



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Tuesday December 6, 2011**  
**Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club**

Christmas Party on Tuesday Dec. 6th. at the Elks Club.

Social Hour

Dinner

Magician

50 / 50 Drawing

Left - Center – Right Games

Proceeds to go to 'Haven House'

**The Fun Begins at 6: pm**

## This Year with the DACC

Here it is the 26<sup>th</sup> of November and we can still enjoy driving a Corvaire on a nice day. If you have a heater that works it can be even nicer, it's kinda hard to walk past Skirts and Stubby all covered in frost and ice. Maybe the snow will hold off for a few more days or weeks but it will be here soon and the salt trucks dumping that nasty stuff that eats up nice cars. You can go for a ride on a dry day, but I think most people just dream about summer and wait until the grass is green again. The past year brought us several hot days, quite a few dry days, and a few cold and wet ones remember early June? We lost some good friends and gained some new ones, the Homecoming was great this year and the club treasury still has several thousand dollars for us to spend next year. Woodward and the Bricks were fun, and the Orphan Show was great again. The Aircooler is available both online and in paper form, the Christmas party will have some entertainment and a few "new" people have sent in their registration forms.

Next year for the driving season we will plan several events that you will be able to enjoy in your Corvaire. One event that seems light years away will be the Fall Color tour next Oct. I think we should go back to Frankenmuth since it will be 35 years ago that a group of us went to Zehenders and waited in line for the dining room feast. We have been talking to Cal Clark about vending at the Homecoming, and we may fill the hotel with just Corvaire people. Let's hope the news people are wrong about gas going over \$4.00/gal next summer. The CORSA Convention will be in Sturbridge, MA maybe some of us can make this one. Watch for all the events that we have dates for in the next Aircooler.

Have a Merry Christmas, **Pete C.**

## DACC November 1976

We have found a new meeting place: Dominico's restaurant on Coolidge at Wiltshire in Berkley. Thanks to WXYZ TV for covering our October meeting.

DACC decals available for a buck.

Raffle tickets are being sold for a buck each on a 1963 convertible needing work. The newsletter didn't say who owned the car but it was donated to the club.

We started the attendance drawing. A name was picked at random from the membership list and if that person was there he/she would win the pot. We put \$5 in the pot each meeting and sometimes the pot went up to \$50 or more.

Leftover small Corvaire T shirts are available for \$3.50 until gone.

We now have 91 members.

Bob Kirkman showed slides of his school workshop teaching kids how to rebuild Corvaire engines.

The last tech session on R&R the clutch and flywheel was a success at Ted Mick's shop.

Rudy Krieter is selling a 1967 4-door 110HP PG for \$150. Drive it home!

There was an ad for Detroit's only full time Corvaire shop: Modern Classic Motorcars, 9 mile and Hilton in Ferndale. The business is run by two of our club members. by **Clark Hartzel**



Message  
 From  
 Paul  
 Piche

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## TREASURY REPORT

November 7, 2011

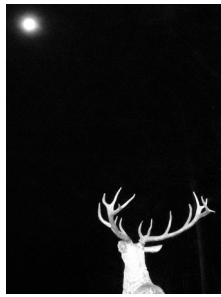
<b>Income:</b> 50 -- 50	\$127.00	<b>Beginning Balance:</b> \$5,632.24
Dues:	\$260 .00	
Janice Borgne Gift	\$13.00	
Woodward Cruise	\$25.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$425.00</b>	

<b>Expenses:</b> 50-50	\$63.50
Attendance:	\$10.00
Air cooler and stamps:	\$428.00
Christmas Flyers	\$65.84
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$567.34</b>

**NOTE:** outstanding calendar cost approx. \$750.00

From Paul Piche

**Ending balance \$5,489,90**



## SWAP & SELL

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO [KENPEPKE@JUNO.COM](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:leightonsr@gmail.com) for complete list & pics

**FOR SALE:** 62 Spyder 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, rebuilt eng, body work w/ new paint & stripes. VGC. Lonnie Brown in Windsor Ont. \$ BO 519-915-1960 [lon\\_tam@cogeco.ca](mailto:lon_tam@cogeco.ca)

## Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. 37 people attended including a new member, Gary Komora, who owns a 1965 Monza convertible, silver with black interior.

Adam read part of the recent Free Press article commemorating the GM 100 year anniversary. This portion was about some of Detroit's "Flops" and included the Corvair. The recent Hemmings Classic Car magazine features a photo Bob Jennings took at Homecoming and should be sent to the Free Press as a rebuttal. Pete mentioned that Graf Chevrolet in Davison will display a 1963 Corvair in the showroom as part of the GM 100 year anniversary.

