



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday January 3, 2012
Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club

A video from the Pete C. collection will showcase the Back To The Bricks Michigan Mitten Tour from last June. This is a 30 minute special from ABC-12 News with Karen Gattin.

HOMECOMING NEWS

It's now official that Clark's Corvair Parts will be vending new parts at the 2012 event. Mark & Cathy who have worked for Cal & Joan for several years will be spending a few days in Northern Mi. and stay with us for the weekend. Set up time is early afternoon Thursday and they will sell until Sat. evening in the smaller room upstairs, registration will be moved to the lobby by the front door. This should be a great draw for us and we can fill the hotel with Corvair owners and our swap meet vendors. Online registration will be set up soon and watch for updates on the web page and in the Aircooler. **Pete C**

NEW DACC WEB PAGE FEATURES

Two new albums have been added to our website. They are "MEMBERS PROJECT CARS" and "MEMBERS GARAGES". E-mail photos of your cars, your garage(s) and even yourself in the garage and with your cars! Send them as attachments to ...

<jennirw@cass.net >

They will be placed in these albums. Then log on to the DACC site at www.detroitcorvairs.com to see what is happening ... or ... go to

(<http://www.detroitcorvairs.com/gallery/index.php>)

From: **Robert Jennings** 317 Division St Morenci, MI 49256
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DACC in December of 1976

Our next tech session will be Dec 1st at Ted Mick's shop in Mt Clemens and will feature Dick Koerner of Guaranteed Parts Co. talking about breakerless ignition systems. Ted will give away a Corvair engine as a door prize!

A 1963 Corvair convertible will be raffled off at our next meeting Dec 8th.

Jim Egyed and Al Brunke brought movies of Corvair, Gremlin and Mercedes testing to entertain the members at the last meeting.

Bob Kirkman has enough blue fabric for sale to upholster a Greenbrier seat for \$20.00 from Clark Hartzel

CORVAIR MENTION IN WALL STREET JOURNAL

There was an article that appeared in the Saturday/Sunday (Oct. 29/30, 2011) edition of the Wall Street Journal citing Corvairs as being one of three cars "ripe for neo-retro stardom." The writer stated the following rules that made Corvair one of his top picks: 1.) The car has to be instantly recognizable, woven into the fabric of not just car literacy but cultural literacy. 2.) It has to be buildable. 3.) Some cars are such a product of their technical brief that they really can't be recreated. 4.) It has to be based on the manufacturer's existing platform. 5.) It has to provide the delight of rediscovery. His top three picks were: #1 - Austin Healey (SA-IC) Sprite; #2 - Chevrolet Corvair Corsa EV (meaning electric vehicle potential); #3 - 1934 Chrysler Airflow.

His comments on the Corvair were as follows: "The Corvair, which was rightfully dubbed by Ralph Nader in his book "Unsafe at Any Speed", would seem among the most tainted legacies in the business but styling was never its problem. This was an awesome looking car. Especially fetching and futuristic was the Corvair's nose, which didn't have a grill since the engine was air-cooled and in the rear. GM doesn't have a rear-engine platform and even Porsche abandoned air-cooling years ago - but the neo Corvair would make a perfect EV. And think of all the Nader-haters who'd buy one "out of spite."
 From **Eva McGuire**

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TREASURY REPORT

December 22, 2011

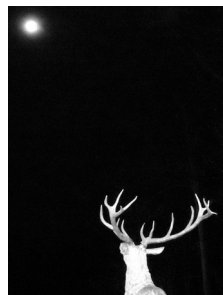
Beginning Balance: \$5,489.90

Income: 50 -- 50	\$180.00
Dues:	\$220.00
Haven House Gift	\$30.00
LCR Game	\$45.00
Christmas Party	\$1050.00
Total:	\$1525.00

Expenses: Office supplies	\$23.45
Christmas cake	\$18.00
Air cooler and stamps	\$253.00
Christmas Dinner	\$1,364.00
Calendars	\$575.50
Entertainment	\$125.00
Haven House gift	\$255.00
Total:	\$2,614.45

From Paul Piche

Ending balance \$4,400.45



DACC Membership Services

Free ads for businesses that hold DACC memberships

MECHANICAL REPAIRS / BODY WORK:

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

PARTS & SERVICES:

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

BOTH PARTS & REPAIRS:

Ken Hand 1896 S. Gregory Rd., Fowlerville, MI
48836 (248) 613-8586

**One line ads provide our members with a quick
reference guide to satisfy their Corvaire needs**

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

SELL & SWAP

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 Synder motor \$500 OBO Gene Aska
DeKalb IL 815-751-06976[?]

