



CORVAIRS IN MINIATURE

Monthly Meeting FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Featuring miniature Corvairs. You are invited to bring any of your scale Corvair collection to the meeting and show it off. Everyone will be given a chance to tell us about your cool stuff. I, for one, will bring a couple of the original 1/25th scale "dealer promos". These were scale replicas of the real Corvairs that were on display in the dealers' showroom for Mom and Dad to purchase. Sonny would be given a toy model in hopes that the parents would sign on the line for a full size version.

These promo models have gotten rather valuable as of late. Just recently I put together a collection of 32 of these models for display at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. They range for the very first in the series - 1960 4-door sedans to the very last promo offered - a 1967 Monza coupe. Sorry, these are not for sale, but you can view them at the Museum!

Gather up your toy Corvairs and bring them to the meeting on Feb. 6th in Waterford. It will be fun AND they don't leak any oil at all. **PETE K**

2nd SATURDAY BREAKFAST CLUB MEET

Now I know that you all like to eat. So here is the February edition of DACC's Breakfast Eaters Club; **Feb 11th** at Pete's Coney II on Dixie Highway in Clarkston. Pete's is just south of Maybee Road on the north side of Dixie. Start time is 9 AM.

After breakfast we can caravan up to Flint to check out the Chrome and Ice indoor car show that is being put on by our very own Pete Cimbala and the Back to the Bricks gang. The show is at the Dort Federal Credit Union Arena just off I-69 at the Center Road exit. There is an admission fee, but we can all bug Pete to get us either discount tickets or complimentary ones depending on how cheep (frugal?) we want to be. Sticker price is only \$8 a head so not too bad. This year's show is bigger and better than the inaugural event last year. We will have at least one club member's car on display so why not show some support and make the trip? **PETE K, President**

From the President PROSPECT OF A NEW PROJECT

I always get exciting about the prospect of a new project. I don't know why. I should have enough projects already in the queue to last 'till I can't play with Corvairs anymore. But I always do look forward to saving another Corvair and getting it back on the road. Let me tell you about this next one.

Some people shop for a car in a certain color or a set of options. Some people have a kind of car in mind and then go out and look for it. I, on the other hand tend to search for a project that dovetails into something that I already have. Now, I don't mean that I'll buy a tail light lens at a swap meet and then try to find a car the same year and model so I can attach my tail light lens to it. Maybe just a little bit like that. How about this story?

I have a 1964 110 HP engine that only needed the oil leaks fixed. After a set of pushrod tube O-rings and some other important gaskets this baby was just sitting on an engine stand in the garage waiting to be matched up with a donor car in need of a new heart (sorry, no heart attack jokes please!) I'm on the hunt for a early coupe in need of motorvation. Through a series of events I find out about a forlorn 1964 Monza coupe that someone tarted up to look like a Monza Spyder. The non-original 150 HP turbo engine was kicked to the curb and a rip snortin' 140 took it's place. After a lot of rippin' and snortin' the 140 gave up the ghost and the coupe was relegated to barn duty for the next 18 years. That's a long time waiting for a heart transplant. This deal sounded like the perfect match-up to me. The Spyder/

PRESIDENT - CONTINUED ON PG 3

Corvairs Needed Indoor Car Show Feb 9-11

The Back to The Bricks 2nd. Annual Chrome & Ice Indoor Winter Car Show will take place at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center in Flint and there is room for 3 Corvairs. Area car clubs have been asked to provide 3 cars or trucks from their members so here is your chance to show off your car or FC in this growing event. Cost to enter a car or truck is only \$40.00 and you will get a pass for entry each day and a free T shirt. Set up is Thursday the 9th. and the show is Friday and Saturday. This year there will be 100 cars, plus vendors and a chance to win a cash prize from the peoples choice voting. More details on the backtothebricks.org webpage and at the February meeting. **PETE C**

Corvair event in Fort Wayne, IN

Mark your calendars! The Corvair event in Fort Wayne, Indiana is officially ON!! Just a short drive from the Detroit area this event has a rich history. With the recent demise of the local Mad Anthony Corvair Club the event's future was in doubt. But doubt no more. We are going to go back to Don Hall's Guesthouse hotel for **Friday, May 19th** and Saturday, May 20th. We have a room block and a special price of \$89 per night for two double beds and this includes two breakfast coupons to be used at the on-site restaurant. For an additional \$20 you can upgrade to include two dinner coupons as well.

Reservations can be made by calling **260-489-2524** and mention the Corvair Club to get the special deal. The Guesthouse is located at 1313 W. Washington Center Road in Fort Wayne. Our room block will be held until April 19th. You can still call after that date and they will probably still have rooms available.

