



## Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017  
Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

## ORPHAN CAR SHOW SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Riverside Park, Ypsilanti

Co-founders Randy Mason and Jack Miller reminisced about the founding of the Orphan Car Show. Jack said "For many years, we talked about how Hudsons, Studebakers, Willys, and many other orphans were always over shadowed at car shows. We finally did something about it in 1997 and held the first orphan show which featured Hudson. "We've kept the Orphan Car Show pure by having a carefully-defined definition of what constitutes an 'orphan car.' Ypsilanti has such a rich history of orphan-make development and production; it's a natural location for the show.

"Pass In Review" is a unique feature of the show and has been part of the show from the beginning.

Pre register by August 28.

Spectator admission is \$6 for adults, children under 12 are free.

## ROYAL OAK GATHERING & MUSEUM TOUR

Come bring your Corvair to the Royal Oak Historical Society on Saturday, **September 9<sup>th</sup>** from Noon to 4:00pm to participate in a car show and a tour of the museum as we view sketches from Detroit's Golden Age of Automotive designs as part of the "Chrome, Fins & Style" event. As a special treat for our group, "American Dreaming" Film Documentary Producer, Robert Edwards will bring his three original Carl Renner sketches of proposed Corvair designs from 1957 and will speak about them. In addition, I have been allowed to borrow and showcase several sketches that were unveiled at this year's Eyes on Design show of what the League of Retired Automotive Designers thought a futuristic Corvair would look like. We ask that you park your Corvair in the rear of the museum for the car show. Museum donations are appreciated. Location: 1411 W. Webster Rd., Royal Oak, 48073. (in the old fire station building).

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

## A Few Words from the President

Well folks, another Homecoming has come and gone and I feel that it was an absolute success! There was a little bit of fretting before hand in regards to the registration snafu as well as the adjacent parking lot debacle, but we got through it and with the glorious weather, a great time was had by all! Personally, I knew all was right with the world when Mark Guy showed up with a Canadian Tire pail filled with Mr. Big candy bars..(my kryptonite) thanks sir! It was great to see Mitch and Tianna, Ross and all the rest of our loyal members from Canada ... as well as folks from all over the country to partake in this great event. Really, I know it's my hyper-extended nuts that make them travel so far! It was also very humbling to see how hard folks worked to make this a great experience. Thanks to Ken and Ruth for keeping us fed, Beth and Pete Cimbala and numerous helpers in the registration room, Pete Koehler for keeping the swap meet in order, Rocking Ronnie for spinning memories and Lori for the wine tasting...and those cheese balls.

I want to thank Ray Dubia and Tim Bramble for picking up the slack everywhere else...and Casey for writing the checks! There are many more and any omissions are unintentional ... i thank you all. Now to start getting ready for next year!

**Ian Smith, President**

## TOUR INSIDE WILLOW RUN (AND CAR SHOW)

Our DACC-West event for September will take place on the third Saturday this month. Come to the Willow Run Assembly Plant on **Saturday morning, September 16<sup>th</sup> around 10:15-10:30am** with a Corvair (your ticket to get in) for an outdoor car show and the ability to do a walking tour inside the old Chevrolet side of the plant from 11:00am to 2:00pm. 20 selected Corvairs (maybe more) will be allowed to drive inside the plant for a great photo opportunity. I hope to bring some former Willow Run Corvair auto workers to talk about what was going on in the plant when our cars were made. Please join us for this rare opportunity to take a peek inside the plant and take photos. All who arrive in a Corvair will be allowed to participate in the walking tour.

**Corvair Lady (Eva McGuire)**

## August Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2017

Gather we did on Monday, August 7, 2017 to memorialize and celebrate all things Corvair. Over 60 people including members and guests, along with prospective members and friends and 19 ½ Corvairs were present as Vice President Marvin Granger opened the meeting.

