



## 53rd Anniversary of the Introduction of the Corvair!

October 2nd 1959 was the first day you could see and buy a Corvair

### Tuesday OCTOBER 2, 2012 Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club

Pete Cimbala will present a segment of the 'Great Getaways' show on PBS that shows cool things to see in Michigan, including the VCCA show in Flint last year.

### Road Rally Rerun Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Plymouth, I-275 Ann Arbor Road

Rerun the DACC Homecoming Road Tour. Meet at the Homecoming host hotel. Have breakfast with the gang at 9: We will eat at Denny's on Ann Arbor Road across I-275 to the East. We will leave at 10: am sharp to follow the Road Rally route of Clark and Joann Hartzel and will end up at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills for a **cook out**. The park also has nature trails for hiking and a jungle gym for the kids. DACC will provide the food and drink. Additional "goodies" are always welcome! See you Sunday!! - **Pete Koehler**

### FALL COLOR TOUR

#### Sunday Oct. 14th. to FRANKENMUTH, MI

Starts at the Elks Club parking lot 9:30 AM plan to leave at 10:00 am and the tour route will go up M-15 with a pit stop in Davison. Next stop will be in Millington to check out a couple Antique shops, north to Vassar and on to Frankenmuth. We will be eating downstairs at Zehnders and will spend some time after lunch checking out other attractions in town. Stop at Don Jennings new shop in Clio on the way south. More details at the October meeting. **Pete Cimbala**

### DACC Homecoming on YouTube

Another great Homecoming has past, but there is a six-minute video on YouTube. Go to YouTube and in the search line, type in DACC Homecoming and the video should come up. There are a couple short videos of the beginning and end of the valve cover race. Take a look, if you do not know how; just ask your kid, or grandkid, they know how.

From **Adam Morenski**



1962  
CHEVYS  
ON THEIR  
WAY TO  
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DEALER

### DACC ATTENDS -- 81<sup>ST</sup> PEACH FESTIVAL --



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## TREASURY REPORT

September 20, 2012

Beginning balance \$7,440.30

**Income:** 50-50: \$160.00  
Dues: \$80.00  
Fines: \$9.00  
Two shirts: \$36.00  
**Total: \$285.00**

**Expenses:** 50-50: \$80.00  
Attendance: \$10.00  
Aircooler: \$126.00  
Homecoming food: \$910.43  
**Total: \$1,132.43**

Prepared by Paul Piche

Ending balance: \$6,592.87

## SELL & SWAP

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO [kenpepke@yahoo.com](mailto:kenpepke@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** 64 Rampside – repair or parts \$1000  
OBO Lapeer, MI Steve Schrot 810-664-2495

**FOR SALE:** '65 500 2dr 95hp 3spd / no rust 26978  
mile look & run VG ask \$7000 –**ALSO-** '66 Monza  
2dr 140hp 4spd –need work / fuel pmp, runs \$2500  
–**ALSO-** '66 conv parts/ top frame, frt susp ++ Age /  
health forces sale Clint McNett Brooklyn, MI 49230  
517-592-5177

**FOR SALE:** 66 convert disassembled / new fir  
pans, lots of metal work done, ready to assemble  
shifter tunnel missing. New parts, shocks, brakes,  
etc. Eng was running 140 / Have a turbo 180 al-  
leged rebuild, eng & turbo. Int VGC Car is \$1500 /  
turbo eng \$800 Bill Hickerson 734 716 6312

**FOR SALE:** 63 "500" cpe 102 Powerglide, runs, no  
smoke or knocks, trans works. NO brakes! needs  
total resto. Solid body except rear floor pans and  
battery box. incl rebuild kits for carbs, service man-  
ual with supplement. \$900.00 obo Dave 810-338-  
0934

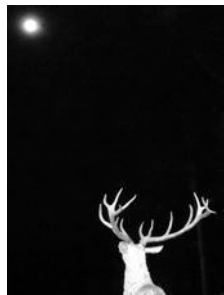
**WANTED:** upgrade parts for 63: tail & B/U lens w/  
good chrome. shiny front grill bar w/o dings correct  
rear air grill. & 62-63 "Corvair" eng lid emblem. Jeff  
Shreve. 810 -695-4526 eve or 248-880-0565 days

**FOR SALE:** 66 Yellow w/ black int, pg, rebuilt eng,  
body w/ new paint & stripes. Lonnie Brown Windsor  
Ont. \$ BO 519-915-1960 [lon\\_tam@cogeco.ca](mailto:lon_tam@cogeco.ca)

**WANTED:** 64 black conv top boot & rear bumper -  
quarter & front fender wheel opng' mldgs' for both  
sides. Call 586-431-4494