Registration for the event is super easy. There is no registration! This year we are just going to set up the event and reserve some rooms and see what happens. To generate some additional interest and perhaps give this event a jump start we are inviting the members of the Facebook-based Corvair Owners Group to attend. This will be their first opportunity to attend a "boots on the ground" Corvair event. You can visit the CoG Facebook page and identify yourself as either "interested" in the event or "going" to it. This will help as we work with the hotel to secure ample private parking and a space for a possible swap meet area. An interesting note about the FB Corvair Owners Group; they have over 4,000 members and are bigger than our international CORSA organization. We should

embrace these guys as they just may be the future of the Corvair Hobby.

How about it? Are you enthusiastic enough about the Corvair Hobby to hop in your 'Vair and drive down to Fort Wayne in May? Water-pumpers are allowed, but we may have them park away from all of the cool Corvairs that we are hoping to see.

DACC WEST

Meetings in Ypsilanti have been very well attended of late. Back in September we had a presentation on "Electric vs Mechanical Fuel Pumps" that drew roughly a dozen people. Eva's "Fall Color Tour" in October had a very good turnout. We really topped the charts when 25 people showed up for Frank Parker's presentation on "Electronic Fuel Injection"!

Heavy snow impacted the Christmas Party in December, but 5 brave souls ventured out into the heavy snow. In January, Ken Hand led us through the oftentimes conflicted world of "Mechanical vs Electronic Ignitions".

In February, we are planning to have a presentation about "Body Repair and Paint".

So for all you do-it-yourselfers and techie folk, keep the DACC-WEST meetings in mind. We meet at 2pm on the 2nd Sunday of every EVEN numbered month through 2017.

Eva will hold alternate activities on the ODD numbered months. Check the schedule on the DACC website: www.detroitcorvairs.org
-- Jay Nugent

SLOT CAR RACING RECAP 1/14/17

After a breakfast and board meeting in Ypsilanti, it was off to Saline to visit John Allesee's Corvair farm for a tour of his Corvairs and a sneak peek at spare parts. Thirteen remaining folks continued to join DACC-WEST at the Lightning Speedway for slot car racing. I had a special Corvair built to be a Yenko Stinger

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2017 Homecoming Hotel Contract Signed

Okay kids, we have a signed contract. Room rate is as before = \$84 per night. We get two complimentary rooms if we fulfill the tenets of the contract. Basically we guarantee that we will fill the hotel from August 23rd through the 27th. All 115 rooms. This is a \$38,640 piece of business for the hotel. Our room block and special rate is good for reservations through August 2nd. After that date the hotel releases any available rooms and we take our chances for a room at the Comfort Inn.

Individual attendees will need to guarantee the room with a credit card (no cash deposits). They have until 4PM the day of arrival to cancel with no penalties. If they do not cancel in that time frame they will be billed the room rate plus tax. This is standard practice in the hotel industry.

A couple of tips: When making the reservation call 734-455-8100 and mention the 2017 Corvair Club to assure the special rate. Suggest that callers get and record the reservation # that should be supplied by the person at the hotel that answers the phone. This could clear up any on-site problems in August.

Also of note - Clark's Corvair Parts will not be vending at the Comfort Inn this year. I spoke with Cal Clark and he feels the available room is not a good fit for his standard fare that he brings to conventions. So if and when we move to a larger venue when can approach him again as see if there is interest.

We should also visit with the management at the Red Roof Inn for overflow rooms as we have done in the past. Judging from last year's result and the potential of additional guests culled from the ranks of the Facebook Corvair Owner's Group we just might need more than 115 rooms!

Any questions or concerns can be brought up at Saturday's BoD meeting in Ypsilanti. - Pete K

PRESIDENT - CONT. FROM PG 1

Monza needed an engine and my engine needed to get out of the garage and back on the road. I see a deal on the horizon!

So now the deal is done. I bought the car and all we have to do is swap out the powerplant and start killing bugs again. The donor engine will need a proper bell-housing to bolt up to the 4-speed transaxle in the coupe. Easy cheesy! Of course after sitting in one spot for 18 years who knows what other needs Mr. Monza/Spyder may have? But that is part of the fun of the hobby. Right?

Plans are to swap in the 110 and new clutch/pressure plate. Check the flywheel for loose rivets and repair/replace. Then on to the fuel system and brake system. After looking over the car sitting in the barn the tires are only flat on the bottom. And this must be a rare front wheel drive Corvair as the aggressive snow tires are on the front. I do have a set of Kelsey-Hayes knock-off wire wheels with brand new tires already mounted up. They would look super on a black coupe. Yes?

Final touch has to be a set of chrome Harley Davidson mufflers courtesy of our very own surgeon Dr. WillSaw ... Life is great!!

