



# PREP FOR HOMECOMING SHOW

## Monday AUGUST 3, 2015

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

### Regular Monthly Meeting

Robert Jennings is doing a slide show of Back to the Bricks tour. Pete and Robert spoke at the last meeting but were unable to show the slide show. WE will be having a Board meeting and a car show in the parking lot. **President Tim Bramble**

## RESIGNATION

**Corvaire Lady (Eva)** has resigned her VP position due to her health. **President Tim Bramble**

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Due to a health condition 'Corvaire Lady, Eva' has had to resign as Vice President, President Elect. This position must be filled so **President Tim Bramble** is looking for someone to talk to him to be appointed to that position.

So, he asks you to call and join the fun.

**Call (248) 343-9677**

## MEETING PLACE UPDATE

The Elks just hired a new manager and she will start on Monday the 27th of July. I have a meeting set up next week. I plan on going over what are the shortcomings at our meetings. I really feel bad on how our members have had to endure poor service and food arriving late. I'm hoping Patty Drew, the new manager can step up to the job and correct these problems.

We, the board, are also looking for alternative meeting sites. Pete K, Clark Hartzel, Ken Pepke, Ruth Sweeney and myself had lunch a National Coney Island in Royal Oak today. Food and service were great but the restaurant doesn't have an adequate meeting room and had very limited parking.

WE have a great site now but we need MUCH better service. I hope the new manager can correct those issues so we can stay. Bear with me and hopefully Patty can come thru for us.

If anyone in our club knows of a good meeting site with a private meeting room, has good food and great service with adequate parking so our Corvairs can park together then by all means, contact me!

**Tim Bramble**

## DACC Activities Calendar

### AUGUST -

<b>2nd Saturday Breakfast</b>	<b>August 8</b>
<b>Back to the Bricks -</b>	<b>August 8-15</b>
<b>Berkley Parade -</b>	<b>August 14</b>
<b>Woodward Dream Cruise -</b>	<b>August 15</b>
<b>DACC Homecoming -</b>	<b>August 20</b>
<b>Hines Drive Cruise -</b>	<b>August 23</b>

### SEPTEMBER -

**20 - Orphan Car Show - Ypsi**

### OCTOBER

**3-4 - Davisburg - Springfield Oaks**

**Antique/Classic Car Show & Auction**

2015 Summer Season did not get off to the greatest start. Cold, wet inclement weather left even the most dedicated Corvaire fans shivering in their vehicles awaiting the start of events. Forget about it. Don't fret, it's over. It's all prep work for August which is also the beginning of the end of Summer. So, no more excuses, "too cold", "car wouldn't start" "it's raining" just won't cut it. It is time to commit, make plans, reservations and move on.

The BERKLEY PARADE requires advance registration to participate in, but very enjoyable to witness on 12 Mile. You will see several DACC members in the parade. Spend Friday night in Berkley and Saturday on Old Woodward in Birmingham for the Woodward Dream Cruise. The WDC has grown to such proportions that it is difficult to navigate, but delightful to attend on Old Woodward, just south of Brown. Plenty to see and do and just one short block off the scene on Woodward. This event has international appeal.

The annual Homecoming begins with an invite to the UAW - Meet the Makers Picnic if you'll bring your Corvaire on the way to Homecoming plus the Hines Drive Cruise on your way home. After several years of attempts to organize the Hines Drive event, who knows, this may be the year to get it right. If not, the people are great to get stuck with.

Make August work for you and enjoy it with your friends in the DACC. Also, stay tuned for E-Blasts for Tech Sessions, Breakfasts and other events as they come up. Please share info on other events that may be of interest.

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# HOMECOMING 2015

NEW THIS YEAR AND JUST THOUGHT OF LAST WEEK, DRESS CONTEST DURING THE PASS IN REVIEW. GET OUT YOUR COOL 60'S DUDS OR EVEN 70'S IF THAT IS WHEN YOU HAD YOUR FIRST CORVAIR. SOME KIND OF PRIZE OR RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BEST DRESSED GUY OR GAL SO BE THERE OR BE SQUARE.

