



HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Years Meeting
JANUARY 2, 2016
 Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

2nd SATURDAY BREAKFAST CLUB MEET

Yes, it is cold outside. Perhaps too cold for Corvair driving events, but we can still have fun inside.

The next breakfast club meeting will try to meet that need with a later than usual start time. Should give you plenty of time to warm up your ride and scrape the ice off the windows. How about 10 o'clock at the Bomber Restaurant in downtown Ypsilanti? The date is Saturday, **January 14th 2017**. After a leisurely meal and perhaps a short Board of Directors meeting we will depart for our planned activity: **Slot Car Racing** at a location not far from the Bomber.

Look for more details elsewhere in this edition of the Aircooler. Eva the Corvair lady will be our Hostess. If you don't have a slot car to race you can still show up and either cheer on your favorite entry or just hang around and tell us stories of either how you used to race or how fast your car was or how many big guns you beat or or or (that's Bench Racing!) **PETE K, President**

CORVAIR SLOT CAR RACING EVENT

Come join DACC -WEST from 2pm to 4pm+ on Saturday, January 14, 2017, as we host an afternoon of Corvair slot car racing at the Lightning Speedway, 1235 Industrial Drive, Suite #10, Saline, Michigan. (just north off of Michigan Avenue across the street from high school) DACC-WEST normally meets on the second Sunday, however, the Speedway is only open weekends on Saturdays. You can attend the DACC Board meeting and come over after. Two Corvair slot cars have been special built for this event which will be available to race. You can also bring your own slot car. Sizes allowed on the track are 1/24 and 1/32. Other slot cars and equipment rentals are available at \$6.00 an hour. So come on out for some racing fun. Maybe we'll order a pizza, too.

Presented by: **Corvair Lady (Eva)**

From the President

Welcome to 2017! Hopefully it will be a fine Corvair Year. Last year was a challenge, but I made it through to see the New Year. No more trips to Botsford Hospital would be just fine with me.

Since it is too cold to play in the garage with my Corvairs, let me tell you about my new-to-me Chevy pickup truck. My previous truck was a real workhorse. It was a 2008 Silverado half ton that was rear-ended when it wasn't even a year old yet. We fixed it and it gave me 168,000 miles of reliable service. I had been thinking about getting a replacement truck for several months/years. I even went down to the local Chevy dealer several times to see what kind of screamin' deal I could get as a GM retiree. Much to my dismay the sticker prices were continually rising. So much so that after each visit I returned to my trusty old black '08 model and drove off into the abyss.

A friend who frequents Pete Cimbala's shop up in Swartz Creek had a very nice 2013 Silverado extended cab truck and I thought it would look really great in my driveway. This one was also wrecked early on in it's career. This time it was a front-hit that put it out of commission. John had fixed all of that and had road-tested it about 35,000 miles. He was ready for a new truck and I was just the guy to remind him of that. Surprisingly it didn't take much to sway him to give up the '013 Ruby beauty in favor of a lease deal on a spankin' new '017 of the same make and model. A price was mentioned and agreed to so I put up my old truck on Craigslist for a more than fair price considering the mileage and the fact that it came with a branded Michigan title for salvaged/rebuilt. That moniker usually splits the street value in half compared to a truck with a clean and green title. Yes, Michigan titles really are green! Right away someone called who understood the orange versus green title deal so he drove off in my old faithful and we both were happy.

So I call up John and tell him that I am ready to buy his truck. He was caught off-guard as he hadn't readied a replacement vehicle yet. So now it is his turn to go down to the Chevy dealer and find out what kind of screamin' lease deal he can get as a GM retiree. In the end he decided to purchase not lease. His shiny blue brand new Silverado is a thing of beauty. If it was me signing on the line I would have picked out the exact same truck. The price for brand new beauty compared to four-

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year old beauty? How about \$27,000? The '013 Chevy will be just fine for me...

So how does all this relate to our Corvair hobby? Well, I NEED a truck to haul all of those "truck-loads of parts" deals that will be offered up later this year when it is warm enough to hit the road and try to save more Corvair projects from the graveyard. It's going to be smooth sailing in my new-to-me Chevy pickup!

Pete Koehler

DACC Activities and Communications - 2017

Thanks to John O'Leary for the warm welcome as Activities Intern - and with his guidance I'm sure we will have another great year. Also thanks to Robert Jennings for setting up our new FaceBook Group. You can find it by searching Facebook for "DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB (DACC)". If you have not been added yet to the group, feel free to forward me your FaceBook name and I will add you.

This year I hope to encourage greater communication and sharing of activities through this group. Each member can post their photos, or add 'Events' that they are interested in - maybe another DACC member will join you at that impromptu tech-session or cruse-in.

