

DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB ESTABLISHED 1974

PICNIC at the ELKS ALL MAKES CAR SHOW

Tuesday June 7, 2011 Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club 2100 Scott Lake Road Waterford, MI

If the weather is nice bring your cool car for a show and shine in the Elk's parking lot. It does not have to be a Corvair. The idea is to show everyone your other special interest car or truck, it can be a GTO, Morgan, Falcon, Biscayne, Catalina, DeVille, Harley Davidson, Jeep or whatever ... just drive it to the meeting.

Details are being worked out for something different for our meal offerings. We can have any combo: Two burgers or two hot dogs; one burger and one hot dog; or a burger and a brat. Plus the Cole slaw, baked beans, a bag of chips and pop or water. From **Pete C**

Canada's Largest Outdoors Car Show, June 3-5

Over 3000 classic, hotrod, specialty vehicles. This year Chevrolet is the featured brand. Special guest George Barris, & Gene Winfield, American Graffiti stars Bo Hopkins & Candy Clark. Music by the Beach Boys Friday evening, Lighthouse Sat. evening. Team Farmall dancing tractors, vendor exhibits and much more. Presented by the Plunket Foundation @ 9282 Elviage Dr. London, Ont. Canada. Fleetwoodcountrycruizein.com

Our friends and members from the London area will be there and have invited us to enjoy this great event. Be sure to have your Passport or enhanced driver's license before you cross the border or you may not get back into the US.

From Pete C



9th Annual Mad Anthony Corvair Classic Car Show And swap meet -- June 3-4 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Hall's Guesthouse 1313 W. Washington Center Rd. Ft. Wayne, IN 46825 1-800-348-1999 be sure to mention Corvair event for special \$79/nite room rate. Sat. people's choice is from 10:00AM-2:00 PM Swap meet, valve cover races, Tech Sessions and dinner. Kent Warner 260-672-8418 or email k_warner76@yahoo.com for more info. From **Pete C**

Eyes on Design show Edsel & Eleanor Ford House June 12 10:00AM-4:30PM Lakeshore Dr. Grosse Pointe Shores

Back to The Bricks Promo Mitten Tour

June 17-26 An 1100 mile trip around the lakes. With 7 overnite stops check out the Backtothebricks.com site.

Flint / Sloan Summer Fair Car Show June 25-26

DACC cookout at noon on Sunday Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chair. Check out the special Chevrolet exhibit in the Museum, Bob Storc's Yenko Stinger will be on display in June. John and Mabel Wolford's Rampside will be there in July.

← CORFIBIAN Boat / Loadside

NOT For Sale

Mr. Editor:

Please remove my for sale ad for my Corvair. After reading your "Nothing To Offer" article I had a sinking feeling that selling my Corvair would take all the fun out of going to car shows and hearing all the plus and minus comments about the Corvair.

I have had many different old cars and trucks, that I took to car shows, that where like most other cars there. Having a unique car like the Corvair going to car show is a showstopper! Not because it's an old car but because it's a Corvair with an air-cooled engine and the engine is in the rear.

I have had so many people ask me who made this car (younger folks) and older folks say that it's illegal to drive, that I have a great time informing this folks the story and history of the Corvair.

So this is why my Corvair is not for sale. Ken, thanks for opening my eyes to keeping the Corvair that brings so many people and so many comments at cars shows. "Only Corvair at car shows"

Thanks. from Ray Dubia



Who took this Picture? Please Contact **Ken Pepke**, **Editor**.

Vice President



It appears that every aspect of the Corvair Club, both National and local is concerned with the future and its finances. After reading Jamie Reinhart's column in the May Communiqué, there are changes taking place. The national office is now down to 9 issues of the Communiqué, and it could move to a electronic venue in the future along with other adjustments.

So, this brings up a subject that is important to our Chapter. That would be membership in CORSA. After talking with Harry Jensen, National Executive Secretary, the National CORSA membership per Chapter is app. 55-60%. Half of each Chapter belongs to the National. That number needs to improve, if we do not support CORSA, then their programs, insurance, and conventions will begin to degrade.