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

FOR SALE: 66 Corvaire, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

02 / 07	DACC Tuesday night meeting
03 / 06	DACC Tuesday night meeting
04 / 03	DACC Tuesday night meeting ELECTIONS
05 / 01	DACC Tuesday night meeting

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

December 20, 2011 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new members: Casey Schesky of Northville,
MI. 1965 Monza convert. & Murray and Joan Bruskin of
Gurnee, Ill 1961 Monza coupe.

**Thanks to the following for keeping your mem-
bership up to date:** Avery, Beckley, Browne, Belfon-
taine, Dubia, D.Jennings, McGuire, Mann, Munaco, Ullery

Will be dropped: Flinn, K.Hand, S.Kulhanek.

Expired in Nov: Hedrick, L.Murray.

Due in Dec: Gillespie, Hensley, McDonald

Due in Jan: Huff, Ives, Major, Rutherford, Sanger,
G.Shreve, Wilson

We have 126 paid members and 8 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 Corvaire Club,
16911 Anita Ave., Fraser, MI 48026-2275

If you wish to receive only an on-line newsletter let me
know by email so I can verify your email address.

Any questions about your membership or if you have an
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MEET BOB LUTZ

On 3 Dec. 2011, I brought 10+ people (including members of DACC and other car enthusiast friends of mine) with me to a secret undisclosed location to meet Mr. Bob Lutz (former Vice Chairman of GM), and to also look at some classic cars that are stored in a private warehouse. Mr. Lutz was there to promote/sell copies of his latest book, "Car Guys vs. Bean Counters" and was giving autographs as well. The event was hosted by an off grid car club **who wish their identity and location remain anonymous.**

I have visited this warehouse several times in the past; and, along with Mike McKeel, joined this club as well (which has approx. 500 members).

After speaking with the owner of the building and one of the club's leaders, I thanked them for allowing me to invite and bring members of DACC with me and mentioned that I was asked to do an article for our club newsletter regarding the event. They agreed to an article being done but asked me not to disclose the location of the warehouse, and I ask those who attended this event with me to do the same. Thank you.

This car club opens the warehouse to its members and their invited guests to view the stored classic cars which include Porsches, Mercedes, Alfa Romeos, Ferraris, Cadillacs, T-Birds, racing cars, etc. I was privileged to be allowed to bring my 1965 Corvair Monza into the building to be viewed by the estimated 150+ people who were present. It was funny to hear the side comments as I drove in

(which Mike heard) such as, "Wow!", "Look at the tag!" (my plate reads AIRKOOL); "Look! It even has a trailer hitch on it!"; "This must be the Christmas Corvair." (I had a red bow on the trunk and Christmas lights inside the car). Some asked me if my Corvair was a vintage racing car from the past (because I have wide tires along with racing numbers and stickers on it). I told them its' not a racing car from the past but that I currently have fun with it (wink, wink) including taking it to Milan Dragway for some test runs, etc. This shocked most of the guys who heard it, but they were even more shocked when they discovered how many Corvairs I have as I pulled out photos I've dubbed, "The Family Portraits" citing each personal name I gave them.

After everyone from DACC left, Mike and I had to stay behind because my car was blocked inside the building by other classics. As we remained there, we had a unique opportunity to have Bob Lutz to ourselves for a short time. This is when we got a few jewels of information. While he was autographing a gentleman's Chevy Volt on its engine lid, I asked Mr. Lutz if he would be so kind as to autograph my Corvair as well at which he stated, "I don't have anything to do with vehicles that I'm not personally involved with." At that moment, Mike jokingly responded with, "Oh yeah, so you don't want anything to do with the Corvair, huh?" Mr. Lutz replied, "Oh, that's not true. I really like the Corvair! As a matter of fact, it was the first new American car I ever purchased." Being the engineer that he is, Mike asked for more details about the car.

