



Meeting After the Homecoming

Tuesday September 6, 2011
Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club

DACC The First Year

Due to lack of interest on some of the officer's part, we never found a permanent meeting place and the members lost interest with the indecision and the club fell apart. Some of us kept the flame alive by seeing and calling each other and going to car shows and cruising Woodward. We stopped having a newsletter from September 1974 until our reformation in February of 1976. Skipping forward to the March 1976 newsletter:

Officers were

President: Rudy Kreiter (nobody else wanted to be president)
 Vice Pres: Ted Mick (neighbor of Clark Hartzel)
 Secretary: Bob Siani Membership: Clark Hartzel
 Treasurer: Al Brunke Editor: Al McDonald
 Publicity: Gary Lowell Parts Locator: Mike Kraemer

Our first permanent meeting place was the Maple House Restaurant in Southfield. Expecting maybe 30 people, 75 showed up. We had high hopes that the club will take off and survive from this point forward. Dues: still \$10.

We are still looking for a club logo and name for the newsletter.

Al Brunke volunteered to contact CORSA and find out what we had to do to become a chapter.

Ted Mick gave a talk about his trip to the CORSA national convention in Seattle and said he would investigate getting a GM promotional film about Corvairs for a future meeting.

Some suggestions for the newsletter name were Aircooler, Oilcooler and Aircleaner.

Much banter and looking at Corvairs in the parking lot followed and everyone felt good to get the club back together again.

From **Clark Hartzel**



'Tin Can Tourist' Paul Piche tours with his Corvair powered 'Ultra Van' which is seen here at the Antique Boat show in St. Clair, MI

A CANTERBURY TALE

If I began by saying that I had a fax from Jax Wax you would probably expect some silly poem. Actually, it was an email cordially inviting STUNGRAY and me to the First Canterbury Village Classic Car Event. I hadn't been to Canterbury since shortly after it opened and STUNGRAY was due for some exercise so we accepted the free pre-registration one cold and rainy day. What we got was a 95 degree bright, sunny, humid day.

What begins with the sound of Judy and I peeling ourselves away from the vinyl seats ends with 203 magnificent vehicles on shady grassy knolls scattered around The Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. Add a great 50's DJ and good food (limited menu) reasonably priced all adding up to a pleasant July 17th.

Amid lots of Fords, lots of Chevys, lots of Chryslers it's always nice to be the only Corvair. If anyone is interested in a Corvair, it's amazing how many people are, you sort of get their undivided attention. I'll bet anyone that the old Corvair convertible had its picture many more times than the beautiful '61 T'Bird parked next to it. With a good mix of very original cars and highly modified cars everything fit in.

Mark from Flint couldn't wait to tell me that he had one of these ('65 Monza convertible) in his garage, just needed a few parts. He will be a "sure show" at the Homecoming, but he's not big on meetings.

Our sincere thanks to JaxWax, Signorelli Services and Detroit Performance Parts, the sponsors, for presenting a very nice event that I hope can become an annual gathering.

If I am correct I think we should also thank Tim Bramble for introducing us to JaxWax (no relation to Jax Car Wash) at one of our meetings.

- **Judy and John O'Leary**

President's Report

Hi all, the dog days of summer are hopefully behind us as you are reading this. I hope everyone survived the heat. So, as your reward, get your beverage to refresh yourself and let's hope the fall season is warm, maybe a cool warm, yea, that's it, cool warm.

I am writing this prior to the Homecoming, so I can only hope that everyone had a great time. I want to thank all the volunteers for helping. If the Chevrolet Volt showed up on Saturday, please thank Fred Poskie for arranging the display. He used his connection with a local dealer.

