



Monthly Meeting

JUNE 5, 2017

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Father's Day Edsel Ford Estate

This year the Eyes on Design show will have a special meaning for the Corvaire Club. The organizers have invited us to display our Corvaire on the lawn of the Edsel Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores. The class is called Made in Michigan, or something like that. Since we here in the Great Lake State invented the Corvaire we will have ten of our favorite autos participating.

I tried to get one of each body style in both first and second series as well as some representation from the Forward Control faction. Corvaire selected include an early coupe owned by our President Ian Smith, an early convertible (Baby) if Kerry and Jan Borgne can fix the sticky valve issue in time, my early Monza sedan and John Allesee's Lakewood wagon. For late models we have invited Eva Corvaire Lady's '66 Monza coupe, past President Stu Shuster's '69 convertible and Bob Sovis' '65 sport sedan. The FC legion will be represented by our Vice President Marvin Granger's beautiful Greenbrier (I LOVE that truck!!), Dave Munaco's impeccable Rampside and a special entry from Erma's Custard in Rochester - a 1962 Corvan.

The general public is invited. There is a \$25 entry fee, but the show benefits The Henry Ford Health System's Department of Ophthalmology. A good cause. The date is Father's Day June 18th. The show runs from 10 AM to 4 PM. Come on out and support your club!

PETE KOEHLER

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A Few Words from the President

Well the cruisin' season is beginning to pick up some steam and I hope that you all will be able to join in one or more of the events throughout the season. As is the time of me writing this article, I am packing up my little black '64 coupe for the caravan trek from Ann Arbor to Fort Wayne May 19th and 20th. I am in the mind set that if I bring spare parts....I won't NEED 'em! Also, if anyone else in the pack needs something, good chance I'll have it. The short list is as follows: extra starter, coil, distributor, rear axle with bearing, rubber brake line, drum, shoes and hardware, fuel pump, belts ... along with oil and gear lube Jack stand and a loaded tool box. I guess I should have bought a Rampside to haul this crap! Very excited! Full details next month on this and the trip to London, Ontario the first weekend in June. Happy trails to you all and DRIVE THE WHEELS OFF THOSE CARS

Ian Smith, President

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

Saturday, AUGUST 19, 2017

Enjoy the Woodward Dream Cruise on Old Woodward in Birmingham. The DACC will have five (5) reserved parking spaces on a first come, first served basis. Join your fellow DACC members and friends in Birmingham. Old Woodward is closed to traffic on this day which provides a calm, quiet way to enjoy the cars and the fun. The full Dream Cruise experience is a short block away on Woodward Avenue. Free visitor parking is nearby and you will have all the comforts of Birmingham. Great restaurants, shops and exhibits abound. With over 40,000 classic, antique, performance and special interest cars expected, and over 1 million people, the Woodward Dream Cruise has become one the area's premier events. Birmingham puts you right in the middle of it. Joining your friends helps you make the most of it. Bring the kids. What better way is there to show them why you enjoy cars?

Reserved parking passes are \$25.00 each, limited availability. For information or to purchase parking passes contact **John O'Leary**.

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CASS CITY FREEDOM FESTIVAL PARADE

Sat Jul 1, 2017 Cass City Freedom Festival Parade

Enter Cass City on M-81 from the west, no later than 10: am. Just east of Mc Donald's workers will guide you to the staging area.

MAY 14TH WILLOW RUN VISIT RECAP

11 people & 8 Corvairs joined me in a DACC-West convoy to the Willow Run Assembly Plant to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the last Corvair built on May 14, 1969. The convoy began at the Plymouth Comfort Inn, and one of our participants was a former Willow Run Corvair auto worker (and DACC member), Merle Shingler, who drove one of my Corvairs. Merle has always wanted to own a Corvair and this was a chance for him to enjoy driving one for the first time **SEE RECAP CONT. ON PAGE 6**



FORT WAYNE — CORVAIR OWNERS GROUP MAY 19 — 20, 2017

It is a nice easy ride along US-24 to get to Fort Wayne, IN and the First Annual Corvair Owners group meeting. There were 23 Corvairs in spite of the rainy days and a good time had by all!



The Saga of the Community Corsa

This story starts out just about two years ago. I got a call from a fellow who wanted to clear out a barn in Jackson, Michigan where five Corvairs were stored by his recently deceased father. All five cars were driven up from Toledo and placed in the barn. And there they sat. Since 1972! Can you say Road Trip?