## Homecoming Update

The online and mail in registrations are coming in fast and furious from all over the country and Ontario with a lot of new people showing checking us out. The hotel will most likely be sold out of rooms by the time you read this so, I hope we don't have a wild wedding party booked there again like we did a few years ago.

Pete K. has found a deal on a tent that will be placed in the area of the old outdoor pool but not in the way of the movie screen.

The Friends of Corvaire group in Ohio are going to help out with lunch Friday and the BBQ grille is all ready for a good work out, I am sure Ken has been checking his list for all the great food he will be feeding us.

Remember the Picnic at the UAW 182 Hall on Plymouth Rd. in Livonia is Thursday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM! Drive a Corvaire and get a free lunch.

Bring your valve cover racer and model cars and toys, and open the piggy bank so you can buy all the parts you need in the swap meet.

for only \$10.00 admission visit The GM Heritage Center tour on Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM!

Wine and cheese party Sat. and a few 50/50 draws.

Help is always welcomed and appreciated in the World Class Hospitality Room and at the Registration table so, plan on spending some time there so some of us can get outside for a little while each day and enjoy the weather and check out the cars / trucks and parts. Watch the webpage and Facebook page for last minute details.

**PETE CIMBALA**

# THE AIRCOOLER

## HOMECOMING MEET THE MAKERS AND UAW LOCAL 1776 PICNIC

Thursday, August 20, 2015  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

UAW 182 Hall  
35603 Plymouth Rd. Livonia.

Located within 3 miles of the Comfort Inn across from the Ford Plant Facility.

Come join us as we celebrate the first day of the **Detroit Area Corvaire Club** Homecoming, Bring your Corvaire to show and receive a free picnic lunch (compliments of the UAW 1776).

Join us later at the Depot Town Car Cruise night in Ypsilanti, MI from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Please **contact Eva** at (734) 485-2729 or at [corvairelady@gmail.com](mailto:corvairelady@gmail.com) to register for this picnic/car show **Corvaire Lady (Eva)**

## BACK TO THE BRICKS

There is so much going on that the best way to find out what you want to do for 2 weeks is to check out the web page [backtothebricks.org](http://backtothebricks.org) and click schedule for the times and places to visit.

The drive in movie night is Tuesday the 11th. at the US 23 Drive In on Fenton Rd. north of Hill Rd. Smokey and the Bandit will be watched by a couple thousand people in cool old cars the place will hold that many with all 3 screens.

Rolling Cruise from Grand Blanc to downtown Flint Wednesday - Friday (stop by the Mega Site at the old Fisher Body plant now IINN at Saginaw St and Hemphill Rd.) that is where I will be all 3 days.

Concert in Grand Blanc Friday at 7:00 with Dave Bennett's Rockin the 50's show and a car show from 3:00 to 8:30 at the former GM Weld Tool Center on S. Saginaw ST. The main event is Sat. the 15th. but the tune up parties Aug 3rd. to the 8th. are a lot of fun and keep getting bigger each year.

I will have the full schedule at the meeting in August and remember is all free and just an hour away for a lot of you in the Detroit area.

**PETE CIMBALA**

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

July 24 - You can go to the Contour d'Elegance and get a pre show look at the cars for free.

July 25 - is the Contour d' Lemons at St. Johns in the parking lot. Judging is at 11, Awards at 12

Aug 8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday breakfast at Guest Omelet in Redford then Car Cruz down Wayne Rd to Michigan Ave.