Mr. Lutz stated it was a 1962 Monza (Autumn Gold color), 102 HP, 4 door, 4 speed. He put after market items on it such as ceramic metallic brakes, EMPI camber compensator, Koni shocks, and Michelin radial tires. He ordered the car from a dealership out in Walnut Creek, CA, and "impatiently" waited 7 weeks for delivery. He said he loved 4 doors which delighted Mike as 4 door Corvairs are his favorite as well. We all shook hands after we spoke and that was better than an autograph to me as having a good conversation with a "car guy" leaves more of a lasting memory. We found out that Mr. Lutz drops in on this car club/warehouse from time to time and has been friends with the building's owner/club folks for approx. 15 years. I will let DACC know if and when Mr. Lutz will be making any future official appearances at this facility and, hopefully, be able to extend another invitation to those who wish to accompany me if it occurs.

Corvairly yours, **Eva McGuire**
(Corvair Lady)

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2011 Treasure Report

	Income:	Expenses:	Profit or Loss:
Dues	\$2,045.00	\$2,546.28	- \$501.28
50/50:	\$1,359.00	\$679.50	+ \$679.50
Woodward cruise	\$100.00	\$125.00	- \$25.00
Christmas Party	\$1,050.00	\$1,572.84	- \$522.84
Haven House:	\$255.00	\$255.00	-0-
Gifts:	\$13.00	-0-	+ \$13.00
Home Coming:	\$6,980.30	\$7,006.18	- \$25.88
Total:	\$11,802.30	\$12,184.80	Net loss \$382.50

Expenses without income:

Attendance:	\$110.00
Calendars:	\$575.50
Corporate fee:	\$20.00
Dominion name:	\$41.05
Labels:	\$42.39
Office supplies	\$23.45
Picnic Elks:	\$582.39
Sloan picnic:	\$60.12
Tickets 50-50:	\$19.06
Total:	\$1,450.51

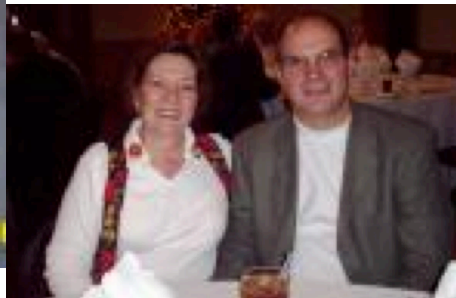
Total loss / year -- \$1,833.01

New asset: 1 Barbecue unit

Prepared by **Paul Piche**



DACC Christmas party 2011



President Adam Morenski and Donna Lachovsky



Margaux & Magician Rich Moshier



John Allesee & Karen Sterzik



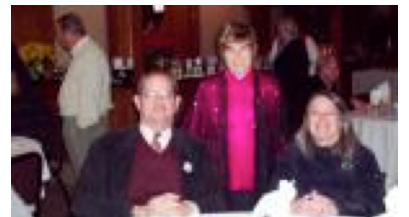
Clark & Joanne Hartzel



Rex & Sue Hamil



Ed Zull, Tim Bramble, Paul P. Margaux Scott, Jan Brogne



Marvin Grainger, Jan Borgne & Paula Grainger



Mike & Pat Jacobi



Treasurer Paul Piche falls into shock when presented with the bill

President's Report

Well, Happy New Year all, as I am writing this, it's December 19, 2011, the month, let alone the year for me has gone by rather fast, has it for you? Let's slow down for a moment, so get your refreshment of choice, sit down and relax where you feel the most comfortable with the Aircooler.

Let's take a moment and reflect on the DACC for 2011 (hey, it's that time of year). Well, we canceled the February 2011 meeting due to weather conditions; we contacted as many members via e-mail and phone calls, (do we have your current e-mail address and phone number, just in case?). We had a very successful picnic, we even placed the video on YouTube, have you seen it? The Homecoming was another very successful DACC event. Were you there? It sure seemed like every Corvair Enthusiast was there. Did you ride in the Volt?

This now brings us to the DACC Christmas Party. The Magician was great entertainment. Did you look at the DACC website and check out the Christmas Party pics? See Paul reviewing the bill?