Looking forward to what 2017 brings.
Bob Wittmann
(rcwittmann@comcast.net)

Meeting Minutes DECEMBER 5

For a cold chilly December Christmas gathering we had 51 people attend and 1 Corvair all dressed up for the holidays!

Many Thanks to all for the full table of gifts for Haven House! Thank you Eva for bringing a speaker so we all could hear Pete! Thank you Gigi for bringing the Christmas cupcakes.

We would like to welcome Tim who was creative and found out about us with his Google search. He has a '65' Coup Artesian Turquoise. Also Bob with his '64' Red Convertible.

Clark updated us with our membership status we have 140 members or so. Casey let us know we have \$8631.14 in our account and that the of 2015 we had \$9850. The difference is mainly due to the purchase of our nice new trailer we bought just before Homecoming.

John O'Leary has a terrific assistant Bob Whitman. Bob will be keeping our Facebook DACC Group Page up to date.

Judy O'Leary was very pleased with the amount of gifts that were brought to the meeting for Haven House. She will be delivering the gifts the next day.

The second Saturday breakfast was going to be on December 10th at the Big Boys in Dearborn then off to the Automotive Hall of Fame Museum. Dacc West will be meeting December 11th for their Christmas gathering.

CS Mott's car needs our help. It hasn't been driven in over 20+years. They would like it to be revived and run again. Pete Cimbala will let us know when this will be happening.

The 50/50 drawing winnings were \$155 total Casey won \$77. The attendance drawing went to John Tucker.

The evening was finished with a great secret Santa exchange. We had 23 who participated. It was great seeing all of the cool gifts.

Merry Christmas to one and ALL!
Lori Komora ~ Secretary

Board Meeting 12/10/16

Next Board Meeting will be January 14 at the Bombers Restaurant in Ypsilanti. After the breakfast and meeting will be going off to Lightening Speedway in Saline for slot car racing.

Homecoming next year we have been in contact with the

Hotel and they have agreed to keep the same rate as last year of \$84 per night. They will be giving us 2 complimentary rooms if we meet our minimum requirement of rooms booked. One of the complimentary rooms will be raffled off. You will have the option of paying \$5 to have your name entered into the drawing for the free room. Next year we will be charging \$10 for all swap spaces, we will no longer be giving a free space. We have a back up plan in place if Rockin Ronnie is unable to be our DJ for next year. The board has agreed to purchase the Speaker, stand, mic and amplifier needed. (\$200) This amp will also be used at the meetings as well. The board did discuss the idea of purchasing space for group parking at Hines for the cruse that happens Sunday after Homecoming. We have decided that we will not be doing this.

Now off to the Automotive Hall of Fame!

Lori Komora ~ Secretary

DACC WEST CHRISTMAS PARTY

Five people and 1 Corvair braved the first snow storm of winter 2016 to attend the second annual DACC WEST Christmas party at the Sidetrack in Ypsilanti.

Everyone won a raffle prize and 3 car clubs were represented ... Corvair club, Tucker club, and the Detroit Windsor MG club. My friend Heide, Vice President of MG club, walked from her house to attend (about 1/4 mile). Ian Smith telephoned us to wish us a Merry Christmas. Thanks to all who came and called.

Presented by:
Corvair Lady (Eva)

DACC ACTIVITIES

2016 Year End Report

With many Corvairs hibernating, some still active, and many in various stages of recuperation, rejuvenation and restoration, we move on to enjoy all that 2017 will bring. Meanwhile, some members hibernate, some head south and some stick around to marvel at the wonders of four distinct seasons. Now it is time to reflect on the good times we have had and plan the things that we would like to include as we prepare our upcoming calendar.

As in past years, I too will head south, but this year we can rejoice in that Bob Wittman has come forward and will be contributing to our planning

activities and strengthening our communication. Bob and I will be working together on Activities, so please feel free to contact either of us. Comments, observations, ideas, suggestions etc. are always welcome. As always, criticisms require that you perform a month of service and plan one activity, remain silent at two meetings and sell 50/50 tickets.

While we are seeing a renewed interest in Corvairs and a renewed level of activity and participation in the Club we look forward to 2017 as the year we will fix it up, clean it up, start it up and get on with some of the things we enjoy.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and be well.

-John O'Leary

Secret Automotive Santa

is becoming a successful annual event. We had 24 participants enjoying the fun gift exchange. **Eva**



Engine Oil Bath

First off I would like to thank all of those who helped me diagnose and repair my car from its timely or untimely explosion. For those of you who remember back at the July meeting my '65 convertible had decided to have the oil pressure switch go and give its self an oil bath on the way to the meeting.

