

DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB ESTABLISHED 1974

CORVAIR PARTS GAME

Tuesday April 3, 2012 Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club APRIL FOOLS WAHATZIT CONTEST

Pete 'Caveman' Koehler will host the meeting program 'Identify the Corvair Part.' You have a chance to prove you are no Fool when it comes to identifying Corvair parts. A selection of parts will be displayed and you will be challenged to guess where they go and maybe even what kind of/year Corvair they came from. Everyone who participates will be a winner as we bring the Corvair back to the Detroit Area CORVAIR Club meetings. No prizes will be awarded other than the adulation you will receive from your fellow members for your superior knowledge of all things Corvair. Sound like fun? Then be there at the meeting at the Elks Club. Come early and join us for dinner. Spend some time checking out the Wahatzit parts and then get ready for some fun as we reveal where "we" think they came from.

Pete K

Saturday April 21st DACC TO VISIT

The Henry Ford Museum for the *Driving America Exhibit*. We will meet in the parking lot at 10:30 AM. If it rains and you don't want to get your Corvair wet, show up with your daily driver and enjoy this great exhibit. If you can't remember the last time you were there then it's time to visit again. There is a lot to see and you can have lunch there and spend all day ... if you like.

There is a special group rate of \$14.50/adult & \$12.75 for seniors. Kids (5-12) are \$12.50. We need to collect at the meeting or before the event, as the payment has to be made at one time for our whole group. **PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE MEETING.**

HOMECOMING

DACC is registered with the GM Heritage Center for August 24, 2012. The schedule is 10 am to 1 pm with 75+ attendees. Admission is ten dollars.

CORSA to Provide

Sample copies of their 'CORSA Communiqué' magazines will be made available to non-CORSA members to entice them into joining. CORSA provides insurance without which the DACC could not remain active. Before 2012 non-CORSA members had been getting a free ride but now, with costs going up everywhere, it has become necessary for the DACC to pay CORSA three dollars each for our members that are not also CORSA members. from **Stu Shuster**

From the WEBMASTER

The members listed here are not receiving their e-mail copy of the newsletter because the server says that your email address is invalid. A misspelling usually causes this or we may have an address that you are no longer using. If you could please send me an email from the account that you wish to receive your Aircooler, I will make sure that your account is properly added to the list. Please send emails to:

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Charlie Danner built the double Corvair engine for drag racing and it ran well.

For the first few hours Chevrolet built Corvairs with 'horn slots' on the left front corner under the bumper. They were so few many have never seen them.









Above is another example of racing with Corvair powered vehicles.

Top right: J.R.Read displays one of the many uses for a Corvair trunk.

Lower right: William Hubble enjoys a front row seat at the local car show.





PRESIDENT



After 26 years Hiatus, I am returning as President. I have my original nametag, (we need to get back to wearing name tags besides at the Homecoming) So dig out your old tag and show up at the April meeting.

Congratulations to Adam and Donna for their guidance of the Club activities and monthly meetings. The success of our Club depends on members to step up and take responsibility of the month-to-month operations.

Along with the Board's guidance, we hope to support the-CORSA membership issue. I have been in touch with the National Office, and will be receiving publications and support information to assist in recruiting our members to consider joining the national organization. I will be distributing this material as soon as I receive it.

Starting with the April meeting, we will have an agenda on each table, so as to allow time for a Program after the meal. A suggested format by the Board will have a trial run. Read the contents of the Board Report.

With the advent of a early Spring, you can begin to get the Corvair out for our club activities. **Stu Shuster**

MEETING MINUTES March 6, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7PM by outgoing President Adam Morenski. 35 attendees.

The March meeting is when the

yearly elections are held. The office of Vice President is the only contested race with Tim Bramble and Bob Jennings having been nominated last month. They left the room and Bob Jennings was elected. Stu Shuster will be the He found his 2012 President. DACC President's badge from 30 years ago. Returning officers are Paul Piche-Treasurer, Gig Debbrecht-Secretary, Clark Hartzel-Pete Membership, Cimbala-Activities, John Allesee-Webmaster, and Ken Pepke-Editor.

3 new members: Casey Schesky who owns a 1965 convertible, Mark p. Gjokaj with a 1962 Monza and new/old returning member Pete Koehler.

Stu Shuster brought a notebook by Dave McIntosh containing renderings of 1970's Corvairs had production continued. The League of Retired Designers did the sketches. On Father's Day the Eyes on Design event will show 8 collector cars.

