



## BRING YOUR 'BACK-IN-THE-DAY PICTURES

Tuesday November 5, 2013

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

### Regular Monthly Meeting

If you have a **MAGAZINE, BOOK, CATALOG, POSTER, OR COOL PRINTS**, maybe an ad that was in the paper 50 years ago bring it to the meeting. We can ask for a couple extra tables and place the items there so they don't get food or drinks spilled on expensive pieces of art. You may have to do some digging to find things that have been put away in drawers or maybe they are hanging on your living room wall. Well, not everyone has my taste in decorating but I bet you have a den, home office or garage with cool stuff on the walls.

**PETE Cimbala**

### Christmas Party / December Meeting

This year we will change things up a little bit, over the years we have done different things in different places for our annual Christmas gathering. The cost of an "off site" event can be \$50.00 or more for a couple to enjoy a meal with their friends. Since we are so good at enjoying a meal with our friends every month, we can do it at the Elks Club and order a meal off the menu. The extra that you would have spent on a "ticket" could be donated to one of our favorite charities The Haven House. We fell a little short last year from what we have given in past years, so we need to consider this in our Holiday Plans. Don't forget to bring unwrapped toys for the girls and boys to enjoy. There may also be some kind of entertainment that has yet to be determined at press time. More details at the November meeting and in the December Aircooler.

**PETE Cimbala**

### Second Saturday Breakfast

Meet October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Riverside Coney Island, on Jefferson at the corner of Southfield. After breakfast we can go just down the street to Ken Pepke's HEATED garage and continue getting his Corvaire project ready for the street. Finish the brakes and gas line then get it started and take it for a ride!

**PETE Koehler**

Be sure to visit ... **detroitcorvairs.com**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Along with a web page the DACC now has a FACEBOOK page ... Here is the address

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/DETROITCORVAIRS>

### Drive Your Corvaire Day

October 2nd.

On Wed the 2nd. I drove Skirts the normal 6 miles to work. After getting a call from Pete Koehler asking me to pick up some small block Chevy parts that a guy had on Craig's List, I added a few more miles. The parts were north of Flushing so at lunch time my Cousin Tim and I took a trip up Elms Rd. When we got to Francis Rd. it was closed due to wet tar and a fresh coat of asphalt being applied. I sure did not want to get that on the wide white walls so we went a few miles out of the way but found where John lived and only got a little tar off the gravel shoulder. We made John's day when I gave him a ride around the block in a Corvaire, something he had not experienced in about 40 years. We picked up the parts Pete wanted and even bought a few more that Tim can use on one of his projects. On the way back we stopped by the Flushing A for a bacon burger special, and met one of the guys that was on the BttB Promo Tour this year with his Cobra. Just another "normal" day for me driving a Corvaire but we put smiles on a few more faces and got a lot of waves as usual. Guess this is what Drive your Corvaire Day is all about, getting it out and enjoying a nice fall day with the windows down.

**PETE Cimbala**



PETE C and a Futurama Display Bus

# Meeting Minutes

## October 1, 2013

Approximately 50 Corvair enthusiasts gathered at the Waterford Elks Club for the October meeting. Pete Cimbala chaired the meeting in Bob Jennings absence.

October 2 was designated as "National Drive your Corvair Day" honoring the anniversary of the first Corvair sold.

Special guests included Gloria, attending her first DACC meeting and Eva's daughter, Cheyenne, arriving in a Halloween Corvair van, came to celebrate her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday with us. Kerry and Jan Borgne provided a birthday cake to complete the celebration.

Despite the attempts to the contrary, it appears the Homecoming was a financial success pending the final costs of the 2014 calendars. Other Homecoming numbers indicate about 300 people and very close to 100 Corvairs present.

Tim Bramble arranged the Comfort Inn again for the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in August 2014.

Ken Pepke is looking for articles of interest for the Aircooler. Ken also thanked all those who helped keep the Homecoming Hospitality Room running while he is recovering.

A special thank you goes out to Marilyn Knapp for her efforts to come up with goodie bags and the fillings for the Homecoming. We understand she is already working on 2014.

A show of hands indicated an approval of the Elks Club for the December meeting/Christmas Party. This year a stronger emphasis will be placed on supporting the efforts at Haven House.

The Orphan Car Show in Ypsilanti drew a total of 20 Corvairs this year and provided a very enjoyable event. The

Corvair Preservation Foundation again presented a check to Corvair Museum to help fund their efforts.

Lucky Bill Johnson again won the 50/50 and yours truly won the attendance prize.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Judy O'Leary**

### Homecoming Road Rally

Was scored by deducting a point for each wrong answer, a point for each minute over or under 120 minutes and a point for each mile over or under 64 miles. The winners were:

1st place. 1 point.