Several pertinent items were addressed:

- HOMECOMING – The registration process has stumbled across the “Digital Divide” as it transitions from a legal pad to the cyber world. The Homecoming will prevail with just a few more tweaks. The whole internet thing would go a lot smoother if they would just put a grandchild in every box. Exact numbers are not yet available, but with just a few more reservations the Comfort Inn will be ours exclusively. Again, volunteers will be sought for all areas including registration, hospitality, events, refreshments, etc.
- MEMBERSHIP – Now at 134 paid members with new members coming to join us. Details were sketchy but we welcomed Randy and Sherry and TJ and had some interesting Corvair stories. Every Corvair has a story which should be told or, better yet, shared with Ken Pepke in the AirCooler.
- TREASURERS REPORT – Funds of \$8213 ensures that we will be able to continue all things Corvair.
- ACTIVITIES – Bob Wittmann recapped the highlights of the events of July including the drive to Speedway Diner in Ohio and Eva (Corvair Lady)’s Special

- Award at the Concours d’Lemon Event at the Cpnours d’Elegance at the Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth. We had 14 Corvairs at this event. Pete C has acquired space and is soliciting Corvairs to grace the grounds of the Applewood Estate in conjunction with the Flint/Back to the Bricks celebration. The DACC will have 5 Corvairs at the Woodward Dream Cruise. Look for your friends on Old Woodward, just South of Brown in Birmingham on Saturday, August 19. We are reminded of the Royal Oak Historical Society presentation at the R.O. Library from August 4 until September 16 with a special presentation of *Chrome, Fins and Style* with sketches from 1957 on September 4 from Noon ‘til 4:00 PM. Hurry if you want to register for The Orphan Car Show in Ypsilanti on Sept.16. Eva (Corvair Lady) has made arrangements to bring 20 Corvairs into the Willow Run Plant on this date.

Lucky Pete C again won the 50/50 while Adam captured the Attendance Award. A special “Thank you” to Donna for all you do.

From **Judy O’Leary**  
for Lori Komora - Secretary

## Club 182

Today we were invited to break bread with former UAW workers from the Corvair Plant in Ypsilanti. The free lunch was held at the Ford UAW Hall for Local 182 right across from the Ford plant in Livonia. Only three of us took advantage of this offer; myself, Sawzall Surgeon Bill Johnson and Corvair Lady Eva. In the parking lot one could check out a 1960 700 coupe (mine), a 1962 Monza convertible (Bill’s) and Eva’s blue late model coupe with the special license plate that advertised it’s birthplace. Yes, it rained. But my reply was that the UAW boys did a water leak test before any Corvairs left the plant way back then, so a little rain shouldn’t dampen our spirits. Right?

A local historical source told me that back in the day this Ford UAW Hall was known as Club 182 and was a popular dance hall. All of the girls from Detroit would come up to the Club for dancing and socializing. Must have been a swingin’ place back then. Today’s mood was a little more restrained... But hey! We got fed and got to share our Corvairs with a group of folks who appreciated them for what they were and still are; Cool cars to drive and enjoy. Maybe next year more of our members will take the Que and come for a bigger and better showing? **Caveman Pete Koehler**



## RESCUE

### CONT FROM AUGUST

Many of you know that I have been taking Auto Body Restoration classes at Washtenaw Community College in Ypsilanti. I have been restoring a 1965 Convertible with Air conditioning for some time and needed to learn all the real skills necessary to bring it back to its full potential. So I asked one of the instructors at WCC if he thought we could pull out the front end collision on the 1968 Coupe as part of a class I was taking, he looked at the car and said yes!

Now I was really interested in the Poly 1968 2 door coupe! When Pete agreed to sell it to me for \$600 (got to cover rescue and transportation costs!) I jumped at the chance to get to my "dream car". So after 2 years of work at WCC on Poly (that's "Poely", after its owner and my name for the car now!), I have my dream car (or at least one of them!). Through four semesters of classes and a lot of guidance and help from the instructors at WCC, I got the job done. I pulled the car out on WCC's Super Chief rack, cut out and replaced the front panel with a new fiberglass one (also found by Pete on one of his hunts), filled the various dents and fixed some small rust areas, repainted it black, and now it's done!

That's Poly in my driveway. You can also see the 1965 Convertible I am still working on.

Corvair Fun!!!

