



NOVEMBER MEETING IS WEDNESDAY !! DUE TO AN ELK'S SPECIAL MEETING COME TO THE ELKS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Wednesday November 5, 2014

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Regular Monthly Meeting

Due to another event going on at the Elks on Tuesday this month they asked if we could change our meeting to Wed. so we told them we would do it to help the wait staff and the people in the kitchen. Part of the program will be viewing pictures of the past driving events from Sept and Oct. we just need a good lap top and maybe a screen or a good section of the wall? Also a report of Tim's Texas Travels and how he and Ray made it there and back in a vintage Greenbrier. And we will talk about the Christmas party next month on December 2nd. (also my birthday) and I am sure a few other updates on projects and cool additions like Pete Koehler's new 69 Monza convertible that made the trip to Blake's Orchard, lunch in Lapeer to home.

Pete Cimbala

HURON TOWNSHIP APPLEFEST PARADE

This is a wonderful parade in a really nice setting and the whole town participates! Everything to do with apples plus. Unfortunately the DACC was represented by only one vehicle and it was an Eldorado :-)

Fall Color Tour

The parking lot filled up real fast at 10:00 AM Saturday morning at Blake's Orchard just outside of Armada, as Tim Duve, Jerry Light and the President waited for the "others" to show up from the breakfast stop. The three of us had a nice ride on the back roads from eastern Genesee County with a lot of nice trees that were turning color. After everyone picked up their cider, apples, sweet corn, and donuts we found our way out of the parking lot after one "failure to proceed issue" we had to make a gas stop just outside of Capac, than a construction zone that reduced the road to a one lane area north of town. After the group was broken up a few missed the turn onto what used to be old M-21, seems that there are no longer any M-21 signs so my mistake on that turn, I should have looked up the name of the road and had that on the directions. While we were waiting for the others to catch up a few of us bought some real big pumpkins for \$2.00 each. After a couple trips around the block everyone found Calvelli's Eatery & Spirits and enjoyed a very good lunch. A stop at the Dairy Queen in Oxford did not work out as planned seems they are no longer open. So for a trip that came off the top of my head without having a test run we did have fun and ate well as usual.

from **Pete C**



Already suffering from a loose flywheel, Ken's engine breaks a connecting rod - on the hook again

MEETING NOTES

October 7, 2104

Meeting called together 6:55 by Tim Bramble to give Pete Cimbala a few minutes to finish dinner. 37 people were present.

Treasurer Paul Piche completed the Homecoming books and said that we actually saw a \$212 profit rather than a loss as was reported last month. There were 142 registrations with 5 refunds. According to Ken Pepke the increase in food costs was mostly due to inflation, not a larger amount of food purchases. It was truly a great Homecoming event.

We currently have \$9,744.96 in the Treasury with the calendar bill (\$616.50) and Haven House donation (\$598) yet to be paid.

Pete Koehler will be picking up the last 1969 Corvair convertible built and wants to get together with those of us who also own 1969 convertibles. He also reported on the Thumb tour that he participated in and drove 300+ miles. Pete was also selling raffle tickets from the San Diego Corvair Club for Clark's certificates.

First time guests and potential new members Jim and Chris Grumblatt were at the meeting. They own a 1964 Monza convertible.

The December meeting will be similar to last year. It will be a Christmas party at the Elk's Club.

Eva is organizing an event next year to coordinate with her interviews with as many of the people as she can find who designed and built Corvairs. So far she has 61 interviews. When completed the material will be donated to the Museum. She also told us that Mike McKeel has recently had eye surgery.

Bruce Weeks won the 50/50 \$63.50 and Harold Dexter II won the attendance prize.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48
from Gigi Debbrecht

Calling All Former Corvair Workers



SAVE THE DATE

DATE/TIME: MAY 14, 2015 (THURSDAY) from 1PM to 4PM

EVENT: "MEET THE MAKERS OF THE WATERLESS
WONDER FROM WILLOW RUN"
CHEVROLET CORVAIR (1960-1969)

LOCATION: YPSILANTI AUTOMOTIVE HERITAGE MUSEUM
100 EAST CROSS ST., YPSILANTI, MI 48198

Come join us as we celebrate a special gathering to meet and get acquainted with the workers who built and assembled the Chevrolet Corvair with Corvair owners and enthusiasts.