Let me explain the events leading up to that day as they were all but uneventful. As all of you know every Corvair leaks some amount of fluid otherwise we wouldn't be able to find our way home, but I had decided to attempt to fix some of my oil leaks. In the time working on my Corvair I knew the oil leak was coming from at least one of three different places the oil cooler, top block cover, or the engine adapter plate. I tore into the engine and start with the adapter plate and replace that gasket but that didn't look like the problem so next was the oil cooler. I pulled that off and the O-rings were hard as a rock, changed them out and wonder do I want to change the block cover gaskets or bet on the O-rings. I took my chances and decided not to and put the engine back together. I started it and it's running rough.

When I began this project the engine was running just fine so I try my best to tune the engine with no luck, I get a hold of Pete K. and ask if I can come up and have him look at it.

He tells me to come up on Saturday and we can have a tune up party and get the red '63 tuned as well. As we dive into my car we end up pulling the primaries and find I'm missing a handful of parts between the two carbs and have been running off the main and not the idle circuits. We rebuilt the two carbs and tune up my car as the next day is Eva's party and I want to take the car. While at the party I had Mike look at my car to see if we missed anything and lo and behold the right side primary was leaking gas onto the sheet

metal. But aside from that it ran great, ready for the hour trip to Waterford for the meeting the next day. Ian comes over and my mom rides with him and they lead us to the Elks Club, we get stuck in bumper to bumper traffic on a 95 degree day. I turn on the heater knowing the engine is hot and getting hotter attempting to cool it down, and as soon as I turn down the side street to the Elks my temperature light comes on. It shuts off fast and comes back on as I turn into the parking lot, I shut off the engine and coast into the parking spot.

After the meeting and through lots of dripping oil and discussion we fixed the Oil Pressure switch. The interesting thing of all of this is since I have owned that car the engine stamp behind the adapter plate has always been covered with oil, even after I have cleaned it. Since changing the switch till I left for school no more oil has built up on the engine code, so after six years and over 6000 miles on the hottest day I have yet to drive the car it decides to go. Call it magic, call it coincidence I don't care which but I am glad it went when it did.

Gary Komora

The Road to an Auction

A couple of months ago, prior to Homecoming, I got a call from Caveman Pete to go and take a gander at the Ed McFarland barn collection of Corvairs in Shelby Township. I jumped at the chance and when we arrived we were met by Ed's son Mike. He gave us the grand tour of the grounds including a barn packed with 21 Corvairs. All but one was an early model with many convertibles and Spyders. Overwhelmed is as close as I could come to a description.

These cars had been sitting up to 40 years in this barn stacked and parked in rows with nine of them being in the loft. They were all driven in at the time. Amongst all of the cars were decades of parts.

Move ahead to October 21st, the Preview Day for the big auction on following day. The cars were all outside and lined up. The greater majority of them were pretty rough when parked... but they were complete cars. As Pete, Bill Johnson and I walked around the treasure trove I employed a 3/4" wrench to check the engines for lock-up. All but one turned over. I had recently purchased what was left of a 1964 Spyder convertible from Pete Cimbala that was sans a drivetrain, so I was in the market for an engine, trans and diff.

And man did I find it! One of the McFarland treasures was a '64 Monza convertible that was equipped with everything I needed. Come to find out that this find may have been the auction's diamond in the rough. Sowed away in the rough looking yellow ragtop was a zero-mile Bob Kirkman built 110 HP engine. In the glovebox were all of the receipts for said build...in 1989! The total bill was \$995 back then. Cross referencing the same parts today = almost 4 grand!!! I'm a happy boy.

The auction time came and I was as nervous as a nun in an NBA locker room. I set a limit of \$300... Low, I know, but that was it. Bidding started at \$100. And pretty surprising to me I won it at \$275! The car has been stripped and sent via Pete C to Corvair Heaven...minus many parts including a very nice black power convertible top!

Ian Smith

NADER

From
Paul Piche
2016

There once was a car named Corvair
Which was cooled by a fan and air.
Along came a guy named Nader
Who didn't know a bearing for a stator.
Claiming the car was not very stable
Which would roll over if you tried to miss Mabel.
To the court he took this claim
Then lived in a new world of fame.

