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# **DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB** ESTABLISHED 1974

# **BRING YOUR HOBBY NIGHT**

# Monday OCTOBER 5, 2015

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

**Regular Monthly Meeting** 

Bring your 'other' hobbies, car related or not! It is always fun to see the variety of interest our fellow members pursue. **President Tim Bramble** 

### **Fall Color Tour**

How about a traditional DACC Fall Color Tour to Frankenmuth? Combined with the sometimes traditional DACC Fourth Sunday driving event, we will meet on Baldwin Road Big Bov Restaurant at Baldwin and I-75 on Sunday, October 25th. 9AM for breakfast and 10AM to start the drive North to Frankenmuth. There will be a coffee stop along the way so we should end up in Michigan's best Bavarian town around lunchtime. After another famous DACC Eating Meeting you can stroll around town and buy some trinkets or some unique food items that are best bought in Frankenmuth.

As usual water pumpers are allowed but are relegated to the back of the pack. Here's hoping that we have a "pack" of Corvairs on the tour!! I know that I am going to make sure my '60's gas heater is working fine just in case the Fall weather brings cooler temperatures by the 25th. See you there?

Caveman PETE KOEHLER

# **DACC Fall Activity**

Sunday October 4, 2015

Michigan Classic Car and Antique Festival Springfield Oaks Park, Davisburg, MI

The North end of sprawling Springfield Oaks Park will be the designated parking area for antique, classic and collectible cars. The Springfield Oaks Park annual Michigan Antique Fest has received the funding to go on to be another great Michigan activity. This event will have activities of interest for all ages. All types of antiques and interests will be rewarded. See the venerable Veterans Memorial, see or consign a car to the Classic Car Auction, even a swap meet. Check out the website for full details. Bring your Corvair and enjoy choice parking.

The DACC will meet for breakfast at Pete's Coney II at 6160 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI at 9:00 AM. We will depart at 9:30 AM. From Pete's Coney and head south on Dixie about ½ mile to Andersonville Rd and turn right (West) approximately 8 ½ miles to Springfield Oaks. This is a 2 day event (10/3-4, 2015). We will gather on Sunday 10/4/2015. John O'Leary

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# **President Tim Bramble**

It seemed like vesterday I was writing a article for the September Aircooler. Where is the time flying. I'm looking forward to seeing our member's hobbies at our October 5th meeting. I have a small collection of Old Corvair ads. Remember as a kid all the magazines had full-page ads for the new cars. In my home town of Pontiac, Mi the local Pontiac dealer had all their windows blocked from view with brown paper so you couldn't see the new vehicles until the introduction date. There were also the big spotlights that you could see for miles that light up the sky that night they let the people see the new models. Nowadays you see the new models in June. I guess its the sign of the times but I like the old So bring out your Hobbies and share them with your fellow Corvair owners.

The board is researching larger hotels to host our annual Homecoming. It seems we are out growing our current location. The key word is RESEARCHING. I myself like our current location but it was brought up at Homecoming if its gets any bigger we won't be able to serve our guests. The biggest problem was the over flow parking. We are going to TRY to resolve that issue but if we can't I will have to go along with the view we need to move. Finding a hotel is easy but finding a hotel that has a large room to serve food is going to be hard. If you know of a Hotel that has over 150 rooms, has a large room that we can serve food to our guest, has a large central parking lot for 120 plus show cars and over flow parking that will handle swap and sell, trailer parking and the everyday drivers. Call me with that info. IT HAS TOO HAVE ALL THE MENTIONED ELEMENTS. So get out & dust of your Hobbies and see you October 5th.

To that special someone only 5 more months. Its a inside joke.

Thanks **Tim Bramble** 

# The DACC West "Second Sunday Activity"

Meeting again on Sunday October 11th at 2pm in the parking lot of the Automotive Heritage Museum in Depot Town, Ypsilanti.

As Fall is upon us. Eva has a cruise planned for us through the scenic roads around Washtenaw county, ending at a nice cider mill for cider and donuts.

Water-pumpers \*are\* allowed, but if you don't have a Corvair available for the cruise, perhaps a fellow member will take you on board with them. More details will become available on the DACC website: www.detroitcorvairs.com --- **Iav Nugent** 

# **HURON TOWNSHIP APPLEFEST**

# SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd

NEW BOSTON, MI

**EVERYTHING TO DO WITH APPLES!!** 

**This is great!** The whole town is transformed into a festival. **AFTER THE PARADE, PARK & WALK BACK TO THE FESTIVAL IN TOWN!** Craft and food booths line about six blocks on Main Street. Everything to do with apples is featured. There are games, crafts, kid rides, and food booths. Baked and ready-to-bake pies are everywhere!