As a Chapter, we do well financially, and we pulled off a successful national convention, but we need to encourage our own membership to help improve our membership percentage. You may contact Harry Jensen, who will send you a complimentary CORSA Communiqué and membership packet.

Dues rates: \$45 for 12 months and \$90 for 26 months.

Visit <corsa@corvair.org>

Stu Shuster, Vice President

VISIT THE DACC WEBSITE

www.detroitcorvairs.com

Yenko Stinger

Bob Storc's Yenko Stinger has been invited to the Sloan Museum for part of the 100 Years of Chevrolet. There will be a special racecar display.

The Museum's web-page advertises Chevrolet's Hot Performance & Race Cars May 28–June 27, 2011 Camaro, Corvette and Monte Carlo. Names synonymous with fast performance cars and famous racecar drivers who carry on the tradition of Flint's legendary Louis Chevrolet. Explore the legacy of these Chevrolet brands from the Fabulous 1950s to the present day. Note that this time frame includes the 100 years of Chevrolet Celebration at Sloan Auto Fair - June 25 & 26, 2011.



Finn McMissile



Lightning McQueen

It Didn't Rain On This Parade

Now bear with me for a little while and you'll hear a good Corvair story. It just takes a little while. I once worked with a guy that used to say to me, "Get to the point O'Leary! I ask you what time it is and you want to tell me how to make a watch".

Auburn is an interesting little town in Indiana that has a proud auto background and has also been a classic car hotspot. Around 1875 Charles Eckhart founded Eckhart Carriage Company and like many carriage companies, his two sons wanted to power them and started playing with what would become automobiles. Magautomobiles. famous nificent marques like Auburn Boattail Speedster, and the granddaddy of them all, the DEUSENBURG. What was the original Auburn Automobile headquarters and manufacturing plant now houses the Auburn, Cord, Duesenburg Museum (ACD) in a National Landmark building.

RM Auctions through a subsidiary, AuctionAmerica, is now running what we knew as The Kruse Auction Company and has taken over the Auburn complex. On May 12-15, 2011 they held the Auburn Spring Collector Car Auction, Swap Meet and Car Corral. I offered to help a friend put his Model "A" through the auction and looked forward once again to spending some time in Auburn. Horrible weather, rain, wind and cold greeted us. You could feel the effect of a sagging economy on this industry but all this was boosted by some great people and some unbelievable automobiles.

The car I had been caring for, drying, wiping and polishing was

relegated to the last 2 hours of the final day. The bidders were fewer, the big money was spent and the place was cold and something between damp and wet. The concessions were overpriced and the selections disappointing. When the T-shirts go down to \$5.00 you know its time to head for the exits. Now, are you ready for a Corvair story?

My friend looked very disappointed. All of his fixed costs were in, which combined with cost of shipping his car back meant he was at the mercy of the crowd. He had to take whatever came his way and now we are watching a series of cars cross the block without meeting their reserves. Suddenly a Corvair, which we had not seen anywhere, crosses the auction block and lights up the place. A beautiful red 1965 Corsa convertible with a white top and a wonderful presentation (it even included "Claypool" in the description) starts a bidding frenzy and sells for \$23,650.00. This is the car auctioned right before my friend's car and my friend received \$5,000 or \$6,000 more for his car than I thought he would.

I swear that for the rest of my life I will enjoy telling him that THAT CORVAIR SAVED HIS BUTT! from- John P 'O'Leary

Driveway Mechanic

To say the weather is wet in Michigan is an understatement. The driveway garage has been a flowing stream of water and the grass can be used as a lean-two. In fact I thought I saw small camp fires from the little people in the grass. So much for small talk. The real story is about the cars we love and enjoy ... Corvairs! So hear we go...

I took my Corvair off the for sale ads ... reason being, the Aircooler article "NOTHING TO OFFER" by Ken Pepke. We own very unique American made cars (Corvairs) and driving them to cars shows brings people together and comments by the hundreds (some good some not so good) but fun just the same. Driving my Corvair as much as possible brings many thumbs up and, questions when ever I park.

