

THE **PUSHROD**

A monthly newsletter from the Milwaukee Corvair Club

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Upcoming Events...

- May 27 – Meeting: Pizza at Figaro's, Waterford
- June 11 – CCCC Spring Tour
- June 24 – Meeting: Parts Auction
Bring those extra parts, Club gets 10%
- June 26 – Parking Lot Beauty Contest, Muskego
- July 4 – Holz Chevy Show
- July 7-10 – IOLA 2011

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President's Message

Ed Thompson

Milwaukee Corvair Club President

Talk about the proverbial "Big Shoes to fill," that is where I am now. Thank you Walt, for your four years at the helm of the Milwaukee Corvair Club, you did a great deal for the membership, I got to know you pretty well during this time, I learned a lot from you, especially about follow-up and details. It was my pleasure to present you w/ a plaque from the Club, recognizing your achievements, at the April 29th meeting, and I know we can continue to count on you, and Sophie, in your leadership contributions.

Thank you to the MCC membership for your confidence in "electing" me (such as it were) to be your 2011-2012 President. As Walt mentioned last month, I've done it a couple of times before, I'll try to earn your confidence again, but this is Wisconsin, so there is the power of the Recall! Walt, and others, have "set the table" nicely for all of us, w/ a great slate of events and special meetings over the next five months, please see the Calendar of Events, which Andy Rominiecki does a terrific job of maintaining, Andy is also our new Club Secretary. (Dave Schneider has stepped down as Secretary, but he continues his key role as Webmaster of www.milwaukeeecorvairclub.com, please check it often for Club news and updates.) "Unkl Larr," of "The Engine's in the Rear..." fame is back again as our V-P. The first such special meeting venue is this Friday, the 27th, at Cousins and Figaro's Pizza in Waterford, which is owned and managed by our own Ken Frenz, we have met there a couple times in the past, please see the April



meeting Minutes for a few more details. After that, it is the Show, Shine and Drag Event in Union Grove on Saturday, the 4th, w/ further meeting and event details to be discussed at the meeting. By all means, please drive (pull?) your Corvair, or Corvair-powered vehicle, to this Friday's meeting, and as many MCC activities as possible throughout the year.

Another important leadership change in the Club is the passing of the Pushrod Editor's baton from Andy Kinzelman to Curtis Henken. Andy has done an outstanding job in this critical role for better than four years, we owe him a debt of gratitude, and I know that Curtis will continue that tradition, and bring in some special tweaks. Curtis is always seeking membership input, please share any and all things Corvair-related w/ your fellow members, Curtis is the best person to convey that for all of us. Lastly, we thank George Vignywich for serving as our Treasurer for the last couple of years, w/ Andy K. now being the shepherd of our finances; thanks Andy for staying on in a key position. Please see the last page of the Pushrod for contact information; the best way to get in touch w/ me is via e-mail, ed.thompson@quarles.com, or to call me at home, AFTER 10:00 p.m. tends to be best (I have no voice mail or answering machine).

Dues are due this month; if you have not already renewed your dues, please bring a check for \$18, payable to MCC, this Friday, or cash in a sealed envelope w/ your name, and give it to Andy. It is critical that dues is paid in a timely manner, thank you.

And welcome to Kirk Viet, of Fond du Lac, who attended the April meeting, and became a member, Kirk has a '63 Spyder he is working to get back on the road. My hope is that there will be greater participation and enthusiasm in MCC. It is YOUR Club, I am surrounded by terrific people, I have the easy job. See you Friday in Waterford (not South 27th Street), and hopefully often this year... Ed

From the Back Seat...

Walt Baranowski

Milwaukee Corvair Club Past President

As you can see, my by-line has been changed from FRONT to BACK. Our club now has a new President who will steer the "Ship of State" so to speak for the next year. This will be Ed's 9th turn at the wheel. He will need our support to continue to make this a viable organization.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who made my four years as President an enriching experience. Your help, cooperation, and friendship made the job worthwhile. I would also like to thank the club for the plaque that was presented to me at the April meeting, it meant a lot to me.