Several members of DACC converged on the location and checked out three late model coupes and two earlyies. The '66 turbo Corsa went to New York. The low mileage '66 Monza was snapped up by our own Ken Hand and he had it running and driving in less than ten minutes after delivery to his place out in Fowlerville. Current Treasurer Casey Schesky bought the '64 Spyder coupe and the one-owner '64 Monza coupe eventually made it's way up to Traverse City. The fifth car of the group is the subject of this article.

The red on red '66 Corsa 140 coupe had only 60,000 miles on it when it went into the barn. The floors were solid as was the bottom of the trunk. The outside of the car didn't fare as well. Lots of bumps and creases and signs of previous attempts at bodywork. Best way to describe the passenger's side door attempt would be "Cave and Pave"! But the car had potential so it did find a buyer. New member Roger "The Painter" Shepard took it on. Roger worked on the car for many months and corrected most of the damaged areas and put the car in a fresh coat of red oxide primer. Unfortunately due to a bump in the road of Life the car was sidelined and left parked under a car cover in his driveway. A little while later I was given the opportunity to buy the car back. Well, I bought it once, why not buy it again? So the Corsa came back to the Caveman Garage and plans were formulated to complete the project and get the car operational again. It made an

appearance at a recent DACC Tech Session up at Motor City Auto Sales so we could address the issue of a limp brake pedal. While there another member liked what he saw and bought the car from me. Cool! At the end of the day I delivered the car to John Tucker's place in Ann Arbor since Mr. Corsa was still tied down to the trailer. Ownership #2 completed!!

John finished up the brake job and replaced some hard metal lines. The gas tank had to come out to do the job properly. Now that the brake pedal actually made the brake shoes move out against the drums we had brakes! But... A sweetheart deal on a VW bus caught John's eye and he had no need for two collector car projects. The Corsa was going back on the market so what was I to do? Buy it again, of course. Ownership #3.

On the way to the storage lot still on a trailer Casey Schesky (remember him? He bought the early Spyder from the Jackson 5 collection) decided he could do a quicky paint job and flip this Corsa for some big bucks. Well, I guess reality got a hold of him and he changed his mind. So now I get to own it again. Would this be my ownership #4? In Casey's defense this was the right decision for him to let this one go. He has been toiling away on a body and paint refresh on his first-ever Corvair purchase; a 1965 Monza convertible for how many years now? I don't think quick and paint job combine in his vocabulary.

So now what do I do with this Corsa coupe that several members of the club have had a part of? We have christened it "The Community Corsa" due to the multiple member owners of the same Corvair. Right now it is in my driveway still on the trailer. I think it is looking for new owner #5. It starts and runs and



stops and goes. Or as we say up at Motor City it walks and talks. It still needs a heap of work, but it is a solid canvas for the right person. I just hope that the next time I sell this car it stays sold!!!

Caveman Pete

Minutes May 1, 2017

Well May must have been slated to be white Corvair month! We had 3 white Corvairs with a latecomer with a red! We can tell the weather is getting better when we see Corvairs at the meeting.

Bob Whittmann gave us an update of the fun things that were had during April and shared a very full and fun upcoming months. In April of course we had a tech session of a 66 coup that was decommissioned and taken to the scrap yard. At DACC West we learned more about painting. A handful of members went to Helen GA they had nice weather, great swap area and about 120 cars. The Miracle Network cruise had a nice turn out. For our future events see the AirCooler for an updated list.

Pete Cimbala is looking for more cars to be displayed at Applewood/Sloan weekend event. Saturday 8am till Sunday 5 pm and yes the car can go home at night or stay your choice. This is also the weekend on Sunday when we have our club picnic at this event.

Our 50/50 winner was new member Greg who drove his red Corvair to the meeting and Bill (sawzall) Johnson won the attendance draw.

See everyone next month hopefully we will have a full parking lot of wonderful Corvairs!

Lori Komora ~ Secretary

Caveman Pete's
Car of Many Owners



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DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 17, 2017 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new members: John Monk of Roseville, MI 1965 Corsa convertible — Kurt Graham of Oxford, MI 1963 Corvan — Kayleigh Graham of Orion, MI 1964 500 coupe. Steve Joachim of Shelby Twp., MI. — Blake Menzing of Lapeer, MI, 1964 convertible — Doug Beaver of Dearborn Hts., MI, 1966 Monza coupe — Robert and Linda Lehman of Royal Oak, MI 1963 Spyder convertible

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Hartzel, Grayhovac, B.Granger, Poskie, Schultz, J.Shreve

Exp in Feb.: L.Hand, Wolter. (dropped)

Due in Mar.: Flinn, Ives, Pleitner, Rutherford, Weeks. Will be dropped.

