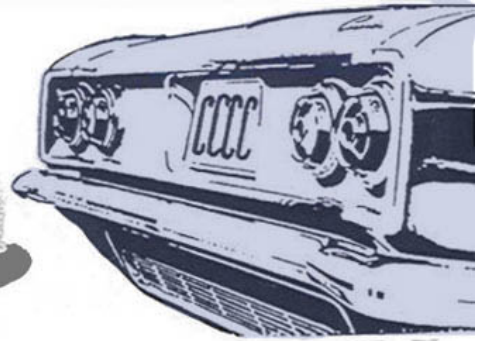


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Monday, July 14, 2008 regular monthly meeting. This is a change from our previous schedule. We were unable to put together the final details for our food drive at the farmer's market in Beloit. We will be still going to Beloit for a cruise-in at the Shopko Plaza. This event will feature a DJ, giveaways and car experts on hand to answer your questions. Please note that the cruise-in is on a Monday night and runs from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Directions: Take I-90 South to Beloit and exit right to Hwy S (Exit 183 Shopiere Rd). Follow Hwy S about three miles to Prairie Avenue (the second set of stop and go lights). Turn right on Prairie Ave. and proceed about a mile and a half. Shopko Plaza is on the right.

Sunday August 3rd is the Illinois Railway Museum and Car Show. We will be holding our monthly meeting there. There is an application form in the newsletter for signing up for the show. The cost is five dollars. This is a fantastic event which features free train and trolley rides, a great car show and a great display of restored trains and trucks. Bring a picnic lunch. There is food on the grounds, but sometimes the lines are long. The show begins at 8:00am and continues for most of the day. Directions: Take I-90 South to Route 20 (Belvidere Exit) and follow Hwy 20 east through Marengo to Union. You can also take the Marengo exit further south to (Route 20) and head east to Union which is about 5 miles from Union.

September Beloit Autorama with a picnic after the show at George and Jackie's.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008; regular monthly meeting.

Tuesday, November 11, 2008; regular monthly meeting.

Tuesday, December 8, 2008; Christmas party, with time and location to be determined.

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Dad was a car guy. He was always working on somebody's car. Every Saturday and Sunday only the part of dad we'd see were his feet sticking out from under a car. If it wasn't one of ours, it was some neighbor's or relatives or some guy he worked with. If he would have charged even a dollar an hour he would have died a very wealthy man. But, he didn't of course. Born and raised in the depression he believed in helping people whenever he could. Because there were so many different cars, new cars, old cars, Chevy's, Buick's Ford's... his tool collection was extensive. If he couldn't find a tool or afford a tool, he'd make it himself. Back in 68 when we got our first Corvair, he bent the first of dozens of 9/16 wrenches to make changing the fan belt easier. He was constantly modifying tools to suit his purpose. While he worked on the cars, Mom ran to get parts. She was the penny pincher of the family. Anyone who went shopping for a new car or furniture took Mom with them. She could always manage to cut a deal. She was so well known at Napa and Burry Bearing; they automatically gave her the company discount. She even had receipts printed out that said, Tezak's Garage "guaranteed out the drive, even if we have to push". When people would go to the Napa in Plainfield for Corsair parts, if they didn't have it in stock, they'd tell the customer to call Anne Tezak and give out her phone number. Because I was the oldest and a girl, I of course adored my dad. By the time I was 4 I was hanging out in the garage with him. I was his "go for", handing him the plus screwdriver or minus screwdriver. As soon as I learned my numbers, I could hand him the 3/8 or 9/16 wrenches. He was a very patient teacher. My sister never caught the car bug, but my 7 year younger brother, Bob, had it bad. By the time I was 9 and he was 4, my dad had both of us in the garage with him. Bob was a chip off the old block. He grew up to become a mechanical engineer designing transmissions for Borg Warner. When he was 15 he bought his first a Corvair. He did the brakes, rebuilt the engine and learned to do bodywork. The car just sat in the driveway waiting for him to turn 16. Then he decided to learn how to paint. So he and dad read up on it, bought the equipment and started painting our old heavers. They started on Mom's 66 sedan, then my 66 coupe. My brother's first solo paint job was my 66 convert, He called it his practice car, so he'd do a better job on his 66 Corsa coupe. And next came his 66 Corsa convert done in candy apple red with gold dust. Ahh, those were the days! Seventeen coats of paint, wet sanding in between each coat. He sanded the driver's side, I did the passenger side. We were out in the garage until 3:00am with compressor running. Our neighbors loved us. Luckily, they never complain. When he was 17 he installed a Cadillac tilt steering wheel with power steering, put speakers in each headrest of his reclining bucket seats, made new tracks to put the seats not only front and back but sideways to make a double bed a quick disconnect on the shifter to get it out ;of the way and a power top. He had high hopes for prom night! Unfortunately, he didn't have a date so he lent the car to his best friend for the night. A gesture of true friendship! We built angle parking alongside the real driveway to park all the Vairs. Eventually we had eight of them. Like I said, dad was a real car guy. Who else would allow that many cars in his driveway back in the seventies? Bob bought more and more Corvairs to fix up and sell to put himself through college. We had parts everywhere. Our bedrooms, the laundry room, the attic of the garage was packed full and eventually dad put up a 12 X 16 shed to store all the bumpers and transaxles.