Thanks Again

Walt



Ed (left) presents plaque to Walt (right) for his dedicated service as president of the MCC.



The Engine's the Rear...

Larry Fry

Milwaukee Corvair Club Vice President

Greetings Corvair fans!

Memorial Day is upon us and so is another season of Cruise Nights, car shows and other classic car events. Attendance at the monthly meetings has been pretty disappointing considering our membership enrollment, but check out the list of events in the Pushrod and you will see that for the summer we are getting out of the bank basement and taking our club meetings on the road!! Okay, you want a reason to come out to our May MCC meeting? How about getting in your Corvair and driving over to Waterford to meet us at Figaro's Pizza/Cousins Subs to show off a little in the parking lot and enjoy pizza or a sub sandwich with us!? What? You want more? Okay, what if I told you that if your MCC dues are paid up to date, you eat for free?! Too bad you weren't at last months MCC meeting, you'd already know and probably have the Corvair all cleaned and polished, ready to hit the road! Sorry, I couldn't help rubbing it in just a little. At any rate, what I am trying to convey to you my friends is that all summer we are attempting to move the monthly MCC meetings out to more social settings that we hope will bring more of you (and your spouses) out to enjoy it with us! So join us this next Friday (May 27) in Waterford. More info in this issue of the Pushrod. Be sure to look ahead to next months meeting place and reserve the date!



So, have you looked over the list of events being considered in the coming months and marked the ones that you'd like to participate in? Andy Rominiecke has been busy advertising in Hemmings and Old Cars Weekly for our PLBC next month in Muskego, and the Corvairs at Volo event in July. That's not only local but national spotlighting events we are hosting. PLUS, have you been online and checked out Milwaukee Corvair Club on Facebook? Lots of events, comments and tons of pictures! Curtis Henken hooked us up on Facebook and along with Andy R. and Dave Schneider populated it with events past and future and even more pictures! Check it out!

Have you brought out the Corvair for a drive yet? I'm sure that the present state of gas prices is putting a kink in our driving pleasure but I still need my driving fix each week. Janet and I are looking forward to seeing you on the road to some of those events on the list and especially the next few MCC meetings. It will be great to see you and your Corvair cruising with us!

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!

Unkl Larr

(Email: LarrVair@charter.net)

MCC monthly meeting

April 29, 2011

8:04PM

Meeting called to order by Walt Baranowski President

- Minutes from last months meeting discussed
 - Correction to minutes, Next months meeting will be at Figaro's in Waterford not Watertown
 - Minutes passed with correction
- Nominations for new officers were presented and noone was opposed for any office
 - Motion to accept those nominated as new Officers, motion passed
- May meeting will be at Figaro's in Waterford, club will supply food for those driving Corvairs
- June meeting is the PLBC at Cousins in Muskego
- July meeting will be at Hockermans, we will have a tech session, the address is:
N51 W22209 Lisbon Rd Sussex ,WI
- August meeting is a Fish Fry Friday at the Rochester Deli
- September meeting will take place October 1 (Saturday) at Walt Baranowski's at 3:00PM
- Dues are due next months meeting (May)
- We had a new member at the meeting, Kirk Veit who owns a 1963 Turbo
- Jeff Schabowski will be our club photographer and will be available to take pictures of you and your car at club functions.
- The torch was passed from Walt to "new" (9th time) President Ed Thompson
 - Ed presented a very nice plaque from the club to Walt for his service as President
- People shared Corvair stories, Mel had some good stories and updates on the Monza SS, Mel can also supply members with Amsoil products. He and Richard have used them in a few vehicles and highly recommend them.

