



MONDAY IS THE NEW MEETING NIGHT

NOTICE

Due to conflicts with other events at the Elks Club, we have decided to change our meetings to the first **Monday night** of the month. This change will happen immediately with the Jan. 5th meeting. from **BoD**

January Meeting Monday January 5th.

Due to the Elks having another event we had to change our meeting nights a few months ago, and it looks like we will need to do this until Spring. So the Board made a decision to move to Monday's since some members would like to attend Church on Wednesday and a couple people on the Board could not attend Thursday meetings. So plan to be there on Monday until further notice. We hope to have some of the retired Willow Run workers that Eva has been talking with come to a few of our meetings so we will have some interesting programs. There is not much going on during the winter months and we will still have a Second Saturday Breakfast in different parts of the area and maybe find a new museum to visit for something to do until the weather gets nice in the spring. Another election will happen in March so start thinking about holding a position on our wonderful Board of Directors.

Winter weather can make going to the meetings a challenge for some people so if it really gets bad on Meeting Mondays we will send out an email blast calling off the meeting for that evening, and give details as to when it will be rescheduled. If in doubt call Clark or one of the other Board members (who are still in snowy Michigan) if you don't live online like a few of us do everyday. from **PETE C**

CHRISTMAS PARTY from **PETE C**

We had a great Christmas party where we could make a cool snowman, win a great gift from Eva, hear an original Christmas song sung by Eva and Bill and written by Mike McKeel. Some of us got to take home one of the poinsettias that Judy bought during a Black Friday Sale, VP Tim picked up some cupcakes, Tim Duve played his French horn and we helped Haven House provide some Christmas presents to those in need.

AIRCOOLER DEADLINE

Due to the meeting night change it is necessary to go to print on Friday instead of Monday so the deadline for submissions has to be changed to the 17th. of the month. **Ken P**

DACC PLANS

January

Monday 5th. Meeting at the Elks

Sat. 10th. Second Saturday Breakfast

Sun.11th. DACC West Group meeting at the YAHC

Sat. 31st. Winter Swap Meet in Hamilton, OH
Cincinnati area Corvair Club

February

Monday. 2nd. Meeting at the Elks

Sun.8th. DACC West Group meeting at the YAHC

Sat.14th. Second Saturday Breakfast

Sat-Sun. 27-28th. Corvair Lovers Holiday
Pensacola Beach, FL

March

Monday 2nd. Meeting at the Elks Elections

Fri-Sun. 6-8th. Autorama at Cobo Hall

Sun. 8th. DACC West Group meeting at the YAHC

Fri-Sun. 13-15th. Spring Warm Up Myrtle
Beach, South Carolina

Sat.14th. Second Saturday Breakfast

April

Monday 6th. Meeting at the Elks

Sat.11th. Second Saturday Breakfast

Sun.12th. DACC West Group Meeting at the YAHC

Thurs-Sun. 9-12th. Auto Fair in Charlotte, NC

Sun.26th. Weather permitting road trip
somewhere TBD

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Meeting Notes

December 3, 2014

And gather we did for the December meeting and annual DACC Christmas Special. President -elect, Tim Bramble, called the meeting to order and dispensed with the Officers Reports. President Pete Cimbala briefed us on an upcoming journey by the famed "Super Monza" creator, Jeff Barrett. Jeff will journey from North Carolina to California, including a Fun Run on an old portion of Route 66. Jeff intends to raise at least \$100,000 for the Make a Wish Foundation (<www.wish.org>). A lot more details will be forthcoming.

Tim D and his French Horn opened the celebration and put us in the holiday mood. Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire, a member since 1983, attending her first Christmas Special, provided much of the evening's entertainment as she had a gift for everyone. Eva also continues on her project to document the life of The Waterless Wonder From Willow Run. Interviews with the actual workers, photographs and documentation will be presented to the museum in Ypsilanti in May of 2015. Bill Vellner and Eva then serenaded us with the The 12 Days of Corvair Christmas, an original score composed by Eva and Mike McKeel. We also were provided the opportunity to create snowman ornaments with the makings provided by Jan B. Tim B chose festive holiday cupcakes and brownies as a perfect dessert for all.

