



# PARTS TRIVIA NIGHT

**Monday NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

Hey all you Corvair experts and wannabe experts out there! Come to the monthly DACC meeting on November 9th at the Elks Club in Waterford. The food service has improved so why not come early and share a meal with your Corvair buddies?

The super special program for this month's gathering will be a Corvair Parts Trivia Contest. Yes, that's right. There will be a fine selection of obscure or not so obscure Corvair parts on display from my vast collection of "stuff" for you to ponder. Each table will have an Answer List (or Best Guess List, or Off-the-Wall list) for you and your table partners to fill out. After the eats and once we can get President Tim to sit down and be quiet we will reveal the correct answers. Or, we might just make up correct answers to further confuse you!

I guarantee it will be fun. There will be a Prize of Unspeakable Value for each member at the Winning Table. Now, if I can just get Robert to cut me a check from the vast DACC Treasury to cover my costs for this extravaganza... from **Pete Koehler, VP**

## **SECRET AUTOMOTIVE SANTA (December Christmas Meeting)**

Every year that DACC encourages our members to buy new toys or needed items for boys & girls for Haven House. We encourage everyone to do so again this year at our December Christmas meet.

This year, for those who wish to participate, we invite our members to participate in a "SECRET AUTOMOTIVE SANTA" gift exchange with each other. Just purchase an automotive related item under \$10.00 (be it a Corvair part/ item or other items auto related, i.e. bumper sticker, key chain, etc.) Wrap the gift and keep it anonymous. Bring it to the December Christmas party and you will be given an exchange ticket. Then the fun begins.

If you have any questions regarding this activity, contact Eva McGuire (Corvair Lady) [corvailady@gmail.com](mailto:corvailady@gmail.com)

Thank you to all our generous members who have been giving to Haven House. Secret Automotive Santa is something to do for the club members just for the fun of it. **Corvair Lady** (Eva McGuire)

**President Tim Bramble**

I sound like a broken record but I can't help it. WHAT happen to summer and fall!?! At least we have one more tour before the Aircooler comes out. I couldn't make the DACC west fall Color tour because of my grand daughter's soccer tournament. I see no reason I won't be able to join in the fun on the 25th of October Color tour. Which Corvair do I take? I only have 2 to choose from, I hate to see how Pete K chooses the right Corvair from his stable. ha ha

Sound like a great idea Pete K has planned for November meeting "What is that Part." Most of the parts look the same to me. It must be nice to able to tell what part fits what year and model. Pete K is very knowledgeable on Corvairs. I know because I call him all the time with questions. I notice that the service at the Elks was better this last meeting. If for some reason you disagree, talk to me. I'll see if there is anything more I can do.

Don't forget about our Christmas meeting and the secret Santa. This should be fun. Thanks Eva for coming up with the idea. Keep the item to less than \$10.00 or even if you have a great used automotive part to give someone that will work. To get a gift you must bring a gift. I can't wait to see the gifts.

I'm sure someone will write about the DACC west Color tour so I look forward to reading about it in the November Aircooler. What a great club we have and its made up of special people. Thanks for attending our monthly meeting.

The board has been researching different Hotels for our Homecoming. The two Hotels out of the 5 that I have researched are very interested in hosting our event. They are bending over backwards. We'll keep the membership informed as things progress for our future Homecoming site. Thanks **Tim Bramble**

## **LETTER FROM A PAST MEMBER**

Hello, It was nice to see Pete and Ken after 20 or so years. It is good to see that DACC is still the friendliest club in the car hobby. I will inquire about getting DACC a tour of the Havekost Nash Museum outside of Monroe. Mr. Havekost's son and son-in-law are active Nash/AMC collectors as well; my guess is that the family remains open to visits. I assume that you would be looking at this in the spring? I do not remember the building being heated, but will find out. Thanks! **Tom Schroeder** 734-735-5118

## DRIVEWAY MECHANIC

Well the driveway garage was busy this past week working on the 63 Corvair coupe 900. I found some water leaks that needed repairs so I pulled the seats, carpet and anything that was in the way so I could clean and paint the floors. Then with all the seats out I worked under the dash to fix the wire's that went to a radio in the glove box. I installed a new retro-mod I-pod radio using the same wire hookup as the old radio. Every thing looks good and plays great. Now just need some radio knobs. The old radio knobs don't fit. Now I have to get my grand kits to teach me how to use a I-pod and zip something to down load songs.