9:45PM

Meeting adjourned by new President Ed Thompson

MCC May 2011 Treasury

Date	Item	Income	Expenses
3/16	Sunshine - cards		(12.55)
4/10	Past PR expenses		(298.74)
	Paid Dues	20.00	
	Paid Dues - VS	18.00	
	Paid Dues - KV	20.00	
	Paid Dues - WB	18.55	
	Paid Dues - NS	18.00	
	Paid Dues - AR	18.00	
	Paid Dues - JW	18.00	
	Paid Dues - AK	18.00	
	Paid Dues - GV	18.00	
4/22	April Pushrod printing		(15.77)
5/9	Domain Name		(9.99)
5/15	Web Hosting		(119.40)
Total			(289.90)
		WSB Savings	\$1026.99
		T-C Savings	\$4020.78
		T-C checking	\$ 881.91
Total			\$5929.68

June 4th - Great Lakes Dragway Show, Shine, or Race

in Union Grove, WI. (west of Racine/Kenosha)

1. 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, 2011)*Larry Fry*

MCC members are welcome to join the CCCC Spring Tour on June 11 & 12. The tour will start from The Perkin's Restaurant parking lot (1410 Damon Rd, Madison, WI 53713) at 9:00 AM 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 at the Super 8 motel in Monroe. (See contact info below) The room rate is \$65 to \$70 +tax depending on the room) the motel offers a nice free continental breakfast to save on expenses on Sunday morning before we 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. There will also be a Polka-Fest happening in the city that weekend if you care to kick up your heels! 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 back to Madison.

We are hoping for a fun and relaxing weekend away with good friends, interesting places to visit and great driving roads for our Corvairs to explore. This tour is designed so that you can join us at any time during the weekend. Just call Larry Fry's cell Ph. 608/751-4473 to find us or for more info.

Super 8 Monroe

500 6th St and Hwy 69

Monroe, WI 53566 US

Phone: 1-608-325-1500

Call to reserve your room under "Corvair Club" block to get a room. Otherwise they are booked for that evening.

<http://www.super8.com>

Upcoming Events...**June**

Great Lakes Dragway Show Shine & Drag
Saturday, June 4 at 12:00pm

Bristol 45 Diner Cruise
Monday, June 6 at 5:00pm

Spring Tour to Mt. Horeb, New Glarus
Saturday, June 11 at 7:00am

Circle City Corvair Olympics
Thursday, June 16 at 12:00pm

Parking Lot Beauty Contest
Friday, June 24 at 5:00pm

Make-A-Wish Show at Andrew Chevrolet
Sunday, June 26 at 9:00am

July

Holz Chevy Show
Monday, July 4 at 8:00am

Rods for a Reason Benefit Show
Sunday, July 10 at 8:00am

Corvairs at Volo II
Sunday, July 17 at 9:30am

Club meeting - Tech Session
Friday, July 22 at 7:00pm

Rockenbach Classic Car Cruz In
Saturday, July 23 at 9:00am

CORSA Convention
Tuesday, July 26 at 8:00am

August

Transportation Extravaganza
Sunday, August 7 at 8:00am

Club Picnic
Sunday, August 14 at 12:00pm

[See MCC Facebook page for full list of events]

Plans for Corvairs at Volo II, July 17th

Andy Rominiecki

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, July 17th, when Corvairs will once again be the featured car at the Volo Auto Museum's "Midwest's Hottest Cruise-in". Don't miss a great time at a great venue, the tree-covered park on the grounds of the Volo Auto Museum in Volo, Illinois, just 10 miles south of the Cheddar Curtain.

Volo has pulled out all the stops for their Sunday Cruise-Ins. Live music will feature the "Vinyl Jack-ets" a 5-piece cover band playing the hot hits of the vinyl era of the 60's & 70's. Check out a sample of the music at vinyljacketband.com.

Admission is free to the show for participants and admission to the fabulous Auto Museum is only \$3.95 for participants and all the passengers you can fit in your Corvair. If you've never been to the Volo Museum, you won't want to miss this opportunity. The Museum includes over 300 antique and classic cars (all for sale), a top-notch Military museum and display and the world's largest display of Hol-

lywood movie cars. Also on the grounds is a Beer & Wine Garden, a Beer & Burger Bar and a full service 50's themed restaurant. All museum buildings are air conditioned. In addition, there are 5 antique malls on the museum grounds. Check out volocars.com for details on the museum and cruise-ins.

