



# AND HOW !! HOMECOMING 2014

Tuesday September 2, 2014 ... Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

## Regular Monthly Meeting

We will spend a few minutes talking about all the things done this month: Homecoming in Review, Back To The Bricks and The Woodward Dream Cruise. Then, after the 50/50 drawing, we can go outside and enjoy the evening in the parking lot kicking tires, trading stories and maybe even a tech session on a car or two ... If the rain holds off!

**Pete Cimballa**

## 2nd SATURDAY BREAKFAST September 13th

Mark this day on your calendar! Information to come via E-Blast a few days before the Saturday event.

## 4TH SUNDAY TOUR - September 28th The Caveman Pete Tour

A drive around Michigan's Thumb! I would like to drive my 1960 Corvair "ThumbMobile" on this trip. It would be great if anyone else in the club wants to tag along that. Here is my planned route:

Leave from Farmington Hills on Sunday, September 28th driving to a Breakfast Meeting at the Rams Horn in Fraser. Meet there at 8:00 AM and leave at 9AM sharp. After breakfast drive to Lakefront Park in Fort Gratiot (near Port Huron right on the water).

Begin the trip around the Thumb of Michigan with stops in Harbor Beach, Grindstone City, lunch and DQ in Caseville, stops in Bay City and then Frankenmuth for an optional dinner, then drive back to the Detroit area.

Total miles would be around 333. Total time for the trip would be around 12 hours. If some folks would like to do just part of the trip that would be fine as well.

**- Caveman Pete**

## SILENT AUCTION All Proceeds to go to Haven House



37 Quality items displayed on tables adjacent to the Hospitality room attracted 132 bids and generated \$494.00 for Haven House. One additional cash donation of \$100.00 brought the total to \$594.00. Ruth Sweeney, Margaux, Judy O'Leary, Marilyn Knapp and others worked together for the benefit of Haven House, a non-profit organization to help

women victims of domestic violence. Thanks to all participants.

## TOURING WITH -PAUL PICHE-

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

My job is done! Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly! From one unstable person to another. I hope everyone is happy in your head - we're all doing pretty well in mine!

**SPEED WAS HIGH  
WEATHER WAS NOT  
TIRES WERE THIN  
X MARKS THE SPOT**

**Burma Shave**

## Fun at the CAVEMAN GARAGE - North

So last month I made a banzai run out to the Chicago suburbs to rescue a 1965 Monza convertible. The previous owner was moving out of the house and on with his life. The car was parked in the garage around 1998 and a repair/resto was started. Fast forward 16 years and about all that he accomplished was to make it nearly impossible to get the car out of the garage! Suffice it to say that the six hours it took to extract the car from it's spot and get it loaded on my flatbed trailer were hours that I would not care to repeat in the near future.

Once safely in Michigan the car was taken to DACC President Pete Cimbala's house for storage. We had a couple of ideas of what to do with this project. The winning plan was to sell it to DACC member Gary Komora so he could re-body his rusty relic of a '65 convert. At least with this car you could open both doors and stand on the floor and not sink toward the ground at an alarming rate!

Now, the only problem with this plan was that the candidate had received a hard strip from the previous owner. At least he did include most of the parts that he took off the body shell. Pete C. and I hauled the car and trailer over to his place of work, Motor City Auto Sales in lovely Swartz Creek. On a Saturday morning we convened the meeting of the "We're Gonna Fix This Corvair" group and started the re-assembly. First order of biz was to install some suspension so we could bolt some wheels on the car and roll it off my trailer. Hey! I might find another sad old Corvair that needs some love and the trailer could be called back into service at any minute.

Pete C. had a dead '65 Monza coupe that supplied the complete front suspension unit. That being installed we turned our attention to the rear suspension units. The problem with an independent rear suspension is that the transmission and engine are integral parts of it. No engine or trans? No rear suspension. We did have the powerglide transaxle but with no engine in sight it was time to get creative. I had a marvelous collection of 1960 engines and parts at hand at the shop so we slid a trusty 80 HP engine in with the PG parts. The engine had no hope of ever powering a Caveman Car again but it held up the rear of this late model convert just fine.