I know people who own Michigan muscle cars that have BIG engines and tons of money in the car paint and upgrades that to drive them, you need a tanker following to keep the tank full and a protective shield to keep the paint from chips, rain and dirt. Not much fun.

Repairs are simple most of the time and help from a Corvair owner is a phone call away.

Tim B. and I have rebuilt and repaired a few Corvair cars that are driven every day (with out much break downs) and enjoy screwing them up once-in-awhile to see what happens.

Whenever the rain stops I have a project on my Corvair to replace every wire harness (Engine, Main body and Dash fuse block harness). This will improve the circuits and reduce the resistance caused by bad connectors. Old wires even if they look good are a sure bet to an electrical fire, something no one wants.

So wash the Corvair, check the oil, wheel lugs, brakes and whatever you need to do and Drive! from **Ray Dubia**



Meeting Minutes May 3th, 2011

Meeting, preceded by dinner, called to order at 7:00. 40 people in attendance with several new members: Christopher Hines, '67 Monza coupe; Al Nyquist, '66 Monza, and Bill Johnson, 1965 Corvair.

There was a discussion of the first emailed edition of the newsletter which most of those who registered their email addresses did receive. It was noted that there are some computers that are not able to accept that large of an email as well as some people who prefer to receive the printed newsletter and Ken Pepke reminded us that we can afford to send the printed version. He also mentioned that there was almost too much information for the printed version of the newsletter this month but that in the future if there is too much content, he will expand both the online and printed versions. Paul Piche wanted to recognize Ken, John Allesee and Robert Jennings for getting us as far as we did in just one month.

With regard to the continuing T Shirt/Patch conversation, Marvin agreed to design a new logo and we will check out the Vegas Vair website to find out information on their

The June meeting will be a picnic and "show & shine", weather permitting. Any make car can be displayed. We briefly discussed alternative locations. After Tim Bramble told us not to expect a large participation if it is held anywhere other than the normal meeting site, we voted to hold it at the Elks Club again. Tim negotiated with the management and they will provide the food for \$12/person with a minimum of 30 diners.

President Adam questioned what

site. Both John and Bob are working together on it and asked us to open it up and send our comments and suggestions. John is entering the Homecoming information and updating the registration form.

Stu Shuster brought in a notebook with photos of the Pixar cars that were displayed at Great Lakes Crossing.

Eva McGuire has 4 parking spaces reserved for DACC members at the Jackson Rd. Car show being held May 21. She also wants to put on a "spark plug hunt" for kids at the Homecoming.

Bob Adair is looking for a 1964 Corvair with an automatic transmission and Linda Hand brought some free items.

Clark Hartzel reported that we have 130 paid members with 5 owing dues and one new member. The 50/50 paid \$78 to the winner: Dan Leighten and Keith Cutter won the attendance drawing.

Paul Piche and Clark Hartzel conducted a Tech Session on valve cover racers. They brought in some of theirs and commented on some of the wheel choices, for example CD's. The racers are limited to a weight of 4.5 lbs.

We adjourned at 8:25.

From Gigi Debbrecht

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The beginning of summer is almost upon us, so, before we start this summer, as always, get your favorite beverage and find that comfy spot. Let's do a little reflection on the May meeting, I know, oh no! Well, sometimes I must address this article like the President of the DACC should now and then, along with my off the cuff articles, so let me get up on the soap box. Hey, the soap box is cardboard! I think we had a fantastic turn out, had to be over 40 + Corvair Enthusiasts there. I tried to take some pictures,

but, alas, my cheap camera was just that, cheap! Maybe Ken can use a few of the pics? Spring had to be in the air, the tables had a light and colorful flair about them.

There was very good debate and discussion on a few subjects that makes a member club just that. Settled was one person, Marvin, will design a possible new logo for the DACC. We shall see how Marvin's vision and artistic taste will be. What the logo will go on is still a matter of debate, there were several opinions mentioned, yes, including a patch, hat, etc. The board will have the final decision on the logo and other concerns.