Pete Koehler

Meeting Minutes JANUARY 2

Happy New Year to all! Here it is 2017 and we are all catching up of how the holidays were for all. There were 40 people who gathered for our meeting.

We would like to thank Tim Bramble for going out and picking up our new PA system. It sounded great. It was nice having music play in the background while we were eating and socializing. John and Bob gave us an update of how we are going to stay informed of the upcoming outings. It is great to have many ways like via the AirCooler, Facebook and e-blast. We will be getting together to have a Tech

session on Charles Mott's car date and time to be announced. Our second Saturday breakfast [NOTE this event was Jan 14th-ED] is to be at the Bomber Restaurant in Ypsilanti. Then off to John & Karen to see their collection of cars, and slot car racing.

We then have a swap meet in Hamilton Ohio January 21st. February 10-11 Chrome & Ice Back to Bricks. Late February Autorama. There is no more "Mad Anthony Group" but we still be getting together May 19-20 in Fort Wayne Indiana. The International Convention is the end of June in Missouri. June 3-4 London Canada car show.

Next months meeting please bring your mini Corvair Models.

I was the lucky winner of the 50/50 \$53.00. Ken (?) won the attendance drawing.

Lori Komora ~ Secretary

SLOT CONT. FROM PG 2

with my racecar #73, however, the final paint and trimming process couldn't be finished by race day. My plain white car still held its own when racing John Tucker's custom made Corvair (fashioned after his land record speed holding 1966 Corvair) and beating Ian Smith's "Eva Destruction" car. But Ian's car was really built for a drag strip and had a difficult time taking the curves ... so it looks like a

rematch is in order. Lori Komora took a few laps with my Corvair. Pete Koehler and Clark Hartzel took turns racing Ian's early model black Corvair convertible. Kerry Borgne had a BMW and classic T-bird. Other racers included John Allesee, Stewart and his brother, and Larry from Munks VW. Clark Hartzel and Bill Vellner are having Corvair slot cars made in hopes of a future race day. I've had this idea of slot car racing for a couple of years and I'm glad it was a success but, more importantly, people had fun. We plan to do this again and try a different racetrack facility.

Thanks to all those who participated.

Corvair Lady (Eva McGuire)

OFFICERS ELECTION

Well Corvair peeps, the time is drawing near for the upcoming DACC officers election in March. At February's upcoming meeting in Waterford, should the feeling move you, you can throw your hat in the ring to join the board in many positions:

**V.P.,
Treasurer,
Secretary,
Events Coordinator,
Membership,
Editor**

... and if I forgotten any, it will be covered in the meeting. Thank you and see you February 6th.

Ian Smith: VP - President Elect

TREASURER

I have a van with power in the rear
Which makes the front light and easy to steer.

It's cool, it's tall and it's sleek.
Sometimes it goes like a streak.

I bought it just as a lark
From a fellow with a name of Clark.
Then DACC a club I would join
And had more fun than flipping a coin.

I said I could help as the treasurer
And for eleven years filled me with pleasure.

Now I must move on in my life,
Taking Margaux to be my wife.

Thanks all for being a friend,
If it's money you need - that I won't lend.
from Paul E. Piche' 2016

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SLOT CAR RACING RECAP



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TUCKERVAIR

from John R Tucker Jr.



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from **Corvair Lady** (Eva McGuire)

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JANUARY TREASURY REPORT

1-04-17

Checking account balance as of 12/4/2016 \$8747.84
Deposits: \$782.50
Checks written: \$1875.14
Ending balance as of 1/2/2017: \$7826.93
from **Casey Schesky, Treasurer**

SELL & SWAP

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

WANTED: Rust free rear deck lid for 65 2 door — Ken Pepke 734 476 9616 kenpepke@yahoo.com (Feb)

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 corvair 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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plus \$2 s&h per
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Thanks,
John Allesee

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January 17, 2017 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome back: Brad Ross of Swartz Creek, MI 1966 Monza sedan

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Cavataio, Hensley, Huff, North, Schesky, Wittmann, Ullery.

Due in Sept: Simms. Has been dropped

Exp. in Oct: Eichstaedt, K.Hand, Wholehan. Will be dropped.

Due in Dec.: Adair, Belfontaine, Nugent.

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

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

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

We have 132 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!!!

If you can't make it to the 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.

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.

MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor
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FIRST CLASS



DACC Calendar

Feb 10 - 11, Back to the Bricks - "Chrome and Ice"
May 19-20 Fort Wayne, Indiana is officially ON!!
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
Questions/Comments to John O'Leary
(stungray@ yahoo.com)
Bob Wittmann (rcwittmann@comcast.net)

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Thanks,
John Allesee

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