



Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER 2, 2017

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Fall Color Tour

It was talked about at the meeting this week that a fall color tour to Frankenmuth should be developed, I guess since I volunteered myself and Pete K. to do this we better come up with a plan. Looking at the calendar and seeing the trees turning early this year I think we need to make this trip just after the first of the month. With this in mind and not bumping into the DACC West Meeting date on the 8th. how about we try this on Saturday the 7th. ? This could work out better in Frankenmuth as Sunday is always a little more busy. We could have a lite breakfast at Pete's Coney on Dixie Hwy at 9:00 am and run the back roads to the Z Chef Cafe in the basement of Zehender's around noon. After lunch we can stop at an orchard in the Montrose area and visit Jeff Shreve's new super duper Corvair barn north of Flushing. Route details are being developed at press time and will be included in an E blast prior to the event to remind everyone.

If there is still some color on the 15th. we could take a drive west of Plymouth to the Dexter/Pinckney area. Meeting at the Comfort Inn at 10:00 am.

Pete Cimbala



**A LEGEND
IN HIS
OWN TIME**

Homecoming Thanks

As the appointed Chairman of this great event I would like to thank everyone who helped make it another memorable weekend. Marilyn Knapp outdid herself again getting all the stuff for the goodie bags and Lori assembled, stored and brought them to the Comfort Inn. Beth Hilton modernized the registration room with a new spread sheet program and got people processed Thursday afternoon better than ever before. I was able to get outside a few times and even made a trip to the GM Heritage Center. Casey kept the pop, water and ice stocked, Ken, Ruth and their crew kept us fed for days on end, Paul K., Bethany and Kayleigh cooked some great burgers and brats. And so many more people like Rockin Ronnie, Adam and Donna and the 50/50 ticket sellers, Paul Piche and his son who helped set up the valve cover race track with Kerry, Gary and Clark. Eva as the Co-Chair this year and tour planner, Corvair caper, kids remote car race, Mike for all the repair and tech advice, Pete K. for setting up the swap meet and Marvin the auctioneer. John and Karen for the cool calendar pictures and top 25 winners.

I am sure that I forgot someone that really did some thing important. Please forgive me for not adding you to this list. Lori had another great Wine & Cheese tasting party from what I heard. We fit 112 Corvairs into the parking lot and the on street parking worked but not as well as the old parking lot next door, maybe next year will be different?

Time will tell what the winter season brings and if any changes are announced we will post them here and online. Yes there is room for improvement even after 38 years; current technology and old age habits have a lot to do with it. We somehow make money on this event when all the bills have been paid so this year we are going to make a donation to the Ypsi Automotive Heritage Museum to help keep the Corvair history alive for a while longer. Please consider doing this yourself by loaning or donating any unique Corvair artifact for consideration in up coming exhibits.

PETE CIMBALA

HOSPITALITY

WOW, another successful homecoming. Ken and I feel our part in running the hospitality room adds to having a successful homecoming. However, we never could accomplish even part of what we do if it was not for all the wonderful volunteers.

Ken and I have divided the Hospitality room into sections and posted the section needs on the wall. Once assigned to a section each volunteer can see the things that need to be done. We feel that it makes it simple for any volunteer to take care of the needs of the section.

Every year we have some new people offer to help. Others keep coming back. Some, feeling they can't let the team down, even show up when they are tired or not feeling well. Teammates come and go as their situations require but we always have such a great, great team.

There are lots of things to be done, large and small. Volunteers are always welcome! So come and help us next year if you have a little ... or a lot ... of time. Try out our system and let us know how it works. Thank you again and hope to see you next year.

RUTH SWEENEY

September Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

Wow what a night with 18 Corvairs in attendance and 45 people as well.

Clark and Joanne made a trip down to Akron OH to Akron's Corvair group's lunch meeting. He stated it was a great day trip down and back.

Casey reported we have \$8213 in our account. He also said he had a report from Beth Hilton and we had 112 people in attendance at Homecoming. Our auction brought in \$400.

Ken Pepke had shared that nobody had shown any interest

in learning his Hospitality room task. We all can agree that Ken and Ruth do a terrific job and that it would be hard for anyone to do a job as good as they do. But it really would be nice to find someone to step up and learn from the best and be prepared to take over, if needed. Let Ken and Ruth have a back-up for this. So please consider stepping up and learning and doing.

Bob Wittmann had stated that he had heard that a few people had indicated they were interesting in purchasing some DACC wears. As usual the Woodward Dream Cruise was a big success as always. Upcoming events are, Thurs. the 14 at My Mechanics Place food and drinks provided just show up with your Corvair. Sat. 16 Willow Run pictures outside by the Rotunda and then drive inside the plant. Sunday 17 the Orphan Show. October 7 & 8 Davisburg Antique Festival. Possible trip in October to Frankenmuth fall color drive and e-blast will update us when. Adam had asked if the clubs 1/2 of the 50/50 money could be donated towards the hurricane relief. The club was in full agreement.