**WANTED:** LM tinted and frosted windshield. Steve  
Schwartz 586-264-4169.

**WANTED:** Frt rubber floor mat 65-69 500 model (2  
& 4 dr are same). Will trade a new Clarks' black  
molded carpet for a near perfect example or nego-  
tiate based on what you have. I will be in the De-  
troit area Nov 9-11. Dale Dewald (906) 369-2872  
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## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

August 21, 2012 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 new members:** Bob Ramsay of Livonia, MI, Jerome Yoscovits of Wyandotte, MI

**Thanks to the following for keeping your membership up to date:** Borgne, D. Burt, Cutter, Debbrecht, DeRocco, Dexter, Elder, Gillson, Guy, Inman, R. Jennings, J & R Kelava, Koths, Lagasse, Luther, McCormick, Newton, Nyquist, Parsons, Riggs, Serpento, Simms, Spiess. **Will be dropped:** Jacobson

**Expired in Aug:** Balow, Dood, Fultz, Hamil, Hatala, Kaster, Lindh, Richter, Staudacher, Vadovich, Wolford.

**Due in Sept:** Boulan, Chirst, Clark's Corvair Parts, Hartzel, Heath, Jacoby.

**Due in Oct:** Belfontaine, Browne, Dewald, Gerard, K. Hand, Harriss, Kulback, Leighton, Light, Mann, McGuire, Slater, Taylor, Winheim.

We have 120 paid members and 18 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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## Driveway Mechanic

Will the DACC Home coming was BIGGER then ever, thanks to the many who told others about the fun, games, trips and the GREAT Food By Ken Pepke and staff. I would like to take this time to thank your friends from the north for adding more friends to our homecoming. It's wonderful to see everyone from everywhere.

I had a bit of a time getting Woodie in my Ford Falcon. No, I'm not getting in the Falcon I want a Corvaire to ride in! Nonetheless I put Woodie in the trunk, you know the one in the back of cars.

Once I got to the hotel Woodie stopped yelling! I told Woodie to shape up or ship out, that Maple was coming. Woodie said no more.

Will Maple made the trip with out messing her hair or makeup? Woodie was bug eyed and nervous. This was one big girl. I didn't know a white pine Woodie could turn into red wood.

I want to thank Brad and Ross Newton for getting Maple ready for the big date with Woodie. All year Woodie was barking up the wrong tree. Speaking of barking, Tim Bramble gave Woodie and Maple and dog named, ya, you guessed it ... Bark is the name. I don't know if Bark is a boy or girl and I was not going to look. Bark also looks like a cross mix with a deer, but what do I know.

There were many new Corvairs for the first time that showed up and people from around the area who stopped by to see what all the fuss was.

I'm making plans to cross the Blue Water bridge to visit our friends of the north the first weekend of June 2013. If anyone else would like to follow me, drop me a line after the New Year and I will try and get more info. Ross, are

you getting the hint ... more info ... It's our time to visit the north, as the north visits us.

Well, I must stop for now, the Ford broke down again ... ya, ya Found On Road Dead ... still having fun anyway. Thanks to all for a wonderful 2012 Homecoming.

from **Ray Dubia**

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## 2012 HOMECOMING VALVE COVER RACES

Racing started right on time with 15 entries but only 2 new participants. There were some very tight, very very close races. When the dust cleared this is how it ended. First-place Molly Engelman with Happy days. Second-place Audry Raker with Green hornet. Third-place Margaux Scott Scott-er. Molly was presented with a large trophy and will return it next year. Sort of a traveling trophy. Thanks for all the fun and my heart felt thanks to all my helpers they were great.

**Paul Piche**



### PRESIDENT

As President of the DACC, I will be at the Orphan Car Show this Sunday the 23rd. This is our annual opportunity to present a check from The Corvaire Preservation Foundation for \$1000 to The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection. We usually present the check during the drive through, a good opportunity to show off in front of the other clubs!

Other news includes, our selection of our Christmas Party site. We will be at the Clawson Steak House. Four Corvaire Board members were on hand for lunch, which resulted in signing up for our party. The date is December

4, 2012. Meals include: Grilled Salmon, Chicken Picatta, and Prime Rib. We will have our own room with excellent food. Details to follow.