Birthday wishes went to Elaine D and Pete C. and the centerpiece Poinsettias went to the person at each table whose birthday fell closest to Christmas. (Aren't these the same people that feel slighted each Christmas?)

The Christmas Spirit also went out to Haven House in the form of cash, gift cards and many new, unwrapped toys and clothing.

I volunteer each year at Haven House and will be proud to present our contribution toward their great work.

Lori D-K thanked the Club for the Tech Session help at her house and praised the talent, camaraderie and unity that the Club displayed at her time of need. 50/50 was won by Judy O and the Attendance Prize went to Elaine D's guest, Judi Blanchard.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!
from **Judy O'Leary**

TEXAS TRIP ENGINE

As most of our members know the Texas story of the blue Greenbrier. Well this is the story of the rebuild of that motor. The engine had one broken ring on the number one cylinder and a bad seat on the number 2-cylinder intake valve. The only two good cylinders were 6 and (4). Cylinder 1, 3, 5, and 2 were worn out. Lots of blow by! That's why the engine was pumping oil out of the dipstick tube. The tear down went well, now if I only remember what goes where on the reassembly. I (am) one of the stupid people that relies on luck and doesn't mark items. NOT smart. Oh well. The first items that went to the machine shop were the heads. That cost 225.00. I almost forgot, Pete K gave me a pair of late model heads, so I didn't have to mess with the bad seat on the number 2 intake valve. Thanks Pete ... I owe you. The next items were the cylinders and the crank. The cylinders had to be bored 30 thousands over and the crank only needed to be polished. That was around 200.00. Now I ordered pistons, rings, main bearing, rod bearings, and gasket set. There goes another 768.00 dollars. I (am) trying to keep Clarks Corvair in business. Plus, I still need new lifters and push rods. I'm hoping

my kids get me those items for Christmas. If not it will be around 140.00 for those items. I also sent out my cam to Washington State to have it reground. I couldn't find anyone locally. That was only 100.00 with shipping costs included. I dropped off the new pistons and the old pistons with rods to the machine shop this morning. They are going to check out the rods and install them on the new pistons. The cost on that is around 120.00. It looks like by mid January I should be assembling the motor. Now where are all those bolts and what goes where. Gee I wish I had marked them. Ha ha!

from **Tim Bramble**

Finally...Something Useful!!

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have.

Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house. It works if you park in your driveway or the garage.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there. Odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around.

This would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

from **Paul Piche**

Caveman Garage Winter Report

Now that I am retired from the Working Force I can pick and choose when I go outside in inclement weather. And so far, I choose not to go out in inclement weather at all! With the early snowfall and the chilly temps a while back I thought I should be able to hide inside the warm house for most of this Winter season. But right now it is almost 50 degrees outside so I guess I better get out there and make something happen in the Caveman Garage.

I did make a road trip to Kenosha, Wisconsin recently to purchase a 1965 Corsa coupe that I found on the Internet. And about that... I should be banned from reading Craigslist ads as well as other on-line forums that sometimes offer up leads on Corvairs in far away places. But back to the Corsa. It is a 1965 140 coupe that has had some modifications done to its 140 engine as well as some suspension mods. The previous owner ran it in SCCA autocross events in Wisconsin. Prior to that the car lived in its home state of California. It was born at the LA plant and stayed in sunny Cali for many years before coming East. The original color of the car was Glacier Grey. Just like my other 1965 Corsa - the turbo convertible that I bought in Chicago earlier in the year. Right now the coupe is wearing a faded coat of silver blue paint. Somewhere along the line a sunroof was added (Why would anyone cut a hole in a perfectly good roof?) and an aftermarket A/C system was installed. Nothing else really spectacular about the car other than very minimal amounts of rust evident. I LOVE cars from Cali! And of course I hate rust because rust worms never sleep.