At Homecoming we noticed we a low turn out for the valve cover race. It was recommended that we try and promote this event better. It was even suggested that we could do a Saturday event and go build some valve covers.

Clark's friend Dave is selling his 68 red Monza 110 pg with black interior \$5500.

Ian is looking for early interior door panels with pockets.

Our parking space at next years event at Sloan our parking spaces been reserved.

Kurt is looking for 4 single chrome air cleaners.

Miracles do happen Donna finally won the 50/50 raffle; \$76. Ken won the attendance drawing.

Lori Komora - Secretary

LEONARD STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE

Three Corvairs participated in the LEONARD PARADE. The DACC entry won a second place ribbon.

From Mike Jacobi

Meet the Makers

For those attending this Saturday's Meet the Makers presents: Willow Run Assembly Plant Open House Tour/Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 16th, please bring your Corvairs to the former Willow Run Assembly Plant (now called the GM Service Parts Operations) located at 2885 Tyler Rd., Ypsilanti, MI around 10-10:30am, (earlier the better for parking sake and photo opportunities).

Best directions I can give are if you're coming from I-94 going west, exit at the Willow Run Airport Exit. Stay on exit drive (which is Wiard Rd.) Continue on Wiard until you see the turn off for Tyler Rd. East. Turn right on Tyler Rd. and get in left lane as the entrance to the former Willow Plant is on the left side after the business sign (look for guard shack and enter there). You will be lead to where to park from that point.

For those who are on the list to bring your Corvair inside the plant, please park your cars along with the other Corvairs in the outside parking lot near the Fishbowl (glass round building) until we are given the green light to go inside.

Everyone who participates in this event will be allowed to take the walking tour of inside the former Chevrolet side of the Plant starting at 11:00am until 2:00pm (but come earlier to park your Corvairs).

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at corvailady@gmail.com

Corvair Lady (Eva McGuire)

Is That 65 A Blue Dot?

Everybody has a Corvair story and nowhere is that more evident than standing on Old Woodward Avenue during the Woodward Dream Cruise. This year the DACC had a place of prominence in the shadow of the "555" Building near the junction of Woodward and Old Woodward directly opposite the Rolls Royces. Pre-registration, admission and entry went smoothly but while backing into a tightly defined parking space, I hear "Is that a '65? Is that a Blue Dot?", A gentleman emerging from his Rolls Royce is asking me if I have a Blue Dot. It turns out that I am talking to a retired GM Research Engineer whose first assignment was to help straighten out the new '65 Corvair launch. It was still quite early in the day and I didn't think of "Duh"! So I responded, "How would I know"?

Having satisfactorily ascertained it is a '65, (fairly original) we were then directed to the oil filter boss. It will have a blue dot on the oil filter boss. Sure Enough, there it is! Now, in the largest celebration I have ever experienced before lunch, we learned the significance of this jubilation. Lo and behold, we can put blue dots up on the trophy shelf with the fender dings and double- dings as we unravel one more of the deep, dark GM secrets.

Turns out that about mid-model year, GM decided it should beef up the new model a bit with a better head gasket and an improvement of some of the seals. All this is duly noted by a blue dot on the oil filter boss. Everyone has a Corvair story; just some are better than others. But, for the best Corvair stories you have be on Old Woodward early in the morning on WDC Day. The gentleman with the Rolls Royce was the same guy that had "Singing Fish for Rent". You can't make this stuff up.

John O'Leary

DACC ACTIVITIES Davisburg Antique, Vintage and Classic Car Event October 7&8, 2017

A fun event that just keeps getting bigger each year. Join your friends from the Detroit Area Corvair Club on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Start with breakfast at 9:00 AM at Pete's Coney on Dixie Highway. Or, take advantage of both days to be able to see it all. It's that big! Antiques, collectibles, just plain vintage, food, craft beer and classic cars. Bring your Corvair. See the "Ellis Barn", meet the many vendors, and enjoy the tributes for those that served. This very large event has become an annual event for the DACC since its inception.

John O'Leary

Detroit Area Corvair Club Activities Survey

Each year we plan a slate of activities designed to get out the Corvairs and stimulate, entertain and educate. We see the number of Corvairs growing. We also see "projects" becoming reality, ownership changes and newcomers. With over a hundred Corvairs at the Homecoming and 19 ½ Corvairs from within our ranks at the *Concours d'Lemons* we realize how important these activities are for our continued success. Also, we now have a very efficient method to broadcast activities of interest on an almost immediate notice.