I just returned from California visiting with Jay and his family, along with their newly adopted daughter, Evie. Also visited the Pixar Offices where there may be news coming in the future. I wonder what that may be???? **Stu**

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## MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2012

As the days grow shorter and dusk comes earlier, we compensated with a guest speaker instead of going outside to talk Corvairs. Promptly at 6:45 PM, Stu Shuster was ready to start the meeting with 39 people in attendance.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

- V.P. Bob Jennings – No new news to report other than the fact that he did not make the calendar.
- TREASURER - Paul Piche – With a smile on his face and a skip in his gait, Paul happily reported that the results of The Homecoming are very positive. We made a profit and the DACC stands ready, willing and able to tackle it again next year.
- ACTIVITIES – Pete Cimbala – Received a well-deserved round of applause when he said “We built it and they came!” Pete also reported that Clark’s Corvaire Parts seemed pleased with their participation in the 2012 Homecoming. The Clock-tower survived us and want us back. The new management committed to a major re-modeling expanding the lobby, breakfast room, fitness center etc. and adding an indoor pool.

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# Pixels, axles and a galaxy far away

Cars and design featured in Jay Shuster's childhood – and his inner child still gets to play, writes Sally Dominguez

Jay Shuster ticks a full bingo card of pop-culture design boxes. As art director at animation powerhouse Pixar, he oversees the design of the characters from Cars 2. He was also the creator of beloved junkyard robot WALL-E, he designed sculptures for MAD magazine of the iconic Spy vs. Spy characters and realised the film-fur-inspired podracers steered by Anakin Skywalker and his challengers in Star Wars: Episode 1 – The Phantom Menace.

Shuster grew up in Detroit, immersed in car culture and dreaming of

space travel. "I saw Star Wars at age six and it pretty much entirely informed my design brain," he says. "I thought: 'That's it – nothing else matters' ... apart from Blade Runner ... nothing else really mattered to me."

Except his other passion, the rolling house. "I fell in love – early – with the concept of the RV. Large or small; a vehicle that was self-sufficient to a degree, capable of cultivating a life on the road. My dad worked on the GMC motor-home program in the mid-70s; driving one of these behemoths over to the



A true roadie ... (left) Pixar art director Jay Shuster; (above) the characters he designed for Cars 2.

local bowling alley parking lot for dinner and using its proto-microwave to warm the casserole sticks in my mind. As a result, the efficient use of space in a smaller volume appealed at an early age."

Shuster's father was a designer at GM and extracurricular vehicular experimentation at home was constant. Designing the initial podracers for George Lucas, Shuster was "kit-bashing" and sketching in competition with the London art department, which was also responsible for making the models for filming.

"My designs were decidedly automotive in nature – (they all

had some remote basis in an engineering logic," Shuster says.

Inspired by the film-fur chariot scene, Lucas instructed his designers to build a sci-fi chariot and use the Maserati Birdcage Tipo 60 as reference.

"[George] recounted the tall front fenders over the super-low hood and justified them as a framing device for shooting the chariot from the front," he says.

"I took the fenders in a slightly more hollow-flared shape in the kit-bash version. I figured at those speeds, the design would benefit more from air brakes and spoilers than anything else."

That and the "repulsor lift" technology – a term coined by Shuster and his co-designers as a backstory to the racers.

Although, as Shuster tells it, any particular attention to technical detail tended to be lost in the making at Lucasfilm.

"Budget trumped design in most cases; found objects were substitutes for actual model building [and] designed details usually got the boot for cheaper proxies," he says.

"There was the infamous women's shaver turned Jedi communications device. Just awful."

## DACC AT THE YPSILANTI OPHAN CAR SHOW



← PAT FLYNN'S 1960 SPORTING ITS HORN SLOTS BELOW THE BUMPER

VP ROBERT JENINGS →



LOWER RIGHT IS AN AIR COOLED REAR ENGINE ISETTA →



← PRESIDENT STU SHUSTER PRESENT A CHECK TO JACK MILLER FROM THE CORSA CORVAIR PRESERVATION FUND



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### MINUTES CONTINUED

September 7-9 Frankenmuth Auto Fest. Activities downtown and at Heritage Park. September 22-23 – Orphan Car Show – Ypsilanti, MI September 30 – re-running of the famous Homecoming Rally for the benefit of those that were unable to participate at the Homecoming. Enjoy some of the finer points of Oakland County. Homecoming and Anniversary T-shirts are still available but approaching depletion.

- MEMBERSHIP – Clark Hartzel – Absent
- EDITOR – Ken Pepke – Absent.
- WEBMASTER – John Alessee - The 2013 DACC calendar will be a traditional one month per page style calendar as a departure from the one page poster style calendar. Calendars will be sold with a discount for pre-orders.

#### MEETING NOTES:

Dan Leighton (810) 869-5069 introduced us to the new Z-Rod product, particularly well-suited to the Corvair engine requirements.

Jerry Huff introduced us to Jim Jones, a 94 year young gentleman. An up from the ranks GM executive, who retired as Director of Forward Planning. From dealer sales and marketing in the Southeast to become a czar of air conditioning in the '50's when A/C was a push-pull between the North and South vs. Factory or dealer install vs. option or across the line(s) was a very interesting story told by a very entertaining story teller.