Another topic was the Aircooler, the e-mailed version went out and there was praise for it. We shall still have the printed, mailed Aircooler; you just have another option now to read it. I would like to see additional content in the e-mailed version, including more color pictures of your Corvair, other hobbies, how about that new valve cover racer you are going to make for the Homecoming, vacations, weekend exploits, whatever you think will interest the other members to get up and out, move around and participate. One way to participate is to give Clark your e-mail address and phone number. This way you can get the e-mailed version as an option. Bring your cameras to our meetings and events, let's capture the moment and place it on our website.

The DACC website still needs updating, this is a long term goal, but one that is achievable. Send in your pics and articles to John A., the more, the better. Maybe we can **Continued on next page**

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do some video and place it on YouTube? We have the picnic coming and the Homecoming. Practice with your camera and camcorder.

Another hot topic was the picnic; we finally agreed after much debate, an almost \$50 bet, that we will have it at the Elks on our June meeting night. Bring your Corvair or other classic ride: this will be our Dust Off. While we entertained the idea of changing the location and day for the picnic, the membership that attended voted to keep the picnic as This does not mentioned. mean there will not be a Saturday afternoon picnic in the future, there is interest in this idea, and we will see how this plays out. First and foremost, will you and your better half be there?

Attendance is the barometer to determine having special events. The valve cover racer tech session was a great draw; we are going to have to have a few more tech sessions, any ideas? I talked with a few members after the meeting; to the member from Lakeport, you have a long drive, but Bob Jennings comes from Morenci, much farther, I hope you attend a few more meetings. Whoever brought the pin map to note where members come from, could you please place a pin at Lakeport?

As Ray Dubia walked out with Donna and me, he posed a question I have pondered several times myself, "What is the history of that small photo of the buck in the Aircooler? And why is it in there?" I do

not have a clue? Well, this is a question for our Editor to answer. Ken?

It appears the meeting kept everyone's attention. Did it keep yours? Were you there? We have a core group of Corvair Enthusiasts that show up all the time, approximately, 30 people in good weather, 25 in so-so weather. We all have busy lives, but to take one evening a month to attend a meeting, maybe four times a year, shows active interest. Not to mention, you can have a fun, frugal evening out with your better half, socializing with people from all areas of southeastern Michigan. And that my friend, is the Corvair philosophy. See you at the Picnic / Dust Off. Now, I just need to step out of this stupid soap box without tripping.

From Adam Morenski

DACC the First Year From the June 1974 newsletter:

Steve Vancea, our Treasurer / membership Chair had a stroke and is hospitalized. Picnic set for June 22nd at Kensington Park. Helm, Inc is still printing service manuals for all Corvairs. Parts and service available from member James Badalament in Troy. \$8 dues due to Bill Stewart.

Our first event, a car show at the Tech Plaza shopping center was a success with 28 Corvairs. Ted Mick of Fraser put a huge CORVAIR sign on the top of his Greenbrier so everybody knew who we were. Several new members were signed up.

Our next meeting will be at the Warren Holiday Inn, Clark Hartzel to make arrangements. Current balance in treasury is \$105.55.

From Clark Hartzel



Introduced one model year before the Corvair, Studebaker offered their very conventional compact 'Lark', which came in a variety of models including a pickup! It put Studebaker back on the map so they fired their CEO.

DACC Parades

Why Parade?

It is a great chance to visit with other DACC members and other participants. Because it takes some time to assemble a parade and get it underway there is opportunity to see many interesting entries right up close, even talk with their people.

It is a relaxing way to spend a day. The slow pace of the parade as well as the festival atmosphere contribute to an easygoing day. Many of the parades include other attractions and things to do. Usually available is food. There can be entertainment, crafts, antiques, games, and sometimes, even carnival rides.

How to do it

As it does take a while to get a parade assembled and underway, there are a few things you may do to assure comfort & enjoyment. It is a good idea to **bring drinking water.** Soft drinks are also a good idea. Perhaps some fruit snacks and \ or sandwiches. I really like cookies.

Protection from the sun could include tanning lotion and parasols. Umbrellas keep off sudden summer showers. Consider carrying some folding chairs. There is nothing like sitting under a shade tree and people watching. Carry your **camera** and some extra film. The **CB** is also a good idea.