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## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

November 20, 2011 by Clark Hartzel

**Welcome new member:** Phillip OGuinn of Livonia, '63 Spyder and '66 Monza.

**Thanks to the following for keeping your membership up to date:** Granger, Harriss, Jacoby, Johnson, Leighton, Light, Taylor, Wholehan, Winheim.

**Will be dropped Dec 15th:** Justice, McGuire, Queen, Smith.

**Expired in Oct:** Belfontaine, Browne, Dubia, Flinn, K.Hand, S.Kulhanek, Mann.

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

**Due in Dec:** Avery, Gillespie, Hensley, McDonald

We have 120 paid members and 17 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](mailto:chartzel@comcast.net) or phone 586-293-1587

## President's Report

It's the start of the holiday season, so now more than ever, get your beverage of choice, sit down and relax. Ok, at the last meeting I read a short article written by Mark Phelan, a Detroit Free Press writer concerning Chevy's Biggest Misses in a section celebrating Chevrolet 100 Years. The 1960-69 Corvair was mentioned, which some members at the meeting were obviously in disagreement with the article. After reading the article again and thinking about it, I read the positive points the article also boasted. Let's break the article down, first, "The Corvair was a noble idea that became synonymous with Detroit's failures". I agree the Corvair was a "noble idea", Chevrolet must start somewhere, in 1959, it was the Corvair. Next, "Chevrolet's first attempt to build a sophisticated, fuel-efficient compact car, it was a public relations flop". Again, I agree, the Corvair was a "sophisticated, fuel efficient compact car" for the 1960's. Third, the Corvair "deserved better", a no brainer here. "Plus good passenger and baggage space", for a compact car, this is true, as you, the owners of this iconic vehicle know first-hand. GM did make mistakes with the Corvair, no doubt, but the Corvair was at the time a radical vehicle,

a platform that included not just a car, there was also a station wagon, pick-up truck and a van that took on the beginning of strong foreign competition. Let's give GM credit, and any company that is willing to produce a vision, without the misses, the not so popular, the off the wall, there would be no real successes. I mentioned several articles back in the Aircooler, is the Chevrolet Volt the "noble idea" Corvair of today? Think about it? It's different, keeping many away from it because of its "sophisticated, fuel efficient" power train. Price had some effect on the Corvair back in the day. Have you seen the price on the Volt! Mark Phelan writes the 2011 Volt is one of Chevrolets best over 100 years. Well, I hope Mark is correct and the Volt is a success for Chevrolet. The Corvair platform lasted ten years selling 1.8 million vehicles. Only time will tell if the Volt is a hit or miss. Today, there are several Corvair clubs in North America, Europe, even individuals in South America. The DACC boast 100 + Corvair Enthusiasts. Only time will tell if the Volt has the same loyal following as the Corvair.

Donna and I want to say to everyone, have a very safe and extremely happy holiday season. Make your New Year's resolution an easy one, attend your DACC meeting and enjoy the companionship and food that is available for you. To our snowbirds, attend an

another Corvair Club meeting if possible; send pictures and brief articles of your time where you are staying warm. Happy Holidays. From **Adam Morenski**

### MINUTES CONTINUED

As of Nov. 8, there are 7 reservations in for the Christmas Party. Paul Piche is organizing a variety of games and the magician came tonight to the meeting to look at the room and make suggestions for table arrangement for best visibility. Haven House has sent a list of requests and always runs short of items for older children. They also need volunteers to help sort the toys.

Paul reported that the Treasury has \$5632 less approximately \$700 for the calendars.

Pete reminded us that Corsa has complete tech manuals for sale: Printed manuals for \$50 and CD format for \$25.

The 2013 Corvair Convention will be held in Kalamazoo and we will probably provide some assistance to them.

Swap & Sell: Dan Leighton is selling a 1965 for \$7000. Marvin bought Johnny Z's before buying his new Fiat. Linda Hand said that Roy Cartwright is looking for a Corvair motor for an airplane. A 1963 Monza, yellow with turquoise interior, will be auctioned in Iowa.

Paul Piche won \$63.50 in the 50/50 drawing and Ed Zull won the attendance. **Gigi Debrecht**

## 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](mailto: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

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.

**DECEMBER MEETING**

**Tuesday December 6, 2011**

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**The AIRCOOLER**  
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**FIRST CLASS**



*Merry Christmas*  
*From the DACC*

*Christ is the Reason for the Season*