At the end of the day we had a roller! All four tires were back on the car and it was able to be rolled off my trailer. I'd like to thank all of the players that helped. We had a lot of fun and another Corvair just may see the highway again for all their efforts. Pete Cimbala and his cousin Tim Storer were instrumental in this project. Tim owns Motor City and was even seen getting his hands dirty helping us out. Jeff Shreve showed up in a brand new 2014 Corvette Stingray (his work car!!!) and pitched in to help. Lori and Gary Komora were on-site both days of this activity and really got into it. I was there but basically I just watched. Hey! Every job needs a supervisor? Several others stopped by to watch the madness and offer encouragement.

So we saved a Corvair. In the end I think Gary is planning to complete the car without sacrificing his Monza and let Lori drive it. How about that! Tune in again next month to see what craziness is going on at the Caveman Garage. **PETE KOEHLER**

FACEBOOK page ...

Here is the address

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

## Lucky Couple at The Homecoming

Introducing to you, Chyrel Rizzuto and Phil Ouginn. They have been members of the DACC since 2010 and like most of us, attended all the Homecomings since. Phil and Chyrel brought their 1963 Corvair Spider to the Homecoming except for this year, Phil sold it. Chyrel seems to miss the Spider but Phil has a new Corvair project in the works, a 1966 Monza with a V8 engine in the front. Phil mentioned that a lot of work is going into this custom Corvair, along with many \$\$\$.

Phil manages the Lakepoint Yatch Club a mile or two down the road from the hotel more geared for the gentlemen. Phil mentioned with pride that the food is very good. (I might check this out in the future, just to see how good the food is).

Now, what does this have to do with being a lucky couple? Well, Chyrel said she has won a 50/50 raffle every year so far. Chyrel won this year and last year, plus, Phil won a 50/50 raffle last year. Rock'in Ronnie even remembered Chyrel winning last year. Now, to me, that is luck. Or is it math? Chyrel and Phil buy up to \$20 + worth of 50/50 tickets. As they have both mentioned "we just want to help out the club because we enjoy the Homecoming every year". So, is it luck? Or math?

Thanks to everyone that donated to the 50/50, this money helps offset some of the cost for The Homecoming.

By **Adam E. Morenski**

## MEETING NOTES

**August 5, 2104**

President Pete Cimbala opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. The first item of discussion was the Concours D'Lemon held one block away from and concurrent with the Concours D'Elegance in Plymouth, MI. The C d' E was taking place at the Inn at St John's while a total of 12 Corvairs graced the C d' L on the grounds of the old Ford Climate Control plant. While millions of \$'s changed hands up the street, no money changed hands at this event.

This fun, structured event had free admission and free lunch. We did promise to return next year and bring more Corvairs. The very entertaining organizer of this event was also connected at the C d' E and arranged a prominent display space for Pete K's early sedan at the C 'E in exchange for its use.

The plan for next year is to attend the free preview of the C d' E on Friday at The Inn and on Saturday we gather at the old Ford Plant. Kudos to Paul P for capturing the title of "Best of the Bad" at a show for the worst.

All 10 spaces for the Woodward Dream Cruise (August 16, 2014) that the club sponsored have been sold. The cars will be located on Old Woodward South of Brown. A parking structure is conveniently located on Brown just west of Old Woodward. I think the first two hours parking is free for the WDC. Come and join us at what is considered one of the best viewing spots for the event. With traffic halted and surrounded by very interesting vehicles and many clubs, yet just a short block from what the WDC is famous for, come join us at the largest single day car event in the world. Back to the Bricks Event in Flint runs 8/14 - 17 and culminates a month-long

celebration of the automobile.

The annual DACC Homecoming just keeps getting better. Additions this year include a "Wine Tasting", "R/C Cars". One lucky winner will have the opportunity of owning a unique piece of digital artwork featuring Corvairs created by Tami V. Meanwhile, Ruth S has been busy knitting a colorful Afghan for our Homecoming. Bigger and better means more help is needed to keep everything moving smoothly. Registration and Hospitality especially could use some help. A special hand-made blanket and a unique picture have been donated for a special auction. Good quality items are needed for the auction. All donations go to Haven House.

