



Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

6: pm eat — 7: pm meet

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice president of the DACC was contacted late last night (1-17-18) with an urgent message; more articles are needed for the Aircooler! What to do? ... Well here's what you can do take 10 minutes out of your day one day per month and write something and send it off to Ken Pepke. I don't want to hear you don't have time ... I don't either, I'm writing this while the coffee is brewing. So ... if I can, you can. If you have read this far ... remember to start gathering things for the auction at Home Coming. Last years pile was pitiful ... just pitiful.

MARVIN GRANGER

DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

Activities — February 2018

It's kind of like raising children whereby you can get some work done while the kid sleeps, most of the Corvairs are at rest, some are in for some major surgery, but in a few short months we will be back at it. We have a good variety of activities on the docket and always are able to add others spontaneously it's time to do some fine tuning. First, we always welcome input. Thoughts, comments, ideas please. When we can get 10 - 12 Corvairs for an event we know we are doing something right, but we never rest. Now, 100+ Corvairs for a Homecoming is becoming routine.

A couple of things we will be addressing (Who, What, When, Where, How and Why) in the next few months are:

- Social Media - E-Blast, Facebook, etc.
- Homecoming - Fantastic event, volunteers needed.
- Other Activities - Garage Squad, Second Saturday, Tech Sessions, Tutorials.

With the Election of Officers coming up and then a new year of Activities, give some thought to where you fit into this scheme. There is a lot of room to welcome new faces. It's all good, but we can still make it better.

- **John O'Leary - Activities Director**
- **Bob Wittmann - Communications Director**

Bringing Balance to your Vacuum

More correctly to your Corvair engine's vacuum. Engine balance is important in any car. Our Corvairs benefit in this area due to their "boxer" engine design. That means that the cylinders are laid out in a manor with the pistons' movements opposed to each other on a level plane. That results in a smooth operation with little or no imbalance. As long as everything on both sides of the crankshaft centerline remain equal. If even one cylinder isn't up to par it can effect the balance of the entire engine.

Unequal vacuum can also cause engine imbalance. To assure both cylinder banks enjoy equal amounts of vacuum your Corvair engine comes equipped with an equalizing metal tube that attaches to each cylinder head at the base of the carburetor. Sorry Turbo guys, you don't get one since you only have one carb! If the little rubber hose comes loose at either carb the result will be increased idle speed and a rough running of your flat-6. Keep the hose attached and you and your 'Vair are vacuum balanced.

Did you know that the design of this balance tube had three iterations? The very first design as installed on the original 140 engine - the 1960 version was a bit more than 1/2" inside diameter. If one of the hoses came loose from its attachment point the resulting vacuum leak was more than the engine could overcome at an idle. In other words the engine would die. To correct this a change was made partway through the 1960 model year to add

a couple of welded straps to the balance tube. Then the tube was actually bolted down to the top engine shroud to prevent any unwanted disconnects resulting in any unwanted engine stalls.

The next year a change was made to the diameter of the balance tube. Now it was about 1/4" inside. If the tube came loose it shouldn't result in an immediate problem - just poor idle and a super lean condition on half of your engine. At least you could drive the car to a repair location.

Here is an example of what could happen back in the day; This story comes from a friend in the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts club. A white 1960 500 sedan was up for sale because it wasn't running very well. My friend went to look the car over and make an offer on it. Sitting at the curb the engine would spark and fire and run. Then it would immediately shut down. The seller couldn't figure out what was wrong. Checking the engine compartment revealed the solution - balance tubitis. A deal was struck and money changed hands (\$75!). Then the errant balance tube was re-attached and the car driven away. Far out!! Why did this happen? Here is where the plot thickens. This was a very early production 1960 Corvair. In fact at the time it was the oldest known surviving Corvair in the World! Serial number W100327. Yes, a horn-slot car. It had the first design vacuum balance tube and it experienced the first design balance tube problem. And now you know everything you need to know about Corvair Vacuum Balance Tubes.

Caveman Pete Koehler

HOMECOMING PLANS

Volunteers

Please join us in helping put on this event. Please e-mail me (lkomora1@yahoo.com) with the job you would like to take on and help with.