We welcome you to share your stories about the Corvair in all aspects...from the drawing board to the assembly line;

from the dealerships to the owner's garage;

from Corvair Clubs to national conventions;

from tow trucks to repair shops;

from junkyards to parts and, finally, to Clarks.

If you or anyone you know was involved with the creation of the Corvair – we encourage you to contact the organizer of this event: "Corvair Lady" (Eva) at corvailady@gmail.com. Please provide your phone number in your e-mail to arrange for an interview regarding your role in helping to create this unique automobile - or - call the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum at (734) 482-5200 and leave a message for Eva to arrange for a documented interview; which will be given to the museum for historical purposes along with any items/ documents/ photos during the Corvair era you wish to donate from the Willow Run/Fisher Body Assembly Plant-Chevrolet Division, Flint GM Truck & Bus, GM Tech Center, etc.

Thank you. Corvair Lady

Last Convertible at the Caveman Garage

What is this? Has Hell frozen over? Did I hear that the Caveman has purchased a 1969 Corvair?

Well, you heard right Bunkie. Not only did the Caveman buy a 1969 Corvair, he bought the very last 1969 Corvair Convertible ever built! Serial number 9W705997. It is the second newest known surviving Corvair since the last one (9W706000) has been missing in action since May of 1969 and there is no current record of the whereabouts of Corvair # 9W705998. The newest Corvair left on the planet is the blue Monza coupe owned by the Corvair Preservation Foundation (9W705999) and on display at the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur, Illinois. This convertible is a California survivor with original top and interior and one re-spray in it's past. The odometer shows a little over 72,000 miles and it runs and drives fine.

The car came to the Caveman Garage by way of Stafford, Virginia and before that North Carolina and of course California. First time it was North of the Mason-Dixon Line was last week when the previous owner delivered to Hershey, PA and a waiting trailer to bring it back home to Michigan.

Alright. So much for Late Models. I guess I will have to do penance for buying a 1969 Corvair and allowing it into my collection of mostly 1960's? In addition to that recent purchase there has been a flurry of activity at the Caveman Garage revolving around 1960 models. First off, I finished putting the Sateen Silver 700 sedan back together after having to replace the master cylinder. I did figure out the "trick" to mounting the master up under the dash - first you must disconnect the clutch cable! This step is only required on 1960 and 1961 Corvairs. If you skip this step you will find it very difficult to get the three bolts for the master to line up in the holes on the bulkhead. I sure did!

Next 1960 project was to repair the Roman Red 700 sedan's clutch and parking brake cables. Somehow the previous owner had the cables mis-routed and generally messed up. After sorting that out I was able to put a rebuilt brake master cylinder in the car and get that much closer to having a functional brake system. Then I found a buyer for the car who wanted to start his first project car. We towed the car down to Garden City to a place very close to where former DACC member Don Arner lived. Hopefully the new young owner will join the club as the newest Rookie Caveman.

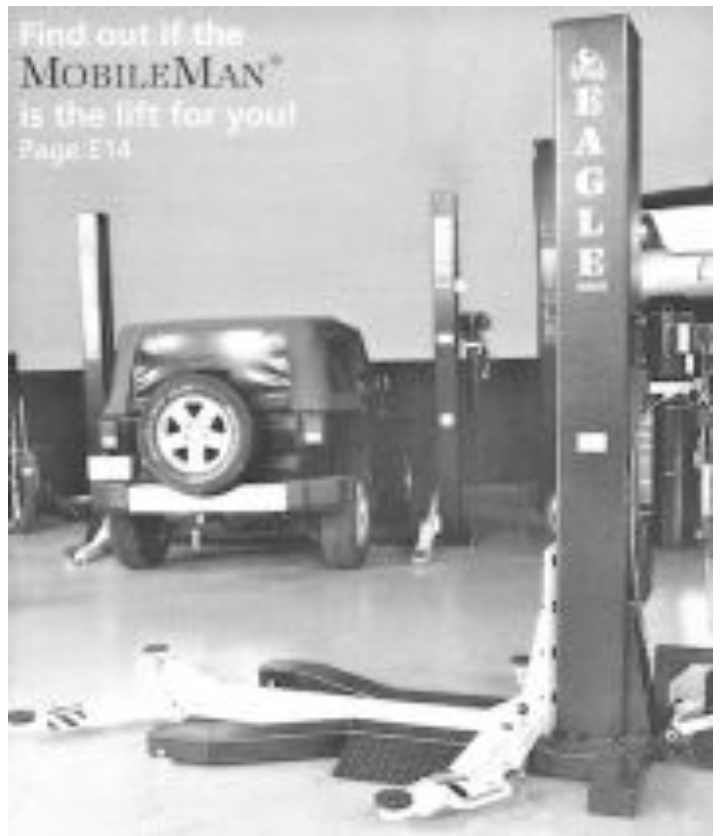
The last order of business this month is the purchase of a very nice 1960 700 sedan that was feeling sick. The fellow that I bought it from did a lot