I flat-towed the car back from Wisconsin on my ancient tow bar. We did the math and figured out that I have had that tow bar for a little more than 48 years. Wow! It worked fine - which is more than I can say for the borrowed tow-lights. At least I did get back home before dark with no incidents to report. The car went up to Swartz Creek to stay with Prez Pete C. until Spring. Pete reports that the car runs fine and is quick to 60 MPH with excellent brakes to boot. Hopefully Pete C. will give "Skirts" a rest next year and drive this car to some of the events that he frequents.

So while I was en-route to Bizconsin (old CCE term) I was chasing another '60 Corvair that was close to where the Corsa was waiting. Unfortunately we didn't connect in time so I couldn't take a look at that car. After returning to Michigan I did get a message from the seller and the negotiations began in earnest. Several days later I have agreed to purchase a nice little '60 500 4-door sedan in Tuxedo Black with optional 700-style belt line trim all the way around. The price is right, but it will take another two days on the road and several hundred dollars in the fuel tank to bring this beauty back.

So as you can see I am incurable. Even the cold weather doesn't stop me! But at least I'll have plenty of projects to play with once Winter turns into Spring. from **Pete K**

A Little Tidbit from 1980

Caveman-Mr. Logistics- Pete Koehler, all the same person, found in the glove box of one of the cars he purchased a 34 yr. old DACC flyer. The flyer is a 9" x 11' piece of paper printed on two sides and folded to make a little booklet 3"x5 1/2". cover says "DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CORVAIR CLUB?" You open it and it tells you all the advantages about belonging to DACC:

1st. Learn all about Corvairs with the help of other Corvair enthusiasts.

2nd. Need a part? There are parts available thru club members.

3rd. The fun of Corvairing in rallies, meets, dinners, family get-togethers, parades.

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM at Howard Johnsons, 10 mile at northwestern come at 7:00 PM and enjoy dinner and fellowship. Join DACC and receive the monthly edition of The Aircooler newsletter featuring club news, want ads, monthly tech session information and announcements of the coming events. Most months additional get togethers is held for family fun.

Membership dues **\$10.00** per yr. You must belong to Corsa to become a member. Corsa membership \$14.00 for 12 months \$28.00 for 26 months and \$1.00 for family membership.

As you can see our dues haven't even kept up with inflation.

from **Paul P**



GTW Station
Flushing, MI
1966

The Corvair waits,
ready to go

The Good Old Days

(before the Internet)

-or-

When Corvair parts were cheap!

Prior to the explosion of the Internet where everybody can know everything about everyone else and what cars they have for sale and what parts they have hiding in the corners of their garages, there was the GM Rapid System. The Rapid System was a way for all enrolled GM dealers to find parts at other GM dealers across the country. It was also used for ordering parts from GM. Of course this has been replaced with a much better on-line system many years ago. But, back when I was restoring my first Corvair (the crocus cream 1960 700 sedan) in the late 1970's the Rapid System was all that I had. Back then I was working for Chevrolet as a Field Contact Representative. That meant I was at Chevy dealers every day of the week. If I needed a part for my current Corvair project I would ask the Parts Manager to see if anyone had it on their shelves by calling up the part number on Rapid. It worked great! I finished up my little '60 sedan with all new belt line trim and all the badges and emblems were also brand new genuine GM. Of course this was before Cal Clark and others were re-producing any Corvair bits and pieces, so the Rapid System really helped.

Would you like some examples of what I found for my restoration

project(s)? How about a door molding (PN 6257514) for \$4.31 plus shipping from Cleveland, OH back to Chicago. That was an extra 88 cents! I found a new front bumper (PN 6255800) for my Corvair at a dealer in Brooklyn, NY for only \$42.75. They shipped it to me for \$5.18. I found another piece of belt line trim in Redwood City, California for \$5.37 plus tax and shipping was included! The Parts Manager sent along a note that since I was a bigwig at GM and if I could send him some 427 crate engines he would give me a real good deal on any other Corvair parts that I might want. I never found any extra Big Block Chevy engines laying around the Zone Office so his request went unfulfilled.

