



EVENTS OF THE YEAR

Tuesday November 1, 2011
Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club

We can talk about the Christmas Party on Tuesday Dec. 6th. at the Elks Club. The fun events from the past summer and what we plan to do next summer. Maybe a video of something from the collection if time permits and I can find a good short one.

Sunday Oct. 2nd - Drive your Corvaair Day

I hope you drove your Corvaair to the ice cream shop or maybe even just went to the garage and sat in it for a few minutes and dreamed about going down the road. A few of us, Clark, Pete C. Pete K. Eva and Bob & Mable Maciejewski met at the Corvaair Museum/YAHC in Depot Town at high noon. After a visit with Jack Miller we had lunch at the Side Track and walked to Riverside Park to check out the vintage truck show. Maybe next year we can plan an event in the east side of the area and see if more people can get out and drive their favorite car on a nice sunny day.



CORVAIRS DRIVEN TO YPSILANTI

Sunday Oct. 16th - Fall Color Tour

It started out with rain for most people at home, but the clouds broke up by 11:00 AM and soon the sun was out with a blue sky. We took the same route as last year and had a nice ride thru, Ortonville, Holly, Fenton, Linden and Byron where we stopped to eat at Jennele's. The breakfast buffet was great and so was the food ordered off the menu, the Lion's game was on the TV's and we all got to sit at one table. After the stop in Byron it was off to the Parshallville Grist Mill where we found the South East MI Camaro Club parked across the street on their fall tour. A live band was playing and there were lots of goodies in the store to buy and eat. The crowd really enjoyed seeing Stubby and Paul's Ultravan and we got to check out some cool old Camaros and even a couple new ones. The next stop was a couple miles down the road at Spicer Orchards a nice place for the city folks to bring the kids to get a pumpkin, apples, cider, donuts and see the animals, old tractors and ride on the hay wagon. They even have a wine tasting area and shop where a few of us picked up a bottle or two to take home along with some fresh apples. It never rained until after 8:00 PM so we stayed dry for the entire event, check out the pictures on the club web page and at the November Meeting.

Adele Kirkman

Passed away peacefully Saturday night October 8th at Crittenden Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, we suggest memorials to Hospice of Michigan or to the Royal Oak Missionary Church.

From Adele's family



I gave Stubby a bath and took the shop vacuum to the carpet and got to the Fairview Cemetery in Linden at 2:30 PM. If you were on the fall tour we passed by it just before we entered Linden.

Last Sunday after the tour I stopped by the local Kroger gas island and a white Vibe pulled up to check out Stubby, turned out it was one of Adele's cousins. We talked about her and Bob for a few minutes and he asked if I knew she had passed, I told him that I had received an email last week and would be going to the gravesite service. When I got there today he and his wife were there waiting so we were the first to show up, he said I should park Stubby along the drive where it could be seen from the area where the service was set up. In about ten minutes the coach showed up and a couple cars with local relatives and friends, then the family started to find their way back to the older part of the cemetery. It is

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on the side of a hill with large trees that were full of colored leaves, when the "kids" drove by they had to stop, roll down the windows and say "oh my God, it's Stubby." After another 15 minutes and no one else showing up the service started. There were about 16 people there including the Minister, funeral director and the guy from the vault company.

After a few words and a couple prayers, the director asked the family if they wanted to view the lowering of the casket, they said yes. As the casket started to move, Adele's daughter in law turned around and asked Paul to take a picture of Mom with Stubby in the background before she got too far down.

A few final goodbyes the family wanted to see Stubby and hear a Corvair engine run, we spent about 15 or 20 minutes talking about Mom & Dad and the old days, several pictures were taken of the "kids" (now in their 50's) standing by Stubby. The boys remarked about how dad had always painted the top covers Chevy orange, sometimes in the kitchen at the old house in Royal Oak.

They were then off to Argentine to find the old family farm, and the church in which mom & dad got married.

From **Pete Cimbala**

President's Report

Ahh, it's that time of year in Michigan. Do you enjoy the change of seasons? What is your favorite? Myself, I enjoy all the seasons. They all have something special to appreciate, and yes, I grumble at certain times, to hot, to cold, rake the leaves,

shovel snow, but the changes are special. So, as this fall seasonal change is upon us, let's take a moment from cleaning the yard and take that all important break.

