



# MEETING ON February 5th

**Tuesday FEBRUARY 5, 2012**  
**Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club**

Our February 5th meeting, Jerry North, DACC member will be talking about his memories on the Corvair assembly lines in the 1960's. Also, about his North American Classic Cars sales in Redford.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Breakfast

It has been said that the DACC likes to eat. Yes? Well then here is your chance to indulge in a meal with your Corvair lovin' friends. The next meeting of the Second Saturday DACC Breakfast Club will take place Saturday morning the 9th of February at 9AM. The location will be the Ram's Horn Restaurant in Roseville at the corner of Utica Road and Masonic Blvd.

No meeting agenda. No Corvairs required (but very much appreciated!!). After the meal we might wander over to Clark's house to check progress on his model railroad project and check on the non-progress on his '62 Monza coupe racer project. See you on the 9th!

From **Pete Koehler**

## Concours d'Elegance Car Club Parking, July 28, 2013

Once again the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's will be offering onsite Club Parking for Official Car Clubs. The parking spaces for clubs are located on the northwest holes of the golf course. Some cars will be parked on the grass, alongside Five Mile Road, creating a beautiful display visible as shuttle buses and VIP Ticket Holders approach the grounds.

An area will be assigned to each club and each will be marked with the club's name signage. Volunteers will direct cars to the correct area.

Onsite Car Club Parking is available only to *Official Car Clubs*. Each Club Representative must purchase at least 10 General Admission Tickets. Due to popular demand and a limited number of spaces, we will now charge \$10 for each Car Club Parking Pass with a maximum of one parking pass per General Admission Ticket.

Clubs must reserve their spaces by Monday, July 1, 2013. Space is sold on a first come, first serve basis. A limited number of Club Parking Spaces are available, so make sure to reserve early to avoid disappointment. Club Parking Passes ordered after July 1, 2013 will cost \$25 each, if still available.

To order Club Tickets and Parking Passes, please call Tina at the Concours Office at (248) 643-8645.

From **Stu Shuster**

Long time member and former DACC officer **MABEL WOLFORD** passed away last December 23 rd. Our condolences to her husband, John



## PRESIDENT

I attended the Detroit North American Auto Show last Tuesday for the Eyes on Design Awards event. I was a docent for the attending Judges from all areas of the Design Industry, and it was interesting to hear comments from the Judges as they visited various exhibits. The Cadillac ELR received the best production car award.

It may appear that the Camaro is in sales competition with the Corvette, but with the new Stingray, that may change. Corvette traditionally sold 30,000 units, but recently slipped to 14,132 units. Soooooo get out there and order a Stingray to complement your Corvair collection!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The new addition to Cobo Hall is the Vu room, a large glass structure overlooking the river. Be sure to see that space when you visit the show this week.

As far as new technology, there is a new electric supercharger by Valeo. No more lag in spooling up enough air.

From **Stu Shuster**

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## WINTERTIME

So what do we do in the winter-time when the roads are crappie and the temps in the garage make it less than fun to wrench on our Corvairs? How about surfing the Criagslist ads? One could spend hours upon hours looking over the different cities on Craigslist searching for that perfect Corvair project. Of course you don't have to limit yourself to just Corvairs. For some extra fun pick a city and type in "project" and see what pops up. You could also try to find the twin to the car you had in high school or college. I like to see what the asking prices are for cars like some of the company cars that I was assigned to back in the day. There are not too many 1976 Chevetttes listed. Maybe that is a good thing?

But back to Corvairs for a minute. I did find a possible candidate for my next project on-line a few months back. It was Craigslisted in Springfield, IL. The car was a 1963 Monza coupe. The seller said he would try to sell the car in as-is condition up until Thanksgiving. I guess he was going to have some time and/or some money available after that point to repair the car. The engine failed with a broken camshaft timing gear. It went through the oil pan. That is not a good thing.

I completed the eight-hour round-trip and brought the car and a LOT of parts back to Michigan toward the end of October of last year. Since that time I have been able to build up a replacement engine from the cache of used parts that were included in the deal. Fellow DACC member Casey Schesky came over a couple of times to help with the installation. Casey is a late model guy but I'm

still trying to convert him over from the dark side of the hobby.

We did get the car running and moving under it's own power before the onslaught of Winter. There are a few more things to tidy up on the car before it is ready for the road. But now it is cold outside and the roads are crappie. Guess I'll just go back to the old computer and fire up a new Criagslist search...



From **Pete Koehler**

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## CORVAIR AFAIR

From **Pete Cimbala**

The first Corvair in my life was really the '61 Monza coupe that my parents bought new at Apple-gate Chevrolet in Flint. My mother told me once that when they were in the showroom with the salesman, I was running around like little kids do and ran into the metal bumper of a car on the floor and ended up with a knot on my head. Guess this is what got me interested in cars at about 3 years old.