From the Detroit area go **west on I-94** then south on I-275 to **exit 11, Huron River Drive**. Turn right [west] cross the tracks and go to the first light, turn right [north] on Waltz Rd to the staging area in the Lower Huron Metropark entrance. Please **arrive before 11:30 AM**.

Even if you can't make it to any other parade, try to make it to this one. Plan to spend the better part of the day in town. If you go away hungry it will be your own fault! The parade is Saturday but the Festival continues on Sunday.

from Parade Chair, Ken Pepke

### 2015 HOMECOMING STASTICS

- 152 Paid registrations
- 270+ people estimated to be about 300 on Saturday
- 93 Corvair cars & trucks on Friday
- 103 on Saturday at 1:00 PM
- 175 dash plaques ordered
- 234 name tags printed + 50 blanks (and we ran out)

# **HOMECOMING TOP 25 SHOW WINNERS**

Joe Slagle	London, OH	61 Rampside	
		Best of Show	
Bob Norwalk	North Canton, OH	60 500 coupe	
		Most popular 60	
John Ackerman	Wolcottville, IN	61 Rampside	
Dave Binnie	Carlisle, ONT	65 Corsa coupe	
		Most Popular 65	
Jim Allen	Peoria, IL	66 500 coupe	
Frank Parker	Saline, MI	65 Corsa coupe	
Fred Hoffman	Chelsea, MI	64 Spyder convt	
Jim Dehring	Tecumseh, Mi	64 Spyder convt	
Dan Dood	Northville, MI	65 Monza convt I	
		Shriner Special	
Kerry Borgne	Birmingham, MI	63 Spyder convt	
Stu Shuster	Birmingham, MI	60 700 sedan	
Dave Foster	Westlake, OH	63 Spyder coupe	
Al Ellish	Highland, MI	66 Monza coupe	
Christian	L' L ONT	05.14	
Timmermans	Lindsay, ONT	65 Monza convt	
Mark Dorogi	Ann Arbor, MI	64 Spyder convt	
Jeff Sandor	Fairfield, OH	62 Monza convt	
Carol Hairsine	Shelby Twp. MI	63 500 coupe	
Mike Emanuele	Concord Twp, OH	64 Monza sedan	
Rick Juenemann	Canton, OH	63 Monza convt	
Bill Clapper	Aliquippa, PA	66 Monza coupe	
Paul Meyers	Louisville, OH	65 Monza sport seda	
Dan Dood	Northville, MI	66 500 sport sedan	
Norm Witte	Lansing, MI	65 Corsa convt	
Craig Balow	Detroit, MI	65 Monza coupe	





# **Homecoming Financial Projected Results**

ITEM	EX	PENSE	IN	COME
REGISTRATION			\$6	,352.00
50-50			\$	380.00
GM HERTAGE	-\$	610.00		
CHAIR RENTAL				
& GRILL GAS	-\$	115.95		
DJ	-\$1	,100.00		
COPIES	-\$	65.84		
PIZZA	-\$	490.00		
PIZZA TIP	-\$	40.00		
BEER	-\$	234.50		
FOOD	-\$1	,550.47		
OHIO FOOD	-\$	339.64		
HARTZEL-FOOD	-\$	17.52		
WINE & CHEESE	-\$	400.57		
AUCTION			\$	352.00
WATER & POP	-\$	360.35		
KIDS	-\$	100.00		
DASH PLAQUES	-\$	227.43		
TOTALS	-\$4	,964.49	\$6	,732.00
BALANCE			\$1	,767.51

Treasurer ROBERT JENNINGS

# **MEETING MINUTES**

## **September 14, 2015**

The night started off with Pete Cimbala updating us on Homecoming and how terrific it was. (Of course we all already knew that it was terrific as usual) We had 152 registrations and 270 people. We signed up 8 new members at homecoming as well as a good handful of renewals. The only down side of things for Pete was he had not done a sign up sheet for assistance in the registration room and he would have enjoyed getting out more to see everyone and of course the cars too! He said a few people had mentioned it might be nice to get the music to stream around into the swap area next year. We also heard of ways to improve the parking situation next year. Pete also had heard great feedback of how great the food was and he let them know how it was nice that the Ohio group had volunteered to make the lunch for Friday.

Ruth Sweeney gave us an update from the young lady who did the Mary Kay sales, she said sales were good this year and would like to come back next year!I was asked about the Wine and Cheese event I was pleased to say we had 37 people attend we had a lot of fun and giggles. Many from last year came back

it is an that we will continue having.

