. Pretty amazing camera!

these days...It was windy that day and you could see the waves moving across the bean crop. Racers commented that this was usually a corn crop.



Here is his kart, in which he almost matched the time of the Flyer, at 39.5. The shadow on the ground shows the same camera attached to his helmet.



Here's a shot out the back window, of the trailer and equipment as we were heading home from Marshalltown.



Here's a nice one of the car after the runs, parked beside a really clean LM convertible. Although the clutch was slipping badly, we made it up on the trailer ok.

Does Your 'Vair Need a Lift?

Andy Rominiecki

Ten years ago when my company transferred my from Columbus, Ohio to its headquarters in Illinois, the dreaded house hunting began. While my wife was most interested in the kitchen and how many windows the new home would have, my only concerns were the garage and basement. When we came upon a newly built home in Antioch, the first thing I noticed was the 14' ceiling in the 3 car garage. "Holy sh--, I can put a lift in here," I said to myself, so my wife couldn't hear; then set about convincing her that this was the house we wanted. It didn't hurt that it had a great kitchen and lots of windows.

In the last ten years, there was always something else to spend my money on, like college tuition for three kids, but the lift was always in the back of my mind. Neck surgery and a bout of vertigo pretty much put an end to crawling around underneath my cars, so I decided to bite the bullet.

I looked at all of the lifts advertised in Hemmings and found that the good prices did not include freight and installation. Most would arrange delivery to the nearest freight terminal, then it was up to you to pick it up and put it together. The crate is about 15' long and weighs close to a ton. Not something that will slip into the back of a Greenbrier or the bed of a Rampside. The aforementioned neck surgery meant I wasn't going to be putting this thing together myself.

A fellow car nut who lives nearby had just had a lift installed in his garage. He gave me the name of the local company who took care of delivery, set-up and maintenance, if ever needed. He was very satisfied with the lift he was using for his classic T-Birds, and I noted the excellent quality of the construction.

Eventually, I contacted RHI Lifts in nearby Schaumburg, IL. Primarily a manufacturer and installer of commercial lifts, they also offer one residential lift that more than met my needs. The 4-post, 8000# capacity lift retails for \$2295 delivered, with a \$495 installation fee. With Illinois sales tax, it came in

right at \$3k.

But wait, there's more. Before I could have a lift installed, the garage door had to be altered. Low Overhead Garage Doors of Antioch had originally installed my doors and were up to the task. The rails had to be moved up high so the door would clear the raised vehicle. I opted for the LiftMaster 3800PLD door opener by Chamberlain that eliminates the overhead opener. (I kept the old one as a spare for the second garage door). The 3800PLD mounts to the side of the torsion bar and turns the bar rather than pulling on the door. It's almost silent. The door now raises almost straight up, with only the first two panels folding at the top. The rails are now 18" from the ceiling, but the door doesn't even approach the back of the 'Vair. The garage door alteration was an 8-hour job for the installer. With the opener, new rails and labor, I was out another \$800.

The lift raises the car a maximum of 72 inches (6') off the floor. My coupe is just about 5' high, so the top of the 'Vair is just about 11' off the floor. Floor to the bottom of the runways is 68". I'm 5'10 (or 70") so I already hit my head. Not every car will fit underneath. Had a good foot with the Corvair, but my daughter's Suzuki crossover, with roof antenna cleared by about 2". Not sure a Greenbrier would fit underneath. Fully lifted, there's plenty of room under the chassis which is nearly 7' off the ground. The lift has nine locking positions, so you can stop it just about anywhere to work at different levels of the car. It comes with 5 drip pans to cover the entire bottom of the car, if you wish, certainly needed with most Corvairs. It also comes with a structural plate that can be slid from end to end and used as a jacking base to raise one side or end of the car, engine, trans, etc. Good feature.

I thought the lift would be permanently affixed to the floor. Instead, it comes with four wheeled attachments that will automatically raise the posts to allow you to roll the entire lift (not with a car on it) out of the way. Not sure I'll ever need the wheels, but should I want to paint the garage floor or move the workbench, they might come in handy.

I checked with my Home owners insurance agent. State Farm did not require a rider for the lift. They did ask if it was professionally installed. It might be wise to check with your insurance company, if you're considering a lift.

All told, my \$3800 investment could have purchased another pretty nice Corvair, but now at least I'll have a place to park another one.



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

Corva Dashboard

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



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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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