Several activities were suggested for the coming year. Stu, who has one of the neatest 2 garages that I have recently seen, suggested a garage tour. There was a brief discussion of a weekend trip to the Henry Ford Drive America event in May in conjunction with Grand Touring Sports Car Association (Tom Gillingham's club). If we have 15 or more people attending, we will qualify for a group rate and since Stu has a Henry Ford membership, the tickets would cost \$14 with senior tickets being \$12.75. More complete details will be published by email and on the website after the Board meeting.

Pete Cimbala mentioned that The Great American Race plans a lunch stop at the Corvair Museum on July 1. Eva McGuire has arranged for a Corvair group parking space at the repair shop at the corner of

Huron St. and Cross St. Pete is also looking for help at Back to the Bricks in August.

Those attending the Dream Cruise last year liked the Birmingham car club parking which John O'Leary arranged to get. Tim Bramble mentioned that the park at 13 and Woodward in Royal Oak sells Friday and Saturday parking passes for \$35. Gigi mentioned that she will check on the availability of the former Max Broock lot.

50/50 winner was Keith Cutter \$67. Kerry Bourne was the \$10 attendance winner.

Pete C. showed a 1961 Chevrolet filmstrip that was used for car salesman training and a silent filmstrip about the Corvair 95.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. **Gigi Debbrecht**, Secretary

Board Minutes

March 13, 2012

Shuster residence (John Allesee, Pete Cimbala, Gigi Debbrecht, Clark Hartzel, Pete Koehler, Stu Shuster with Ken Pepke arriving later in evening.)

After a discussion of the benefits and ramifications of making Corsa membership mandatory for DACC members, it was decided that it would not be required this year but non-Corsa members will be assessed an additional \$3 to cover the cost of Corsa insurance when memberships are renewed. In addition, Stu will attempt to get extra copies of the Corsa Communiqué so non-members can perhaps better appreciate membership. The Board of Directors also voted unanimously to give an added incentive of a \$5 discount on Homecoming admission charge for Corsa members.

It was decided that Saturday April 21 will be the tour of Drive Continued on page 5

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TREASURY REPORT

From Clark Hartzel*

* TREASURER PAUL PICHE IS ON VACATION

Previous Balance	\$4,259.14	Expenses	
	•	50-50 winner	\$67.00
Income		Attendance winner	10.00
50-50 drawing	\$134.00	TOTAL	\$77.00
memberships TOTAL	183.00 \$317.00	Ending balance	\$4,499.14



SELL & SWAP

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL - SEND TO KENPEPKE@YAHOO.COM

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 for complete list & pics

FOR SALE: 61 Monza 2 dr sed - 17,000 miles, black, red int -All orig from paint to tires except batt trophies from Corvair events incl B of Show \$8,000 OBO Frank Ferrara 201-641-6160 Mahwah N.J.

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

FOR SALE: Driveway Mechanic 66 Monza 2-Dr,PG. Butternut yellow, Blk int. Work done from 2008 to 2011: Complete strip-prime and paint. Reseal eng, trans & diff. vi-ton o-rings. All new wiring Harness, All new suspension front & rear. More \$4,000.00 in uprades & parts. Approx. 5,000 mi after rebuild. Mods are: Dual master cylinder, Dual exhaust w/Harley Davidson 80 dbl mufflers (very guiet), 83 GS high back 6 way electric bucket seats and 1983 S-10 14" GM rally wheels with 5,000 miles on new raised white letter tires. This is a true rust free turn key drive anywhere Cal. car with 49,828 mi \$6,500.00 OBO Ray dubiaray@yahoo.com

WANTED: New DACC member wants convertible in very good condition. Also a Corvair pickup if the convertible doesn't happen. Jerry Sheffer, 586-739-3585 home, 586-883-1301 cell

VISIT THE DACC WEBSITE www.detroitcorvairs.com

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MARCH 20, 2011 by Clark Hartzel

Due to a new policy in CORSA, any chapter member not belonging to CORSA must pay an extra \$3.00 to cover insurance at club meetings and events. If you are renewing or joining and not a CORSA member, your dues will be \$23.00. Welcome back: Pete and Patty Koehler.

Welcome New Members Gerald & Vanna Sheffer of Shelby Twp. They are looking for a Corvair convertible. Mark & Tonka Gjokaj of Warren, 1962 Corvair.