By Casey Schesky

## MONZA JR GO KART

Meet the newest addition to my Corvair family...a Monza Junior go kart fashioned after the GM showcar, the Monza SS. I am proud to own this little gem, and I will be loaning it to the Corvair Preservation Foundation to be added to the wonderful collection of exhibits at our new Corvair Museum at the Chevy Hall of Fame in Decatur,

Illinois. Before leaving, it will have made its' first debut since I've owned it at our Detroit Corvair Homecoming on August 25<sup>th</sup>. I acquired this Monza Jr from the University of Detroit Jesuit Academy & High School. Under the direction of its Facility Engineer, Mr. Byron, along with ten high school students from their Automotive Club, they completely restored this historic kart. I named the cart after "Byron". The restoration was quite extensive as they fixed and reinforced the fiberglass body, painted it black, modified the exhaust, and changed the engine out to a 4 HP Tecumseh motor. They put a Chevy Jr plate on the back (which is incorrect.) The original go kart had a Monza Junior plate on it (as shown by the "before" restoration photo I have). They wanted the kart to go to someone who would appreciate its history and I promised them I would fulfill that mission.

According to Mr. Marquis, and verified by Mr. Mickey Rupp himself, there were only 50 Monza Jr go karts produced from 1965-1967. Mr. Marquis informed me that he was informed that there were only ten Monza Jrs left in existence. My kart is body #47 with the serial number #2220719. I first saw this go kart on display at this year's Detroit Autorama, and the desire to own it has haunted me ever since.

These go karts were made by Rupp Manufacturing in Mansfield, Ohio. According to the conversation I had with Mickey Rupp, they were built on a fairly "stock" Dart Kart chassis with special Monza SS replica bodies attached that were designed by GM Designer, Larry Shinoda. There were two model versions of them. From 1965-67 they were called Monza Juniors, were ember red in color, had a raised hump

behind the driver's seat (a clear marker for the earlier version models). From 1968 to approx. 1971, the name was changed to Chevy Jr, the color was marina blue and later changed to a more red-orange, had a white stripe added to the nose and, and the back was lowered behind the driver's seat. They were all powered by a 3.5 HP Lauren motor (a division of Tecumseh).

The initial inspiration behind these go karts was when Bill Mitchell wanted to have one special made for his stepson. It was made at GM Styling with special features with one additional made for Chuck Jordan. In 1965, GM contacted the Rupp MGF in Mansfield, Ohio to produce more. These go karts were initially made just for Chevrolet to give away at auto shows, traveling Chevy shopping center shows, Chevy exhibits at fairs, etc. Chevrolet displayed them and raffled them away at auto shows and exhibits. (I happen to have a complete unused raffle ticket for a Monza Junior.) There was also a fleet of Chevy Jr's that were ordered with white bodies and used at the driver safety training facility called Safetyville, USA located in Flint, Michigan. It had a miniature set up of streets, sidewalks, and buildings that drivers would operate their Chevy Jr's around while learning traffic safety. GM operated Safetyville, USA until 1978.

I want to give a big thank you to my friend and fellow DACC member, John Tucker, who was instrumental in helping me get this go kart and transporting it to my house and back and forth to Homecoming. I would also like to thank Corvair historian, Rick Loving, and Mickey Rupp for providing me with the historical information regarding these go karts.

"Corvair Lady" Eva McGuire

## "Cars of the DACC"

Or whatever you want to call it. Title is; "Perfume on a Pig"

Yes, you can make a pig smell better if you have the right perfume. That was my challenge with this Corvair, a beige 1965 Monza coupe that came to the Caveman Garage sans engine and usable interior. Since this car still had a floor (ANY Corvair with a floor still intact is worth fixing!) I readied an engine and dropped it in. Now the Pig runs! Next up was trading the factory installed Soft Ray tinted glass to fellow member Bob W. His cash contribution to the project was welcomed. About this time it was time for the annual Concours d'LeMons. I figured the Pig was a shoo in for Worst of Show honors. Only problem - the windshield and back glass were still not properly installed and sealed. No problem! Duck Tape to the rescue. You can fix ANYTHING with Duck Tape, right? The only logical choice for

the tape had pictures of flying pigs printed on it. Perfect!

At the Concours d'LeMons the Flying Pig Special was a hit. Of course I had to tow it there on my trailer since the car still didn't have brakes or a transmission that would do anything but stay in forward gear. Well, you don't need brakes or a transmission to enter the LeMons event. After the event I went to work adding more perfume to the Pig. New carpet from Rock Auto and a used seat from buddy Rich Dixon and now you could at least sit in the Pig. Next up was a shift cable replacement (old one broken in two) and some brake work (one new wheel cylinder and then bleed them out). Second attempt to fix the transmission (HUGE fluid leak) was successful so now I'm ready to take the Pig on her maiden voyage.