**JOHN O'Leary - Activities Director**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think the Greenbrier has it in for me or it just doesn't like long road trips. If you attended our July meeting you know the Greenbrier suffered a failure in number 1 and 2 cylinders exhaust valve guides. I have no idea why. Even the machine shop guys are scratching their heads for a reason. Most failures are on cylinder 5 and 6, which are the hottest and are prone to failures. Baldwin Machine shop is redoing the heads and installing Clarks bronze/magnesium guides in all 12 valves guides. Take that you big stupid Greenbrier. I'm sure I will regret saying that. Things to think about; the trip to Tenn. was very hot, humid, Jelico mountain was never ending and Ray Dubia was at the wheel. Everything was stacked against me. [HA HA Just kidding Ray.]

To change the subject for a moment. At Home-coming I asked Ray about his folding cot night-mare.

Back on the Greenbrier. The engine had 1200 miles on it before we left for Tenn, the engine should have been broke in. Maybe the 20/20w oil just wasn't flowing. If that assumption is right why didn't cylinder 5 and 6 fail. Just sent a order in Clarks Corvair so I can put the motor back together. The new guides should be here on Friday July 10 and hopefully the Machine shop can have the heads done the following week. I would like to have it up and running so I can enjoy it the rest of the summer. SO Adam your not the only Corvair owner that has engine problems. I guess I just stupid enough to just keep plugging at it. Well at least until I run out of money. At this rate it won't be long.

I want to thank everyone who attended our July meeting. Yes, once again the Elks has a management change or rather no manager. I thought Matt was doing a great job. At this time there is no manager at the Elks but I will try to talk to someone and see if we can get at least 2 waitress. I wish they would drop off the bill when they bring our food to us I think that would help immensely. If some of our members can come earlier to our meetings and order sooner it might help out. Plus I would have some company; I get there at 4pm on meeting nights just to make sure they are ready for us. This past meeting I had to bring in all the chairs for us. The Elks only had tables in the room but no chairs. You can tip me the next time you see me. ha ha.

Oh, NO! When you read this it will be August. I use to hate August when I was in school and they would put the ads for school supplies and play that terrible jingle, BACK TO SCHOOL AT ROBERT HALLS. August is great now because once again we will be with our out of state and out of country friends. If you are like me, the swap area is one of the many high lights of the DACC Homecoming. Just imagine that grease part you always wanted is just a few steps away. Make sure you send off your registration to Pete Cimbala and RESERVE YOUR ROOM. Time is flying by. Hope to see you at our August meeting MONDAY August the 3rd. Repeat after me the first Monday of each month is our meetings.

Thanks President **TIM BRAMBLE**

## DACC WEST

The DACC-West / Second Sunday Activity had 14 members present at the July 12th meeting. Jay Nugent introduced us to the features and resources available on the \*new\* DACC webpage (<http://detroitcorvairs.com>). Many resources have been added that better describe what the DACC is, when and where we meet, who are the leaders of the organization and how to contact them. The goal of the website is to put information at the fingertips of our members, and to influence prospective members - giving them a reason to join. Many links are provided to assist members in finding mechanics, available parts, and information about how to identify heads, blocks, cranks, and other parts of our engines - handy for the home mechanic when trying to get those engines back into service. MUCH work still needs to be done on the website and Jay asks for your constructive criticism and your offers to write some of the missing material.

A car show preceded AND followed the meeting. Several cars were present and everyone enjoyed taking a look and asking questions.

The next DACC-West / Second Sunday Activity will be held Sunday, August 9th at 2pm. We \*hope\* to have an auto-body instructor from Washtenaw Community College speak to us about body repair techniques and body paint.

So the meeting \*may\* be moved to the WCC campus, so check the website for details!

Enjoy! **Jay Nugent**

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## Social Networking Yooper Style

The other day I was going to breakfast with my buddy Pete Cimbala at the little local restaurant in Downtown Swartz Creek. Yeah, there is only one restaurant in downtown 'Creek that serves breakfast. So I'm parking my 1960 Corvair 700 sedan in the lot behind the building next to an older gentleman with a nice Harley motorcycle. He sees the car and his eyes light up.

