



CHRISTMAS MEETING NIGHT

Monday DECEMBER 7, 2015

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Regular Monthly Meeting

SECRET AUTOMOTIVE SANTA

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 Corvaire part/ item or other items auto related, i.e. bumper sticker, key chain, etc.) Wrap the gift, keep it anonymous, bring it to the December Christmas party and you will be given an exchange ticket. Then the fun begins.

Contact Eva (Corvaire Lady) with questions regarding this activity at 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. **Corvaire Lady** (Eva McGuire)

Homecoming 2016 August 24-28

The Comfort Inn Clocktower in Plymouth contract has been signed and an agreement with the property owner at the now closed Bennigans will allow us to use the parking lot. The room rate for next year will be \$84.00/night for Wed-Sunday. The big thing to consider for next year are the dates for the NASCAR races at MIS are the same weekend, something that has not happened for many years. This could bring in some people that will be staying at the hotel and driving to the track for one or more of the races, so with this in mind **BOOK YOUR ROOM EARLY**. Remember to mention the Corvaire Event or Homecoming to get the special room rate for our group, we have reserved all 115 rooms but don't wait till the last minute. One new item this year will be a raffle for one night free stay, details to follow on how this will work and the cost of the "tickets" so stay tuned each month for the updates. So if you have a job and need to schedule your days off remember these important dates, and don't let the family plan any "non Corvaire" events that weekend. **PETE C**

HAVEN GIFTAWAY

It's that special time of year ... time for us to help the many families of HAVEN HOUSE experience the wonders and excitement of Christmas. With our help, and the help of our communities, HAVEN has provided for over 240 families, including 500 children, and made Christmas special and unforgettable. Our generous donations are important to make the HAVEN GIFTAWAY a success.

If you would like to join us again please bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift to the DACC December Meeting. Gift cards from area merchants are also welcome. Heaven serves all ages and all needs and they need our help to continue.

All gifts, donations and contributions will be delivered to HAVEN for their annual GIFT-AWAY. **Judy O'Leary**

President Tim Bramble

It's that special time of the year again. I love the lights and the Christmas music. Yes, I never grew up; I guess I don't want too. The radio and my TV in the pole barn are turned to the Christmas music stations starting in November. Just ask Ray Dubia or rather MR Grinch. I've even had a large light up wreath on the inside of the barn most years.

I really love this time of the year. Watching the first snow fall, drinking hot chocolate and listening to Christmas music. The gifts are not even in the picture, unless its for one of my Corvaire. Ha ha. I can't wait for our December meeting and Secret Santa. I already have my Secret Santa gift purchased. I can't wait to see what I get. I hope it's not a bag of coal.

I've ordered the Christmas cup cakes, so bring your sweet tooth. We will not have our normal Board reports at our December meeting. It will be nice just to visit and spent some quality time with each other.

Don't forget Haven House. Clark Hartzel sent out a E-blast from Judy O'Leary on what we can do for the those Families at Christmas. We have a lot to be thankful for and DACC has always shared at this time of year with Haven House.

I'm looking for a topic for our January meeting if you have any ideas, email me. tbram6564@yahoo.com.

It's not too early to be thinking about running for a DACC Board position. All positions are open except for the President position. Now would be the time for that someone who can wait for the change of guard to step up and contribute to DACC. Hope to see everyone at our December meeting. Thanks **Tim B**

Meeting Minutes November 1st

We had 4 guests join us tonight. It was great weather and 6 Corvairs were not tucked in for the winter yet. As usual we had a great time eating and socializing with a great group of people a total of 48 of us.

At our next meeting on December 7th, we will be collecting unwrapped new toys for donation to Haven House. Please help us bring joy to those in need! We also if you choose to be apart of a secret Santa gift exchange bring a auto related gift of value of approximately \$10.

Robert Jennings stated that we have \$9800.68 in our treasury. Clark Hartzel gave us an update on membership 124 paid members 1 new and 8 owe dues.