On a different subject, cruising season is in full swing now; Woodward is over as you are reading this. Donna and I went cruising with her sister and brother in law. There were four Corvairs on Woodward this evening. Was that you? Were there any DACC members out there? If there was, write a short article for the Aircooler and tell us

what you thought of the cruise. I was in a conversation about the Gratiot Cruise that's held in Eastpointe and Clinton Twp. Roseville still does not want a cruise, but there is talk of putting on a limited cruise in Roseville. Maybe extending the Clinton Twp. Cruise into Roseville down to 13 or 12 mile road. I can understand the reasons why Roseville does not want a cruise, sort of. The stories of residents along Woodward are a prime example. Complaints of noise, rude people, trash and disrespect of private property, from a one day to one week event, unofficially of course. There is an upside also; people come together for a hobby that made Detroit. Business for the most part, has improved sales, meaning profit and jobs.

Woodward, in the beginning, was a fun cruise. You actually could cruise. It wasn't a parking lot as it has been a few times. Since gas has gotten more expensive, more people are parking and watching, improving the cruise mph the past few years. The Woodward Dream Cruise is a special event, a must

have institution for Detroit and the burbs in the area. Bottom line, it must survive to help our hobby. As for the Gratiot Cruise, Roseville should allow the cruise. In my opinion, I would like to see all three cities, heck, let's even include Mt. Clemens and give our hobby two major events. If I could, I would make the Gratiot Cruise from 8 Mile Road and go all the way into downtown Mt. Clemens. That would be one long cruise, just like Woodward. Time the cruise not to interfere with other area cruises, giving you and me the option of major drive time in different areas of Metro Detroit all cruising season long. What do you think? Have you talked with people about the good and bad of cruises? Are there to many cruises in the Metro Detroit area? Do you even go to any cruise in Metro Detroit?

Ok, I guess it's time to end this article so you can cruise over to the Elks and attend a Corvair meeting. See you there. Blue Skies,
Adam

Monza Club of Detroit makes the best of winter

"Okay – four cars, two laps. Ferrari, position number 1, Lotus next in position 2, then Corvair Spyder. Corvette in slot 4 on the outside. One . . . two . . . three!!!" The starter's hand drops and approximately two pounds of electrically powered model cars hurtle quietly around a model road course at scale speeds nearing 200 mph.

That's what happens at the Monza Club of Detroit one night each week during winter months. The 54 members enjoy the fun and it keeps them actively and enthusiastically interested in the club's progress and functions. The 65-foot lap model road track was purchased with funds secured from dues, plus holding several economy, poker and reliability runs. Members either bought or built the small (1/24 and 1/32 actual size) model cars to be used on the track. Many hours are spent in tuning and modifying the tiny electric motors and suspension systems. Club Track Chairman Bill Antonette, in whose home the track is located, reports that the model track sparks ideas for Corvair fun to be scheduled in the coming season. Present plans call for a rally and powder puff derby for couples.



Vice President



Monza Club of Detroit makes the best of winter

Here is a Historical piece that may be of interest. The attached scan is from CORVAIR COMMUNIQUES Vol 1, No. 2. For Corvair Owners Club Members.

This issue was published by GM at the GM Building in Detroit. The Corvair Owners Club Roster - June 1963 was sponsored and located at Paul McGlone Chev. Inc. on Joy Road. Note in the attached article, the club had 54 members.

Stu Shuster

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO ME ON THE WAY TO WORK

On June 16th, at 6 am, I was on my way to work. I was driving on US20 in Ohio. A slow moving truck was in front of me and a SUV was behind him. After waiting for the traffic coming at us to clear, I waited for the SUV to pass – he stayed to the far right and showed no signs of passing so I pulled out and started to pass. When the front of my Corvair got even with his door he pulled out into me. The photos show the damage to both cars.

The 1st comment the other driver had was “Your car is stronger than mine”. His insurance company, “ALLSTATE”, said I was 20% to blame because I did not blow my horn and they only paid 80% of the estimated damages.

Not being aware of that law, I have since located this info I hope that any of you will not fall into the same trap; it also appears that Michigan has a similar law.