50/50 – Dick Speiss was the lucky \$80 winner. The attendance drawing was won by Marvin Grainger and provided him with a choice between an ice cream and topping off his tank.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Judy O'Leary**

## "Lifemobile "

**Jonathan Rintels, Author**

Thanks to the DACC for inviting me to the Homecoming event to sign copies of Lifemobile, my new novel about a boy with Asperger's Syndrome whose life changes when his father brings home a Corvair. Not only did I meet a lot of great Corvair fans, but I also had the pleasure of seeing nearly a hundred wonderful Vairs of all shapes and sizes, including, parked directly across from my table, possibly the grooviest Corvan in history. I eyeballed that van for hours and think I only saw half of what it had going on. At earlier stops in the Great Lifemobile Summer Book Tour of 2012, I've usually done all the talking about my book,

which is closely based on what happened when I brought home a Corvair and my own son flipped for it. But one of the highlights of the Detroit show was meeting so many people who had already read Lifemobile and shared their thoughts about it with me, and the impact it has had on them and their families. Which was so great, and why I wrote the book. Thanks for a memorable day! For those who were not able to get an autographed copy of the book at the Homecoming and would like one, please visit the book's website at <http://jonathanrintels.com/> or write me at [jonr@jonathanrintels.com](mailto:jonr@jonathanrintels.com).  
From

**Casey Schesky**

## Huron River Applefest

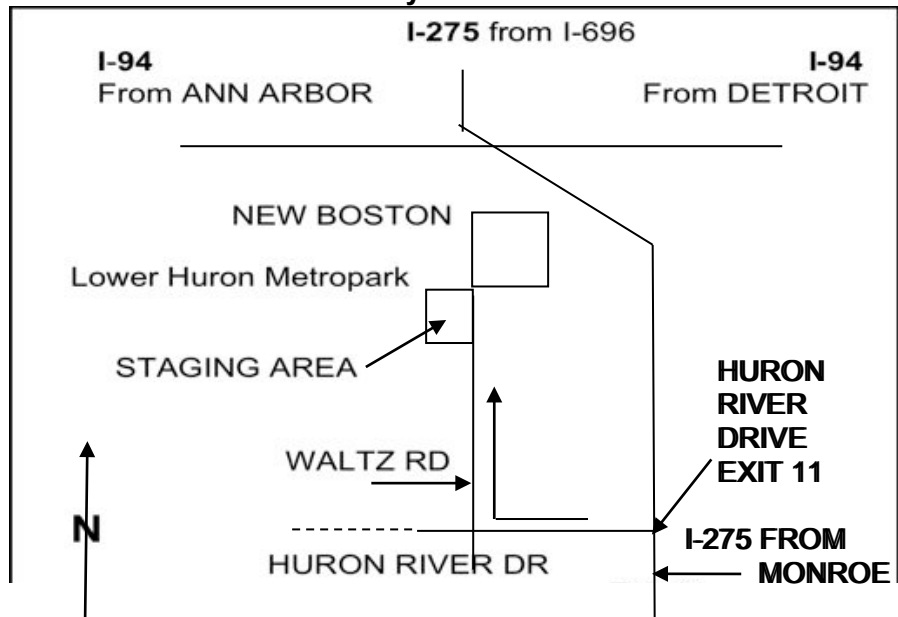
Parade on Saturday, October 6th 2012

New Boston, MI

**This is great!** The whole town is transformed into a festive atmosphere. The main street, for about six blocks is closed off and booths built along the curbs. Everything to do with apples are featured. There are games, crafts, kid rides and food booths. Baked and ready to bake pies are everywhere!

From the Detroit area go west on I-94 then south on I-275 to **exit 11, Huron River Drive**. Turn right [west] cross the tracks and go to the first light, turn right [north] on Waltz Rd to the staging area in the Lower Huron Metropark entrance. Please **arrive before 11:30 AM**.

**Even if you can't make it to any other parade, please make it to this one.** Plan to spend the better part of the day in town. If you go away hungry it will be your own fault! **The parade is Saturday but the Festival continues on Sunday**



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.

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**The AIRCOOLER**

Ken Pepke, Editor  
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Wyandotte, MI 48192

**FIRST CLASS**

Sept 30 Road tour & Picnic

Oct. 2 Monthly Meeting @ the Elks Club  
6 Huron River Applefest – New Boston, MI  
14 Color Tour

Nov. 6 Monthly Meeting @ the Elks Club

Dec. 4 DACC Christmas Celebration / Dinner  
Clawson Steak House on Rochester Rd.  
Just south of 14 Mile Rd.

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**BOTH PARTS & REPAIRS:**

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On line ads 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