

## Driveway Mechanic

We all know how hard it is to part with some things we own and enjoyed. Mine was the 66 Corvair I sold this year. It went to a good home, a owner of many cars. I replaced this car with a new project.

I and Tim B. have been working on my latest car ... a **1963 1/2 Ford Falcon**. Ya, Ya, **Found On Road Dead ... Fix Or Repair Daily**; and the list go's on. I thought I would try a water pumper for a change and to advance my understanding of the Ford cars. Boy what an understatement that was. Unlike Chevy, Ford didn't make there cars to inter change in parts, or at least it didn't work for me.

The Falcon had a 260 v8 with a factory 4 speed turning a 8" rear end with a 3.25 gear. 1963 and 1964 were the only years the 260 v8 was made so I m told. The fun [?] began when I bought the car from Tim B. and was given a pile of box's with parts and a bigger pile of lose parts, windows fenders and on and on. Remember when we built plastic model cars with the many parts to glue to the body? Well you get the idea.

The project started at Tim's garage where we had a welder, hammers and anything else we could use to whip the body into shape. Tim cut out the rear left and right quarters (he had a BIG smile doing this) so new metal could be welded in. This part of the build took many weeks (felt like years as I still work for a living).

Fast forward ... With the body painted and ready, we started putting parts together to see what we had for the car.

With parts everywhere we still didn't know if any or all the parts are for this car.

Fast forward again ... I had a 1968 302 mustang engine rebuilt to run this Falcon. Not for speed but cost, the engine was much cheaper to build. Remember Corvair people are cheap builders. Nothing fit to this engine. The bell housing was a 5 bolt and I needed a 6 bolt. The exhaust was an auto trans setup and I needed a stick setup; the generator was replaced by an alternator and on and on.

After many set backs, many new words spoken and tools flying high, the Falcon was on the road under its own power ... sometimes. Tim was glad to get me and my Falcon out of there and over to my Driveway Garage. Tim now could get some rest and drink some beer.

True to the Ford slang ... I had some fix and repairs to do. But NOTE: I went on a Falcon trip of 1000 miles with only one miner repair ... That's my story and I m sticking to it.

Thanks To Tim B. for all your help and new word I didn't think was spoken ever.

from **Ray D**

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## DACC MINUTES

August 7, 2012

39 Attendees.

Robert Jennings is setting up the 2013 Convention website Treasury \$3941.74. 130 paid memberships

Editor Ken Pepke needs to check into why the newsletter did not go through John Allesee as it normally does. John later announced that he had solved the problem Ken again reminded us that he always

needs new information to publish. His email addresses: [kenpepke@gmail.com](mailto:kenpepke@gmail.com) and [kenpepke@yahoo.com](mailto:kenpepke@yahoo.com) Pete Cimbala traveled 832 miles to Sturbridge Massachusetts to the National Convention. There were 166 cars and the Concours judging had 55 cars.

Many new people have signed up for the Homecoming. Pete doesn't think that the new owners of the hotel have a clue as to what they are in for. The Red Roof Inn will be available for those that do not have reservations. Clark's Road Rally will be leaving Saturday at 2PM and should be concluded by 5PM. Various Historic markers will be part of the rally scoring. Question and answer sheets will be handed out and will need to be completed. Hopefully more people will bring items for the Auction that Marvin will be conducting later Saturday afternoon. Later in the evening Cars II will be shown for movie night.

Woody will have a partner, Maple, and dad, Bark.

September 16 there will be a second running of the Homecoming Rally.

Bill Johnson was the 50/50 winner of \$72.50

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## DACC Board Meeting

August 12, 2012

(Marysville Park)

Stu Shuster, Robert Jennings, Pete Cimbala, Pete Koehler, Ken Pepke, Clark Hartzel, Gigi Debbrecht.

All Board members should read this and add any corrections or additions and email those to the group.

HOME COMING:

Robert Jennings, VP and Stu

Shuster agreed that Stu should proceed with an order of 25 Homecoming T-shirts, 2 XXL, 2 XL and the remaining 21 Lg. (Gigi thinks more XL should be ordered)

50/50: Robert Jennings will get the tickets. Need to purchase 4 different colors of tickets (one for each day) Adam & Donna volunteered to sell tickets for one drawing on Saturday. We will need volunteers to sell tickets on Thursday & Friday and for a second Saturday drawing. Pete Cimbala will be at registration and will ask for volunteers when people sign in.

Milford Proving Ground Open House is not being featured as an event this year. It would conflict with the events already planned and is only on Saturday. We should ask out-of-towners from Canada and Ohio etc. if they would stay for a Sunday car show next year. In the event that the Milford Open House is again scheduled for Homecoming weekend, we could feature it for our travel event on Saturday and shift car show to Sunday.

There are about 90 preregistrations. We need to find the number planning on attending the Heritage tour on Friday. Thursday night is Cruise night in Ypsilanti. Pete Cimbala can bring another smaller refrigerator if necessary, but doesn't know if he is bringing the golf cart. Clark may meet him with his trailer. Clark will bring more membership applications. Gigi is bringing at least one crock pot and a turkey roaster and anything else that she has that Ken asks her to bring and will help Ken on Thursday.

Robert Jennings is making a larger poster sized event schedule to put in the registration room. Movie night is Saturday and Stu is bringing the film. Need to find out if projection is BlueRay or DVD. Marvin will act as auctioneer on Saturday afternoon and everyone is encouraged to bring auction items. Clark & Paul are doing valve cover race???? (Not discussed) Eva will be letting Mike McKeel stay at her house, which will free up a hotel room. It is close to being filled.

It would be nice to get prior publicity about Jonathan Rintels being at Homecoming on Saturday to sign his book "Lifemobile". It is a story of a father and his son who has Asperger's syndrome and how they bond while restoring a Corvair and the life lesson that being different isn't always bad.

Secretary **Gigi Debbrecht**



## Presidents Message

As the fall season approaches, we can no doubt urge Pete Koehler to fit in one more driving tour. Tom Gillingham, Clark Hartzel, and I will check out the venue for the Christmas party. We need suggestions for activities at the party, music, games, or a presenter. Presents for children's home in time for Christmas.

See you in September; our meeting program is Jim Jones, a retired GM manufacturing executive. He will be talking about the challenges in Corvair Manufacturing. Be there!

**Stu Shuster, President DACC**