of repairs and upgrades and the car looks really sharp. Unfortunately the engine decided to take an early retirement. Not to worry! The deal includes a "select-used" engine that is ready to pop in there. So tonight I plan to run up to Oxford and grab the car. Tomorrow he will go into the Caveman Garage and by Sunday afternoon he should be ready to drive out under his own (new) power.

- Caveman Pete



In 1924 they did it like this! Not always did they have a roof over their work area!



Have you been to Editor Ken Pepke's garage? In 2014 we do it with one of these! Lifts a car in the garage high enough to work on the brakes or underside ... while sitting on an office chair :-)
MobileMan now at a reduced price of only \$2349 + shipping

* * * MEET THE MAKERS * * *

OF THE WATERLESS WONDER FROM YPSILANTI

As some of you already know, I've been in the process of organizing a unique event for next year on May 14, 2015, at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum reuniting those who helped design and build the Chevy Corvair with all of us Corvair owners and enthusiasts. It's been an interesting journey locating the retirees. I've been in contact and addressed the UAW Local 1776 (former Willow Run Assembly Retirees), Flint GM Truck & Bus UAW Local 598 Retirees, the Willow Run Salaried Retirees, and am in the process of locating Canadian Corvair workers in Ontario (CAW Local 222). I will be attending and addressing the UAW Local 735 (GM Powertrain) meeting in November because some Willow Run workers transferred over when the plant closed. I will be contacting the GM Power Train Plant Retirees in Tonawanda, NY.

I have a St. Louis contact for those retirees who built the FC's in Kansas City, MO (thanks to Mike Hall). I am also looking for the GM Tech Center engineer retirees. I have had the good fortune to meet and interview some GM car designers (thanks to Stu Shuster). A gentleman by the name of Robert Edwards is film documenting stories of all car designers for cars from 1946-1973 and I had the pleasure to speak with him (after interviewing a GM car designer).

Mr. Edwards has been kind to loan us (for exhibit on May 14th only) three original sketches of proposed Corvair designs by Carl Renner. I may share one photo of these sketches as a teaser (in the near future) but you will have to attend the event to see the others. I want to thank all the Corvair people I've contacted who have been so helpful, i.e. Stu Shuster, Mike Hall, Corvair historian Dave Newell (for all his information on

GM plant history, etc.) and anyone else I may have forgotten to mention.

In addition to inviting the retirees to this event, I've been conducting film and audio interviews (74 as of today with more to follow) of the retiree's stories during Corvair production years. These interviews have been very interesting. I've also had a custom signature book created for the workers to sign for themselves and in memoriam of those who have passed away (110 names so far) which will be donated to the museum along with the documented interviews for historical purposes.

I've received some plant memorabilia donations which were given to the museum; one of which was a replacement of the booklet given to the employees when the Willow Run plant closed (the museum copy was missing and now we replaced it with a mint condition copy). One of the unique donations I submitted to the museum from a former worker was four metal handcrafted aircraft models made from scrap metal pieces of Corvairs from the Fisher Body side of the plant (one was a helicopter, one was the starship Enterprise from Star Trek, one was a bi-plane, and one was a water airplane).

A Willow Run Assembly jacket along with a copy of an aerial

photo of the Willow Run Plant (during production years) will be off at the event. You do not need to be present to win; are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. I will be donating the original aerial photo to the museum (at the museum's request because they don't have a photo like mine).

One exciting thing that has happened is that there was an article about this upcoming event published in the Fall 2014 Region 1-A Newspaper that is distributed nationwide to 50,000 UAW Retiree members. Hopefully, we will find more retirees who helped build Corvairs.