Eva McGuire let us know that for DACC-West they were going to have a Christmas gathering on December 13th at 2:00pm at the Sidetrack Restaurant. If you are planning on attending please RSVP for the event space is limited to 25-30 people and when you RSVP for you and a guest at corvailady@gmail.com or call her at (734)485-2729 to reserve your seat(s). You can park in the museum parking lot for this event.

Come join us for this special Corvair holiday get together as we partake in off the menu meal selections (pay on your own). We will also have complimentary holiday cookies & treats. There won't be any hanging mistletoe; but there might be a hanging fan belt as our group is so tech minded. A reminder e-mail will be sent a week prior to this holiday event so RSVP as soon as possible. Presented by Eva McGuire and Linda Betzholdt.

October we had a great turn-out of 16 cars that drove out to Frankenmuth. From what I hear everyone had fun and enjoyed great food.

HURRAY!! We have the parking

issue resolved for Homecoming at the Comfort Inn. But we have learned that the weekend of Homecoming is the same weekend as Nascar racing at MIS. So PLEASE call and reserve your room early. Lets take over the hotel and have a terrific Homecoming on August 25th - 28th.

Swap 'N' Sell Mike Jacobi is looking for a '63' rim for his car. Pete Koehler has a '60' Corvair book for sale \$25. Tammy Vellner showed us this awesome note cards she can make with your Corvair picture on them. They are \$10 for a pack of 10 cards. John Allesee has a Century Station Wagon for sale. It is a '94' with 150,000 miles it gets 24 mpg everything works. He is asking \$1500. or best offer. It is rusty but very dependable! Robert Jennings has trans axel for early and possible posi trans axel as well. Pete Cimbala has a barn find '64' Spyder with a power top convertible. Some rust. Needs paint, top and interior. It is a 110 with turbo (turns over) has a clock for \$850 or it will be parted out. 64 Monza coup w/ gas heater it is rusty will part it out. Robert Jennings also has 3 gas heaters for sale. Bridge Lake Auto has trim parts available on Dixie Hwy.

Our activity for the night was guessing the mystery parts. Pete Koehler likes to keep us guessing with what it is and what does it fit.

50/50 of \$78 goes to Adam Morenski. The attendance went to new member Mark Smith.

Lori Komora, Secretary

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.

We are always open to new ideas.

from **John O'Leary**

DACC-West Nov. 8 Meeting

Mike McKeel gave a tech session on Corvair direct air heaters. We were also privileged to have "Meet the Maker" guest speaker, Mr. Dominick Orlando, visit our meeting. Dominick worked on the very first Corvair on the assembly line and shared his stories of working at Willow Run Assembly from 1959 to the closing of the plant in 1993. He also brought the booklet that each employee received at the closing of the plant highlighting photos of plant workers & cars (including a photo of the 47th million Chevy - a Corvair). Dominick stated when he received the booklet, he threw it in his closet and left it there unopened for many years because he was upset about the plant closing. It was still in its' envelope in his closet all these years until just recently when the Meet the Makers event came up and he was looking for some of his Willow Run items to show and finally opened it. Wow! I raffled off a copy of the Willow Run poster of cars produced at the plant with Dominick's autograph and took a souvenir picture of the winner (DACC Member, Beverly Vermett Schmidt). **Corvair Lady (Eva)**

DACC-West Christmas party

DACC West will be having it's first annual "Corvair Christmas Gathering" at the Sidetrack Restaurant on Sunday, December 13th at 2:00pm. You must RSVP to Eva at corvailady@gmail.com or call (734) 485-2729 to reserve your seat for you and a guest to attend this festive occasion. There will be complimentary holiday cookies & treats along with off the menu meal selections (pay on your own). There will be a free holiday raffle.

Corvair Lady (Eva)

The DACC CARAVANS to FRANKENMUTH FALL COLOR TOUR 2015



Greenbriers and Free Corvairs

This past month has been a busy one at the Caveman Garage. We have completed a floor repair on my 1966 Monza convertible that was started at one time or another by several different members of our club. Now that the car is solid enough to have it's doors re-attached perhaps it will live again?

