



HOMECOMING MEMORIES

MEETING SEPTEMBER 14th

So who is the new DACC VP?

The short answer to that question is: Me! The longer answer would have some personal data such as; owning Corvairs continuously since 1968 and currently having somewhere around 20 in the collection. But that doesn't qualify me or anyone else to hold a leadership position in our club. It just certifies that I am crazy about Corvairs. To an extreme!!

My club experience dates back to 1977 in Chicago when, as a Chevrolet Field Representative, I was asked to "sponsor" the Chicagoland chapter - CCE. That meant I had to attend their meetings at a GM facility and make sure they didn't disrupt anything too major. The match-up worked and I became and still am a member of that group. I held several board positions with the CCE including editing their newsletter, "The Airhorn" for several years. Ken, I feel your pain!! My buddy Larry Claypool got me involved in the National organization, CORSA where I held several positions including charting dangerous financial waters in the early eighties when the club appeared to be on the brink of a melt down. But that's all good now, so let's talk about the future of the DACC.

I know that we like to come to our monthly meetings and eat. Eating is important. We will continue to eat. Our Prez, the honorable Tim Bramble is working behind the scenes with the management at the Elks club to help them improve their performance as a food service so we can continue to eat/meet there. I'm fine with that. Aside from the meetings and getting the Aircooler every month the other critical part of what makes DACC the club that it is would be the annual Corvair Homecoming event. We have honed that into just about the best Local/Regional Corvair event in the country and I am sure it is the best value for the dollar spent of ANY Corvair event, bar none! We should continue to produce this event and continue to have a great time doing it. Agreed?

So that is what I see for the remainder of this shortened Vice Presidential assignment and into the next year as your Fearless Leader. Don't worry. I won't make all of you sell off your late models and replace them with a '60 Corvair. All Corvairs and Corvair people are welcome. And I think Corvair people are the best. Am I right? **PETE KOEHLER**

Monday SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 DUE TO MONDAY LABOR DAY

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Regular Monthly Meeting

HOMECOMING 2015 IN REVIEW

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this Homecoming has come and gone. Where did the summer go?.....I'm sure Homecoming was a great success.

I was hoping we would be able to attend and have stories to tell about Homecoming but to get the Aircooler out we must submit our reports to Ken Pepke by August 17th. So all those Homecoming pranks on you know who will have to wait. I still have 4 days to hone my plan.

Our DJ had shoulder surgery on August 10 and he needed our help in setting up. Thanks to all those who helped Rock-in Ronnie. I want to thank everyone on helping out at Homecoming this year.

Ian Smith was able to provide a tent so our guests could have a place to sit and dine outside this year. It seems every year that DACC adds things to the Homecoming to make our guest feel welcome. The tent, I hope was one of those items. Thanks Ian.

Don't worry; I'll be thanking a lot more people at our September meeting.

I'm hoping my talk with the staff at the ELKS about our service will do some good for our September meeting.

September will probably be our last parking lot car show. So drive your Corvair and join in the fun. We will be having Pete Cimbala going the Homecoming attendance counts, Pete Koehler will go over the swap area, Paul Piche will give us the Valve cover results, Ken Pepke will tell us how many guest were fed and hopefully Robert Jennings will give us good news that we broke even.

I want to give advance notice that our October meeting is going to focus on our members Hobbies. So bring your Hobbies to the October meeting and share with the rest of us. I like old Corvair ads and I'll be showing those. Hope to see you at the September meeting. **Tim Bramble**

Homecoming

Gee what happened???? It came so fast and went by even faster. What am I talking about? The 2015 DACC Homecoming. Great friends, great music, super swap meet, valve cover races, first time attendees and lets not forget the great FOOD. I want to thank all of the DACC members and guests who helped make the 2015 Homecoming a Great Success.

I hope everyone enjoyed the 30 x 40 foot tent on the lawn. One of DACC's newer members, Ian Smith, provided it. I noticed quite a few people enjoying the shade it provided thru out the Homecoming and what a great location next to the Swap Area. I used it several times myself. Thanks Ian.