By: **Corvair Lady (Eva)**

If anyone knows of a former worker who helped design or build these fine cars we own and drive, please have them contact me by either giving me their phone number and send it to my e-mail address:

corvailady@gmail.com

or calling the Ypsilanti Auto. Heritage Museum at (734) 482-5200 and leave a message for Eva the Corvair Lady.

I have asked the Township of Ypsilanti (location of Willow Run Assembly Plant) and I will be asking the Mayor of Ypsilanti (and hopefully the Governor of MI too) to proclaim May 14th "Corvair Day" for the City of Ypsilanti and State of Michigan. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THIS GRAND EVENT NEXT YEAR WITH YOUR CORVAIR!!! May 14th is also National Drive Your Corvair Day.



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Income:

DACC TREASURY Oct. 21 2014

Beginning balance		\$8,530.96
50-50:	\$128.00	
Dues:	\$220.00	
Homecoming:	\$45.00	
Total:	\$393.00	

Expenses:

50-50:	\$64.00	
Attendance:	\$10.00	
Aircooler:	\$230.77	
Haven House:	\$598.00	
Total:	\$902.77	
Ending balance:		\$8,021.19

Report by:

Paul Piche



SELL & SWAP

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO kenpepke@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: 65 Arizona Corvaire 2 dr 110hp PG - 65,500 mi - orig AC car w/o complete set-up, no rust - Runs great, not been driven in snow \$4500 OBO Jim Sluka 248-681-3882 Pontiac, MI

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

FOR SALE: 1964 Corvaire Monza Color: Burgundy w/Black interior All original parts. \$3500 or best offer. Waterford MI - Yvonne 248-618-8821 or vawnie55@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, Corvaire books (How to Keep Your Corvaire Alive, Ludvigsen Library Series-Corvaire by Chev, 63 brochure, Sun Star Classic Model, no.1481, '63 CORVAIRE, in box, nylon car storage cover Paul - gilson63@charter.net or 734-426-0077.

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.

FOR SALE: 66 Monza Sport Sedan, white w/ cloth beige int. 110hp 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

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 248-701-4322

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Oct 20, 2014 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome Back: Robert Currier of Troy.

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: :

Fultz, Guy, Hatala, Light, McGuire, Schlaud, Schmidt, Sheridan, Spiess.

Exp. in Aug.: Balow, Bayoff, Dood, Duerden, Hamil, Parsons, Staudacher. Will be dropped.

Exp. in Sep.: Boulan, Burt, Christ, Gjokaj, Inman, Jacobi, Nyquist.

Exp. in Oct.: Dewald, K.Hand, Harriss, Mann, Shires, Slater, Vizyak

Due in Nov.: D.Jennings, Johnson, McColgen, Munaco, Oguinn, Ullery.

Due in Dec.: Avery, Belfontaine, Cavataio, Hensley, R.Jennings, McDonald, Scheskey

We have 109 paid members and 21 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 Corvaire 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.

Questions about membership or change address or e-mail 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.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE – 20th 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. **This month exception**

MEETING NIGHT

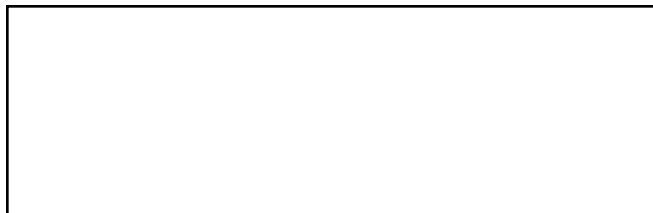
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WEDNESDAY, November 4

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor
126 S Riverbank
Wyandotte, MI 48192

FIRST CLASS



DACC ACTIVITIES

November:

5 —WEDNESDAY

**Regular monthly meeting day
change by the request from the
Elk's kitchen**

PARTS AND SERVICES

MECHANICAL REPAIRS / BODY WORK:

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Show and Go Collision 9103 Chalmers Detroit, MI 48213 Tom Cavatio (313) 371-9085

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BOTH PARTS & REPAIRS:

Ken Hand 1896 S. Gregory Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836 (248) 613-8586

CONSIGNMENT SALES:

North American Classic Cars – 27222 Plymouth Rd. Redford, MI 48239 www.northamericanclassics.com

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