Get your favorite beverage, you are already reading the Aircooler, now let's explore the season. Do you look at the color change in Michigan; it's said to be some of the best. The problem with the color change is the cleanup afterwards, pure Michigan. You must also get your Corvair prepared for its winter nap. Unless you drive it through the winter, like the few DACC members do. There are highlights to the season. My favorite holiday is Halloween, I enjoy the displays, and yes, I do have a small display in my front yard. Another positive is the Thanksgiving holiday, love the food. Donna and I have been spending the Thanksgiving holiday up north. We have our feast usually at one of Donna's relatives in Kingsley. At the end of the fall season comes a special DACC event, yes, you know. The Annual DACC Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 6th at the Elks Lodge where we have our monthly meetings. Hey, if you never attended a meeting, or you haven't been to one in a while, here is your reason to come. The hall will open at 6pm with a cash bar. The feast will be served at 7pm for you to savor. Then the surprise for the evening will be a half hour magic show.

This is something different, we do not know what to expect, so let's hope all will be entertained enough for you to go home and tell your family what a great time you had. After the magic show, there will be a game called LCR. I am not familiar with this game; it has been played at previous parties, and was successful at entertaining the people that participated. I think it involves putting up a small ante, having a winner collecting something. As

always, Donna will collect the 50/50 sometime during the evening. All the club proceeds from the 50/50 and LCR game will be donated to the Haven House, so bring some green. The DACC Board is asking that you bring an unwrapped toy (about a \$10 value) to also be donated to the kids at Haven House. We have had many successful events for you to enjoy, so please come to the final event for 2011. Flyers will be sent out via postal mail, e-mail and in the Aircooler. Your remittance will be required by November 21st so the hall will know how many Corvair Enthusiast there will be. If you want any other details, you have the opportunity to ask at the November meeting, so Donna and I will see all of you there, bye.

Adam

Vice President



With Adele Kirkman's passing, it is the end of a family who served the Detroit Chapter over many years. I remember, as a new Corvair member attending an engine clinic at the Kirkman's in Royal Oak. As I descended the basement steps, I viewed people standing around a table on which an engine was placed. It appeared as if a delicate surgery was taking place. All of Bob Kirkman's dedication to the club, with Adele in full support, will survive in our memories.

Pete Cimbala drove Stubby to the Graveside Service which was a proper respect to Bob. In keeping with that tradition, I am in-

cluding a picture of Stubby's Uncle which I shared with Bob at that time. (photo was taken in the early 70's on maple road)



STUBBY'S UNCLE

On another note, I reviewed a Chevrolet dealer Business brochure from the 60's, it encouraged Dealers to set up Corvair Clubs and meet in the dealer stores. It was good for business and promoted the Corvair. While the Corvair is no longer a product in the dealership program, it might make sense for our chapter to encourage new relationships with local Chevrolet dealers. Perhaps seek sponsorship of special events or even the Annual Homecoming.

Fred Poske's efforts with the Chevrolet Volt was a good start at the August Homecoming.

Stu Shuster

Meeting Minutes October 4th, 2011

23 people attended the meeting including 3 guests: Ron Durie, a former member now living in San Diego, Mike Diviney, a former member and computer tech for Ken Pepke, and Ron Gary, a friend of John Allesee.

Paul Piche reported we currently have \$5630 in treasury. That number includes the unpaid calendar bill. Clark mentioned that most Corvair clubs have \$1000 - \$2000 in their treasury.

Editor Ken Pepke again checked to see if all those attend

ing had received the mailed *Air-cooler*. Most had. The exceptions seem to be those that have different addresses throughout the year. A few did not receive the online version. All liked the color insert. Ken also announced that after many years of being "Corvairless", he found a 1965. It is not a convertible or PowerGlide but was on jack stands in a garage since 1976.

One attendee who is a recent Corvair owner indicated that he is looking for sources of technical repair information. A discussion followed about members contributing information to be put on our DACC website but no decision was made since Corsa sells technical manuals.