"When I lived in the U.P. we didn't have any radio stations. A friend had a Corvair just like that one (note: ALL Corvairs in people's memory were always JUST like the one in front of them) and when the weather was right he could pull in radio station WJR from Detroit." He would park the car, pull out the antenna to its longest length and open all the windows so we could all listen to the game (Tigers!)"

And that is how they did Social Networking in the Upper Peninsula. Gather 'round the Corvair and listen to game and hang out with your buddies.

Where did we go wrong?

**Pete K**

# MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2015

We had a good turn out of Corvairs to the meeting we had 23 Corvairs and 47 people. It was great to have 3 guests come and enjoy the meeting with us.

Robert Jennings gave us an update of the treasury. We have \$8216.60 we spent \$102.00 for the Sloane Picnic. Clark Hartzel said we have 128 paid members and that he was sad we had to drop 2 members.

For Swap and sell there is a parade ready 63 Monza white with 102 motor for sale \$4500.00. There is also a 1991 Chevy S10 Pick up with topper 208,000 miles V-6 2.8 for sale \$2500.00. Also Ken Hand has parts to sell.

Pete Cimbala and Robert Jennings shared with us the great time they had on the Back to Bricks tour. Pete drove his "72 Chevy Truck" Robert and Ruth drove his "60 Corvair". They went 829 Miles. Ruth was glad Pete took his truck she was having fun finding things along their journey that would not fit well into Roberts's car.

Pete shared that there was quite a few different news stations doing coverage of the event and he enjoyed sharing with them the details of the tour. They even had a Police escort led with a "66 Plymouth" a former detective car.

They had their share of rain during the tour. Ruth won a case of oil at a dealership. They had 320 people and 180 cars and went over budget by \$6,700.00. Baker College came again with the trailer of tools and worked on 22 cars during the week long tour. They had a great time.

Ken Hand let us know that he was elected President of Corsa. He was asking for help to put on the 2017 National Convention. Their currently is no bids for the event and he is hoping to get enough help to volunteer to do the event and then he was going

to put in the bid to host it with specialty group Corvantics.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12-5 pm there is a Benefit car show for a young boy who has stage 4 Cancer. It is called Dollars for Devin Auction and Benefit Ride. Starts at Classic Pub and Grill 16219 Old US 27, Lansing, MI 48906 Entry fee \$10 adults \$3 for kids 3-12.

Nationals last month Ray, Tim and Jerry went down in Tim's Greenbrier. Of course things didn't go as planned. #1 and #2 Cylinder valve guides failed which caused it to run off of 5 cylinders. Jerry was not feeling well but of course Ray and Tim didn't realize how bad he was feeling and they continued to pick on him. Ray got up in the middle of the night and Tim messed with Ray's cot and when Ray sat back down on the cot it fell down. Jerry let us know that beware Tim and Ray talk to each other in their sleep. So think twice before going on a trip with Tim and Ray. But all in all it sounds like they had a nice trip.

50/50 drawing went to our new guest George Haight he walked away \$71.00 richer. I won the Attendance drawing and that was a first for me and much appreciated.

Bill Johnson is looking for rusty muffler flanges for his Harley muffler conversions.

I was fortunate to get supplies from Marilyn for Goodie bags this year. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to our goodie bags please bring them to the next meeting. Homecoming will be here before we know it.

*Now out to see the cars in the lot and then hopefully ice cream.*

**Secretary, Lori Komora**

## Parade in Cass City

Pete Koehler, Ian Smith, Bill Johnson, Gary Komora and I had attended. The parade was huge I think everyone in town attended. While waiting for the parade to start Gary had decided that it might be a great idea to become a float in the parade and

have Bill drive his car and pull him behind.

And of course after a nice parade we all needed bathroom break. Bill Johnson pointed out his family had delivered Johnson Porta-Potties.

We had great weather and a nice time! Only two small snafus. One was you did not want to follow Pete driving Clark's Corvair, it was spitting oil all over who ever was behind him (which is now fixed.)

Ian, a few miles from home, had his fuel line at his electronic fuel pump come off, simple fix and he made it home.

