



ELECTION NIGHT

Monday MARCH 7, 2016

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Regular Monthly Meeting

NOTICE

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Door Prizes / 50-50 / Tech Talk / Ladies Bingo /

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PROPOSED

"Mad Anthony Corvair Car Show" **May 20-22, 2016**
Fort Wayne, IN. Craig Balow, with help from Eva McGuire and Mike McKeel, has been assisting the local club with this event. There is a car show, swap meet area, a Mike gives a tech session, and a hospitality suite (with 14 room night reservations)

SURVEY

Are you interested in attending this car show?

Will you reserve a room?

Please respond ASAP to corvailady@gmail.com

President Tim Bramble

I'll keep this short and sweet. I want to thank everyone for your support last year during my presidency. A special thanks to Eva McGuire for all of the guess speakers and ideas that kept us inform and entertained at our monthly meetings. Also for Pete Koehler for name that Corvair part.

It's very difficult to come up with new and practical ideas for our meetings. I sure you remember me asking for ideas from our club and the board. So help out our new President Pete Koehler and come up with some meeting topics.

I'm looking forward to be able to sit with my fellow Corvair members enjoying their conversations while having dinner. So lets get behind our new President to make 2016 a Corvair fun filled year. Thanks **Tim B**

There is a New Sheriff in Town!

Welcome to a New Year with the DACC. This month's general meeting will be the site of the Board of Directors Election for the 2016 season. In the past we haven't had a whole lot of candidates vying for the prestigious Board positions. Hopefully we will have a few more nominations from the floor on Monday, the 7th. Read the BoD meeting minutes published elsewhere to see who is running, who is continuing in their current position and then think of who else might be a good choice to serve on the Board.

With the March meeting I will be taking over as President of this band of enthusiasts. I'm looking forward to a great season of Corvair events and Road Trips and Breakfast meetings and of course the Internationally Famous DACC Homecoming. This year we have the opportunity to attend the CORSA Convention just a strong day's drive away in Springfield, Illinois. Here's hoping we can organize a Corvair Convoy to the convention!

And speaking of driving our Corvairs and getting involved, how about it? We have over 120 members and families. The monthly meetings get some of you out and in the warmer months we put on a pretty good show at the Waterford Elks and at the Ypsi Museum on meeting nights. Some other events garner a less than enthusiast response from us as a Club. Right now the price of gasoline is down. Way down! That shouldn't be an excuse for not taking a road trip or going to a parade or attending an out-of-town event.

This year we should be thinking up reasons to do different things rather than making excuses for not. Are ya with me? **PETE KOEHLER, PRESIDENT**

CAVEMAN GARAGE

Finally, a brief explanation of my recent selling spree. I listed nearly my entire collection of 1960 Corvairs on the local Craigslist site as well as posting on a Corvair message board on the internet. The Craigslist information was picked up by a nationwide site (Barnfinds.com) and it went viral. By that I mean I started getting requests from all over the country for more information and more pictures.

Everyone wants PICTURES! I really was hoping that if I sold any of my cars they would stay local and maybe even get some new membership for the DACC.

So far I have buyers for five of my '60's. Stubby is going to California. Skirts is going to Cleveland (if the deposit check shows up). My ultra-low mile white 700 coupe is going to Milwaukee. The Holden clone might be going to Traverse City to a fellow who works for Haggerty Insurance. The only one that is staying local is my very early blue 700 sedan that is staying in the same barn where he is waiting out the Winter weather, just with a new owner now.

Hopefully I'm all done selling down my '60 collection. It will be more manageable at this point. I did want to remove cars from the rented barn up in Swartz Creek as the barn was getting old and creaky, as am I! So now I plan to look over the remaining Corvairs in the stable and see if any more should be offered for sale. I do seem to have a glut of convertibles, but I will wait for better weather to drag them out and offer them up. This time I will take plenty of pictures for all you picture collectors out there. And if anybody actually wants to buy one them that would be even better!

PETE K

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:20 by president Tim Bramble.

Clark announced 127 paid Members, 8 members owing dues and \$10,392 currently in the treasury with an additional \$395 membership dues collected but not posted.