Once the '60 sedan was completed I saw no reason to stop using the Rapid System. I found parts in Minneapolis, New Castle, Delaware, Vicksburg, Michigan, Wausau, Wisconsin, State College, Pennsylvania and at a tiny little dealer in McMurray, PA called Yenko Chevrolet! I bought a brand new 1964 front grille emblem (PN 3844129) for \$10! I remember calling Yenko Chevrolet and asking for the Parts Department. When the counter man came on the line and I asked for the part number that Rapid said he had in stock he wasn't sure how I figured out that he still had that part. They might not have had a really good inventory system there. The guy

covered the phone and yelled back asking how much he should charge me for this discontinued obsolete Corvair part. I gladly paid him ten bucks for it plus another \$2 to ship it to me.

That was on April 9, 1979 - about eight years before Don Yenko died in a plane crash and the dealership was sold.

The all-time best parts score using the Rapid System happened in 1980 and involved wire wheel covers. As you know the three-prong spinners on GM wire wheel covers were discontinued in 1967 and replaced with a smooth, round center cap. The reason was a new Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (MVSS) that ruled the prongs as dangerous to pedestrians. I guess if you ran someone over with your car, the flying prongs of the spinners might injure the poor fool who was already under your car? I found that the remaining stock of the wheel covers with spinners were scrapped by GM soon after the rule went into effect. Wish I could have found that dumpster!!! Enter the Rapid System. The MVSS applied to cars offered for sale in the US only. We had no jurisdiction over what our neighbor to the North was doing. So we fired up the Rapid System and found a cache of wheel covers with three-pronged spinners sitting in the GM Canada warehouse in Woodstock, Ontario. I bought them all! Cost? How about \$31.11 each delivered to my local dealer in Elmhurst, Illinois?

Yeah, the Internet is great. But I did alright with the GM Rapid System. from **Caveman Pete**



CAVEMAN GARAGE

Pete K, prop.

Last month we featured an article titled Getting Ready for Winter at the Caveman Garage. This is the 1960 700 4-door sedan which was sold to the High School theater group. They really wanted a convertible so they planned to cut the roof off of the Corvair! Caveman Garage did the metal surgery for them.



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DACC TREASURY Dec. 17 2014

Income: Member renewals = \$346.00
50-50 drawing = \$144.00
Total = \$490.00

Expenses: Newsletter = \$ 98.36
50-50 payout = \$ 72.00 *
Attendance drawing = \$ 10.00 *
Reimbursement for party expenses = \$ 30.00 *
Total = \$210.36

* Note \$112.00 donated to Haven House in addition to gifts brought by members.

Bank balance as of 12-17-2014 = \$9,704.51

Clark Hartzel, Assistant Treasurer



SELL & SWAP

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

FOR SALE: Completely recond Corvaire 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 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 & 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

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dec. 17, 2014 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new members: James and Chris Grumblatt of Waterford, MI. 1964 convertible

Thanks for keeping membership up to date:

Avery, Dixon, R.Jennings, Johnson, McColgen, Munaco, Scheskey.

Dropped: Burt, Christ, Gjokaj, Inman, Jacobi, Nyquist

Exp. in Oct.: Dewald, Harriss, Slater, Vizyak. Will be dropped

Exp. in Nov.: D.Jennings

Exp. in Dec.: Belfontaine, Cavataio, Hensley, McDonald

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

Due in Feb.: Adair, Allesee, Blanchard, L.Hand, Lindh, McKean.

We have 113 paid members and 9 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.

The Detroit Area Corvair Club is a charter chapter of CORSA, Inc. Monthly meetings are held on the First Monday 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.

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MONDAY
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JANUARY 5th

The AIRCOOLER

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FIRST CLASS



DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

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

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

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BOTH PARTS & REPAIRS:

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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