Lloyd and Debbie Williams.

2nd place. 3 points.

Dale and Marilyn Dewald.

3rd place. 4.3 points.

John and Isabel Oostdyk.

### Hard Luck Award

To Paul Piche when his Ultravan front suspension arms broke in Ann Arbor. Big thanks to John O'Leary for driving to Ann Arbor to rescue Margo and three kids who were riding along and to Dave Munaco for staying with Paul while the wrecker was towing the van back to Berkley.

**Clark Hartzel**  
Rally Chairman

### Marilyn Knapp

I have not been to a Homecoming the last couple of years, BUT I am excited about the 2014 Homecoming. To date I have almost 70 goody bags and items; plus almost 20 backpacks for the kids. My goal is 110 adult bags, I think I will exceed that. I think I will be able to supply a goody bag to EVERY registration.

What I am most excited about are the raffle items I hope to give away next year. These items range from the Itty Bitty Polka Dot Bikini, alas I only have 2 to give a lucky lady (ies), helmets for biking riding, gift

baskets, and bath soap collection – these range from \$5 to \$100. I have not figured out how to do this yet without an assistant since I will probably be working next August – I give many thanks to the crew who organized it for Homecoming 2013 and I will ask again in July for someone to help me.

Every day is a PAR-DEE!

### HAVEN HOUSE

The DACC and a great number of other organizations recognize the special needs of Haven House, especially at Christmas time. There is little cause for celebration among the families and individuals surviving domestic and sexual violence. The DACC can help. Several of our members have volunteered to help receive and organize donations and many of our members help support this worthy cause every year.

-Volunteers (must register):  
Needed December 8, thru 12, 2013  
St Paul United Methodist Church  
165 East Square Lake Rd.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

**Contact: Adreana Harley**  
[aharley@haven-oakland.org](mailto:aharley@haven-oakland.org)  
(248) 322-3707

Please bring a gift or donation to the DACC Christmas Party. \$10 Gift cards from Target, Meier, Kroger, etc are fine. Any new, unwrapped items ( No toys with weapons, violent themes, No edibles, No used items).

Winter clothing, pajamas, socks, scarves, mittens, action figures, books, toys, electronics



Rare view of a Falcon nesting.

# The Corvair Lady

By Gloria Gardner

While sitting on a bench listening to Ron the DJ at this year's Homecoming, a very interesting lady sat down beside me, introduced herself as **Eva McGuire** and friendly quizzed me. She likes to meet new people interested in Corvairs. I had noticed she had an entourage of kids following her. So, I asked about that.

The story starts with Eva noticing children, who came with their parents, seemed bored. The Parking lot filled with neat "old" cars attracted adults but not so much the kids. She felt kids had a right to have fun too! Eva feels the adventure of life should have an exclamation point put on it. She does put that exclamation point on Homecoming!

She devised games kids could play. One of the first, Spark Plug Hunt, involved searching the grounds of the hotel for hidden real spark plugs. Mike McKeel donated 300 spark plugs. The goal was to find 6 plugs each. Corvairs have 6 cylinders, so the game hunted for 6 plugs. The first kid to find 6 plugs became the Grand Prize winner, then each kid after that to find 6 plugs got a prize. Eva and her daughter spent time before the Homecoming going to yard and garage sales and novelty stores find prizes.

Because there were still a lot of spark plugs not found, Eva invited interested adults to search for plugs. To this day Home Comers still ask if all the spark plugs have been found. And the answer is No! Look out groundskeepers; there maybe a surprise lurking in that tall grass! The last few years instead of real spark plugs, Spark Plug Wanna-bees (Tootsie Rolls) have been hidden.

She has added games. Rock Paper Scissors has been added because it levels the playing field among the different ages of children. In fact, adults play too. The kids play until they have a Grand Champion Kid. The adults play until there is a Grand

Champion Adult. The Grand Champions have a play-off. Kids sometimes win, adults sometimes win. Kids are blown away that they can beat adults at a game. "Lord willing we'll do it again next year!" says Eva. Right now when she's able to get out, she collects prizes in a trunk in her van, and when she isn't able to get out, she thinks of new games to play. Eva loves entertaining. Children love to be entertained, what a perfect match! The kids are future Corvair Collectors and DACC members.