About this time the Pig piqued the interest of DACC Vice President Marvin Granger. We

made a deal and he supplied the ultimate for the Flying Pig Special: real knock-off Dayton wire wheels and fancy new shoes. Now if that isn't Perfume on a Pig I don't know what is!

The Pig is just about ready to go up to Marvin's residence. I still need to replace one noisy wheel bearing then the final road test will be scheduled. If the Pig passes then it's time for me to say good-bye. Chalk up another Corvair saved by the **Caveman Garage. PETE K.**





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## JUNE TREASURY REPORT

As of July 16, 2017:

Current Checking account Balance: \$8194.88

from Casey Schesky, Treasurer

## SELL & SWAP

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO [kenpepke@yahoo.com](mailto:kenpepke@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** 4 - 7" wide x 13" dia Steel Wheels, 4 bolt for 1962/1964 Corvair - slightly used with rain tires - specially made by Bill Wadill in Flint \$275.00 (obo) (Southfield) - Don Eichstaedt, [done28@comcast.net](mailto:done28@comcast.net), 248-552-8030 (Sept)

**FOR SALE: (4)** 13" hubcaps with spoke going out from the center. have nuts on them - Chevy emblem in the middle. look good. Mike Simms 313-386-1754 (Sept)

**FOR SALE:** 64 Conv. Red, black int & top. P.G. power top. Georgia Car, orig documents, Tach. & gages \$8500. Jerry 586-883-1301 no texts. (REV JULY)

## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AUGUST 18, 2017 by Clark Hartzel

**Welcome new member:** Randy Rollo, Brighton, MI.

1963 Monza coupe

**Thanks for keeping membership up to date:** Dehring, Dewald, Greer, Gross, Hairsine, Kinsman, Pepke, Piche, Riggs, Schuster, Thomas, Vadovich, Vellner, Williams.

**Exp in May:** Hines, Taylor Dropped

**Due in June:** Currier, Pernot, Reisig. Will be dropped

**Due in July:** Debbrecht,

**Due in August:** Balow, Burt, Cockerill, Dailey, Dood, C.Hand, Hartford, Hossain, Koehler, Komora, Lagasse, Morenski, Newton, Owens, Sitterly, Spiess, Urbain.

**Due in Sept.:** Borgne, Boulan, Bramble, Christ, Cutter, Davis, Gillespie, Heath, Jean, Kelava, Kellogg, Ropp, Schlaud, Schmidt, Serpento, H.Smith, I.Smith, Spaulding, Storc, Yoscovits.

**Due in Oct.:** Dubia, Hamil, Light, Mann, McGuire, Shingler, Shires.

We have 120 paid members and 21 who owe dues.

We are mailing 10 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](mailto: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.

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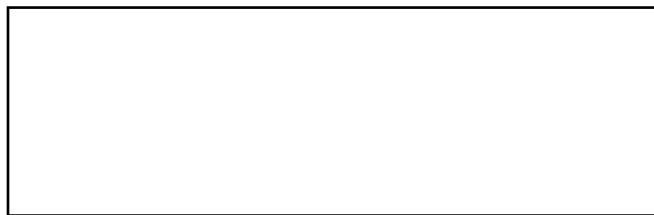
Thanks, John Allesee

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, SEPTEMBER 11**  
**(LABOR DAY 4th)**

**The AIRCOOLER**  
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FIRST CLASS



### DACC Calendar

**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/preview/138684906656642>

### Labor Day Parade

**Monday, September 4, Romeo Peach Festival Parade**

From the Detroit area go to Utica, MI on the north side. Then proceed north on **M-53** to approximately **34 Mile Road** where it blends back into **Old Van Dyke**. Turn left and proceed to the staging area. The staging number will be available from the parade volunteers when you arrive. It takes quite a while to get this parade underway but that gives us lots of visiting time and maybe a chance to meet the governor! Don't forget to bring beverages and snacks!

**PLEASE ARRIVE BETWEEN 12 & 12:30 P.M.**

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