**Lori Komora**

## Driveway Mechanic 1 PARTS REMOVAL

Went to Swartz Creek to pick up a HHR rear bumper cover for my HHR. (No, not a Corvair cover). Both Pete's were there. (Pete & Re-Pete). There was a late and early Corvair on trailers looking rusty bad, I mean really rust buckets. Pete and Re-Pete said the plan was to remove any good parts and scrap the rest. With my lack of knowing junk from good stuff, I kept my trap shut. With time to kill I thought I would help them remove parts.

The late model was my start of training in part's 101. Before long I was removing every thing I could and more. Both Pete and re-Pete thought I died and went to Corvair heaven. I had parts off that they would have left on the rusty car. I was having so much fun that I texted my wife that I was going to be late getting home. (I just got off work and headed to Swartz Creek just to pickup the Bumper cover that was 20 hours ago).

I was informed that any parts that someone did not want was mine for the taking. (payment for the work removing parts needed). Now you know I have a 1939 Chevy and a 1955 F-100 that I trying to sell. With no Corvair and a HHR full of Corvair parts I might start Corvair recycle business. I guess I need to get back into a Corvair soon.

Word for the wise (I was not wise) in warm weather and after a rain the bloodsuckers are in the 100's or 1000's. After giving a pint of blood

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everyone thought it was time to stop operation on the rust buckets and clean up.

I think I found my calling after retirement Junkyard diving ... NOT. Drive safe and drive them Corvairs.

**Ray Dubia**

## **Driveway Mechanic 2 HOMECOMING!**

Well it's almost time for the DACC Homecoming, and the near end of another summer of cars shows and cruising.

I told our friends from CANADA that I would jot-down a little note about there June car show, the first weekend of June. Here we go.

The DACC Canada group who comes over to the Homecoming keeps growing with a couple new members each time. Gerry Light and I, a couple years ago, went to one of their shows and it was a blast. In fact I was told by Ross that the old timers in CANADA never grow old they just become recycled teenagers.

Well anyway, this year I set aside some vacation time to go again to their car show. One word said it all ... WOW! I mean the place we went was BIG! The last count was over 4,500 classic cars and trucks with other types of transportation you could think of. This time there was a feature attraction: The Dukes Of Hazard Actor's Reunion. They where: John Schneider (Bo), Tom Wopat (Luke) Rick Hurst (Cletus) Sonny Shroyer (Enos) and Tom Sarmiento-Builder and lead Mechanic. Dasie Duke had other plans and was not there.

To top off that group of people there was some Special Guest: Dennis Gage (My Classic Car), Courtney Hansen (I m in love again, sorry wife). " Miss Hurst " Linda Vaughn (Jerry North's sweetheart) George Barris and Gene Winfield.

Now if you ever thought we Americans are crazy try watching group of Canadian farmer on their tractors doing square dancing. Yes folks dancing! What a hoot. This group are called "TeamFarmall". Oh ya, we were also given a fly over by a 50's Vintage Jet. What more could you ask for you say? Well, how about a short strip tease act by a guy changing into shorts just two cars from us. Not very good to see but funny just the same.

I stopped at Gerry's house to pick him up because neither of us where going in classic cars. It's about a two-hour ride from Gerry's house.

After crossing the Port Huron bridge and getting close to Ross's house Gerry called Ross so that we all could meet at a place called (remember I said Canadian's are crazy) Little Beaver for breakfast. After eating I had to ask if we where having lunch at Hooters next! (Sorry just had to put that in).

Now because there was only Gerry and I there we spent a couple nights at a friend's house there. I must say the bacon back breakfasts where to die for. The rest of the time we stayed there we visited other friends Collin and his wife and another couple who Ross and Collin have been trying to entice to get a Corvair and come to the DACC home coming this year. Food was at every stop and I think I put no, I know I put on 6 pounds that weekend alone.