Special thanks goes out to the Friends of Corvair Club for providing the great lunch on Friday. Great food. You can tell they have been providing great food for large groups for sometime now.

Three attendees went home a little richer from the 50/50 drawings we had, a special thanks to Ken & Beth Hand and Adam Morenski & Donna Lachobski. For all of us that didn't win, the question is why not me? The only lotto I won was the military draft. That lotto is the one I didn't want to win and I didn't even purchase a ticket for it.

I really enjoy talking to our new guests, my old friends and fellow DACC members who attended.

What a selection of Corvairs. There are several "You Tube" videos showing the DACC 2015 Homecoming. When you get a moment, sit down and relive the good times.

There are always key people who make the Homecoming special. The official Homecoming chairperson Pete Cimbala and his staff who manned the Registration room. Ken Pepke and his staff and the Friends of Corvair from Ohio who fed us so

well. Pete Koehler who kept the swap area organized and flowing. Rockin Ronnie for the great tunes and Drive-in movie. Paul Koehler for the great burgers and brats on our Friday night cook out. Paul Piche for the great refreshment and handling of valve cover races with the help of Clark Hartzel, Thanks to Stu Shuster for getting us access to the GM Heritage museum each Homecoming. Thanks to Clark and Joann Hartzel for the great road tour. Once again Paul Piche figured out how many pizzas we need with one slice left over. Lori Komora hosted the Wine and Cheese tasting party. Thanks to our own auctioneer Marvin Granger another fine job. Marvin knows how to bundle and excite the crowd. For Sandra Holt the Mary Kay representative. O yea, how could I forget the Orange Crush soda and the ice cream provide by Beth Hilton and Dan Dood, John Allesee for the great calendars he produces from the top 25 peoples choice winners each year. Thanks to Eva McGuire, we enjoyed a picnic with the Makers of our beloved Corvair and she also hosted the Children actives on Saturday. I know for one I look forward to our own Mike McKeel and his mechanical wizardry and Tech sessions.

The following people did a great job on serving our guest with Pizza on Saturday evening, Gigi, John, Paul and Margo. A Big Thanks to those who did the little things in the background that most people don't see but are accentual to make a great Homecoming.

A big THANK's to all the attendees who came to our 2015 Homecoming. Without you there would be no Homecoming. I hope you will come back next year and enjoy yourself once more.

Tim Bramble President
Detroit Area Corvair Club.

DACC SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY Orphan Car Show Ypsilanti, MI September 20, 2015

DACC West

Please add in the "Schedule of Events" that the "DACC-West Second Sunday Activity" will take place at 2pm on Sunday September 13th at the Museum in Ypsilanti. Sorry, I don't have what the presentation will be, confirmed just yet.

Thanks! --- **Jay Nugent**

HELP WANTED

I would like to put together a bid for the 2017 convention in the Lansing area. I already have an excellent hotel picked out in a very good area of Lansing, the Crown Plaza on Creytes Rd.

What I need at this time is people willing to take on a little bit of leadership as in being a chairperson for an area. We all know how a convention runs and the activities involved as quite a few of you have helped in 2007, Thank You.

This will have to be done in a very timely manner as 2017 is fast approaching. I am sending this to DACC and the West Michigan clubs in hopes of getting enough help to be able to put this bid together.

The convention will be run using the Corvanatics Club as the host club. If anyone would like a challenge and willing to help please contact me via email, **vairmech@aol.com** If you have specific questions you can call, 248 613 8586, but email is really the best form of contact right now.

Thanks Everyone.

Ken Hand
2017 Convention Chair
248-613-8586

MEETING MINUTES

July 3, 2015

Another fun night at the Elks Club for our monthly meeting. We still had a good turn out of cars that night. We had 41 people and 15 Corvairs.

Clark Hartzel reported that we have 127 paid members 3 owed dues and 6 paid tonight. Robert Jennings said we have \$8320.60.

John O'Leary has been keeping us updated on events. In September we have moved the regular monthly meeting to the 14th due to Labor Day. On September 20th we have the Orphan car show. October 3-4 Davisburg Classic Car Show.