It is not too soon to begin thinking in terms of activities in 2018 and, by all means, please share your input. Our activities are guided by a few basic parameters which include a loosely defined perimeter, participation in different areas within that perimeter, general interests, something for everyone and most of all, how many Corvairs we can get out. The growing popularity of *Cruisin'n News* demonstrates that there are several car events every day during the good weather months. Shows, parades, exhibits,

meets and rallies all beg for your time and participation. We pick and choose but have a couple of favorites to pepper the calendar; stimulate the thought processes and welcome a new year. Namely;

- June: Sloan Auto Fest.
- July: Concours d'Lemons.
- August: Homecoming, Woodward Dream Cruise, Back to the Bricks, Berkley Parade.
- September: Orphan Car Show
- October: Springfield Oaks Antique and Car Show.

Then, as dates firm up, we can add others. Theme Tours, Fruit Fests, Heritage Recognitions all provide opportunities for camaraderie, BS'ing, food and fun. Gather your thoughts, write them up and share them with us and we will be well on our way into another year. **-John O'Leary, Activities Director**

THE DACC Garage Squad

Back in July I had asked for a visit from The Garage Squad to help pinpoint a rattle that had developed in my engine. So on a Sunday in the middle of July I was visited by three great guys Pete Koehler, Bob Wittmann, and current president Ian Smith. After some greetings and coffee they got right to work, and within 2 hrs had my engine out and diagnosed a couple of issues. A bad input shaft seal that had thrown oil over all the clutch parts, and a failing pressure plate. Although we didn't know what to expect, they had all the parts needed on hand and although I was not expecting to have the engine back in that day, within 5 hrs we had the car back together and running. All the while I had a great time learning not just about the issues on hand (and how to take apart the engine and transaxle), but also a lot of history on the Corvair itself. It was a great session and quite productive. A big thank you goes out to the Garage Squad!

ROBERT WITTMANN

RED, WHITE & BLUE AT THE LEONARD STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE



DACC on Old Woodward Avenue during the Woodward Dream Cruise.



DACC GARAGE SQUAD

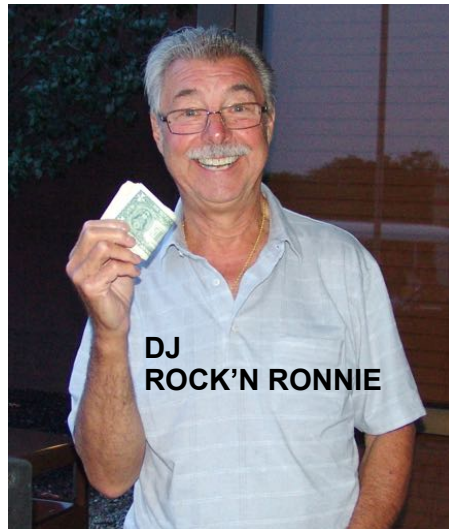


HOMECOMING 50/50 WINNERS

RUTH SWEENEY



DJ ROCK'N RONNIE



ON DUTY ZZZzzzz



The Story Of the
DACC
Homecoming

August 24-26th 2017





Machinist's Workshop

Recently published information on various penetrating oils. The magazine reported they tested products for break out "torque" on rusted nuts and bolts. A subjective test was made of popular penetrating oils, with the unit of merit being the torque required to remove a nut from a "scientifically rusted" bolt. Average torque load to loosen nuts.

1. Use NO oil 516 foot pounds
2. WD-40 - - 238 foot pounds
3. PB Blaster - 214 foot pounds
4. Liquid Wrench -127 foot pounds
5. Kano Kroil - 106 foot pounds
6. ATF/Acetone mix - - 53 foot pounds ...

The ATF/Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50/50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note this "home brew" released bolts better than any commercial product in this one particular test. I have used this mixture for many years taking vehicles apart that can not be saved. Also note that Liquid Wrench is almost as good as Kroil, but 20% of the price.

ATF/Acetone mix is much better and cheaper. No Acetone, use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50/50 mix (ATF = Any type of Automatic Transmission Fluid)

I store mine in an old hand trigger pump oil can. Makes it easy to get to those hard to get to nuts/bolts. **Brian Granger**

CORVAIR LADY ANNOUNCEMENTS

I have a couple of announcements and want to clarify a few things. It is due to my health that I need to step down from the position as Co-chair of the DACC Homecoming. I've had diminishing health problems lately and need to divest myself of some activities in order to conserve strength and energy. I would like to focus those energies towards working on my Meet the Makers of the Chevrolet Corvaire Historical Preservation project, writing articles, as well as tending to my new duties as Publicist for the Corvaire Preservation Foundation.

Lori Komora will be stepping into the position of Homecoming Co-chair effective immediately. We will also need someone to volunteer and take over for me in doing the Homecoming Road Tour and Kid's Activities. This year will be the last time for the Crazy Corvaire Caper activity.