I have to paint the rear panel under the bumper and readjust the carburetor's so they are not at full chock. Then a road test. Then do a wash and wax to get the Corvair ready for winter in the driveway. I should be ready for the Springfield Corvair convention next year. **Ray D.**

## DACC ACTIVITIES

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The DACC Activities calendar consists of one "planned" activity and then a Saturday and a Sunday event each month. Sounds more complicated than it is. There are some activities that we plan for, and some, that are more impromptu, that come up. All are limited to the good driving-weather months.

The 2016 calendar will come together between now and the end of the year. If you could provide some of the details as to what you have in mind, where it is located and what we would see, we could take it into consideration.

Last weekend we had a Fall Color Tour which would be the end of this season unless someone wants to organize a holiday type parade or event.

We are always open to new ideas.

from **John O'Leary**

## CORSA

## MEMBERSHIP

The Corvair Society of America is the #1 Corvair group in the world, with over 4,800 members and 125 local chapters, including Vintage Corsa.

CORSA supports all sanctioned Corvair Clubs with a wealth of benefits, including event insurance, exclusive Classified Ad access, and their award-winning monthly newsletter "The Communique".

Vintage Corsa encourages all members to join CORSA. Annual dues for active members are just \$45. For more information visit the CORSA website at...

**[www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)**



## October Meeting Minutes

We had a great fall meeting with a great group of friends and cars. We had 37 people and 17 cars. We welcomed a new member and guest Roger Sheperd. He owns a '66' Corsa.

Clark Hartzel let us know we have 125 paid members and 14 owe dues. Our treasury report stated we have \$11,343.82 Robert stated we have 3 checks still out that have not been cashed as of yet. Ken Pepke would like some stories, pictures and ads for the Air Cooler.

Fall is upon us but we still have fun times ahead. Our 4th Sunday we will be going to Frankenmuth we will meet at 9 for breakfast at Big Boys (Baldwin Rd. Exit 83). Leave at 10 for Frankenmuth.

At our December meeting if you would like to participate we will be doing a secret Santa gift giving. The item is to be wrapped and the value is approx. \$10 automotive related.

Eva McGuire still has CD's from meet the makers for \$20.

Swap and Sell Pete Cimbala has a '63' Spyder Convertible to sell. It needs an alignment and some other repairs it does run. It is Silver with red interior and white top. Spoke wheels new tires. He has it on Craig's list. On Craig's list he is asking \$6200, but will take \$5000.

Pete Cimbala also saw while driving around a 61 Monza Georgia car 80hp 3 speed, nice seats, body looked nice. \$2000 gas tank filter is plugged need to drop gas tank and get the junk out of it then it will run.

Our October meeting was hobby night. Pete Cimbala brought his nice collection of model cars. Jan Borgne brought her collection of Cabbage Patch Kids. She had 8 kids. Her oldest was from 1979. They all came

with a Birth Certificate. They are made in Georgia. Bill Vellner shared with us his cool photographs that he has shot over the years. He has been doing photography since 1969. His favorite picture was the one was taken up in the Ren-Cen looking straight down. He calls it Vertigo. Gigi Debbrecht had shown us her knitting of this cute sweater that she was making for someone. She also sews adult clothes as well as doll clothes. I loved the sweater she had shown us. Bruce Weeks has a large collection of clocks over 100 and he could not bring them all in but did have one on display for us to see. His largest is 1895 Gustavbecker grandfather clock. His smallest one is the one in his Corsa. I (Lori Komora) had brought in a small collection of my stain glass items I have made over the years. I like the Chevy bowtie one that I have been making. Tim Bramble had an assortment of old car advertisements and posters. He talked about the dealerships on how they covered the showroom windows with paper until it was time for the new cars to be unveiled. John O'Leary is a collector of slot machines, he also has a cool player piano with 600 + rolls of music. 1st introduction to the industrial age of the bobbins. Ian Smith has been using his creative talents and has been working on a sand casting of the Detroit Chapter of the Monza plaque. Roger Sheperd has a coin collection. He has been collecting since he was a

teenager. His oldest coin is from 1702 ½ cent piece. He showed us Liberty Walking book of ½ dollar coins. Tim Duve likes to fix broken brass instruments and resell them; he also enjoys playing them as well.