Gas up the day before. Car cleaning stuff, towels and such to knock off the road dust should be considered.

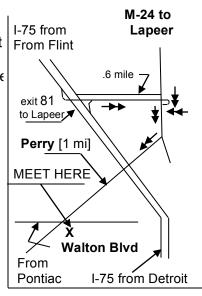
Caravan with the DACC to Cass city, mi

Saturday, July 2nd 2011

Bring your CB [remember those?]

The map on the right indicates the regular meeting location. We must **Leave at 8AM**, go North on M-24 to Mc Donald's in the city of Lapeer, for a breakfast stop.

We must leave that stop by **9:00 AM** for the trip to Cass City. We arrive on M-81 from the west and get our line up location from the



officials as we enter town. The parade starts about 10:30. If you choose to meet the DACC there officials ask please arrive by 10:AM

As always there will be a parking corral, ribbons for all participants, food sales, antiques and crafts.



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TREASURY REPORT May 30 2011

Beginning Balance: \$6,319.71

Income : 50-50 \$156.00 Dues \$120.00

Total \$276.00

Expenses: 50-50 \$78.00

Paper tickets \$8.47

Air cooler two months \$386.31 From

Attendance \$10.00 Paul Piche

Total \$386.31

Ending balance \$6112.93



SWAP & SELL

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO KENPEPKE@JUNO.COM Word doc. Or docx .only please

WANTED: Rampside heater parts / heater motor & collector assembly that it mounts into. Pete Inman <monza1965@yahoo.com>

FOR SALE: 63 Monza cpe – 84hp PG / new paint, orig interior – Rns & drives / needs TLC \$2500 Call Fester 734-368-6198

WANTED: EARLY MODEL (1964) CORVAIR BLACK CONV. TOP BOOT COVER - CONTACT: 586-431-4494

FOR SALE: 66 Monza cpe – cream yellow rust free CA car – all new except wire harness – turn key car ask \$7000 / must see – email Ray Dubia dubiaray@yahoo.com

WANTED: Used 95 or 110 hp eng from 65 to 69 – need not run but must turn over - call Rhett Ashton 248-670-7266

PARTS FOR SALE: Corvair Starters \$12 ea., Distributor - 140Hp, Manual \$25, other Corvair parts Bob Storc, bstorc@comcast.net, ph 248-701-4322

FOR SALE: 63 Spyder red conv. power top, new springs, shock, brakes & tires. Body restored 2006. Rear axle shafts rebuilt. Short throw shifter. Electronic ignition / Sony am/fm/cd with remote. Dual master brake cylinder. Hi output heater blower. EC Spare 1964 Turbo eng. First \$6500.00 Ron 248-887-3623

Will be dropped: Cooper, Glumm

Expired in April: Kirkland. This is last newsletter.

cia, McKean, S.Murray, Peralta, J.Shreve, Shuster,

Due in May: Duve, Euesden, L.Hand, Poskie, Rollins, Schwartz

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 20, 2011 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new members: Clinton McNett of Brooklyn.

MI / 1965 Monza convertible +1966 Monza 140HP coupe & **Gerald & Faye Ambrozy** of White Lake, MI / 1961 Mon-

za 4-dr. & Christopher & Kathleen Hines of Farmington

Thanks to the following for keeping your mem-

bership up to date: Dehring, Greer Knapp/Fish, Mas-

Due in June: J.Bramble, Chapman, O'Leary, Tackett.

We have 128 paid members and 9 who owe dues.

Let's get those checks in folks!!!

If you can't make it to the next meeting, send a check for \$20.00 dues, payable to: Detroit Area Corvair Club, 16911 Anita Ave., Fraser, MI 48026-2275

Any questions about your membership or if you have an address or e-mail change:

chartzel@comcast.net or phone 586-293-1587

Bertone Testudo Sold

Joe Dunlap of Florida reports \$475,823 for the Bertone bodied Corvair based Testudo (turtle, in Italian) at Villa d'Este in the Lake Como area of NW Italy. Sold on May 21st by RM auctions. I believe the car is based on a '62 Corvair stock platform and is said to be a real pleasure to drive. Would this not be a world record for sale of a Corvair based car? I wonder who bought it?