Adam M took home \$50 for winning the 50/50 and Jack J captured the Attendance prize. Respectfully submitted:

**Judy O'Leary - Secretary**

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## Tim Bramble

O no,,,,,, say it isn't so.....your vice president Tim Bramble was the chairman for the 2014 Falcon Regional. Also there was a Ray Dubia hawking 50/50 tickets for the Falcon Regional. What traitors to the memories of the Corvair. All kidding aside Ray and I had fun.

The Falcon drivers are just like the Corvair people always talking cars and sharing tech tips. Yes, there was the group that hung out to the wee hours in the parking lot. The Falcon Regional was hosted at the Marriott at Centerpointe, which is located in Pontiac Michigan. Great Hotel for large groups. The Falcon club expected about 60 people but only had about 40 attendees. Too bad a lot of work goes into a show, just ask our Corvair group.

Well anyway by the time you read this we will have had our Corvair Homecoming. I'm hearing there is going to be a great turn out for the Corvair. See you in the parking lot. Looking forward to it. O yea Ray and I talked about the Corvair Homecoming so much at the Falcon Regional that a few Falcon people might show up and do a walk around.

## Homecoming Results

156 Registrations  
150 Dash Plaques purchased  
5 new cars on next years calendar  
210 preregistration name tags printed  
80 people toured the GM Heritage Center  
26 people enjoyed the wine & cheese party  
85 cars counted just after 12:00 PM Sat.  
36 swap meet spaces  
92 rooms booked at the hotel  
300+ people fed in the world class Hospitality Room twice a day.  
These numbers are off the top of my head late Sunday evening, there will be some great stories coming next month about another event that was enjoyed by a lot of people that were here for the first time and the others that keep coming back each year. from **PETE CIMBALA**

## The Internet is not helping Me!

This Internet thing just isn't working out for me. Sure. I can do all kinds of stuff that I couldn't do in my pre-internet hobby days. I can look up data and information and search for pictures of Corvairs and Corvair parts. But... The Internet is also making it way too easy for me to find Corvairs and Corvair parts for sale. And not just down the street. No, that would be too simple of a task. The Internet leads me down a much longer path. A 140 engine in Buffalo? Yes! A Spyder project in Green Bay, Wisconsin? No problem! Truckloads of parts in a barn in the U.P.? Let's go!!

This is getting **out of control!!!**

Every day I am bombarded by leads for more Corvairs and more Corvair stuff. I have my eBay search list. Craigslist has to have the most hits in my history log. Facebook. Corvair forums. The CORSA website. When will it stop?

There are some positives to this Internet thing. Just the other day I decided that one of my beloved Corvairs had to go. It was time. I had nursed it back to health and driven it enough miles to know that it was reliable and shouldn't cause a new owner any immediate headaches. After just a few hours on Craigslist that new owner was found. Today we delivered the car. So you would think that I should be happy? The internet solved one of my car problems. But no! I say this because the day before listing one Corvair I found and bought another Corvair. Net result! Still too many cars in my collection.

Yes, I know. The Internet is not the cause of the problem. I am. But the Internet is a great enabler. I can't resist all those "good deals". I just don't know when to say when. And when should a Corvair enthusiast say when? When the garage is full? When the driveway is full? When the basement is full? When your buddy's garage, driveway AND basement are full. Of some of your stuff?? That would probably be a good time to reflect on your participation in the hobby and make course corrections if needed.

Do I need course corrections? I dunno. I can still see part of the garage floor. There might be room for one more Corvair in the driveway. If I park my truck in the street. The basement is definitely at max capacity and needs immediate attention. These should be warning signs.

But on the other hand, have you got any extra space available for a buddy? And then there is this auction that I heard about on-line somewhere in Nebraska...