36 people attended this "60's night" meeting, with 10 people dressed in a variety of vintage outfits. We had schoolboy shirt and cords, vintage golfer, greasers, hippies, and an elegant lady Christine Gigante, wife of our meeting speaker, in an authentic cocktail dress and mink coat.

Sunday Feb. 7 Eva is hosting a group tour of the engines exposed exhibit at the Henry Ford for anyone interested in attending.

It was announced that Paul Dusen would speak at the heritage museum on the Friday of Homecoming.

The evening's program was presented by Nick Gigante,

grandson of Frank Winchell, GM Vice president, director of engineering staff and expert witness at the Corvair trials. Nick and his wife drove in from Lansing to attend our meeting because Nick has many memories of his grandfather and what he learned from him. Nick now owns the Corvair given to his grandfather by GM.

Nick played a tape of a speech his grandfather gave summarizing the government Investigation of claimed suspension defects in early Corvairs and later plaintiff trials brought on behalf of victims of various accidents. During this period of burgeoning Consumer activism, Ralph Nader came into his own after writing the book "Unsafe at any Speed" in 1965. Even now 50 years later, there is a mental connection between the Corvair and Ralph Nader. Nick is willing to return to one or more meetings to show a film that he has. Clark suggested that perhaps it could be shown at movie night at Homecoming.

Gigi Deb

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STUBBY FINDS A NEW HOME



DACC at HENRY FORD MUSEUM
from KERRY BORGNE



HE CLIMBS THE RAMP

Stubby is on the hauler and headed to the west coast. He started out as an Oakland built 4 door only to altered by the late Bob Kirkman in 1987 and now will be granted a new life away from the snow and cold.
from PETE C

PRESIDENT PETE KOEHLER



AND IS RIDING HIGH



CAVEMAN IN HIS LAIR

PETE AT THE YPSILANTI ORPHAN CAR SHOW

CORVAIRS ON THE PRAIRIE

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FRANK WINCHELL'S GRANDSON VISITS DACC

We had the pleasure of welcoming Nick Gigante, grandson of Frank Winchell to our February 1st DACC Waterford meeting, along with his wife, Christine. Frank Winchell was the Vice President of General Motors and Director of Engineering of the top secret Chevrolet Research & Development Group. He was also GM's expert witness during the trials against the Corvair in the 1960's due to his reputation of being known as "The Problem Solver", and it was this expertise that ended with its successful legal defense. Nick showcased various items belonging to his grandfather such as his legal briefcase containing various folders that he used to prepare for the trials, Mr. Winchell's copy of Ralph Nader's "Unsafe at any Speed" book with handwritten notes jotted in the margins of what he thought of Nader's comments, rough draft letters from Mr. Winchell to Ralph Nader, the model car that was used in the courtroom to demonstrate vehicle weight distribution & tire friction, and original reports & research papers pertaining to the safety of the Corvair and its comparison to other vehicles. I had to touch every item on the table because I realized how historical they were to our Corvair history.

The trials involving the Corvair is one of the most known controversial lawsuits in automotive history, and here we were listening to the grandson of the man who helped win its legal defense. We were also privileged to listen to the unedited audio speech that Mr. Winchell gave detailing his involvement with the Corvair at the 1979 CORSA Convention (which GM did not give permission for him to do). Nick autographed transcripts of his grandfather's 23 page

unedited speech which is available for \$5.00 each (plus \$5.00 postage if it's mailed). Please contact Eva McGuire at corvailady@gmail.com to order one (limited supply). We're also pleased to announce that Nick will be returning to Ypsilanti at the second Sunday DACC-West activity meeting on March 13th at 2:00pm to showcase the film "Car on Trial" in its entirety(1-1/2 hrs.). This film was produced by GM to educate the local attorneys regarding the Corvair, and the physical laws to support the safety of the vehicle. "Car on Trial" is not available to the general public and you won't find it anywhere on the internet; so this is a rare treat to be able to watch it. So, if you want to see this movie, come to Ypsilanti. We are currently making arrangements to have Nick be our special guest at this year's DACC Homecoming in Plymouth, MI in August where he will be displaying the items listed above as well as showcasing "Car on Trial" for Friday night's featured