The Corvair Preservation Foundation sent a check for \$1000 that the DACC presented to Jack Miller, of the Ypsilanti Auto Heritage Collection, at the Orphan Car Show.

Clark Hartzel participated in the Huron River Applefest parade.

On October 2, the following members participated in "Drive your Corvair Day": Pete Cimbala, Eva McGuire, Clark Hartzel, Bob & Mabel Maciejewski and Pete Koehler by driving to Ypsilanti and meeting for lunch.

A reminder to plan on attending the DACC Christmas Party to be held at the Elks Club on December 6th. A Board of Directors planning meeting will be held after the regular meeting and details will follow.

Clark Hartzel won the 50/50 drawing of \$74 and John Allesee won the attendance drawing.

Pete Cimbala and John Allesee brought some items from their collections of old DACC imprinted clothing which were displayed and discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 followed by the Board of Directors Meeting (minutes follow):

From **Gigi Debbrecht**

Stubby Runs the Roads Again

Stubby, the shortened '60 700 that the late great Bob Kirkman built in the summer of 1989 and drove 1000s of miles for the next 10 years. After several years of living with Jim and Shelly Bramble, Stubby now lives in Swartz Creek after finding his way thru Holly where he stayed a couple weeks with Tim B. Caveman Pete Koehler adopted Stubby and send him to live at the Corvair Hilton North along with Skirts, 375, the Thumb 60 and the Crocus Cream twins.

I have been looking at old Air-coolers to find out what Bob had written about the early days of building and driving Stubby. He made his first appearance at the Oct. 1989 meeting and went to Frankenmuth on the color tour, and by the next summer had racked up 14,000 miles. By the summer of 1993 the mileage was 46,000 and counting, the odometer shows about 65,000 now. Bob started out with a normal '60 700 4 door and cut out 18" behind the front seat, made the doors 51" long using the front half of the original door and the back half of the rear door. You would have to see it to really appreciate the craftsmanship and time involved in this project. He has a 95 HP engine with a Saginaw 4 Speed, late model front and rear suspension, quick steer and quick shift added as well as air conditioning, cruise control, 14-inch tires. Plus an extra taillight that looks like the Impala of the day. One thing I added from the collection of cool old stuff in my garage is a set of plastic 2" white walls that go behind the wire wheel covers like a Porta-Wall. There are some rust issues

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that need to be addressed when we can locate a couple good solid rocker panels and "dog legs" but for the rest of this season it can be enjoyed as is.

Stubby made a trip to Frankenthuth on Friday Sept 9th. and got to park in the north end of Town for a few hours, and has been to a couple local cruise nights. He sure draws a crowd and puts smiles on the faces of kids of all ages. Watch for more updates and photos in the next few months. From **Pete C.**

My Own Barn Find

Well, it was actually a garage find! A 1965 Monza 2 door hard-top sedan, 110hp. and a 4 speed transmission, that had stood in this garage since sometime in 1976. Not too bad overall condition. Good front valance, good trunk and trunk floor, good front fender 'heels', all good floor pans but missing the long center pan, good quarter panels even below the bumper corners. Both doors have a small amount of rust in the front corners but the hems are good all around, the left 'A' pillar is good but some rust on the right side. There is a small hole in the quarter panel above the left rear tire and the lower part of the windshield frame is starting to go. The interior is very good except a bit of a stain on the front carpet. A wrench on the crankshaft bolt easily turned the engine.

I was told there were no tires on it but they were under the car. Actually, there was one tire on it and two under the car ... no spare. Nooo problem, I have extra wheels. OK, loosen up one stuck brake drum, tires on, down off the jack stands, turn it around in the garage, hook up a tow bar ... down

the driveway and into the street; it followed me home like a puppy on a leash!

The plan; drain the oil, pull the pan and clean out the sludge, reinstall the pan and add a new oil filter and modern oil. Disconnect the gas line and hook up a remote gas can. Install a battery then crank the engine till the oil pressure comes up. Add gas to the can and snort some down the carbs, key on and start.

