



DECEMBER MEETING IS WED 3rd

DACC CHRISTMAS, DEC 3, 2014

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Christmas Monthly Meeting

Just like last year but on Wednesday this month due to another event at the Elks on Tuesday. Bring an unwrapped toy or other item off the list for the Haven House donation table. You can order your favorite dinner off the menu, visit with friends and then we will have our usual 50/50 drawing with the "clubs take" going to Haven House. Hold onto your ticket for a chance to win a few cool collectibles from the Corvairst Lady. There will be a cake or cup cakes for desert and Christmas music, a little more laid back than some of our past events but less expensive and a few of the lucky people that go south for the winter will be on their way or in Florida and not with us in cold snowy Michigan.

Pete Cimbala

Year in review

We really had a nice summer for all of the driving events and the Homecoming, some of us kept going until mid November until the first good snow that brought the salt trucks came out. We went around the thumb and a couple even got a few laps around Michigan International Speedway. Cruised Woodward and Saginaw ST, Gratiot and Telegraph, Hines Dr. and a few back roads to an apple orchard. The second Saturday breakfast events and tech sessions helped get a couple "new Corvairst" running and back to life, with the help of several experts that were fed well for their efforts. We had quite a few new guest at the Homecoming this year and thanks to Marilyn we had goodie bags to hand out, Lori and Anna gave us a great wine and cheese event. Paul and Clark let us race valve covers, took us on a tour and kept the pop, water and beer cold and flowing. Paul Koehler cooked a bunch of burgers over a hot grill and his dad kept the parts vendors happy. Ken P fed us well all weekend and Rockin' Ronnie kept the tunes going and showed us a movie. I know that I am forgetting other things but we had fun and ate well at all the events. **Pete Cimbala**

Things to look forward to Next Year

The second Saturday breakfast events will continue and maybe a few tech sessions to help fellow members get work done on their cars and trucks. When the weather gets better in the spring we will start the driving events again and the tours will be something to look forward to. If you have any good ideas of things we should look into and do as an event let John O'Leary know so we can add it into the schedule. Next month we should have all the dates in order to fill in your calendar.

Pete Cimbala

Back To The Bricks Westside Promo Tour June 12-17 2015

The overnight host cities have been chosen and the routes are being worked on at this time and will be fine tuned each month. Start out in Flint:

Friday June 12th. 9:00 AM to Battle Creek where we will be a part of the Cereal City Festival

Sat. evening in Whitehall with a trip to Lake Michigan to watch the sunset

Sun evening in Manistee with a lunch stop in Ludington

Mon evening in Boyne City with a donut stop on the lake in Frankfort

Tues evening in West Branch

Wed end of the tour lunch in Tawas City and a stop by the Antique toy and Fire house in Bay City.

HOMECOMING DATES FOR 2015

August 20-23

Woodward and Back to the Bricks

Sat. August 14th.

This seems early because Aug. 1st. is a Saturday next year!

HAVEN GIFTAWAY

It's that special time of year...time for us to help many families of HAVEN experience the wonders and excitement of Christmas. With our help, and the help of our communities, HAVEN provided 240 families, including 500 children, an unforgettable holiday last year. Our generous donations are important to make the HAVEN GIFTAWAY a success.

Getting Ready for Winter at the Caveman Garage

No, that doesn't mean that I'm installing studded snow tires on all of my Cave Cars. It means that I'm trying to cull the herd and store what's left inside before the onslaught of Old Man Winter. Here goes:

This past month I have sold three of my beloved 1960 Corvairs. One went to new member Kyle McLaren of White Lake, MI. It will be his first project car. One went to the Bloomfield Hills High School Drama Club for use as a stage prop in their production of "Grease". More on that later. The third sale went to a friend up in the Flint area who has big plans for the car and has delivered on his plans in the past. Watch this space for more details!

I did reward myself for selling off some of the collection by purchasing another '60 700 sedan from my friend Kirk up in Oxford. This car was already painted Satin Black and had a nice, new interior fitted. The car needed mechanical attention but that is what we do at the Caveman Garage! A better engine was swapped in and the car made road worthy again. Next move is to complete a conversion to be a rare and valuable (not really that valuable!) prototype Holden 25 tribute. Bill Johnson's Australian connection will be tapped for some more Holden-specific bits and pieces. The finished product should roll out by next Spring.

I also sold off a late model coupe that was stored at Pete Cimbala's place of business in Swartz Creek. Once he puts "Skirts" away for the winter in the rented barn just down the street from Motor City Auto Sales I won't have any cars parked up there in the way of snow removal. Consolidation is a good thing.