drive-in movie. For those to attend Homecoming (August 25-28, 2016), please visit detroitcorvairs.com to get details for registration and hotel accommodations. your hotel room as soon as possible as rooms are going quickly. We are hoping Nick will bring his grandfather's 1962 Blue 700 Corvair Coupe to Homecoming for display. This car was given to Frank Winchell as a gift by General Motors upon his retirement in recognition of his contributions to the highly successful legal defense of the Corvair. In conclusion, Frank Winchell was a true hero to the Corvair, and it's nice to see his grandson carrying the legacy of his grandfather to the future generations of Corvair enthusiasts. We are grateful for what Frank Winchell did on behalf of our air-cooled friend we call "Corvair", and we thank Nick Gigante for being so generous to share his grandfather's stories and historical possessions with us. **Corvail Lady (Eva McGuire)**



BoD meeting
Saturday, Feb. 13th
Mayberry's
Family Restaurant

Present: Clark Hartzel,
membership Director
Pete Koehler, Vice President/
President-elect and members
Ian Smith, Bill Johnson, Doug
McCormack, Casey Schesky

After Breakfast the meeting
was called to order at 10AM.
Reviewed the slate of candidates
for the upcoming Board of
Directors election to be held at
the next DACC meeting in
Waterford on March 7th. Vice
President: Ian Smith has
accepted a nomination to run for
this position. Secretary:
confirmed via phone that Lori
will continue in this position if
no other nominations.
Treasurer: Casey Schesky has
accepted a nomination to run for
this position. No info yet from
Robert Jennings if he intends to
seek re-election. Activities:
confirmed via eMail that John
O'Leary will continue in this

position if no other nominations.
Membership: Clark Hartzel will
continue in this position if no
other nominations. Publications:
Ken Pepke willing to continue in
this position.

We discussed the defunct Board
position of Service Director. Per
the By-Laws there is an available
seat on the Board for this, but
information was shared that we
have not filled that seat since
Ken Hand moved from Pontiac to
his current home in Fowlerville.
No action taken at this time.

Discussion about coming events.
Suggested by Ian that we identify
some out of town trips and
promote them. Mentioned Craig
Balow's desire to support a
Corvair show in Fort Wayne,
IN. The local club is not able to
produce the show so Craig
suggests that we plan to gather
at the host hotel and create a

show and swap meet. Craig will
discuss with other Ohio clubs.

Discussed listing various cruise
night events and promoting one
or two and choosing different
locations to "spread the word".
Bill Johnson to assist with this.
Pete K and Bill will work with the
Activities Director to accomplish
this. Plan to publish a list of
events for club members to pick
from and support.

Reviewed plans for upcoming
Meeting programs. The Board
will field suggestions and prepare
programs for the membership
meetings. Plan for March meeting
will be the election of Officers
and discussion of events for the
coming driving season.

Meeting adjourned when
everyone left to pay their bill for
the meal.

Next BoD meeting time and place
to be announced. **PETE K**

Be sure to visit ... **detroitcorvairs.com**
DID YOU KNOW?

Along with a web page the DACC now has a
FACEBOOK page ... Here is the address

https://
www.facebook.com/#!/DETROITCORVAIRS

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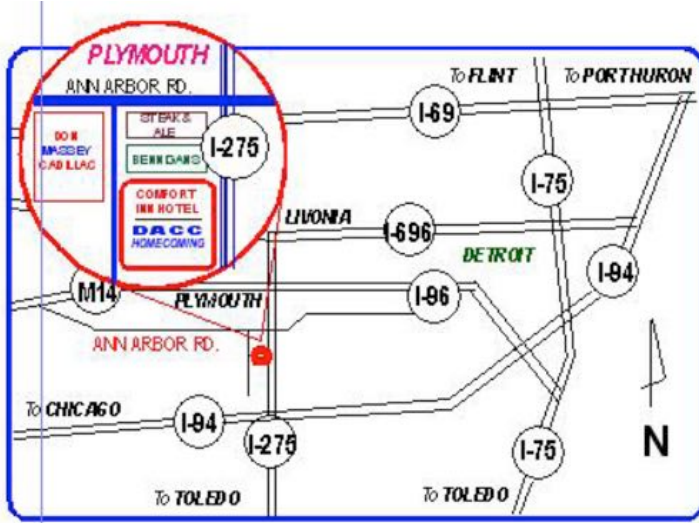
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38th DACC HOMECOMING

**FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER NICK GIGANTE
FRANK WINCHELL'S GRANDSON**

GM HERITAGE CENTER on FRIDAY
AUGUST 25, 26, 27, 28, 2016

Registration Application



FOR ADDITIONAL or OTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
PETE CIMBALA (810) 621-9866 or (810) 241-8593

Email: Corvairkid1963@lentel.com

REGISTER ON LINE AT OUR WEB PAGE
detroitcorvairs.com

HOTEL LOCATION FOR MOST EVENTS:

COMFORT INN of PLYMOUTH

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WEDNESDAY • EARLY BIRDS GATHER

- THURSDAY • 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM SET UP
- REGISTRATION / HOSPITALITY
 - MIKE McKEEL CAR CARE CLINIC
 - CORVAIR MUSEUM, CRUISE AND
 - FIREHOUSE MUSEUM IN YPSILANTI

- FRIDAY
- REGISTRATION
 - WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES AS POSTED
 - GM HERITAGE CENTER (\$10 EXTRA)
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 - SWAP MEET & HOSPITALITY ROOM
 - D J ROCKIN RONNEY MUSIC & TRIVIA
 - COOK OUT / PICNIC
 - VALVE COVER RACES
 - DACC DRIVE IN MOVIE 'CAR ON TRIAL' PRESENTED BY NICK GIGANTE

- SATURDAY • REGISTRATION
- NICK GIGANTE APPEARANCE
 - WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES
 - PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW
 - MODEL AND TOY SHOW
 - SWAP MEET & HOSPITALITY ROOM
 - ROAD TOUR "WILLOW RUN FUN RUN"
 - MIKE McKEEL CAR CARE CLINIC
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 - CRAZY CORVAIR CAPER
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 - LIVE AUCTION
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YEAR (S): _____ MODEL (S): _____

DID YOU DRIVE YOUR CORVAIR HERE? **Y N** MILES DRIVEN TO GET HERE? _____

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Robert Jennings, Treasurer

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FOR SALE: 62 6 dr std Greenbrier Light blue /white stripe. solid but dented, easily repair, good tires. not run eng apart has all parts. great to start \$ 2500.00 firm - Tim Bramble 248 343-9677 pictures if interest.

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

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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
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DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February 17, 2016 by Clark Hartzel

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Deptulski, M.Granger, Jacobi, R.Jennings, Major, OGuinn, Parsons, Sanger, Sheffer.

Exp in Dec: Christ, McDonald, Nugent, will be dropped

Due in Feb: Betzoldt, Blanchard, I.Hand, B.Johnson, Lindh, McKean, Timmermans

Due in Mar: Emanuelle, Flinn, Ives, Maciejewski, Murray, Pleitner, Rutherford, Weeks.

Due in April: Bluhm, Fish, B.Granger, Mascia, Roerink, Schultz, J.Shreve, Shuster.

We have 127 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!!!

If you can't make it to the next meeting, send a
\$20.00 check

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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 MARCH 7th
ELECTION
NIGHT**

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor
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FIRST CLASS



DACC ACTIVITIES

June – Sloan Museum Spring Event, Flint – June 25-26, 2016

July – Concours d' Lemons, Plymouth – July 30, 2016

CORSA International, Springfield, IL July 12-16, 2016

August - DACC Homecoming, August 25-28, 2016

-Woodward Dream Cruise, August 20, 2016

-Back to the Bricks – August/13-14, 2016

-Berkley Parade, August 19, 2016

-Hines Drive Cruise, August 28, 2016

September – Orphan Car Show, Ypsilanti September/17-18, 2016

October – Springfield Oaks Antique/Classic Car Show and Auction

The DACC Activities calendar consists of one "planned" activity and then a Saturday and a Sunday event each month.

-John O'Leary, Activities Director

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DACC members wishing to be included on this list should submit their information to Editor Ken Pepke

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