Ross took Gerry and I down town London Ontario to show us the sights very cool. The last time I was there Ross took me to see a bronze likeness of Dumbo the Elephant who lot his life after getting hit by a train. This is no joke! You just have to go there and see for yourself. Now if you folks what to see more of this show and other information you can go to [WWW.fleetwoodcountrycruisein.com](http://WWW.fleetwoodcountrycruisein.com)

Now for you DACC USA members that what more up to date info stop by the CANADIAN row at the Homecoming and ask questions. I'm sure our friends from CANADA will answer any and all questions. (remember, these folks are crazy and the answers might not be what you expect). Next year I m going for more Bacon Back's!

Till next time, Drive those Corvairs and be safe.

**Ray Dubia**

## **Driveway Mechanic 3 ROAD TRIP**

Off we go on another road trip adventure with Tim Bramble and his Corvair Greenbrier.

If you remember the trip last year to Texas in the Greenbrier, Tim and I had a few problems. Will a lot of problems. Just a recap of the fun:

35 miles from Tim's house the fuel pump went south. Then a fuel stop showed the transmission was low on blood. Then a few hundred more miles and transmission blood and oil was needed. Then a popping sound a smoke in the cab sent us back to find the fan belt and oil all over the place. Then. Well, you get the drift. We still had a good time. One note to report: this was the first road trip with Tim that I was not the subject of many pranks. Thanks Greenbrier!

This year we set out to the Corvair convention in Knoxville TN. This trip we had a third guest. Jerry (sorry I forgot the last name) I guess it is good because Jerry was the focus of some bad jokes. All in fun though. Shell we start the trip.

It's June 22, 2015 at 3:30am all three of us are rechecking and loading the Greenbrier. Cloths check, GPS check, cooler with junk food check. Full tank of gas it's dark out and we a wearing sunglasses check. 300 feet from Tim's driveway and so far so good.

Just got on to M-59 and Jerry needed a coffee. Ok Jerry, is this going to be an 'are we there yet' trip? Coffee in hand and off we go. Each tank fill Tim checked the engine compartment to make sure that all the parts are there because Tim rebuilt the engine for this trip. I still took some duct tape, fuel hose, clamps and a coat hanger and a coke bottle just in case. So far so good. After about 200 miles Tim, Jerry and I switched seats. I took over the driving Jerry took the shotgun seat and Tim took a nap. Old guys get tired easy. Rolling down the road every thing was running like a well-oiled watch. Then it happened! (Cliff hanger :-))

**ROAD TRIP CONTINUED NEXT MONTH**

## **MAKERS OF THE CHEVROLET CORVAIR**

**Continued from  
JULY AIRCOOLER**

A special historical reunion took place of the last made convertible (1969 car #5997 owned by DACC member Pete Koehler) and last surviving coupe (1969 car #5999 brought by CPF President, Mike Hall and his wife). These two cars hadn't seen each other since the last day of Corvair production...May 14, 1969 (46 years).

Also historically reuniting in the front of those two cars since May 14, 1969, was the 1969 production team of Joe Strayhorn (Sr. Reliability Engineer / Superintendent for the last 6,000 built and the man famously photographed in car #6000) along with Joe Casey (Supervisor of the 1969 Corvair Room) and Don Pare (Joe's right hand man). Joe Casey drove all the way from Texas to be at this event because he heard Joe Strayhorn was attending.

The main featured program lasted 3-1/2 hours with 16 guest speakers of former auto workers & GM car designers giving "first hand" story accounts of Corvair design & production which included guest of honor, Mr. Dave Cole (eldest son of Ed Cole) who also gave a speech. Mr. Cole also received an original proclamation that I wrote paying tribute to the Corvair and its' makers signed by the Governor declaring May 14th "Chevrolet Corvair Appreciation Day" for the entire State of Michigan which was presented by the Ypsilanti Township Supervisor, Brenda Stumbo in memory of his father, Ed Cole.