Back closer to home I did manage to get all three of my convertibles parked inside garages for the winter. Today's final project is to complete the brake job on my 1976 Non-Corvair (Corvette L82 4-speed coupe) and relegate it to a spot in the driveway while my 1969 Monza convertible #5997 watches from inside. At least the 'Vette will get a nice form-fitting cover for protection.

So what can we do during the cold months at the Caveman Garage? Plenty! I did a quick inventory of engines that were stored (scattered?) around the garage. Can you believe that I counted fourteen of them?!? So I have plenty of engine-related projects to keep me occupied during the coming months. Come Springtime I'm not sure what I'm going to do with a half-dozen pristine 1960 140 cid 80 HP engines. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it. It should be fun, though.

Lastly let me tell you about the 1960 700 4-door sedan that was sold to the High School theater group. They contacted me wanting to buy a Corvair to use a prop on-stage for an upcoming production. The first '60 that they were interested in got sold before they could get all of the required approvals from the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education. That is the one that Kyle McLaren bought. I offered them a light blue sedan that was sitting at the very back of the yard at

Motor City in Swartz Creek. It only took Pete C. and myself the better part of an afternoon to extract it from its resting place. Then the bombshell; the really wanted a convertible so they planned to cut the roof off of the Corvair! Being the helpful sort that we are at the Caveman Garage we agreed to do the metal surgery for them. We also removed most of the mechanical bits in an effort to reduce the overall weight of the car/prop. Dr. Bill Johnson "The Sawzall Surgeon" performed the roof operation in record time. And he had fun doing it! We dressed all of the sharp edges and moved the back seat up to the front and then delivered the vehicle to the school. Hopefully I can post some pictures of the finished product up on the stage as the students present "Grease" to an admiring audience. We did send along some contact info for the club in case anyone wants to check us out or maybe even offer to sell Grandpa's Corvair that has been sitting in the garage for so many years. Hey! If it is an Olympic Gold 1969 Monza coupe with serial number 6000 it's all mine!!!
from **Pete K**

DACC West

Pete Cimbala announced at our November meeting that we will be hosting another informal meeting starting in January 2015 for those members on the west side of town who normally find it too difficult to make it to Waterford every month. My neighbor and existing DACC member Jay Nugent and myself will be co-hosting it. It was Jay's idea and he approached me on it and I came on board with it and talked to Pete C. (and Pete talked to the group). Pete even said he might have informal meetings in Flint this winter too. We are calling ourselves DACC West and the meetings will take place at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum and they will be the second Sunday of every month at 2:00p.m. starting January 11, 2015. It is all under the umbrella of DACC and but are calling it "DACC West". I've already contacted existing members from the DACC list who live on our side of town, i.e. Manchester, Dexter, Chelsea, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Dundee, etc. and they are very excited about participating in meetings that will be closer to them. They said they normally just come to Homecoming but now that we will have meetings closer to them - they want to participate. We are hoping to spark more interest from our members who normally can't make it to Waterford and hopefully entice new members to join DACC. I already have four new people who own Corvairs (who currently don't belong to DACC) who will probably become new members because of this upcoming change. Cool, huh! As Jay said, we are the spark and the members are the fuel.

Take care and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Corvairly yours,
Eva (Corvair Lady)

MEETING NOTES November 5, 2104

President Pete Cimbala called the meeting to order with 45 members present.

The temporary change to a first Wednesday meeting for November did not appear to affect attendance with 45 members present. The December meeting/ Christmas Party will also be on the first Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict at the Elks Club on Tuesday.

After an abbreviated Officer's Report (absent: Clark Hartzel and Ken Pepke) we heard an amazing update from Eva McGuire on the status of her "Meet the Makers" project. Through her contacts with the UAW, word of her project has been released to over 50,000 current and retired members. Eva has now documented over 90 interviews and responses to the UAW Newsletter are just beginning to come in. A permanent record will be established at the museum in Ypsilanti and her efforts will culminate in April 2015. We will support Eva in this effort in every way we can to help her capture and preserve the many personal stories associated with the Corvair. Forgotten memories, unseen photographs and personal insights are beginning to surface and come to life for Eva. Stay tuned!

Corvair stories that you would not believe abounded and included Tim Bramble and Ray Dubia's trip last month to Texas and back in a Greenbrier, followed by Pete Koehler assisted by Bill Johnson's follies as they cut the roof off an early Corvair sedan that will become a prop for the play "Grease" at Bloomfield Hills High School. It all made for a very enjoyable meeting with a lot of laughs.

The needs of haven House, especially with Christmas approaching, was presented and literature was provided to channel our efforts.

Homecoming will again take place at the Clocktower Comfort Inn in Plymouth.

A tentative calendar of activities for 2015 was presented for comments, observations before being finalized.