As normal, your DACC Board is always looking for ways to save and give the maximum amount for your hard earned greenback. Hey, this reads like a political advertisement, lol, not to mention, money is no longer green. 2012 will most likely bring the same events, other events that were sponsored need improvement, one thought comes to mind, VP Stu mentioned the Dream Cruise. As a car club made of vehicles from the 60's, we should have a better turn out. Hopefully, your new DACC

Board will review this and try to improve. Do you have suggestions?

The Board also set an agenda to control cost at our upcoming events. Like all other organized groups, money must be used wisely, trying to get maximum quality potential while keeping an eye on the bottom line.

The Aircooler was reviewed by your Editor, Ken, and after some brainstorming by the Board; a plan was developed to give you a quality monthly newsletter with 3 or 4 issues to have color. Have you looked at the New Gallery of pics on the DACC web site? Bob Jennings set up a couple new albums for you. Bob wants a pic of your garage and / or a pic of you working on your Corvair. (Is this a conspiracy to get me to work on my Corvairs? Hummm). Bob is also asking for a pic of you and your better half with your Corvair. Let's put some names, faces and Corvairs together so people can connect everything.

Ok, it's time to say have a safe and happy New Year, let's make that resolution now, let's see, for me, should it be, "get the Corvair running and drive it to a meeting?" LOL, ok, Tim, Clark, stop laughing and don't use those adjectives. Let me make your resolution, how about you attend a minimum of six meetings this year if you did not attend that many in 2011. Plus, attend the Dream Cruise in your Corvair, the picnic, Homecoming and Christmas party all in 2012. See you in January.

Adam & Donna

Vice President



Stu Shuster

With the Chevrolet 100 Year Celebration, many publications and reports have weighed in on the history of the Chevrolet Brand. After reading the special issue of Automotive News 100 year edition, (at over \$50.00 a copy) I found errors on the stated history. Remember history can be rewritten, many times. The section on the Chevrolet Corvair is a good example, I am sure that the reporter was not even born during the Corvairs in the market place. Time and time again they white wash the issues with a lawyer who gained fame during all the litigation as such.

It is every Corvair Club member's responsibility to set the record straight. While the series one Corvair had early problems, the remaining production of series two made up for lost time. Question..... what car continues to dominate racing in its class? ANSWER, the Yenko Stinger.

Two dominate areas contributed to the eventual demise of the brand. 1. The advent of emission controls to the engine, when you recirculate hot gases to a already hot air-cooled engine, you cannot sustain performance. 2. GM started to embark on common production parts across the product lines. Corvair had few; the 69 models shared Camaro bucket seats.

So at the end of the Autoweek article, they provided a small footnote, that a 1972 report commissioned by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and conducted by Texas A&M University, said the 1960-1963 Corvair had no greater potential for loss of control than similar competing cars. (What took them so long to publish that!!!!!!)

From **Stu Shuster**

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.

JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday January 3, 2012

Back to the Bricks Mitten Tour

The AIRCOOLER

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FIRST CLASS

Christmas at the Elks!

Party down for Forty four of us. Beginning at 6:00 PM we were treated to pop, beer, mixed drinks, tea and coffee. Sitting around everyone having great conversations for the next hour. During this hour Tim Duve played beautiful Christmas music with his 1958 French horn, loved by all. At seven o'clock we sat down to enjoy a very great tasting meal, most everything was perfect, by my survey. From 8:00 o'clock until 9:15 pm. we were mesmerized by our evening entertainment. Magician/ comedian Richard Moser. Talk about laughing, couldn't stop. He was great at getting people from the audience to help him out. Fantastic 75 minutes. Then we had the 50-50 drawing \$90.00 winner Keith Cutter so gracefully gave back for Haven House, many thanks' Keith. The \$10.00 attendance was won by Janice Borgne, she also gave it back to Haven House. Pete Cimbala gave away some interesting Corvair books and manuals, winners were pulled by their attendance ticket numbers. And all the time in the background was our own Tim Duve playing Christmas music. There were only five players for LRC, the winner also gave it back to Haven House. All total \$255.00 cash to Haven House, plus many beautiful gifts toys, clothing, dolls, games, and gift cards. All in all, it was a night to remember.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all, good Corvairing.

Paul Piche

PS. Where did that balloon go?