Then there was the minor repairs to buddy Casey's CaveMobile; the \$500 Special. Not sure what he has named it, but it is the best running and drivable Corvair in his ever expanding collection.

Pete C. and I traded a windshield for a complete but rusty 1964 Monza coupe. It will probably never be a Corvair again, but Pete got it running within several minutes of delivery to his shop up in Swartz Creek. Look out Ken Hand, Pete C. has skills, too!

And then there is the Free Corvair. I saw a comment on an Internet forum that I frequent. The post included a link to a Craig's list ad for a free Corvair in Detroit. Free? A Corvair? In Detroit? I gotta check this out!! The car was located close by in White Lake. The seller wanted the body shell to go to a scrapper/recycler since he wanted to keep the engine and front suspension and some other bits for another project that he was contemplating.

I arranged to take a look at it and I advised him that later model parts might be better for his future needs as opposed to the 1962 vintage stuff that he had. So a deal was struck that he got a late model engine and I got to keep the car intact.

Enter my good friend Ian Smith. Now Ian is a Corvair driver. He loaned his water pumper (non Corvair) to his daughter for her use and has driven his beautiful 1963

Monza coupe around the Detroit area excessively ever since. With the onset of Winter and crappie roads he was either going to have to get a Winter Beater or re-claim his PT Cruiser.

When I told him about the free '62 MoreDoor his eyes lit up like lights on a Christmas tree! Yeah, you can have it to drive if it is good enough, Ian. We hauled it to his brother Mark's place in Garden City much to the chagrin of Mark's wife. The next day Ian worked some magic and declared the car ready for Winter Road Warrior Duty in Detroit!

Well, we still have to adjust the heater system and add some new shocks and perhaps a set of meaty snow gripper tires for the rear. But it runs and drives and is Corvair-shaped so all is good in the World. Right?

Look for Ian's Beater Beauty at future DACC meetings. Who says you can't get free Corvairs anymore?

And yes, a final note about Greenbriers. This story isn't as cool as the '62 sedan tale. I did purchase a really solid 1964 6-door standard Greenbrier from Dan "Orange Crush" Dood. It came out of South Dakota so it was relatively rust-free. Dan sent it to a body shop to straighten out the dents and prime the affected areas. Then he sent it out to Larry Claypool in Chicago to address any and all mechanical issues that the van had. So it runs and drives and needs a new coat of paint. I have made arrangements to get that done in the next several weeks so by the time of the meeting on December 7th it should be looking better. It might not be ready for display, but that will follow shortly. The nice thing about Greenbriers is that when properly equipped with seats and seat belts I can get all of the grandkids inside for a ride to the local Dairy Queen. And what is better than that??

Caveman Pete



BLAST from the PAST

L to R: Bob Greer, Pete Cimbala, Pete 'Caveman' Koehler, & Jeff Shreve mug it up at Blake's Cider Mill (year unknown)

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DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

November 17, 2015 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new member: Ken Heberling, Royal Oak, MI.
'65 Monza coupe

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: C.Hand, Hatala, Heath, Ropp, Storc, Yascovits, Dubia, Light, Mann, Shires.

Exp in Sept: Boulan, Gilson dropped

Exp in Oct: Currier, Eichstaedt, Gerard. Will be dropped.

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.

Due in Jan.: M.Granger, Huff, Jacobi, Majot, Sanger, G.Shreve.

We have 127 paid members and 11 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

BAL OCT STATEMENT: \$10,651.82
HOMECOMING NAME TAGS -\$246.50
NEWSLETTERS -\$735.74
50-50 \$68.00
MEMBERSHIP \$220.00
CURRENT BALANCE \$9,958.58
from Robert Jennings, Treasurer

SELL & SWAP

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

FOR SALE: 63 Monza 2dr restored, original paint 5300 mi maryflanery1@gmail.com 734 2864787
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

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.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE – 17th OF THE MONTH

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 DEC 7th
SECRET SANTA
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