Our 50/50 winner won \$58.00 and it was Pete Cimbala. Our attendance winner was Roger. Eva McGuire had donated 4 tickets to Yankee Air Museum Les Schlaud and Kerry Borgne were each winners of 2 tickets.

Secretary **Lori Komora**

## October Board Meeting

Tim Bramble has been looking at other options for the location of Homecoming for future year. He has asked all of us on the board to look and see what some of our options are. We were discussing some of the problems we had at last years homecoming and we are hoping that either we can get them resolved or find another location that fits all of our needs.

The board also discussed how things were going at the Elks Club for our monthly meetings and everyone agreed things had gotten better.

We also feel it has been awhile since the by-laws had been gone over and reviewed. We thought it would be good idea to do this. Once done we will share the revisions to the group.

Secretary **Lori Komora**





## The DACC West "Second Sunday Activity"

11 Corvairs and 2 wanna be Corvairs (a/ka water pumpers) ventured into the countryside on Oct. 11th for the 1st annual DACC West Fall Road Tour. The weather was perfect as we began our tour in Ypsilanti at the Auto Museum and traveled 30 miles until stopping in Dexter at Jenny's Farm Stand where we partook in apple cider & delicious hot pumpkin donuts. Afterwards, five Corvairs continued with the tour and dared to go to Hell, MI for ice cream cones to cool off. After Hell, 2 Corvairs went back to Ypsilanti, MI for a dinner at the Sidetrack Restaurant with the event ending at 10:00pm. DACC member Mark Guy won the award for the longest distance traveled to be at this event - from London, Ontario, Canada. His prize was a book written by the famous "Car Talk" radio guys Click & Clack. Thanks to everyone for participating in our first fall road tour.

**CORVAIR LADY (EVA)**







## Huron Township Applefest Parade Saturday October 3rd in New Boston, MI

A few light sprinkles in the morning gave way to high clouds making for a pleasant day for the parade and festivities. The DACC was represented by editor Ken P & partner Ruth Sweeney in their Gold (& primer) 65 Monza 2 door.

(Ruth Sweeney photos)



## Springfield Oaks County Park Car Show and Antique Festival

Good fortune prevailed when we scheduled this event for Sunday, October 5, instead of Saturday. The cold, wind and rain the day before moderated to just cool and overcast as 6 Corvairs and a few water-pumpers convened in Davisburg. The DACC received special recognition for the club gathering and Bruce Weeks received an award. The "Trash to Treasure" display was so large that once our group disbursed we did not see each other again. This show, now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, has not had a good weather weekend yet. Next year we may try the spring dates. Pete's Coney gets my vote any time it is convenient. **from John O'Leary (Bruce Weeks photos)**



## History of the DACC Homecoming

from Pete Koehler, VP

My connection with our Corvair club dates back to 1984. The club itself is another decade before that. My connection with Michigan begins in 1970 when I travelled from my native New York to attend what is now called Kettering University in Flint. After graduation in 1975 I was sent out to Chicago to work for the Chevrolet Division of General Motors. Once there I discovered the joys of car club membership and the fellowship offered by the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts (CCE). In fact I'm still a member of that organization.

Among the various activities undertaken by the ranks of the CCE was an annual pilgrimage to a car show weekend in Bryan, Ohio hosted by the Tri-State Corvair Club. That club was sponsored by the local Chevy dealer; Stan Pepple Motors. Many of the club's members were employees of the dealership and the event was held right there at Stan Pepple's. It was always held at Stan Pepple's. It was always the same weekend. We could count on it. We planned for it and we had a great time each year going out to Bryan and seeing our friends at the event.

In 1984 the General decided that I needed to come back to Michigan and work at the Proving Ground facility in Milford. After our family settled in to our new home in Farmington Hills I became a member of our DACC group. That first fall there was an event called the Corvair Homecoming. I got it. Most of the Corvairs were built right here in Southeast Michigan at the Willow Run Assembly Plant in nearby Ypsilanti. It made sense that the local Corvair chapter would hold an event called the Corvair Homecoming. I got it.

Homecoming for the cars!

Over the next few years the DACC repeated the Homecoming theme at various locations in and around the Detroit area. I recall one year the event had to be cancelled because the club couldn't secure a hotel to have the Homecoming. That was due to another event the same weekend as they had picked: a University of Michigan Football Game. Big mistake! Don't try to compete with those Big Boys!!