The Corvair show will be an informal "Show & Shine" with participant voting for best in class trophies, as well as Door prizes, 50-50 and dash plaques for all participants. We'll have trophies for survivors and "work-in-progress", so don't worry about condition. Bring your 'Vair as is and enjoy meeting other Corvair owners and members from surrounding clubs.

Volo is assisting with the advertising, and the show has already been posted in Old Cars, Hemmings, The Corsa Communique, Gearhead, Wisconsin Hotrod Radio and other area publications, so we're expecting a super turnout. Don't miss a great time.



CORVAIRS IN THE NEWS...

Man Charged with Theft After Restoration Project Isn't Completed

Alleged victim paid out more than \$21,000 to Waukesha business to have 1966 Chevrolet Corvair restored.

A 47-year-old Milwaukee man is facing theft charges for allegedly failing to restore another man's 1966 Chevrolet Corvair, but still collecting money for the project.

Tomislav L. Ljubic was charged in Waukesha County Circuit Court Thursday with one count of theft from a business setting valued at more than \$10,000. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison and \$25,000 in fines.

According to the criminal complaint, Ljubic, who owns OTE Design and Fabrication, 401 Wilmont St., Waukesha, was contacted by a man in July 2009 to restore his Corvair at a total cost of \$18,790. The man gave Ljubic a \$5,000 check and work was slated to begin immediately.

In July, the complaint states, the man told Ljubic he wanted to settle financially so he could hire someone else to complete the project; however, shortly afterward Ljubic called the man back and told him he was filing for bankruptcy and didn't have to pay the money back.

The man eventually got his vehicle in August, the complaint states, but the engine and other parts were returned in cardboard boxes.

When questioned by investigators, Ljubic told them he had only completed about \$5,000 of work on the vehicle, the complaint states.

Ljubic and the man exchanged phone calls and emails for months, the complaint states, and in February 2010, Ljubic said another \$5,205 would be needed to

complete the project, which the man sent him. Ljubic again asked him for more money several more times and by March 2010, the man spent \$21,219 towards the completion of the project.

In May 2010, the man contacted Ljubic to ask him if the car would be completed for "driving season," but the man was told Ljubic needed to complete other projects and his reputation was important, so he didn't want to bring in subcontractors to complete the work, according to the complaint.

Joe Petrie - Waukesha, WI Patch - May 13th, 2011
<http://waukesha.patch.com/articles/man-charged-with-theft-after-restoration-project-isnt-completed>

Car storage building catches fire

MONROEVILLE — A storage building holding 13 classic cars caught fire about 2 p.m. yesterday, causing at least \$250,000 in damage, according to the Huron River Joint Fire Department.

No one was hurt as the storage building at 109 Ridge St., Monroeville, burned down. The cause of the blaze is undetermined and Ohio State Fire Marshal's investigators will visit the scene today to determine a cause and origin, said fire Chief Tom Beck.

The building contained 13 antique cars, possibly including Chevrolet Corvairs, Beck said. The department was waiting to get an itemized list from the owner, he said.

"It's so much damage and stuff is so smashed down, I can't tell what's what," Beck said. "It's gone, it's done."

The roof collapsed into the building and firefighters had to get an excavator to dig in and extinguish hot spots and burning tires, Beck said. He estimated the 1 1/2-story building was about 50 feet long by 90 feet wide, and the damage cost likely would be more than the preliminary estimate of \$250,000.

One vehicle was salvaged because it was in a trailer next to the building and firefighters could move it

away from the flames, Beck said.

The fire departments, including mutual aid from Norwalk, North Fairfield and Bellevue, had at least 10 trucks on scene to fight the fire, Beck said.

The building, sitting on about a half acre of land, was owned by Anthony and Anita Vizyak, according to records from the Huron County Auditor's Office. They were not available for comment last night.