Pete Koehler gave us an update on the largest swap area in the area! We had 30 vendors this year. This year and in past years everyone has been entitled to 1 free swap area space, and any additional space is \$10 each. Next year we will be changing things. There will be a charge for all spaces at \$10 each. He then gave credit to Ian Smith for getting us a great tent to use for the weekend. Ian also got us a great deal on the tables and chairs. I think Pete liked that he did not need to go as far to get his beer pitcher filled this year!! We went thru 48 gallons of beer.

The Valve cover races we only had 15 people enter it would be great to get a few more for next year so get working on your racers. I guess we should acknowledge that Clark Hartzel won the race this year.

The road rally we had 20 entries everyone had fun. It was a fun trip thru the streets of Plymouth. Eva has volunteered to take over the rally for next year. Thank you Eva (aka the Corvair Lady)

Swap and sell items. Pete Koehler has a 63 Spider listed on Craig's list for \$6250 but if you are a member he would sell it for \$4700. It is at Pete Cimbala's home if you would like to see it.

We are sad to inform that Harold Dexter has passed away. And everyone is now asking Pete what will happen to his collection in his yard and barn. Pete asked his son and his son doesn't know vet either until the trust is read. Pete also mentioned that Harold used to donate money to the club every year for Homecoming expenses.

John O'Leary gave us the update about activities:

October 4, Springfield Oaks in Davisburg has an Antique and Car Show. We can meet at 9:00 am on the 4th at Pete's Coney II in Waterford. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is drive your Corvair day! October 11<sup>th</sup> DACC West is going to do a fall color drive on the scenic roads around Washtenaw County.

for our second year. That tells me | Next month at our regular Monday night meeting will share our hobbies with each other.

> The treasury report is in the works due to all of the receipts turned into at the meeting tonight.

Membership 11 owe dues

The 50/50 drawing went to our visitor Steve he won \$65. He left as a happy man tonight. Attendance went to Margaux.

Munk's motor said we are all welcome to stop by his business tonight after the meeting to see and explore his shop. He is at M-59 and Elizabeth Lake Rd.

We had 38 people at the meeting & 15 cars. Lori Komora

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

We wanted to discuss some of the obstacles we had faced at homecoming. One biggie was the grill for Friday nights dinner was not working right. It has been taken apart and cleaned it is ready for next year. Ken mentioned that next year he will not open the doors early for dinner on Friday night to give the grill master (Paul Koehler) a better chance of staying ahead of the hungry folks that we have. We also talked about the possibility of needing to change our location for future Homecomings. Due to parking and overall hotel space. One thing that will need to happen for next year if we are still at the Comfort Inn is we need to talk early on with the land owner of the Bennigan's property and get approval and better clarification on our insurance police to cover us if we use their lot.

The only other thing we discussed was to review the clubs by-laws and make sure we are following them. Also to read them to get a better understanding as a board what our jobs entail.

Lori Komora

DACC: MEETINGS HOMECOMING TOURS

































































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### **NEW MEXICO CORVAIR**

You asked for articles on our cars. I'm not a member of your chapter, but I read your newsletter. Here's the story of my Detroit connection when I got the only Corvair that was brand new when I bought it.

I was in the Air Force stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio in 1965. I owned a 1965 Austin-Healey 3000 Mk III purchased on a visit to Europe. I was active in the "sports car" scene in southwestern Ohio, mostly participating in sports car rallies.

I had the opportunity for a tour of duty at Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska. I did not think the Healey would be a good car to take to Alaska for four years. I looked for a different car. I looked at cars that I thought would work in Alaska. At first I focused on a new 122 Volvo or a used P-1800-S Volvo. As for American cars, I thought a 1966 Valiant with V-6 and 4-speed would be good. For some reason I never considered a Mustang.

I had seen quite a few Corvairs in Ohio sports car rallies and I knew at least four people who

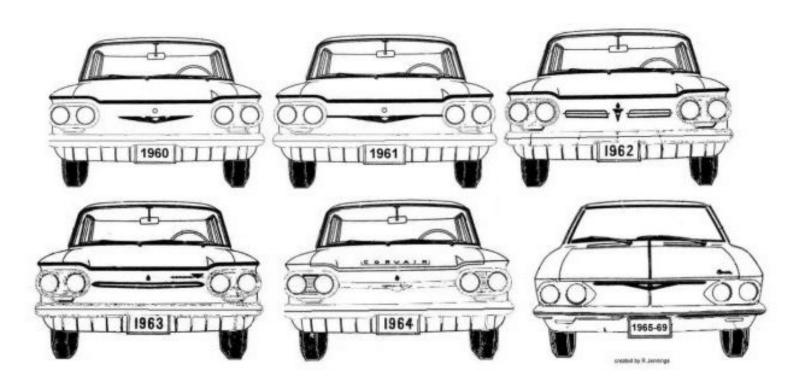
owned 1964 Spyders. They all loved them. first trip to northern Michigan was with a friend who had a new Spyder coupe. I thought the Corvair would be more of a "sports car" with its rear aircooled engine (no antifreeze) and it was a Chevrolet -- should be able to get it worked on anywhere in the country including Alaska. I found an auto broker who specialized in providing new cars to servicemen returning from overseas tours and ordered a 1966 Corsa coupe with 4-speed, special suspension, tinted glass, special steering, positraction, heavy duty battery, 180 HP turbocharged engine.