If I keep digging in the picture drawer maybe I can find the picture I remember of me standing by that '61. It is in one of my old computers that died years ago so it can't be too far away.

The first Corvair that I bought

as a 16 year old came along 40 years ago. It was an Ember red '63 Monza convertible with a '60 80 hp engine and a 4 speed. I really was looking at a '57 Buick Roadmaster that was from down south and had a nice body, but my dad talked me out of that one. He told me to check and see if all the power options still worked, and guess what most did not work and it was a four door not a real cool car for a 16-year-old boy.

A guy he worked with at the Fisher Body plant in Grand Blanc lived in Corunna about 20 miles away and had a Corvair that needed some work. It was only \$50.00 so we went out and looked at it one day. I remember the house it was parked at on M-71. I pass by there several times a month as I only live about 10 miles away now. It needed a top, some bodywork and a transmission from what I could see.

My dad had another friend at the plant that worked on cars in his home garage and had a car trailer, so he picked it up took it home and pulled the engine and trans out. This is when I first met Norm King. I bought a trans for \$35.00 from his stock of parts.

After Woody had it running and shifting we picked it up and made it all of about a mile from his house when it quit on the side of Davison Rd. We looked in each carb and no fuel, so the fuel pump must have failed since I remembered putting gas in the tank with a 5 gal can.

This is when we found out it was a '60 engine, at that time I did not know by just looking at it like I do now. In those days every auto parts store including the one about a mile the other way had pumps in stock, so after changing it out I was on my way to many years of driving a red Corvair convertible.

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Since the lower shrouds were still original '60 parts there was really very little heat so it was parked for the winter and I had to drive my dad's '68 Nova and the '63 Impala SS my Mother had that winter. The next spring and summer I would drive it on nice days since it still needed a top and did not have a back window. This same cycle went on until 1976 when I had saved up the money for a new top from a part time job in the bus garage after school. That paid \$1.75 per hour.

I got a ride to the Rayco shop on Dort Hwy and paid the \$175.00 for the new top, pads, window and well so now I was all set to drive in the rain.

I had just walked in the back door into the kitchen and there was this big boom that kind of shook the house, my dad, a neighbor and I jumped in the Corvair and drove toward the smoke to see what had just happened. We lived about a mile west of I-75 it seemed that there must have been something bad take place on the freeway. As we later found out a propane tanker had been going west on I-69 and hit the exit to north-bound I-75 too fast and went over the bridge (I had been on this same bridge maybe 10 minutes before) The truck driver was never found, there were several cars on fire and a load of new Fiat's had a couple cars on the back of the trailer burning. There were many fond memories of this red '63 with the '60 engine that I drove until the fall of 1981. The only time in maybe 30,000 miles of use that it left me on the side of the road was when the clutch pedal pivot spot weld broke and I could not change gears on the

Way home from work one day. I got my Not going to happen if we, the Sears arc welder (that I still have) out and after removing the pedal assembly, and welded it back in place. One day at a DACC Board meeting at Ken Pepke's sometime in 1980, I hit the key to drive the 60+ miles home and it had a dead miss. I made it home a little slower than normal and later found one dead hole, after removing the head and jug I found a broken ring in cylinder 1 so no big deal. At this time I bought a 102 from a club member and put that engine in, it never ran as well as the 80 and I sold the car to a than 16 year old for \$500.00 If I keep looking I know there are more pictures, and more stories about the car I drove to graduation several weddings, events in other states and the CORSA Convention in 1979. And yes I still have that '60 engine after all these years I just could never find it in myself to part with it. The pictures are from 1973 when I brought it home and one of the last winter trips in 1980.

## **Driveway Mechanic**

I went to the first DACC morning bench racing at Ram's Horn. There where 11 members shooting the bull.

With many stories told one thing came up again ... How can we get the younger people involved in the old car hobby?

Not going to happen if we, the old car people, haven't already involved our children. My sons helped me with some old car and truck projects during their school years. Now both sons are raising there own family's and have little time do get involved in old cars and trucks.

By the time their children move out of the house and on their own, the old cars and trucks will over

priced and will be replaced by the 2000 and newer models as the new old cars and trucks.

Look around you see the children of today are computer whizzes. They sit around doing on line everything and never have to interact with anyone or anything.

We the gray hair group went thru life with friends we knew while playing out-of-doors, went to the gas stations to see guys working on cars, and watching our dads repair cars and had shop class in school to get more involved in this hobby we have today.