Tom Dailey won the 50/50 and Bob Macijewski won the attendance award. We welcomed new member Bob Wittmann who is awaiting the arrival of his '66 coupe. Respectfully submitted,

Judy O'Leary

Tech Session

One of the benefits of belonging to a car club is that you get to hang out with other folks who share your passion for the chosen car make/model. Additionally you may be able to benefit from the combined knowledge of the membership. And that is the basis for this story.

Of course any DACC event has to start out with eating. Right? Feed your face then feed your passion. Our second "Tech Session" was set to gather some brains and brawn and offer assistance to club member Lori Kamora and her ailing 1965 Monza convertible. During the previous session we installed an engine but didn't have enough time to finish the task and get it running. This time for sure!

We began the day at a local Denny's restaurant for a club breakfast. Lori's son and Corvair pilot Gary was in town for the weekend so he joined in the fun and excitement. Through a brilliant scheduling error our impromptu meeting was at the same restaurant as the local club. When our first arrival announced

that we were with the car club" they put us in the back room with the Impala guys. I must say that this arrangement worked out better than the time we tried to combine our Corvair Club with a Corvette Club for a joint Christmas party. That event resulted in two separate groups in the same room for the evening. This time we had fun poking barbs at each other. It was The WaterPumpers vs. The AirHeads! Good fun and no hurt feelings on either side.

After the Denny's encounter we moved on to Lori's garage and proceeded to finish the engine installation and actually did get it to start and run. Wow! Lori was pleased as punch!! After Gary ran over to Grampa's garage to retrieve a timing light we got it to run even better. Starts right up on the first crank. Amazing!

To celebrate our success we had to take a lunch break. More eating... But great just the same. Lori posted on her Facebook page some pictures. If you check that out I think there is also evidence of how well the engine runs. Keep in mind that this engine sat in a New Jersey garage on it's tail (bell-housing?) for at least 25 years before Lori purchased it for a mere \$150 at our DACC Homecoming Swap Meet this past summer. Some of the lifters need to pump up a little more but overall it sounds like a solid start to a fun project for Lori and Gary. Gary will be back in town for the Thanksgiving holiday. We just might call another meeting of the brains and the brawn of our Corvair community to help our fellow members out. If you possess either quality - or just want to watch and learn be on the lookout for a eMail blast from Clark announcing a time and date. Belonging does have it's benefits.

from **Pete K**

DRIVEWAY MECHANIC takes a Texas fall road trip

Tim made some improvements to the greenbrier before the Texas trip as follows: replaced all the brake steel lines, replaced all four break cylinder hoses, rebuilt all wheel cylinders, installed a new fuel pump, battery and alternator. Did an oil and filter change but, would not wash or wax the greenbrier!

Well its Tuesday the 14th of October @ 9 am a final pre-check before the trip: Junk food check, sleeping bags check, cooler with ice peanut butter, pickles, pop check, clean cloths and shaving gear check, clean underwear on check, (mom said to have clean underwear on in case you end up in the hospital) check. I guess we are ready.

Well about 19 mile down the road and just getting on 23 south the engine stops running. No gas? Full tank but not getting to the engine. Must be the fuel filter or ... out comes the jack, tools, overalls. Tim reinstalled the elect fuel pump a final test all is good. After putting the jack, tools away and a fast cleanup we are back on the road again. That was a 20-minute repair.

Here we go again, after 86 miles we lost voltage. Pull over to side and check the engine compartment found the cable unplugged from the voltage regulator time for the duct tape. After 10 mins we are back on the road.

It's time for gas and a bladder break we covered 205 miles with no problems. Now it's Ray time to drive. Lord help us.

It's 12:37 pm we made it to the Indiana line, but was met with a traffic jam on 80 east of Joliet. Getting low on gas and full on the bladder we pulled into a gas station. Checked engine added 1 in Joplin Missouri. Two hrs sleep, some more gas, 1 pint of atf and it's back on the road.

Pint of atf, oil ok, fill gas tank. Driven 217 miles at 17 MPG ... so

far so good.

It's time for some sleep in Joplin Missouri. Two hrs sleep, some more gas, 1 pint of atf and it's back on the road.

Now about 59 miles down the road and a pop sound was heard. What was that? Just some thing falling in the back seat. Then the smoke started ... oh S--t better pull over NOW! Open the engine compartment and out come the smoke oil and a broken fan belt. Oil was all over the place that made the fan belt pop off.

After a clean up new fan belt and a 1/2-quart of oil and 1 pint of atf, it was back on the road again.

After 229 miles it was time for more gas, 1 quart of oil, 1 pint of atf, coffee and it's back on the road again. Where is all this atf going? And why is the oil pumping out of the dipstick tube?