Our 2nd Saturday gathering was at Marco's Restaurant in Redford then off to North American Classic afterwards.

Homecoming we are adding a few neat features. We will be having a Costume Contest in period attire, Saturday evening. Great idea from Stu! We will also be having a large tent with table and chairs set up where the old outdoor pool had been. This will work out great as an overflow area for eating and socializing.

Swap and sell Jerry has a '65' Convertible for sale for \$7000 it has 102,000 miles powerglide (use to be owned by Gene Allan). Tom Deptulski has a '64' turbo engine for sale brand new never in a car. Clark Hartzel has his 63 Coupe that is White with Red interior for sale \$4500.00. Bill Johnson is still looking for crossovers for exhausts if anyone has any.

Jerry had brought in for anyone who wanted some previous months Classic Car Magazines.

Homecoming will be here before we know it. It looks like a good handful of people are coming in as early as Wednesday to relax before the event. We want to improve on our Swap and Sell area even thou we tend to have the 2nd largest swap area for conventions. The largest is in California. Pete talked about wanting more items to sell at the swap area and would like to set aside an area where cars that are for sale can be.

This months Hemmings magazine had 20 Corvairs listed

in the magazine.

50/50 Winner of \$65 went to Rob this was his second meeting with us. The attendance went to Clark Hartzel.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming!!!

Secretary, Lori Komora

Board Meeting

Our main topic was about how things are going at the Elks with our food orders. We discussed some of the pros and cons. We said we would keep and eye out if there is somewhere better to meet. We all agreed to give it some time to see if the new management can work out some of the kinks. It is a good location and the parking lot for our cars is great.

Homecoming is coming up lets see if we can make it the best one yet. Everyone is busy getting things together. Ken Pepke showed us his binder that has everything broken down to make the food prep and process go smoothly. Which it does.

Meeting done now out to see the cool cars in the lot~

Secretary, Lori Komora

RECAP; MEET THE MAKERS CONTINUED FROM AUGUST

I have received many notes, letters, phone calls, cards, e-mails, and personal congratulations by former auto workers/GM car designers and event participants thanking me for this event and how historically significant they felt it was to be there and that they would never forget it; some said it felt like a National Convention. (That's why I called it a Corvair Woodstock event - once in a lifetime). The Chairman of the UAW called the Meet the Makers program a "five star event". Dave Cole wrote me telling me how special an event it was and how delighted he was to be a part of it. He complimented my hard work on

what it took to prepare for it, and how amazed he was on how well organized it was and how many people attended thee vent. He was thankful for the great honor he was given in remembrance of his dad. At a recently attended June meeting of the former Willow Run Salary Retirees, I was surprised as they also bestowed an honorary membership for me to join their group. They thanked me for my on behalf of the Willow Run Plant and the Corvair, and informed me that I am the first "outsider" to ever be included in their group since its inception. I told them it was I who thanked them and felt very honored and privileged to be in their presence and to have both the UAW hourly & salary retirees invite me to be apart of their Willow Run family. Due to the Meet the Makers the event and the film interviews of the former workers/designers, I have received items of Corvair memorabilia that have been donated either to CPF or to the museum where the person wanted it specifically donated. Other items have been personally gifted to me at the donor's insistence which I have either donated myself to CPF/museum for history sake or raffled them at the event; other items I will be keeping in fond memory of the donor. There will be an unveiling of two of those special items at the Detroit Homecoming on Saturday (Aug. 22). Filming of the former auto workers/GM car designers will now resume again to preserve the Corvair story in order for this wonderful vehicle and its' makers to have its' deserved place in automotive history. To date, 126 film & audio interviews have been documented for future generations of Corvair owners/enthusiasts to enjoy "first hand" story accounts of how this one of a kind air-cooled wonder was designed and built.