But the story goes on. She owns six and half Corvairs. Her neighbors saw them out in her driveway this summer and called to ask if the Detroit Area Corvair Club had come to visit! She has one that she drag races. Eva took it to the Milan Drag Strip. She loves to drive them. Although she has two that are show cars, the rest get driven all seasons. The



Greenbrier Van we saw at Homecoming has been hers for three years. Named Bloop for Blue Puppy, the 1963 Greenbrier captures the spirit of the era. The non Corvair public has asked so many times if it's a VW that she has a sign on it, "No it's not a VW Van."

This year at the Home Coming the kids helped her decorate it with lights and in the evening she put on a Light Show. Last year she took her van to the National Van Convention. She put on a light show with it to the Doors *Light My Fire*. It was so impressive; she won a trophy for the light show. The van has a front bench seat instead of the usual van bucket seats. It's original to the van. Eva prefers original instead of custom. It works for her well. Currently the van is decorated for Halloween. Eva is truly a fascinating woman with many, many stories to tell. We had a great conversation and I'm glad to have met her.

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## Treasure report October 30<sup>th</sup> 2013

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>\$7,372.47</b>
<b>Income:</b>	50-50:	\$112.00
	Dues :	\$220.00
	Fine:	\$9.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$341.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	50-50:	\$71.00
	Attendance:	\$10.00
	H.C. food:	\$15.39
	Air cooler:	\$196.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$267.39</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$7,446.08</b>

Prepared by **Paul Piche**



## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

October 19, 2013 by Clark Hartzel

### Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

D.Burt, Cutter, Fultz, Gerard, P.Gilson, Hatala, Lagasse, McGuire, Newell, Schmidt, Spaulding

### Dropped: Currier

**Will Be Dropped:** Balow, G.Burt, Dood, S.Gillson, R.Jennings, Koths, Lindh, Parsons, Staudacher

**Expired in Sept:** Berta, Boulan, Elder, Heath, Hilton, Jacobi, R&J Kelava, Malo, McCormick, Raker, Ramsay, Storc, Yoscovits

**Exp in Oct:** Belfontaine, Browne, Dubia, Harriss, Kulback, Light, Slater, Wholehan.

**Due in Nov.:** Beckly, M.Granger, D.Jennings, Johnson, Ullery, Witte.

We have 108 paid members and 32 who owe dues.  
We are mailing 13 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:

[chartzel@comcast.net](mailto:chartzel@comcast.net) or phone 586-293-1587

We have an **email blast list** to notify members of quickie tours or last minute changes. Please send me your email address so I can keep the list up to date.

## SELL & SWAP

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

**FOR SALE:** 4 - 13x7.5 Bill Waddell 5-bolt Rims w/ BFG Radial TA 205/60R-13 worn, still a couple of auto crosses left - \$150 **ALSO** 4 NOS Hoosier Dirt-Stocker 205/60-13 Tires **ALSO** 4 Dayton Mag or Alum Rims 13 x 7 LM 5-bolt - \$200 -- Bob Storc - [bstorc@comcast.net](mailto:bstorc@comcast.net)



**WANTED:** 1965 to 1969 Corvair engines  
Bob Conklin (586) 344-2318

**FOR SALE:** LM parts, VGC –ALSO– 36 Ford Fire Truck, runs / drives - Clint McNett 517 592 5177 Brooklyn, MI

**FOR SALE: FOR SALE:** 66 Monza cpe 140hp 4 spd Maroon ext blk int AM runs \$1075 OBO incl Clarks ultimate manual kit & cover Bill 231 325 1017 Traverse City

**FOR SALE:** LM w/ comp new brake system, flr pans, W/S, carb overhaul, clutch, tune up, exhaust, 90% body work done. trim & bumpers removed - have pieces, hubcaps. over \$2500 spent, ask \$1500. Jerry 248 404-5884.

**FOR SALE:** Nice driver side door for an FC No rust-thru - no window -- Located in Southeast Michigan. \$50 if you come and get it. - Caveman Pete

**WANTED:** one 1964 Corvair front compartment lid call Cecil 734-262-0068

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

**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. Choose entries from their menu.

**MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, November 5**  
**BRING YOUR**  
**'BACK IN THE DAY'**  
**PHOTOS / MAGAZINES**

**The AIRCOOLER**  
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**FIRST CLASS**

address

**Event Calendar**

- Nov 5 DACC Meeting at Elks Club
- Nov 9 Second Saturday Breakfast Event
- Dec 3 Meeting and Christmas Celebration at Elks Club
- Dec 14 Second Saturday Breakfast Event
- Jan 7 DACC Meeting at Elks Club
- Jan 11 Second Saturday Breakfast Event
- Feb 4 DACC Meeting at Elks Club
- Feb 8 Second Saturday Breakfast Event
- Mar 4 DACC Meeting at Elks Club
- Mar 8 Second Saturday Breakfast Event

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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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