The Detroit Area Corvair Club is a charter chapter of CORSA, Inc. Monthly meetings are held on the First Tuesday of each month, 7PM, at the **WATERFORD ELKS Club**, on Scott Lake Rd, Waterford, MI. 4/10 mi south of Dixie Hwy. Meetings are open to DACC Members, friends, and all interested in the Corvair. Come early; join us for dinner in the ELKS dining room. Pasta dinners with a choice of sauces are **\$6.99** each for everyone. Add chicken for \$3 or shrimp for \$5. (**No carryout boxes permitted**) Other entries are available.

JUNE MEETING

Tuesday June 7, 2011

DACCALL MAKES

CAR SHOW

BRING YOUR OTHER OLD CAR

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor 126 Riverbank Wyandotte, MI 48192

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| Homecoming Schedule August 25 through 28, 2011 | |
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| Thursday: | Registration / Tour the Corvair Museum |
| | Participate in Ypsilanti Cruise Night / Swap Meet |
| Friday: | Registration / Women's Activities |
| | GM Heritage Center Tour 10AM-2PM (\$10 fee) |
| | Hospitality Room / Swap Meet / Burgers & Dogs dinner |
| Saturday: | Registration / Women's Activities / Valve Cover Races |
| | People's Choice Car Judging - Top 25 on 2012 calendar |
| | Road Rally / Hospitality Room |
| | D.J Rockin. Ronney W/ tunes from the '50's, '60's, and '70's. |
| | Model Car Concours |
| | Swap Meet |
| | People's Choice Car Awards Drive Through |
| | Pizza Party |
| | Drive-in movie – CARS II |
| Sunday: | Women's Farewell |
| | Swap Meet Leftovers |

VISIT www.detroitcorvairs.com

DACC Activities

FROM **Pete C** Corvairkid1963@power-net.net

The Activities listed here are both Corvair related and events that may be of interest to members with other collectable cars and trucks. There will be more added each month with some special club events as well.

Jun.3-5 Fleetwood Country Cruize In London, Ont June 4- Eastern Mi Auto <u>Fest.At</u> the Fairgrounds Imlay City June 3-4 Mad Anthony Corvair Club Show & Swap @ Hall's Guesthouse 1313 West Washington Center Rd. Ft. Wayne, IN 260-489-2524 mention Corvair \$79.00/night room rate) (Kent Warner 260)672-8418 <u>k_warner76@yahoo.com</u> Jun 7 Meeting

June 12- Eyes on Design Show / Edsel & Elnore Ford Hous Jun.17-26 Back to the Bricks Promo tour around the lakes

Jun.23-25 St. Ignace Car Show Jun.25-26 Sloan Summer Fair, Flint

Jun.25 Downriver Cruise Jul. 2 Cass City Parade

Jul. 5 Meeting

Jul.17-23 VCCA Anniversary Meet in Flint

Jul.23 Telegraph Cruise

Jul.26-30 Corsa National Convention. Denver, Co

Aug. 2 Meeting

Aug. 6 Red Barn Spectacular. Hickory Corners, Mi

Aug.16-20 Back to the Bricks. Flint Aug.20 Woodward Dream Cruise

DACC Membership Services

MECHANICAL REPAIRS / BODY WORK:

Mike McKeel 6600 W. Co. Rd. 850 N., Gaston IN (765) 358-3930

These free ads will run monthly to businesses that hold DACC memberships

PARTS & SERVICES:

Clark's Corvair parts 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA., 01370 (413) 625-9776

BOTH PARTS & REPAIRS:

Closed / further info to come --- Norm King 10175 N. Clio Rd, Clio, MI (810) 238-4121 normking111@yahoo.com Ken Hand 1896 S. Gregory Rd., Fowlerville, Mi 48836 (248) 613-8586

One line ads will provide our members with a quick reference guide to satisfy their Corvair needs

DACC members wishing to be included on this list should submit their information to Editor Ken Pepke