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DECEMBER TREASURY REPORT

11-2-16

Checking account balance as of 10/1/16: \$8,470.57
Outgoing checks: \$728.23
(Aircooler, HC refunds, trailer expenses, gas, wine & cheese)
Deposits: \$658.50
(membership, 50/50)
Current balance as of 11/2/16: \$8,400.84
from Casey Schesky, Treasurer

SELL & SWAP

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

WANTED: Looking for a set of 13" wire wheels for my 1964 Monza, 4 bolt McColgan 519 657 5527 cmccolgan@execulink.com (Jan)

FOR SALE: 66 Monza 140hp 4 spd, 2 dr, vgc body, need minor paint & electric work - has new exh, batt, u-joints, dis & coil, extras \$8500 OBO Jim Mandelik - 440 392 0520 - wormchile@aol.com is a former museum car (Dec)

FOR SALE: 4 Goodyear Eagle white letter tires. 3 on wheels 1 tire new never been on wheel size P195 70R 13 tires have lots of tread. Also 4 1965 corvaire hub caps, good shape. offer no longer have car. Tim Kribs 424-6122 after 9am - Utica MI (Sept)

WANTED: 64-65 FC 4 spd trans & late model 3:08 gears. Steve - 810-282-8480 (Sept)

FOR SALE: 78 450SL, \$8,500.00 (Would like to trade for a like price Rampside) ALSO: 61 700 4 Dr Police Car, \$2,500.00, Marvin Granger, 1965fourdoor@gmail.com 810 869 4876 (June)

FOR SALE: 60 Monza, disassembled, many extra parts, Price: TBD ALSO: 60 500 Sedan (wrecked) Will part out or sell all, Price: TBD Robert W. Jennings robertwjennings43@gmail.com, 810 516 2839 (June)

FOR SALE: 64 Monza 110 PG conv. Red & red w/ white top. In great cond; no rust, good driver. Pics \$7800. (Jan) Brighton area. 810-229-4749 (June)

DACC CALENDARS

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Thanks,
John Allesee

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

December 17, 2016 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new members: Robert and Diane Bowen of Durand, MI. '64 Monza convertible; Tim and Cheryl Dangel of Davisburg, MI. '65 Monza coupe.

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Avery, Dixon, Grumblatt, Hatala, Heberling, Bill Johnson, McColgan, Munaco, O'Guinn, Schlaud, Spiess.

Exp in Aug.: Duerden, Fultz, Pataluch, Sharer, Yenke. Dropped.

Due in Sept: Simms. Will be dropped

Due in Oct: Eichstaedt, K.Hand, Wholehan.

Due in Nov.: Ullery.

Due in Dec.: Adair, Belfontaine, Cavataio, Hensley, Nugent, Schesky, Wittmann.

Due in Jan.: M.Granger, Huff, Jacoby, Major, Sanger, G.Shreve.

Due in Feb.: Allesee, Blanchard, Deptulski, L.Hand, Bry.Johnson, Lindh, McKean, Schlack, Wolter

We have 130 paid members and 17 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 meeting, send a **\$20.00 check** dues, payable to: Detroit Area Corvaire 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.

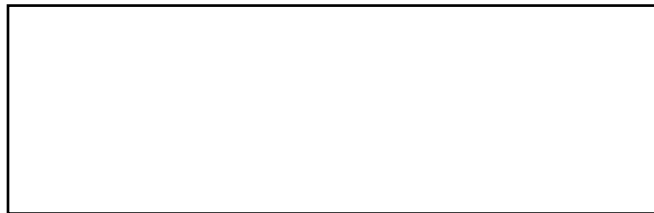
The Detroit Area Corvair Club is a charter chapter of CORSA, Inc. Monthly meetings are held on the First Monday of each month, 7PM, at the **WATERFORD ELKS Club**, on Scott Lake Rd, Waterford, MI 4/10 mi south of Dixie Hwy. Meetings are open to DACC Members, friends, and all interested in the Corvair. Come early; join us for dinner in the ELKS dining room. Choose entries from their menu.

***** NOTICE *****
NEW YEAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor
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FIRST CLASS



DACC Calendar

Feb 10 - 11, Back to the Bricks - "Chrome and Ice"
Jun 17, The Gilmore Car Museum - Air Cooled Gathering
Jun 24 - 25, Sloan Museum Auto Fair
Jun 27 - Jul 1, CORSA International Convention, Independence, MO
Jul 29, Concours d'LeMons
Aug 19 - 20, Back to the Bricks - "Main Event"; Berkley Parade; Woodward Dream Cruise
Aug 24 - 26, DACC Homecoming
Aug 27, Hines Drive Cruise
Sept 17, Orphan Car Show
Oct 7, Davisburg Antique Festival

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Thanks,
John Allesee

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On line ads provide our members with a quick reference guide to satisfy their Corvair needs
DACC members wishing to be included on this list should submit their information to Editor Ken Pepke

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