The Morning Journal - May 9th, 2011
<http://morningjournal.com/articles/2011/05/09/news/mj4508098.txt>

FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS...

Fear the Rear Motor Sports

Curtis Henken

Back in April I was notified of a 66 Monza Coupe near Gurnee, IL. It was one of those "buy it or i'll part it out" deals. Prior to this I was discussing with some friends about building a dedicated autocross car. The price was right, so we headed down to Illinois to buy the car and haul it back.

Since the purchase of the car we have made a growing list of things that need attention. Preparation began with cleaning out the interior of old mouse nests, which resulted in removing the headliner and sanding the inner roof down to metal. Next up is the brakes - which will send your head through the windshield if your foot even brushes the pedal. After that comes floor patches and decent seats.

More to come!

Curtis Henken
Kevin Nielson
Fear The Rear Motor Sports (FTRMS)



SUGGESTED DRIVE OF THE MONTH...

The Hwy 18 Drive-In Movie Theater!

The Highway 18 Outdoor Theatre is a classic, single screen Drive In Theatre. Built in 1953, it was restored to operation in 1999 to include a 90 foot screen, speaker poles, classic speakers, and more.

Directions:

- 1 Take I-94 W towards Madison 43 mi
- 2 Take exit 267 for WI-26 toward Watertown / Johnson Creek <1 mi
- 3 Turn left onto WI-26. Continue to follow WI-26 S 4 mi
- 4 Continue onto Jefferson Bypass 3 mi
- 5 Take ramp US 18. Turn right onto US 18 <1 mi

Arrive:
W6423 Hwy 18
Jefferson WI

Visit www.highway18.com for more information.



FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS...

Tommy Mazzoni sent in pictures of his 1969 Yenko Clone project with a 500 CID Cadillac Eldorado powertrain. This is considered by many a "Toro conversion" which leaves the rear seat largely in tact. The car came to him mostly in pieces, but Tommy has built it back up and looks forward to having it road worthy this summer. He might even bring it out to Great Lakes Dragaway.



TAKEN A GREAT DRIVE OR DESTINATION?

Let us know about it! Send directions from Milwaukee to your destination and we will try to include it in an upcoming newsletter. Please keep it within 50 miles of Milwaukee.

Email to curtis.henken@gmail.com

For Sale

1965 Corsa Convertible

Complete car with extra top and parts. Ran last year and don't have time to work on anymore. Plenty of \$ invested in it. \$1895. N57 W26315 Mountain Meadows Dr., Sussex, WI 53089. Call Jim. 262-538-0203



For Sale

Corsa Dashboard

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



For Sale

1961 Monza 900

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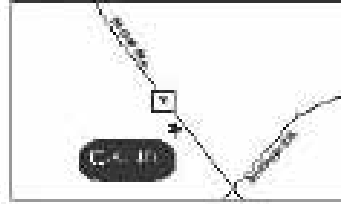
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6th Annual Cruise Nite Car Show

Friday,
June 24
5PM-9PM

LIVE Music from The Second Half Band

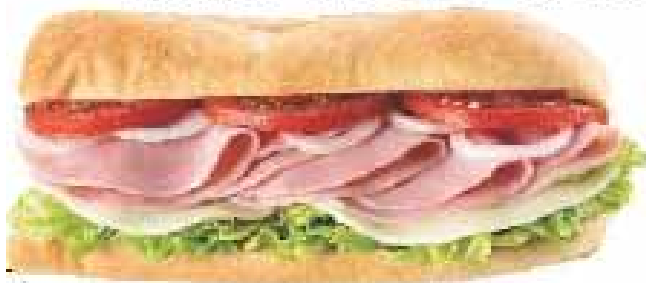


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MEETINGS

- 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



IS THIS YOUR CORVAIR?

If so, we want to know more about you and your car! Email us your story.

-- OR --

If you see a corvair around town, snap a picture and send it in!

Send responses or new pictures to:
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