On Friday May 20, 1966 I got a phone call from Detroit -- my new car was ready for delivery. My friend Carl offered to drive me toDetroit to pick up the car. I asked my boss for the rest of the day off. Carl was from Chicago and was a true Chevrolet enthusiast and a natural mechanic. He had just traded a beautiful black 1965 Impala SS for a 1966 Corvette. He was nearly as excited to see a new turbo Corvair as I was. We drove his Corvette to Paul Chevrolet in Detroit. I signed all the paperwork and we headed back to Dayton,

taking turns driving the Corvette and the new Corvair. My very first impression of the Corvair was that it was a far superior car to the temperamental, noisy, hard-riding two-seater Austin-Healey. I guess my first impression was pretty accurate because I owned the Healey for only a year but kept that Corvair for 36 years, and between 1966 and 1995 bought six other Corvairs -- used. In 2015 I am down to owning only one Corvair. I am the third owner of a 1965 Monza that I bought in 1988.

The Corvair made the trip up the Alaska Highway okay and survived the winter after a few "winterization" mods, it survived the 5,000-mile drive to New Mexico when I was assigned to Holloman AFB, and it taught me how to "slalom" or autocross. In 1968, tired of the quirks of the turbo engine, I was able to conduct a complete engine rebuild with Richard Finch. The new slightly modified and "blueprinted" 140-HP engine took me and the car up to about 150,000 miles before I finally felt the need to retire it.

Jim Pittman,
Editor,
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September 17, 2015 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new members: Jean Mark Urbain, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.— Lynn Yenko, Novi, MI. Kerry Hartford, Grosse Ile, MI - Mark Patalich, Rolling Prairie, IN. - Richard Sharer, Birmingham, MI - Roger Shepherd, Garden City, MI. - Jack Jean, Grand Blanc, MI

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Dood, Burt, Kelava, Balow, Owens, Guy, Sitterly, Vizyak, Cutter, Serpento, Komora, Lagasse, Newton, Riggs, Smith.

**Exp. in July:** Newell, Zull are dropped

**Exp. in Aug:** Dailey, DeRocco, Fultz, Greer, Hatala, McCaughey, McCormick, Spiess.

<u>Due in Sept:</u> Borgne, Boulan, Gilson, <u>Heath, Ropp, Schlaud, Schmidt, Spaulding, Storc, Yascovits.</u>

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

**Due in Nov:** Grumblatt, D.Jennings, Johnson, Munaco O'Guinn, Ullery.

We have 121 paid members and 13 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

#### \$20.00 check

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.

### TREASURY REPORT

Current bank balance as of 9/18: \$11,232.81

**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 yeqr 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



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 OCT 5th 'OTHER' HOBBY NIGHT

#### The AIRCOOLER

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**FIRST CLASS** 

#### **DACC ACTIVITIES**

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Sunday October 4, 2015 Michigan Classic Car and Antique Festival in Springfield Oaks Park, Davisburg, MI

Monday October 5
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

-John O'Leary, Activities Director

Harold Dexter passed away Tuesday Sept. 8th. at the age of 87 just a few weeks after spending a couple days at the Homecoming selling toys and visiting with friends. At the funeral service Monday we learned that in his younger years he liked to roller skate, played the trombone in High School, sang in the choir, played the guitar and could listen to a song on the radio or TV and play it on the piano. The old farm house he lived in has been in the family since 1843 and is full of stuff that he and Kitty had collected over the years. Everyone in the Corvair world will miss seeing him at the national conventions where he would set up a couple tables full of toys in the vendor room. He and I traveled to several conventions after Kitty was not able to travel and passed away in 2005 Paul and I were talking at the meeting last week about how long he had been a DACC member and without checking old Aircoolers I would guess sometime around 1980. He enjoyed going to Vermont every year!for the fall tours and wore out a motorhome traveling to shows and swap meets all over this part of the country

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