Respectfully submitted by:
Corvair Lady (Eva McGuire)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to **Becky and Gary DeMoss**

and

the Friends of Corvair

for providing the Friday lunch at the 2015 Homecoming

The food and service was great!

from **Ken Pepke and Ruth Sweeney**

HOMECOMING 2015



**THE
WELCOME
MAN**



ROCKIN RONNIE

THE LUNCH CREW



**NEW MEMBER LYNN YENKO POSSES
WITH A SHRINERS CAR FROM 1979**





SECOND GENERATION CAMARO FROM LYNN YENKO WITH FIRST GENERATION CORVAIR



PHOTOS BY: RUTH SWEENEY KERRY BORGNE BRUCE WEEKS DACC ARCHIVES



PETE CIMBALA
LOOKING AHEAD TO

Driveway Mechanic 3

ROAD TRIP

CONTINUED FROM AUGUST

I saw Tim get up and start to open the back window. Jerry on the other hand was fast a sleep in the passenger seat. Trying to keep an eye on the road, I saw Tim started knocking on the passenger door window. Remember Jerry was a sleep. Jerry jumped out of the seat and starting to yell that there was someone running alongside the Greenbrier. Jerry thought that some one was running at 65 miles per hour along side us. Too funny. This was the start of Tim's pranks. Note: with Jerry on this trip I thought I was home free of Tim's pranks. So wrong was I.

Things where going good, the weather was nice; sun out the temp's up in the 80's what could go wrong. Oh boy what now! Our last gas stop was 214 miles ago and the engine was fine, but the traffic came to a grinding halt. We are now in Slla KY. We are now starting to cook in the Greenbrier as the sun was above us and the temp's in the 90's. Also, no wind. This went on for about an hour and a half. The problem, road construction! After 562 miles we made it to the hotel and unpacked. Time for a beer. Jerry at this time was a little green in the face and was heading to bed. A few days later Jerry found out that he and his wife might have had food poison. So much for road kill and sardines. The second night Jerry and Tim where already in bed and I was just finishing up a shower (not even Saturday yet). Then it happened. Tim thought it would be fun to jury rig the cot I was sleeping on to fall to the floor as I sat down. The lights where out and very dark in the room so tip toeing to the cot I went and BANG to the ground I went. And to think that with Jerry here the pranks would all go his way. So wrong I was.

The convection was good but

not like the Homecoming we at DACC put on each year. While walking around others would see our DACC shirt and comment on our Homecoming that they came to last year and the years before. only means that we at DACC are number one for putting on a party.

Knoxville was a wonderful place and the down town was great. Jerry on the other had had to strike up a conversation with the local home less people. No Jerry, he can't come home with us. The hotel had no breakfast and the lunch and dinners would of cut into you funds for Corvair parts so it was off to the local people to find a good mom and pop restaurant. We where told that there was a place in town called Pete's. (we hangout at a Pete's Coney back home so what the heck). So off we go into town on a trolley that stops every 10 min's at the hotel. The best part the ride was FREE! Well, Jerry found his friend again on the trolley trying to keep cool (the outside temp's are in the upper 90'). This is a free ride and this guy was having fun.

Pete's was great! a small family restaurant and the price was right. We Corvair people are cheeeep. Need the money for parts to keep the Corvairs running. Back at the hotel we all walked around to see the Corvairs and find parts. Tim on the other had was a little worried because the day we pulled into the hotel the engine over heated and was spark knocking. Things didn't seams good for the trip back home but the thought was that a few days rest for the Greenbrier the engine would be ok. More walking and shopping for parts.

It was Thursday about 6 pm we sat down for a beer and burger when Jerry's wife called and said the dog was in bad shape. Jerry started to look bad so Tim said lets cut the trip short and head home tonight. The hotel didn't charge us for Thursday night. So we packed up every thing and headed for home. It was 8:15 pm hot, sun out and we were wearing sunglasses.

We hit some rain in KY and this helped cool the engine as the Greenbrier was making noise of the bad kind. Note: the trip was all down hill to Knoxville but all up hill to Michigan. We made it non stop with Tim at the wheel all the way. (Tim just wanted to get the Greenbrier home in one piece). Oh S--t now what? The Greenbrier and we had just about enough of this trip. We were about 23 miles from Tim's house and the engine popped a belt. It was because of oil being spent all over the engine compartment. Tim and I have this roadside repair thing down pat. In 15 min's or less we where back on the road. Tim thought it would be wise to stay on the back road is as not to piss off the Greenbrier any more. We made at Tim's house at 6:58 am with 1,130 under our belt and a trip that Jerry will never for get. The sun was coming up and we were wearing sunglasses.