- **Caveman Pete**

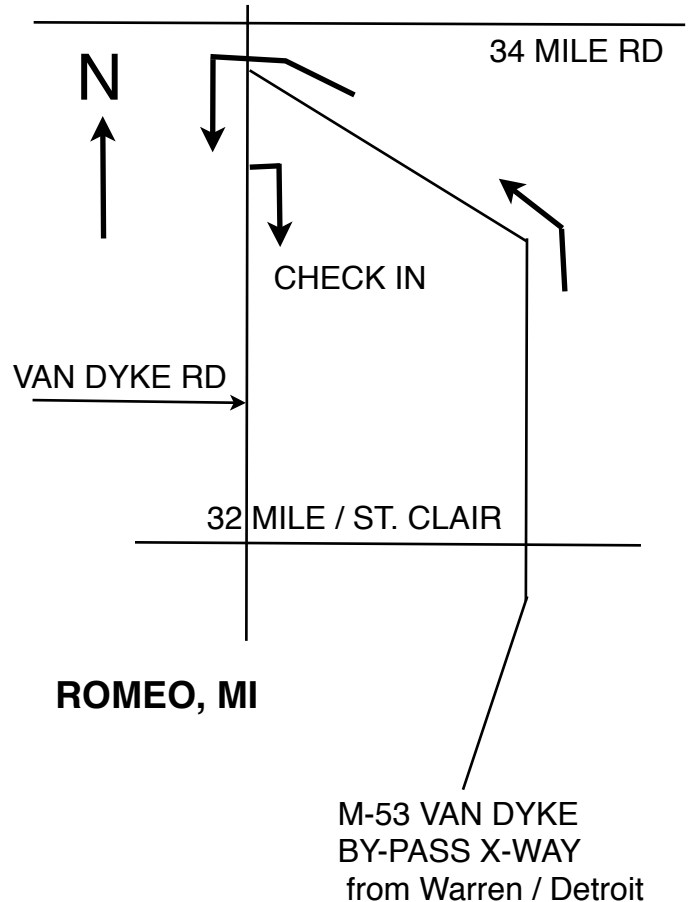
## DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

**September:**

**September 1:** Romeo MI Peach Festival

Monday, - 1:30 P.M. (Labor Day)

Please arrive by noon.



The check is in Fiddler's Cove Shopping Center just north of Romeo on the east side of Van Dyke. As there are a lot of closed roads in the area it is necessary to take the By-pass M-53 expressway. Parking is limited at the parade's end.

The DACC Check in time is 12:30 and they will give directions to place our group.

**September 20-21:** Orphan Car Show, Ypsilanti, MI.

Join your friends of the Corvair friends along with all your other Hudson, DeSoto, Nash, etc. friends along with all the other great names of the past. This spectacular annual event also requires pre-registration to ensure the order & organization that makes it such a great event.

The Fall schedule is still flexible. Get your thoughts, comments and suggestions to **John O'Leary** (248) 681-7747 as soon as possible. Yes! Summer is almost over and we will again have to gather for warmth, let's enjoy it also.

**John O'Leary**



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## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

August 20, 2014 by Clark Hartzel

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

Borgne, Debbrecht, Hairsine, Hartzel, Kinsman, Morenski, Piche, Riggs, Vadovich, McNett, Schwartz.

**Dropped:** Kosmatka, Kribs.

**Exp. in July:** Gillespie, Knudtson, Newell, Vellner.

**Exp in Aug.:** Balow, Bayoff, Dailey, Dood, Duerden, Fultz, Guy, Hamil, Hatala, Komora, Lagasse, Newton, Parsons, Sitterly, Spiess, Staudacher.

**Exp in Sep.:** Boulan, Burt, Christ, Cutter, Dexter, Gilson, Gjokaj, Heath, Inman, Jacobi, Kelava, Nyquist, Schlaud, Schmidt, Serpento, Simms, Spaulding, White.

**Bue in Oct:** Dewald, Dubia, Gerard, K.Hand, Harriss, Light, Mann, McGuire, Sherifan, Shires, Slater, Vizyak

We have 107 paid members and 20 who owe dues. We are mailing 13 complementary newsletters to other clubs and the Ypsilanti museum Please don't pay in cash. I can forget who gives it to me! Get those checks in folks!!!

*We are no longer collecting \$3 for non-CORSA members*

If you can't make it to the next meeting, send a check for \$20.00 dues, 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.

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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.