We made it to Hurst Texas after 1304 miles 2 1/2 qtrs. of oil 1 qtrs. atf 1 fan belt, duct tape and two modification's to the engine; it's time to check in and clean up. The hotel had a happy hour going on after a couple of beers some chicken wings and rest it was time for sleep.

Spent the next morning in the hotel parking lot cleaning up the oil in the engine compartment. A member of the Texas club gave as a transmission modulator. This is why the atf was missing in action. After all this cleanup and tools put away it was time to road test the Greenbrier. Back at the Hotel parking lot a check of all the fluids we found the lost atf. Now it time to pull the tools out put on the overalls. It was time to remove a quart of atf. Another road test and still pumping oil out of the dip stick tube. What's going on now?

Brain storming with the Texas group we got all kinds of things that could be going on. Tim put a tube from the dip stick tube to a quart bottle. Now a road test after 22 miles down the road the quart bottle was full. This is not going to work. We might have to get a pickup and trailer to haul the Greenbrier home

Huston we have a problem!

Sunday am, Tim had no sleep brain storming of what to do next. Will we checked out and started to make some modifications (number 3) Tim put a 3/8 fuel hose from the dip stick tube into the oil fill then a hose from the oil fill to a coke bottle thru a inline fuel filter. After more duct tape a road test was made. OK this works so far. Now it was a road to Marshal Texas to visit Tim's sister family members.

After 50 miles down the road it was time to check on the Mod 3 fix. The oil was going back into the engine and the vapor going into the coke bottle. All so good so back on the road again. Every is better with a Coke!

After 263 miles we made it to Marshal Texas a gas up and no oil or atf needed we Tim did it with Mod-3. Time for a patent pending.

Tim and I spent two days visiting with family members. We had a good time seeing the Bear creek smoke house operation. It was time to head back home.

7 am we started back home with finger crossed and more duct tape coke bottle and a coat hanger. 80 miles it was time to check on the engine mod-3. So far so good. It was agreed that we just keep going and stop awhile for some sleep.

Well its 7:26 AM and we made it to Holly and in Tim's driveway. That was a 1174 mile nonstop trip at 52! RAY D

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DACC TREASURY Nov. 17 2014	
Beginning balance	\$8,618.69
50-50:	\$134.00
Dues:	<u>\$80.00</u>
Total:	\$214.00
Expenses:	50-50: \$67.00
	Attendance: \$10.00
	Aircooler: \$77.69
	Folders: <u>\$17.99</u>
	Total: \$156.88
Ending balance:	\$8,676.01
Report by:	Paul Piche



DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Nov. 21, 2014 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new members: Robert and Yvette Whittmann of West Bloomfield_

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Balow, Boulan, K.Hand, Mann, O'Guinn, Shires, Ullery.

Dropped: Bayoff, R Duerden, Hamil, Parsons, Staudacher.

Exp. in Sep.: Burt, Christ, Gjokaj, Inman, Jacobi, Nyquist. Will be dropped.

Exp. in Oct.: Dewald, Harriss, Slater, Vizyak

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

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

Due in Jan.: M.Granger, Huff, Ives, Lowell, Major, Rutherford, Sanger, G.Shreve

We have 111 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. 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.

SELL & SWAP

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

FOR SALE: Completely recond Corvair starters, alternators, generators & more. Also, transmission, transaxle, and many other misc. parts including interior and exterior parts (mainly LM). Call Bob at 810-266-3725

FOR SALE: 65 Arizona Corvair 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 Corvair 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, 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 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 & Teggedine. Dave Niles 248-408-7561 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

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**

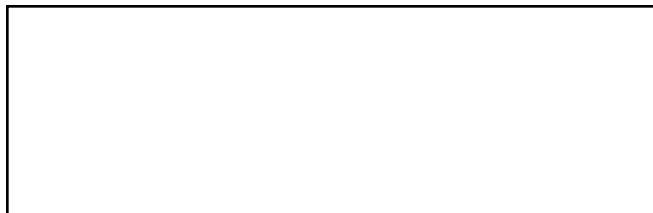
MEETING NIGHT

DACC CHRISTMAS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

The AIRCOOLER

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FIRST CLASS



**DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB
DACC WEST**

Second Sunday Activity

Ypsilanti Auto Heritage Museum

100 East Cross St.

Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 2:00 PM

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Jay Nugent – jjn@nuge.com.

The 2015 calendar

**2014 DACC Homecoming top 25
Peoples Choice**

is currently at the printer and will be
available by
the end of the month.

Purchase price is \$10 each with \$2 S&H per
(same as last year). If you would like to
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www.allesee.com/calendar
and print out order form -or- order online.
will start shipping about December. 3rd
John Allesee

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