Next year it's off to Springfield ILL. Hey Jerry want to go with us?

Ray Dubia AKA Driveway Mechanic

Homecoming Road Rally

1st place:

Norm Witte family.....9 points

2nd place:

Chris Hand & Mark Guy...12 points

3rd place:

Gary & Becky DeMoss.....14 points

The rally was scored with:

1 point for each minute off our time.

1 point for each 1/10 mile off our miles.

5 points for each wrong answer.

Elaine Duerden finished 18 minutes before our time so we know she was speeding and running stop signs!!! Naughty, naughty.

Clark & Joanne Hartzel

P.S. Just in case Paul Piche forgets to make a report, I won the valve cover races! :-)

Clark Hartzel

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TREASURY REPORT

not available

SELL & SWAP

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

FOR SALE: 64 Maroon convert PG, eng rebuilt by Ken Hand in 2011 – new black top & carpet – 3 year old tires – AM-FM \$4,200 Dave 248-363 7277

FOR SALE: Frank Sheridan's 1965 Corvair conv. red w/ white top, blk int.VGC - two tears in top, body VGC - 164 turbo 110 hp that needs work.
Vancel01@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 1966 Monza 2dr 110 PG Sharp i/s & o/s, no rust - runs perfect, shows 68,106 mi - new batt & much more - \$8300 OBO Judy 248 288 2126

WANTED: To look at an original 1966 factory WW spare tire to provide dimensions for an upcoming article. Tom Deptulski (313) 835 6803

FOR SALE: 65 convertible to a good home \$7000 -- 810 - 444 - 7555

FOR SALE: Brand new '64 turbo engine, High School auto shop teaching aid - never in a car \$7000 Tom Deptulski (313) 835 6803

FOR SALE: 1961 LAKEWOOD 700 wagon 80,000 orig. miles. Store i/s since '73. All orig & complete, except engine. Now good running 62 car engine, 84 HP-PG. - Glass & Rubber seals are v. good. New floor pans, little rust. very restorable. \$1,000.00 OBO
Also: 1961 LAKEWOOD 700 wagon for parts. GC No rr window. BO - Evan Thomas 810-471-8826

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 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, Run & drives excellent \$7000 Call 517-294-0153

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

August 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. Dropped.

Exp. in July: , Newell, Zull will be dropped

Exp. in Aug: Balow, Dailey, DeRocco, Fultz, Greer, C.Hand, Hatala, Komora, Lagasse, McCaughey, McCormick, Newton, Owens, Riggs, Sitterly, Spiess.

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

Due in Oct: Currier, Dubia, Eichstaedt, Gerard, Light, Mann, McGuire, Sheridan, Shires, Wholehan.

We have 112 paid members and 18 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.

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.

**MONDAY SEPT 14
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FIRST CLASS



DACC ACTIVITIES

Direct your questions & comments to: John O'Leary - <stungray@yahoo.com> OR (248) 681-7747
Sept 14th REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Sept 20th Orphan car show is monthly activity

Join your friends from the DACC at the Orphan Car Show on Sunday, September 20, 2015 in Ypsilanti. Visit the Automotive Heritage Museum and enjoy the Car Show in Riverside Park. This year's show will feature convertibles. Pre-registration is required to participate. This show is limited to vehicle makes no longer manufactured with the exception of the Chevrolet Corvair. This is the 19th anniversary of this show and it is growing every year, also offers one of the best "Pass in Review" presentations in the area. Riverside Park and the Heritage Museum and the Firehouse Museum are all conveniently located in Depot Town offering a full selection of shops and restaurants. Awards will be made in 18 classes.

October 3-4 Davisburg, Springfield Oaks, Antique &
Classic Car Show and Auction

-**John O'Leary**, Activities Director

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