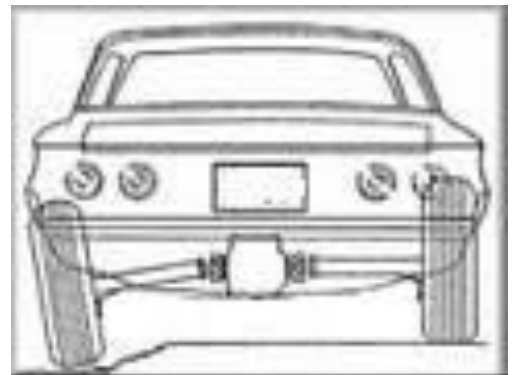
Soooooo, drawing from my Chicagoland experience I thought that we should pick one place and one weekend and repeat every year. Just like the Bryan events of the past. The club bought the idea and I suggested a hotel on the outskirts of Detroit so our out-of-town guests wouldn't have to deal with Detroit and everything that goes with that; good and bad. I made sure that we could do our own food thing as my experience in planning National events for our parent organization, CORSA taught me that a Hotel supplied food service can get pricey.

The die was set. The hotel chosen was the Signature Inn on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth just off the I-275 expressway and close enough to Willow Run to qualify as a "Homecoming" for our Corvairs and our Corvair friends. My memory is foggy as to just what year that was, but it has been many happy and successful years at the Signature-now Comfort Inn in Plymouth. We did stray one year to a property closer to Metro Airport but the event returned to Plymouth the very next year.

That brings us to present day. The 2015 edition of our Homecoming was a rousing success. Each year more and more Corvairs come home to Michigan and they bring their owners and families. The event is getting bigger but the Comfort Inn isn't. In fact after the Hotel's recent multi-million dollar renovation reduced the number of available sleeping rooms by a couple.

The one major "issue" this year was the unavailability of the parking lot just North of the Hotel proper (known as the Bennigan's lot). Somehow we didn't include the physical address of the lot on our insurance request to CORSA so the owner got involved and tossed us (and everyone else) off the pavement. This error can be addressed and we can still offer sufficient insurance coverage for us and the property owner. Prior to signing a contract for next year's event if it is going to be held at the Comfort Inn we need to have an agreement in place to be able to use that lot. We should be able to handle this and we are taking steps to do just that.

We are also considering other places to hold the DACC Homecoming. The Board of Directors has a couple of potential candidates in mind. If we cannot secure the use of the Bennigan's lot at the Comfort Inn location we may have to move to another location. I'm hoping we can work this out and continue to return to Plymouth for our event. Whatever happens I trust that the membership of the DACC will continue to support our one big annual event. The Homecoming is one of the best Corvair events in the country. I think it is the best value-for-dollar spent of ANY car event that I've ever attended. What do you think? **CAVEMAN**



1960 - 63 CORVAIR



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## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

October 17, 2015 by Clark Hartzel

**Thanks for keeping membership up to date:** Dailey, Fultz, Greer, Borgne, Schlaud, Schmidt, Spaulding, McGuire, Wholehan

**Exp. in Aug:** DeRocco, C.Hand, Hatala, McCaughey, McCormick, Spiess have been dropped.

**Exp in Sept:** Boulan, Gilson, Heath, Ropp, Storc, Yascovits. Will be dropped

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

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

**Due in Dec.:** Avery, Belfontaine, Cavataio, Christ, Dixon, Hensley, R.Jennings, McDonald, Nugent, Parsons, Schesky, Schwartz.

We have 119 paid members and 20 who owe dues. We are mailing 13 complementary newsletters to other clubs and the Ypsilanti museum Please don't pay in cash. I can forget who gives it to me! Get those checks in folks!!!

*We are no longer collecting \$3 for non-CORSA members*

If you can't make it to the next meeting, send a

**\$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](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.

## TREASURY REPORT

Balance last statement: \$11,311.81  
Homecoming children's -\$100.00  
GM Heritage Center -\$660.00  
CORSA -\$35.00  
New members +\$140.00  
50-50 +\$48.00  
flowers for Harold -\$52.99  
Balance as of 10/14 \$10,651.82

from **Robert Jennings**, Treasurer

## SELL & SWAP

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

**FOR SALE:** 63 Monza 2dr restored original paint  
5300 mi maryflanery1@gmail.com Mickey Widener  
734 692 2122



**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](mailto: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.

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