DACC-West will continue with Jay Nugent holding meetings during even numbered months, and I will be holding DACC-West or Meet the Makers special/activities during odd numbered months (or dates not conflicting with other DACC-West meetings). These meetings/events will be announced via emails and/or in the Aircooler.

That being said, and for those who have been recently asking me, I will not be doing the annual DACC-West Fall Mystery Road Tour in October or the annual Ypsilanti Sidetrack Christmas Party in December (unless someone else would like to organize these activities). If the club would like to continue having the popular Secret Automotive Santa gift exchange that I've done for the last few years at the December Waterford meeting, we will need someone else to come on board and organize that as well.

It has been a pleasure serving the club all these years with the special activities/ideas I've created, and; Lord willing and health permitting, I look forward to being able to host occasional events and attend club meetings/activities. God bless.

Respectfully submitted...
Corvaire Lady (Eva McGuire)



TURBOCHARGED

HURON TOWNSHIP APPLEFEST

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7th

NEW BOSTON, MI ... EVERYTHING TO DO WITH APPLES!!

This is great! The whole town is transformed into a festival. **AFTER THE PARADE, PARK & WALK BACK TO THE FESTIVAL IN TOWN!** Craft and food booths line about six blocks on Main Street. Everything to do with apples is featured. There are games, crafts, kid rides, and food booths. Baked and ready-to-bake pies are everywhere!

From the Detroit area go **west on I-94** then south on I-275 to **exit 11, Huron River Drive**. Turn right [west] cross the tracks and go to the first light, turn right [north] on Waltz Rd to the staging area in the Lower Huron Metropark entrance. Please **arrive before 11:30 AM**.

Even if you can't make it to any other parade, try to make it to this one. Plan to spend the better part of the day in town. If you go away hungry it will be your own fault! **The parade is Saturday but the Festival continues on Sunday.** from Parade Chair, Ken Pepke

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SEPTEMBER TREASURY REPORT

Current checking account balance : \$12,456.00

Several large checks still outstanding

Homecoming info: 112 attendees

\$400 donated to Haven House

from proceeds of Homecoming auction

\$60 donated to "Ex-Presidents Hurricane Relief Fund" from
proceeds of September 50/50 drawing.

Initial analysis of Homecoming receipts and expenses indicates
we most likely broke-even and possibly generated a very small
profit after all final expenses are accounted for.

DACC donated \$1000 (from proceeds of Garage Squad,
Homecoming and 50/50s) to the

Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum
at the Orphan Car Show event.

from

Casey Schesky, Treasurer

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome back: Mike Simms of Allen Park. & Anthony
White of Riverview

Welcome new members: Len Dodman of Highland, Gary
Koscielniak of Bellville, Bob Norwalk of N. Canton, OH.,
Lewis Smith of Trenton, Nicole Smith of Trenton, Trianna
Smith of Trenton, Mark Szlachky of Canton

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Borgne,
Dailey, Debbrecht, Guy, C.Hand, Heath, Morenski, Reisig,
Serpento, Shingler, Urbain.

Exp. in June: Currier, Pernot dropped.

Exp. in August: Balow, Burt, Cockerill, Dood, Hartford,
Hossain, Koehler, Komora, Lagasse, Newton, Owens,
Sitterly, Spiess

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

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

Due in Nov.: Grumblatt, Hatala, Heberling, Bill Johnson,
Kidd, Munaco, O'Guinn, M.Smith, Tucker, Ullery.

We have 121 paid members and 30 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 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.

SELL & SWAP

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

FOR SALE: 1968 Monza coupe. 110 HP Pg. Engine
by Ken Hand. Red carpet trunk w/ wiper motor &
master cyl cover - Blk bucket int. Wire wheel covers.
4 rear brake lights. Chrome rack on deck lid.
Trailer hitch & wiring plug. Pin striping & rub rail -
Bumper guards front & rear. \$5500 Dave Guindon
Warren, MI 586-758-6915 **Also for sale:** small
utility trailer enclosed with clam shell lid. Painted
red to match car. \$600. (Oct)

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,
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 CALENDARS

order at www.allesee.com/calendar.

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, OCTOBER 2**

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor
126 S Riverbank
Wyandotte, MI 48192

FIRST CLASS



DACC Calendar

**Davisburg Antique, Vintage and Classic Car Event
October 7&8, 2017**

**Fall Color Tour tour to Frankenmuth
Saturday October 7th.**

Meet at Pete's Coney on Dixie Hwy at 9:00 am

**HURON TOWNSHIP APPLEFEST
PARADE is SATURDAY OCTOBER 7th
NEW BOSTON, MI
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Thanks,
John Allesee

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CONSIGNMENT SALES:

North American Classic Cars – 27222 Plymouth Rd. Redford, MI 48239 www.northamericanclassics.com
On line ads provide our members with a quick reference guide to satisfy their Corvair needs