From the “DIGEST OF OHIO MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS”

“When passing to the left, the law requires that a driver overtaking another vehicle do these things:

1. Sound the horn to warn the driver of the vehicle being overtaken that he/she is about to be passed.
2. Signal the intent to pass.
3. Pass to the left of the vehicle being overtaken at a safe distance and return to the right side of the roadway only after the overtaking vehicle is safely clear of the vehicle being overtaken.
4. Return to the right lane as soon as the pass has been safely completed and before coming within 200 feet of any approaching vehicle. “

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“When a driver is being passed by another vehicle, the law requires the driver of the slower vehicle to maintain a constant speed and stay to the right until the other driver has safely passed.”



Damage to Corvair right side



SUV impact in side area



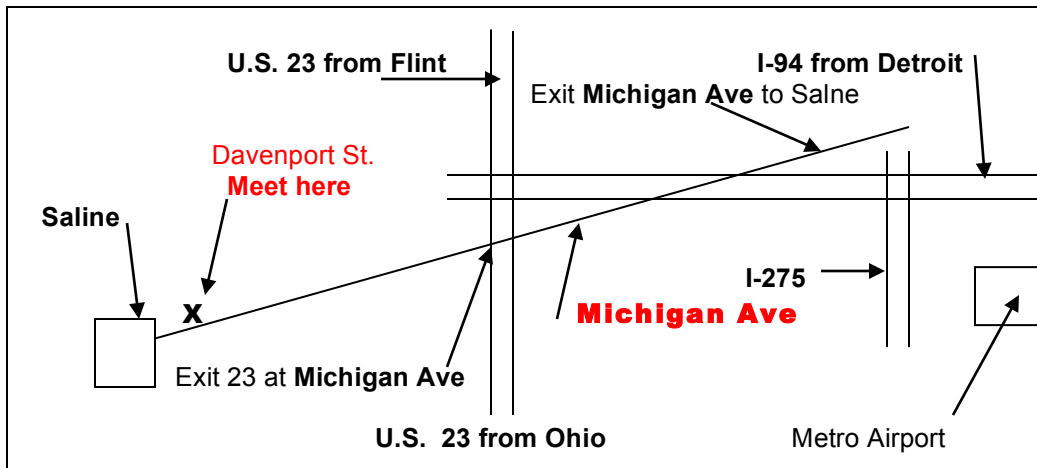
Repaired and the whole car repainted

from **Robert Jennings**

SEPTEMBER 2011

Saline parade

Line up time is noon
Saturday, September 3, 2011



The DACC has long had a good attendance record at this parade!

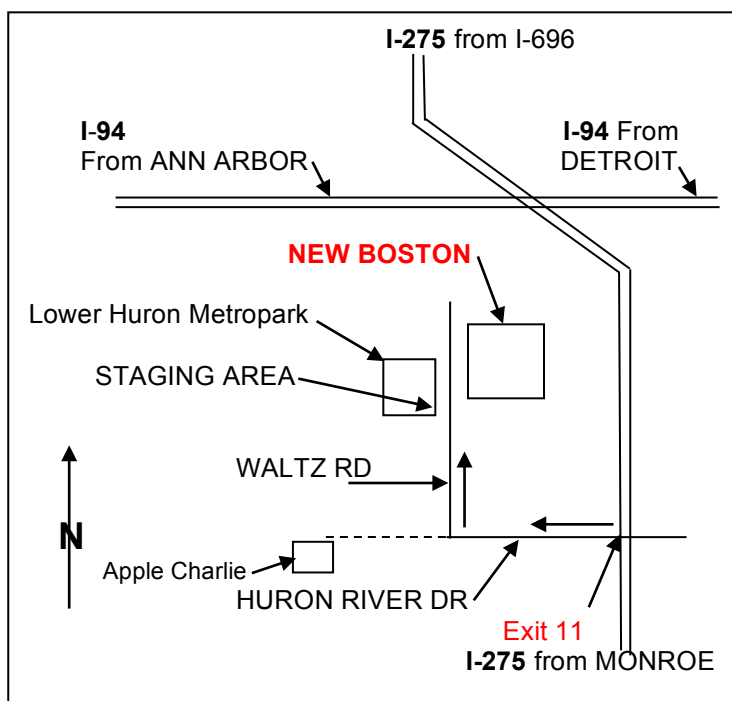
From the Detroit Area go west on I-94, past Metro Airport to the Saline exit to Michigan Avenue. It is the 2nd ramp. Continue west on Michigan Ave to the edge of town. You will probably have to talk

the cop on the corner into letting you continue an Michigan Ave once you are near town. We meet on the right side of the street between the service station and the funeral home. After the parade participants are invited to a corn and hot dog roast. It is easy to find, just follow the parade!