Special presentations included an unveiling of three original Carl Renner sketches of proposed Corvair designs from 1957 by Robert Edwards of the American Dreaming film project along with an oil portrait of Ed Cole, and a donation to CPF of an original framed photograph of a 1960 Corvair that hung in the Rotunda (Fishbowl) at the Willow Run Plant during Corvair production years were among the program's highlights. The oil portrait and photograph will be displaced at the Chevy Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur, Illinois.

During the event, the Chairman

of the UAW Local 1776 (former Willow Run Assembly Hourly Workers), Enoch "Jack" Jackson, and Sgt. At Arms, Dominick Orlando, surprised me with an honorary UAW Willow Run Retiree membership which included a beautiful plaque with a Corvair on it and union card with two pins. There was a free raffle and silent auction which included autographed items by the former auto workers & GM car designers among other items related to the Corvair & Willow Run Assembly Plant. Event participants enjoyed vintage Corvair films & commercials on a large screen in the hangar area while enjoying early morning cups of coffee & donuts. Custom made cakes with edible Corvair photos were presented during the "Meet & Greet" one on one time with the Corvair Makers. The program continued in Ypsilanti to tour the auto museum's "Corvair Room" and finished with a "Corvair After Party" at the Sidetrack Restaurant where various Corvair folks enjoyed meeting each other while discussing program highlights. Pictures of the event (taken by special event photographers John Allesee, Kerry Borgne, Bill Vellner, and Gary Komora) can be seen on the "Meet the Makers of the Chevrolet Corvair" Facebook page as well as the DACC Facebook page. The main program was exclusively filmed by a hired videographer and is only available by placing a DVD order through the event organizer & hostess, Eva McGuire. To obtain a program DVD, send \$25.00 (includes shipping/handling) payable to: Eva McGuire, P.O. Box 981335, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. Please include your name, address, and phone number with your order(s). If I can hand it to you at a DACC meeting, the DVD is \$20.00/each. The DVD is currently being edited and will take several months before it is available. I wanted to keep the program free for everyone, and the DVD is one way to help pay for the expenses for the event. A few commemorative dog tags made by the Yankee Air Museum are also available at \$10.00 each.

Dog tags say: "Corvair Club,

Meet Makers, Yankee Air Museum, May 14, 2015." If you are interested in buying one, please e-mail your request for a dog tag at [corvailrady@gmail](mailto:corvailrady@gmail). I will let you know if a dog tag is available by confirming your e-mail and then an order can be submitted. I want to thank all those who came to the event and those who volunteered. I appreciate it; this couldn't have been done without your help.  
CONTINUED IN SEPTEMBER AIRCOOLER  
**Corvair Lady (Eva)**

## **B PILOT ROOM**

**CONTINUED FROM JULY AIRCOOLER**

At my request, and with lots of laughs, Cecil and his family were looking for this elusive missing Pilot Room name badge all around their house. A few days after the event, Cecil telephoned me to delightfully exclaim that they found it! The Pilot Room name badge was issued on May 20, 1959. I asked his wife to take a close up photograph of the badge and one with Cecil holding it. To my surprise, there is a photo of Cecil wearing the badge, and it was the first time he wore it since working in the Pilot Room (over 50 years ago).

Cecil began his employment at Willow Run at the Truck Plant in 1955. Prior to that, he worked on the very first Corvettes in Ohio as a finisher of the bodies. He relays a funny story about how they tested the Corvette doors - they would drop them on the floor, and if they didn't separate, splinter or break - they were fine.

I also had interviewed Cecil's wife, Pat, who was asked what it was like to have her husband come home back in 1959 and him being sworn to secrecy about the Corvair Project. She said he never said a word about what he was doing at the plant and kept well guarded the secrets about this unique vehicle. I found Cecil to be a man of strong faith and high integrity about how he worked on the Corvair; and the workers who spoke about him and worked for him have such high respect and said nice things to say about him.

This has been my experience with a lot of the Corvair workers; which is why I love my cars even more...such wonderful people who designed & built our cars.