We today have it made with all this computer operating our every move...or do we?

With today's cars and trucks the back yard and driveway mechanic's haven't a chance on knowing what heck is going on under the hood let alone know how to fix it. It's a plug and play repair today.

From **Ray Dubia**

## **VISIT THE DACC**

## **WEBSITE**

[www.detroitcorvairs.com](http://www.detroitcorvairs.com)

**Be sure to visit the new photo albums**





Above: Pete Cimbala's 1963 convertible as it appeared in 1980; Right is the same '63 40 years ago as mentioned in his story



Right: Pete Koehler's 1963 'Craig's List' find.

Below: Cashe of parts included in the sale.



Get your Valve Cover Racer ready, swap meet items ready to go ... **Homecoming** is only 6 months away!  
Hospitality table shown below ...



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## TREASURY REPORT

Bank balance as of Dec. 27, 2012 \$6,727.61

Jan 9 club meeting:

Income: 50-50 drawing \$100.00

Two membership renewals \$43.00

Expenses: 50-50 drawing -\$50.00

Attendance drawing -\$10.00

Membership renewals:

Mailed to Clark Hartzel [Six] \$146.00

(Bank deposit Jan 10, 2013 \$229.00)

Ending balance \$7,039.61

Clark Hartzel, assistant treasurer

## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 20, 2013 by Clark Hartzel

**Thanks to the following for keeping your membership up to date:** Allesee, Beckley, Guindon, Hensley, Huff, D.Jennings, Lowell, Murray, Oguinn, Wholehan.

**Dropped:** K.Hand, Leighton, Taylor, Winheim.

**Exp. in Nov:** Bovee, Munaco, Ullery. **This is your last newsletter.**

**Exp. in Dec:** Bruskin, Gigante, Gillespie, McDonald, Schesky.

**Exp. in Jan:** Brookman, Duerden, Ives, Major, Rutherford, G.Shreve.

**Due in Feb:** Adair, Blanchard, McKean, Schultz, Zull

We have 122 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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## SELL & SWAP

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

**WANTED:** one 1969 Corvair front compartment lid call Cecil at 1-734-262-0068

**FOR SALE:** 1965 comp eng / ask \$175 Sandra 780-918-4890 or 780-980-0014. Sell by Dec 19th

**FOR SALE:** 67 4 Dr parts car. last reg 87 37000 mi. Sell comp only. South Lyon, MI. Jeanette at 248-437-2445 to see

**FOR SALE:** 64 Monza accessory parts, emblems, lens and too many parts to list - call Cecil Rollins @ 734-262-0068

**WANTED:** low mileage unrestored Corvair 1960-64 [airsine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:airsine@sbcglobal.net) Carol 586-254-2478

**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 VGC \$7000 –**ALSO-** '66 Monza 2dr 140hp 4spd –need work \$2500 -**ALSO-** '66 conv parts/ top frame, frt susp ++ Age / health forces sale Clint McNett Brooklyn, MI 49230517-592-5177

**FOR SALE:** 66 conv / new flr pans, lots of metal work done, ready to assemble New shocks, brakes, etc. Eng was running 140 / Have a turbo 180 alleged rebuild, eng & turbo. Int VGC Car is \$1500 / turbo eng \$800 Bill Hickerson 734 716 6312

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE – 20<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH

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.

# MEETNG

**JERRY NORTH TALK**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5**

### The AIRCOOLER

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**FIRST CLASS**

**Feb 5** Meeting at the Elk's Club  
**Mar 5** Meeting at the Elk's Club  
8-10 Autorama at Cobo Hall  
**Apr 2** Meeting at the Elk's Club  
**May 7** Meeting at the Elk's Club  
26 Drive your Corvair day tour 1  
**Jun 4** Dust off display/meeting at the Elk's Club  
7-9 Fleetwood Country Cruize-in London, Ont. Canada  
8-14 Back to the Bricks Lake shore to Lake shore pro  
15 All Aircooled Show, Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners  
22-23 Sloan Summer Fair Car Show & DACC Sunday picnic  
30 Drive your Corvair tour  
**Jul 2** Parking lot show/meeting at the Elk's Club  
16-20 CORSA Convention in Kalamazoo/Hickory Corners  
28 Drive your Corvair day tour 3 with a stop at the Con-  
cours of America at St.John's In Plymouth

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Featuring the top 25 cars from the  
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This is a regular wall calendar, not a poster as  
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**CONSIGNMENT SALES:**

North American Classic Cars – 27222 Plymouth Rd. Redford, MI 48239 [www.northamericanclassics.com](http://www.northamericanclassics.com)

On line ads provide our members with a quick reference guide to satisfy their Corvair needs

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