## Treasure report August 18, 2014

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>\$8,172.70</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
50-50:	\$120.00	
Dues:	\$220.00	
Picture sale:	\$5.00	
Woodward Cruise:	\$50.00	
Total:	\$395.00	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
50-50:	\$69.00	
Aircooler:	\$149.80	
Attendance:	\$10.00	
Woodward cruise:	\$50.00	
Corporation fee:	\$20.00	
Total:	\$289.80	
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$8,277.90</b>

No outstanding invoices. Prepared by **Paul Piche**

## SELL & SWAP

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

**FOR SALE:** 64 Conv owned 10yrs NO time to drive slight hesitation on acceleration. Top is in good condition. Email me for pics & details - [davhamm@yahoo.com](mailto:davhamm@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** 1964 Corvair Monza Color: Burgundy w/Black interior All original parts. \$3500 or best offer. Waterford MI - Yvonne 248-618-8821 or [wawnie55@att.net](mailto:wawnie55@att.net)

**FOR SALE:** Parade ready 63 Red Monza Coupe. Orig 42,000 miles, PG wire wheel covers, WW tires, blk bucket seats. runner & fun. \$8,500.



**Extras:** 4 wheels / tires, Corvair books (How to Keep Your Corvair Alive, Ludvigsen Library Series-Corvair by Chev, 63 brochure, Sun Star Classic Model, no.1481, '63 CORVAIR, in box, nylon car storage cover Paul - [gilson63@charter.net](mailto:gilson63@charter.net) or 734-426-0077.

**FOR SALE:** 1968 Monza w/ 4speed (110Hp) she was previous restored in the late 70's. The last time she was gassed up was Oct, 1984 and she has 91,000 original mile. Poly A Endrasik Jr [pendrasik@greensmartllc.com](mailto:pendrasik@greensmartllc.com)

**FOR SALE:** 63 Monza Convertible for sale. Says it is solid, he has an extra motor, needs gas tank & flr pans \$1500. 989-525-3252, or [chiefdavid2@hotmail.com](mailto:chiefdavid2@hotmail.com)

**PARTS FOR:** 1965 Corsa conv parts; **trans, linkage, rear susp only** in good working order when removed (low miles) Will donate to restoration project - White Lake near M59 & Teggerdine. Dave Niles 248-408-7561 [Flyingtomcat1@comcast.net](mailto:Flyingtomcat1@comcast.net).

**FOR SALE:** 66 Monza Sport Sedan, white w/ cloth beige int. 110ho PG - was Johnny Z car - lots of stuff fixed \$45,00 OBO --**ALSO**-- 61 Lakewood 110hp van eng & pg New headliner, front seat cvrs, 14" tires - \$6,500 OBO Marvin 810-869-4876

**FOR SALE:** 66 Monza Conv, Auto, 140HP. Maroon w/Black interior & top (power). Orig AZ car, totally rust-free, extremely nice original. New 15" Old School wheels & Kumho tires. 83000 mi \$10,500 OBO Al Nyquist 810-841-2558. [alnyquist@comcast.net](mailto:alnyquist@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE:** Fiberglass Floor Pan, Front LH Side and Center, with cutout for floor shift - LM Brake Drums (excellent, ready for use) - Misc Parts, especially some engine parts, starter and ignition parts Bob Storc [bstorc@comcast.net](mailto:bstorc@comcast.net) 248-701-4322

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, September 2, 2014**  
**JOIN E-Blast today!**

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**FIRST CLASS**



**August Recap:**

Back to the Bricks - Aug 1-16  
Woodward Dream Cruise - Aug 16  
DACC Homecoming Aug 21-24  
Hines Park Drive - Aug 24 NEW: Entrance now on Ford Rd just west of Evergreen.

**September:**

Romeo Peach Festival Monday, September 1st, 2014 - 1:30 P.M. (Labor Day)  
Greenfield Village Old Car Festival - Sept 6-7  
Orphan Car Show - Sept 20-21 Pre registration required.  
North Gratiot Cruise Sept 20 (Gratiot from Hall Rd. to 23 mile)  
Saturday Thumb Tour with Caveman Pete - 28th - meet in Fraiser

**October:**

Classic Car Show - Oct 4-5 Springfield Oaks Park, 12451 Andersonville Rd.  
Armada Car Show - Oct 5 @ 72025 North Ave. Armada.  
Great Pumpkin Car Show of Howell - Oct. 11 at Livingston County Airport

**Event Calendar**

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