Dad said our yard looked like a junkyard. He complained that Bob and I didn't see a car as a whole, but only as parts as we'd haul the next heaver home to strip and part it out. But for all the moaning he did about his messy garage and his tools not being in the right place, he later admitted those were the best years of his life. OK, it was twenty years later, but he did say it.

And then one day we were all grown and had houses of our own. His garage was neat and orderly and there were no more Corvair parts to trip over. He started saying the years went by so quick, too quick. And now we understand. He always said cars were like women. They're temperamental, so you have to treat them firmly, yet gently. You can't force her to do what you want, but you can coax her. He taught us not to go after a rusty bolt with a wrench with all your force behind it. Rather, squirt it with WD-40 and let it sit. Then go for it. And he never swore at her awhile working on her. He'd always say, "Come on, ya little darlin". Getting angry meant making stupid mistakes and breaking something or hurting yourself. It's a tough lesson to learn, but after enough bleeding knuckles and crunched fingers, we finally caught on.

By the time he was 75, his latest favorite saying was "With age comes wisdom." All I want to know is when, Lord? When? And he whispered, "You already have it."

Submitted by Jackie Johnston

A Note from Joe

Congratulations to Chris Hockerman, the winner of this year's parking lot show and recipient of our traveling trophy. Chris, take care of that precious icon and see if you can win it for another year! There were a lot of really beautiful Corvairs on display at Quaker Steak and Lube. I think we had sixteen or so Corvairs show up. Thank you to everyone who brought their cars and participated.

We have a change for this month's meeting. We were unable to put together the final details for the farmers market food drive in Beloit and had to change our plans. I still like the idea, and maybe we can put it together for next year. On Monday night July 14, at 6:00pm until 8:00pm we will meet in Beloit for the first Shopko Plaza Cruise-in night. There will be a DJ and lots of things going on there. We will try to hold a short meeting if possible. It sounds like a fun evening. There are directions on the Events page of the newsletter. I hope to see you there!

The following month we are going to the Vintage Transport Extravaganza in Union, Illinois. This event takes place on August 3 and starts at 8:00am and continues through the day. There is an application form in the newsletter, the cost is five dollars. There are directions on how to get there in the newsletter on the Event's page. I will try to get next month's newsletter out before the show. If not, I will postal card everyone with any details that change. I hope you can make it to this wonderful event! Joe.

Cars For Sale

Tim Jamison has a 110 engine which he wants to get out of his garage. I was unable to contact him for more information, but it is located in Monford, WI. For more information call: 608-943-6065.

For Sale: 1963 Spyder convertible. 62,000 miles, four speed, red/new white top with black interior. Fair condition with extra parts, including an extra set of rims (pictured). \$2,000. For more information, contact: Fred Wedderspoon 608-848-3986



For Sale

66 Monza Coupe, 110, 4 speed, 84K original miles. Black interior, white exterior. Runs like a charm. \$4995.00

Case of Quaker State full synthetic oil. 5W30; Six bottles \$ 25.00

Parts, parts, parts: Wire wheel covers, bumper guards, chrome trim pieces...

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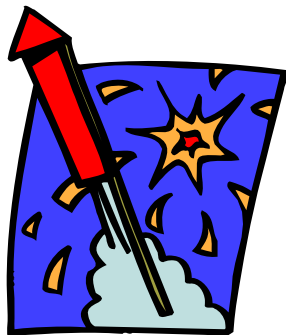
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See you there! Directions in newsletter.