Thanks to the following for keeping your membership up to date: Gillespie, Maciejewski, McKean, McNett, Murray, Schultz, J&G Shreve.

Will be dropped: Wilson

Expired in Feb: J&F Tokarz, Zull. Expired in Mar: Peralta, Roerink.

Due in Apr: Knapp/Fish, Mascia, Shuster, Thomas. We have 130 paid members and 6 who owe dues. We are mailing 8 complementary newsletters to other clubs and the Ypsilanti museum

Let's get those checks in folks!!!

If you can't make it to the next meeting, send a check for \$20.00 dues [\$23], payable to: Detroit Area Corvair 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 address or e-mail change:

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America at The Henry Ford. We will be joined by Tom Gillingham's club, Grand Touring Sports Car Association. The group rate ticket cost will be \$14.50 with \$12.75 for seniors. We will meet in the parking lot at 10 AM and stay for lunch following the tour.

The program for the April meeting will be "can you identify this part" with assorted parts supplied by Pete Koehler. It was also decided that our meetings have become too noisy and disorganized with the programs getting little attention. In an effort to better hold people's attention, Stu will try using the PA system and a podium. Clark will bring the PA equipment.

Also, in the future, 50/50 tickets will be sold at a table at the room entrance prior to the meeting

and just before the drawing to minimize the distractions. Suggested meeting format is: Dinner: 6: - 7: PM, last chance 50/50 ticket purchase at the door: 7-7:15 at the door, meeting 7:20 with 50/50 drawing at the end of the meeting.

Gigi mentioned that DACC might have the opportunity to participate in the car shows held at the Meadowbrook Theater parking lot prior to some of the summer performances. Tom Gillingham will get the information from his club since they have participated for several years.

The Board of Directors decided to investigate alternative locations for the Christmas Party. Stu suggested we consider a future Board meeting at the Somerset Inn to evaluate possible suitability. We may also consider changing the monthly meeting location at some point and will check out some possible choices.

At a future Board meeting, after Ken Pepke has finished his analysis of Homecoming food costs and developed some new ideas for the Hospitality Room, we will have a detailed discussion of possible changes for this year's Homecoming. Some initial suggestions were either charging or soliciting donations for the Friday night barbecue and approaching Bennigen's with the idea of special discount coupons for DACC members.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be April 10 and will be held at Little Daddy's restaurant on Woodward south of Long Lake Rd.

Gigi Debbrecht, Secretary



A little bodywork and it will be ready for some fresh paint ... what color becomes the question?

KEN Pepke's GARAGE FIND





Found, covered in mud, in a garage where it had been on jack stands since 1976, this 65 110hp 4 speed is looking pretty good cleaned up and sporting new 'shoes' on custom chrome 'smoothie wheels.

Photos Jan 2, 2012

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.

APRIL MEETING

Tuesday April 3, 2012

WAHATZIT CONTEST

The AIRCOOLER

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FIRST CLASS

Apr. 3 Meeting @ the Elks Club
May. 1 Meeting @ the Elks Club
6 Bearing Burners Swap Meet @ GM Tech Center
June 1-3 Fleetwood Country Cruise In. London, Ont CA
5 Meeting the Elks Club- Dust Off parking lot show
16 All Air-Cooled show @ the Gilmore Museum
15-22 Heart of Mich Back to the Bricks Promo Tour
17 Eyes on Design show at Edsel Ford Estate
23-24 Sloan Summer Fair Flint, DACC in Charge of

50/50 sales
July 3 Meeting @ the Elks Club- Parking lot show
14 Jackson Rd. Cruise west of Ann Arbor
24-27 CORSA National Convention, Sturbridge, MA
(Boston)

Aug. 4 Red Barn Spectular Show, Gilmore Museum 7 Meeting @ the Elks Club- Parking lot show 7-11 Back to the Bricks Tune Up Pary Week 14-18 Back to the Bricks Drive - Movie/cruise & show

18 Woodward Dream Cruise 23-26 HOMECOMING @ The Comfort Inn Clocktower, Clark's Parts

Sept.4 Meeting @ the Elks Club

7-9 Frankenmuth Auto Fest

23 Orphan Car Show in Riverside Park, Depot Town

Oct. 2 Meeting @ the Elks Club 14 Color Tour

Nov. 6 Meeting @ the Elks Club

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