Due in Apr.: Gross, Rider, Shuster

Due in May: Ambrozy, Duve, Euesden, Hines, Rollins, Taylor

Due in June: Chapman, Currier, O'Leary, Pernot, Reisig.

Due in July: Debbrecht, Dehring, Kinsman, Pepke, Piche, Thomas, Vellner.

We have 128 paid members and 14 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.

MAY TREASURY REPORT

Not Available

from Casey Schesky, Treasurer

SELL & SWAP

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

FOR SALE: Conv. Red, black int & top. P.G. power top. Georgia Car, orig documents, Tach. & gages \$9200. Jerry 586-883-1301 no texts. (JUNE)

WANTED: process of re-doing complete interior trim on my 1964. Tear-down reveals very very badly oxidized seat frame/spring assembly (both cushion/back). Must have been in the rain with top down earlier. Appreciate leads on locating these parts. Clarks is out of stock! Rocko Heath. trainchaserrocko@aol.com (May)

WANTED: driver door for 1964 convertible Cecil 734-262-0068

WANTED: - your dead Corvair! I have a ready-to-go 110 engine that needs a new home. Whatcha got? - Pete Koehler 248-630-6442 (April)

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)

DACC CALENDARS

\$12 per calendar

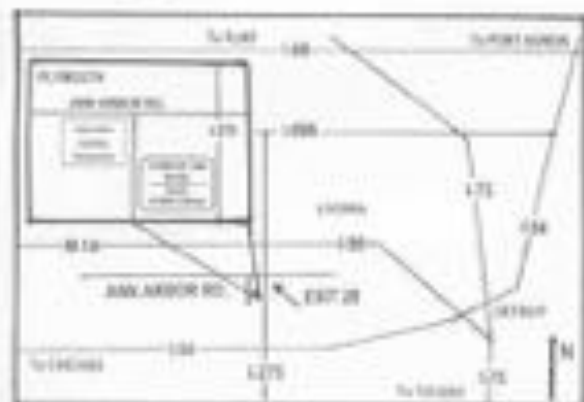
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order at www.allesee.com/calendar.

Thanks, John Allesee



38th DACC Homecoming *Featuring* GM Heritage Center Friday (Meet a Corvaair Designer) August 23 - 26, 2017



- THURSDAY**
- Registration 2 - 6
 - Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room 2-6
 - Corvaair Museum, Firehouse Museum and Cruise
 - Swap Meet set up & Car Care Clinic
- FRIDAY**
- Registration 8 am - 6 pm
 - Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room
 - Women's Activities as posted
 - GM Heritage Center (\$10 extra)
 - Valve Cover Races
 - Swap Meet & Car Care Clinic
 - Cook Out / Picnic
 - Drive In Movie (Circumstances Permitting)
- SATURDAY**
- Registration 9 am - 2 pm
 - Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room
 - People's Choice Car Show, Model & Toy Show
 - Swap Meet // Car Care Clinic // Tech Session
 - Kids & Women's Activities as posted
 - Road Tour
 - Live Auction // '50 - 70's' Vintage dress up
 - Pizza Party
 - Winner announced for **FREE** room this weekend
 - Calendar Winners "Drive Thru" Show
 - Wine & Cheese Event (\$10 extra) Hotel guests only
- SUNDAY**
- Leftovers, Farewell
 - Cruisin Hires Dr. - Classics Only

For additional information contact

PETE CIMBALA

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When making your reservations, be sure to mention "CORVAIR EVENT" to receive the special room rate of \$84 plus tax, per night. The \$84 special rate also includes Thursday night.

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DACC HOMECOMING REGISTRATION

NAME (for name tag) _____ Additional Names _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Car Year (x) and Model (x) _____

Did you drive your Corvaair here? Yes / No — If yes how many miles _____

REGISTRATION COST: SINGLE \$35.00 FAMILY \$50.00 (family consists of 2 adults and children under 21) \$ _____

How many will be attending? Adults _____ Under 21 _____ One Registration Pack per Individual or Family

GM Heritage Tour Yes Cost is \$10 per person No How many tickets needed _____ \$ _____

Additional cars \$5 each (1st car is included) How many cars _____ \$ _____

Swap space Yes \$10 for each space No How many spaces needed _____ \$ _____

Wine & Cheese Event Yes Cost is \$10 per person No How many tickets needed _____ \$ _____