**Corvair Lady (Eva)**

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## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July 17, 2015 by Clark Hartzel

**Welcome new members:** George Haight of Clarkston, MI

**Thanks for keeping membership up to date:** Duve, Dehring.

**Exp in May:** : Knapp, Ross. Will be dropped.

**Exp. in July:** Debbrecht, Kinsman, Newell, North, Piche, Thomas, Vellner, Zull

**Due in Aug:** Balow, Dailey, DeRocco, Fultz, Greer, Hairsine, C.Hand, Hatala, Komora, Lagasse, McCaughey, McCormick, Morenski, Newton, Owens, Riggs, Sitterly, Spiess, Vadovich.

**Due in Sept.:** Borgne, Boulan, Cutter, Dexter, Gilson, Hartzel, Heath, Kelava, Ropp, Schlaud, Schmidt, Serpento, Simms, Smith, Spaulding, Storc, Yascovits

We have 122 paid members and 10 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](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.

## DACC TREASURY

FORWARD: \$ 8,328.72  
50-50 \$ 61.00  
MEMBERS \$ 123.00  
HOMECOMING \$ 540.00  
EXPENSES \$ 307.42  
BALANCE \$ 8,622.30

Robert W Jennings

## SELL & SWAP

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

**FOR SALE:** 63 Greenbrier automatic \$3700 & 61 Rampside 4 speed \$7500 Both are very solid from the dry climate of Eastern Montana. Un-restored & original paint. Rampside has topper from the 60's will sell separate. Hope to have at the Home Coming swap meet, Lansing area. 517-667-1407

**WANTED:** FOR '64 CORVAIR MONZA CONV. USED, GOOD COND, FRONT & REAR, R/L, WHL. OPNG. MLDNG, REAR BUMPER. BLACK BOOT COVER. ROCKO @ 586-431-4494.

**For Sale: 1964 blue conv,** some rust, has not run in 8 years. **65 teal 2 dr cpe,** good body, hole in floor, white interior, not run in 10 + years. **Early Spider Eng,** rebuilt?, never installed. Lots of other parts. Prices to make room in barn. Some pics available. Ron [rmvair@aol.com](mailto:rmvair@aol.com) 734-649-8564 Manchester, MI

**FOR SALE:** 1966 Corvair Monza 4DR w/ factory air Runs and Drives. Needs to be restored. \$1700 Call 517-294-0153

**FOR SALE:** 1964 Corvair Spider Conv - Family owned since 1998, Painted 2 years ago Looks good, Runs and drives excellent \$7000 Call 517-294-0153

**NOTICE:** Your friendly *Aircooler* editor is looking for **SELL & SWAP ITEMS** Send materials to: [kenpepke@yahoo.com](mailto:kenpepke@yahoo.com)

and be included in a future issue of

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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 AUGUST 3  
Pre HOMECOMING  
CAR SHOW**

**FIRST CLASS**



**DACC ACTIVITIES**

Direct your questions & comments to: John O'Leary - <stungray@yahoo.com> OR (248) 681-7747

- August 8 - 15 Back to bricks events
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Woodward dream cruise
- August 14<sup>th</sup> Berkley car show
- August 20<sup>th</sup> START OF HOMECOMING
- August 20<sup>th</sup> Picnic with UAW members arrive at 11 stay till 2pm
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Hines Park cruise
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Orphan car show
- October 3-4 Davisburg, Springfield Oaks, Antique & Classic Car Show and Auction

**SEPTEMBER  
MEETING DATE  
CHANGE TO  
SECOND MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 14  
DUE TO  
LABOR DAY  
WEEKEND**

**PARTS AND SERVICES**

**MECHANICAL REPAIRS / BODY WORK:**

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

**PARTS & SERVICES:**

Mike McKeel - Mechanical Repairs / Parts & Tech Advice (734) 485-2729 vaircare67@gmail.com

Clark's Corvair parts 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA. 01370 (413) 625-9776

**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](http://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