The odometer is reading 19828 miles and the pedal wear makes me want to add a 1 in front of that number. Well, maybe. The car came with lots of extra parts [all

wrapped in 1976 newspaper] and included was an instrument cluster that was missing the speedometer. Mileage is now anybody's guess. Still, I predict the engine will start right off and run like I had used it yesterday ... even if it takes some time to pump up the lifters.

All those that know me will realize there are two VERY BAD things WRONG with this car ... 1. It is NOT a convertible, and 2, it is not a Powerglide! After all, coupes are for chickens and any car that cannot shift for it self can't be worth much. Oh well, pictures to follow ... someday! **Ken Pepke**

AT THE FALL COLOR TOUR



Six Corvairs, an Ultravan, and two normal cars started from the Elk's Club parking lot. A seventh Corvair joined at Dixie and Scott Lake Rd.

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TREASURY REPORT October 11, 2011

Beginning Balance: \$5,630.27

Income: 50 -- 50	\$148.00
Dues:	\$240.00
Total:	\$388.00

Expenses: 50-50	\$74.00
Attendance:	\$10.00
Air cooler and stamps:	\$147.98
Homecoming	\$91.58
Total:	\$323.56

From Paul Piche	Ending balance	\$5,694.71
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SWAP & SELL

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO KENPEPKE@JUNO.COM
 Use Word doc. or docx., photos in .jpg 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

FOR SALE: 64 Conv., White, New White top, New Red int & boot cover, tires, 4 Speed, 110 HP, \$7,000 OBO Huge list of new parts, contact Dan Leighton at 810/869-5069 or e-mail to leightonsr@gmail.com for complete list & pics

FOR SALE: 62 Sydner motor \$500 OBO Gene Aska DeKalb IL 815-751-06976[?]

FOR SALE: 64 Corvair coupe needs work, \$600 OBO St. Johns, MI. Dick Ryan 517-749-9471

FOR SALE: 66 Corvair, Yellow w/ black int, pg, re-built eng, body work w/ new paint & stripes. VGC. Lonnie Brown in Windsor Ont. \$ BO 519-915-1960 lon_tam@cogeco.ca



DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

October 18, 2011 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new members: William Kulback of Honor, MI. 1966 Corsa coupe 140HP

Thanks to the following for keeping your membership up to date: Balow, Borgne, Cutter, R.Duerden, Fultz, Gerard, Hamil, Heath, R.Jennings, Lindh, Parsons, Vadovich.

Expired in Aug will be dropped: Cheng, Hatala, D.King, Nash, Ridens, Staudacher. Last newsletter.

Expired in Sep: Jacoby, Justice, McGuire, Queen, Smith. This is your last newsletter.

Due in Oct: Belfontaine, Browne, Dubia, Flinn, K.Hand, Harriss, S.Kulhanek, Leighton, Light, Mann, Taylor, Wholehan, Winheim.

Due in Nov: Beckley, Granger, Hedrick, D,Jennings, Johnson, Munaco, L.Murray, Ullery.

We have 117 paid members and 24 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

The Christmas Party

will be held Dec. 6th at the Elks Club. The actual cost of \$31 per person will be decreased to \$25/person by the \$6 supplement from the club. The schedule will be a cash bar from 6:00-7:00, dinner between 7:00 and 8:00 followed by entertainment provided by a magician for 30 minutes. Those planning on attending are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for Haven House. The 50/50 proceeds will also be donated to Haven House.

Reservations will be due by November 21.

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.

NOVEMBER MEETING

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RECALL YEAR'S EVENTS

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FIRST CLASS

DACC Activities

FROM **Pete C** Corvairekid1963@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.

The **Saline Holiday Parade** at 5:30PM on **Sat. Dec. 3rd**. Contact Ken Pepke for more info. I remember going to this in my first '63 Monza convertible that I sold in 1980. Wow, that was 30+ years ago ... where has the time gone?

Pete C.

Thursday Dec. 6th is the annual **DACC Christmas Party** to be held at the Elks.

Thursday Dec. 8th. The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show at the Fox Theatre 7:30 PM. 10 Artists from the good old days. Call 313-471-6611 for more info.

DO YOU HAVE A REGISTRATION FORM? I CAN SCAN ONE AND SEND IT AS AN ATTACHMENT IF NEEDED.

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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