Take a chance to get your room at Comfort Inn this weekend for free \$5 each ticket. How many tickets wanted _____ \$ _____

If payment is received by August 5th subtract \$3.00 from total for early registration discount

The Board of Directors for the DACC reserve the right to reject applications at their discretion Total Enclosed \$ _____

DACC Calendar

Sat Jun 3, 2017 All day Fleetwood Country Cruize In -

Where: Plunkett Estate, London, Ontario, Canada

<http://www.fleetwoodcountrycruizein.com/2017.html>

Sun Jun 11, 2017 Cars "R" Stars -

"Hoods in the Rear" event

Where: Packard Proving Grounds, 49965 Van Dyke,

Shelby Charter Township, MI 48317

"Hoods in the Rear" event at the Packard Proving

Grounds, Shelby Township. Some DACC Members to be within the "Featured Vehicle Show" - All are welcomed to join the extended show. Additional information available/

www.carsrstars.com or info@carsrstars.com or Eva!

Sat Jun 17, 2017 The Gilmore Car Museum - Air Cooled

Gathering - Where: Hickory Corners, MI

See: <http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/>

Sun Jun 18, 2017 Eyes on Design

Where: EDSEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE, 1100 LAKE

SHORE ROAD, GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MI

See: <http://www.eyesondesign.org/carshow/>

Sat Jun 24-25, 2017 (DACC Lunch on Sunday) Sloan

Museum Auto Fair - Where: East Kearsley Street, Flint, MI

— See: <http://sloanautofair.com/>

Tue Jun 27 - Sat Jul 1, 2017 CORSA International

Convention — Where: Independence, MO

Sat Jul 1, 2017 Cass City Freedom Festival Parade

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Sat Jul 29, 2017 Concours d'LeMons

Where: The Inn at St. Johns; 44045 5 Mile Rd Plymouth,

MI

See: <http://www.concoursusa.org/>

Sat Aug 19, 2017 Back to the Bricks - "Main Event" See:

<https://backtothebricks.org/main-event->

Thu Aug 24 - 26, 2017 DACC Homecoming

Where: Comfort Inn- Clocktower; 40455 Ann Arbor Rd,

Plymouth, MI

Form at: [https://www.facebook.com/download/](https://www.facebook.com/download/preview/138684906656642)

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RECAP (with a quick how to drive a Corvair lesson by Mike McKeel). Upon arrival at the plant, we spotted Fred Poskie and his beautiful Corvair already in the parking lot by the Fishbowl. After parking our cars, we gathered in a circle and had a moment of silence followed by a cheer at the 1:30pm historical time in memory of the last Corvair made (car #6000). A security officer prohibited us from taking any photos of the plant from their the parking lot so we parked across the street and took photos of our Corvairs with the plant in the background. Kerry and I wanted to get a better shot of our cars in front so we got a little assistance with being hoisted up on a small pole to get those choice photos. I made a special announcement that there will be a Willow Run Assembly Plant Open House on Sept. 16th. (no set time yet). I also surprised those who participated in this convoy by telling them that they will be some of the lucky ones to be able to bring their Corvairs INSIDE the plant on Sept. 16th! Currently, there will be a limit of only 20 Corvairs that I will be selecting to go inside the plant (with hopes we can add more...maybe). All other Corvairs (no water pumpers allowed) are invited to come to the open house event and take a walking tour inside the former Chevrolet side of the facility and park their Corvairs outside in the parking lot (near the Fishbowl) for a car show and photo opportunities.

I am hoping to bring some former Willow Run Corvair auto workers to join in during the tour to inform us of what happened back in the day during Corvair production years. If you wish to attend this event or have questions, please contact me at corvailady@gmail.com. More details of this event will be forthcoming. Just block off Sept. 16th on your calendar. We finished our tour by heading into Depot Town for a lunch at the Sidetrack.

"Corvair Lady" Eva McGuire (photos Eva & Kerry)

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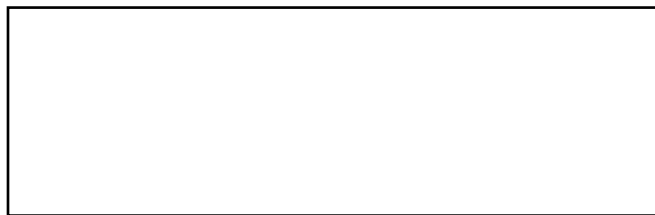
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MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

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DACC on the Web

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(DACC Overview, Happenings)

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John Allesee

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