The town of Saline has always put on a very fine parade. We get to see some of our southern Michigan members and later, if we so choose, visit the many antique shops in the area. See you there!

Huron River Applefest

Parade on Saturday, October 1st 2011
Line up time is 11:30 am
New Boston, MI



This is great! The whole town is transformed into a festive atmosphere. The main street, for about six blocks is closed off and booths built along the curbs. Everything to do with apples are featured. There are games, crafts, kid rides and food booths. Baked and ready to bake pies are everywhere!

From the Detroit area go west on I-94 then south on I-275 to **exit 11, Huron River Drive**. Turn right [west] cross the tracks and go to the first light, turn right [north] on Waltz Rd to the staging area in the Lower Huron Metropark entrance. Please **arrive before 11:30 AM**.

Even if you can't make it to any other parade, please make it to this one. Plan to spend the better part of the day in town. If you go away hungry it will be your own fault! **The parade is Saturday but the Festival continues on Sunday**

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TREASURY REPORT August 15, 2011

Beginning Balance: \$5,522.56

Income: 50 -- 50 \$146.00
 Dues: \$220.00
 Woodward cruise: \$50.00
 Homecoming: \$305.00
Total: \$721.00

Expenses: 50-50 \$73.00
 Attendance: \$10.00
 Air cooler and stamps: \$257.60
 Homecoming food: \$1000.00
Total: \$1,340.60

From **Paul Piche**

Ending balance \$4902.96

SWAP & SELL

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

FOR SALE: MR STOR-IT -- 5235 MERRIMAN RD in Westland MI has a bunch of Corvair windows in a unit - Contact Dinaat: 734-721-4670 or mrstorit@comcast.net

SWAP: Set of 5 new P185/80R13 Firestone FR-380 whitewall tires for a set if five (5) new P185/80R13 Maxxis blackwall tires form Canadian Tire. Prefer delivery at Homecoming. Dale Dewald 906-482-2872 or dkdewald@pasty.net

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

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



DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

August 19, 2011 by Clark Hartzel

Thanks to the following for keeping your membership up to date: J.Bramble, Currier, Debbrecht, DeRocco, Kaster, Kinsman, Morenski, Newell, Sheridan, Spiess.

Dropped: Schwartz

Expired in July: Jacobson, Pepke.

Due in Aug: Balow, Burt, Cheng, Fultz, Gillson, Guy, Hamil, Hatala, R.Jennings, Kendall, D.King, Lagasse, Lindh, Nash, Newton, Parsons, Ridens, Riggs, Staudacher, Vadovich, Wolford.

Due in Sep: Borgne, Burt, Clark's Corvair Parts, Cutter, Dexter, Hartzel, Heath, Jacoby, Justice, J.Kelava, R.Kelava, McCormick, McGuire, Nyquist, Queen, Serpento, Simms, Smith, Storc.

We have 114 paid members and 23 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:

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VISIT THE

DACC WEBSITE

www.detroitcorvairs.com

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.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

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The AIRCOOLER

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FIRST CLASS

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.

PARADE SEASON IS HERE

@ ROMEO MI, PEACH FESTIVAL	MONDAY, SEPT 5
SALINE MI, CORN ROAST FESTIVAL	SATURDAY, SEPT 3
NEW BOSTON MI, HURON APPLEFEST	SATURDAY, OCT 1

DACC Membership Services

MECHANICAL REPAIRS / BODY WORK:

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

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

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