Lori Komora, Assistant Chair

HOMECOMING DUTIES

Homecoming Chair	Pete Cimbala
Assistant Chair	Lori Komora
Registration Desk	Ruth Riedeman Karen Sterzik —> need 2 more
Pre-registration	Bob Wittmann
Hospitality Chair	Ken & Ruth
Hospitality Internship	—> need
Hospitality Assistants	—> call Ruth (248) 909-9902
BBQ	Paul Koehler
Pop and Water	—> need
Pizza Ordering	—> need
Beer Runs	Gary Komora
Swap Space	Pete Koehler
Calendars	John Allesee
Drive Thru Photos	John Allesee
Ballot Counting	Karen Sterzik
Trailer Hauling	Tim Bramble
Grill and Refrigerator	Tim Bramble
Auction	Marvin Granger
Tent, tables & chairs	Ian Smith
GM Heritage Center	Stu Shuster
Make tickets for GM	Karen Sterzik
Valve Cover Track	Clark Hartzel Ken Heberling Lori, Judy & Anna Marilyn and Lori Gigi & Judy Donna & Adam
Wine~n~Cheese	Casey Schesky
Goodie bags collection	Mike McKeel
50/50 tickets [Fri]	Bill Vellner
[Sat]	Casey Schesky
Publicity & Media	—
Tech Talk 1	—> need
Tech Talk 2	—> need
Community Liaison (contact Police/Mayor)	Casey Schesky
Road Rally	—
Kids Activities	—> need
Hagerty contact	Casey Schesky
Mary Kay contact	Ruth Sweeney
Restaurant contact (Discount coupons)	—> need

January 2018 Meeting

Happy New Year all!! On this cold, slippery January night we had 38 people. We currently have 131 paid members and a handful who owe dues.

I had passed around a list of all of the jobs that need to be filled to help make our Homecoming a great and successful event. I was very pleased on the people who added their names to the list. We still have many openings that need to have someone step up and help with. It was also shared with the group that we will have openings for the upcoming year board we need to fill the slots for Clark with Membership & Lori with Secretary.

Judy shared with us the letter of appreciation that was given to us from Haven House and how happy they were of our wonderful donations.

John has been doing a great job updating all upcoming events as he has share elsewhere in the Aircooler.

January 2nd Saturday event has been cancelled and moved to the 27th of January we will be heading off to Bill Vellner's home to learn how to rebuild a LM transmission we will be meeting for breakfast at Redford Grill at 5 Mile and Beech Daly.

Also on January 27th from 2-4 An Afternoon with Dick Ruzzin former GM Designer at Sloan Museum. Cost is \$9 Adult, \$8 Senior, \$6 for Youth.

Back to Bricks will be starting the week long cruise June 8 in Davison and going all the way up and across the Mackinaw Bridge and then back down.

Chrome & Ice is February 9 & 10 at Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center.

Our 50/50 winner of \$47 was Clark and our attendance winner was Bob Wittmann.

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

January Board Meeting

Ian, Clark, Casey, John O., John A., Bob W., Pete C., Lori

We had a discussion on what direction did the club want to go with Social Media. That our Facebook page should state a purpose. We also discussed how many Administrators and facilitators should the page have, for the purpose of making sure the page is continuing in the direction that we want. Bob has been doing a great job updating for upcoming events.

Ian wanted to let us know about a phone call from a former member and he was told that they did not renew membership with the group because they felt left out when they came to the meetings that nobody talked with them ever.

We also had a brief discussion on needing people to fill in the vacancy for next year board members stepping down.

We also talked about our Homecoming event and getting the flier and website ready for the Aircooler and online, the goal is to have it ready to go out in the March Aircooler.

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

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The High Cost of the Hobby

So I was visiting one of my favorite websites the other day, "Bring a Trailer". One of the featured cars was a 1941 Buick Super convertible. The story was that the guy took the car apart several decades ago and then stopped the project. The hulk is being offered as-is where-is and there is absolutely no interior in the car. The writer of the article says that you can get a complete interior kit (materials) from well known vendor LeBaron Bonney for just \$8,057. Ouch! Good thing we are Corvair enthusiasts and don't have to spend that much \$\$\$ to redo a 'Vair interior.

So that got me thinking. How much would it cost us to get all those bits included in a LeBaron Bonney interior kit for one of our Corvair convertibles? A quick trip to another one of my favorite websites, Clark's Corvair Parts gave me the answer: under \$2 grand. That would include a new top, pads, the well, boot, all seat covers, all door cards, carpet and trunk mat. That's a pretty good deal compared to the new owner of the Super Buick drop-top. In fact we could buy a complete, running Corvair convertible and do some additional resto work over and above the new interior for the \$6,057 difference.

Aren't you glad we are Corvair enthusiasts?

Caveman Pete Koehler

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 17, 2017 by Clark Hartzel

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Cavataio, Huff, North.

Due in Nov.: Kidd has been dropped

Due in Dec.: Avery, Bowen, Dangel, Hensley, Jacobs, Nugent, Parsons, Schwartz, Will be dropped.

Due in Jan.: Babbish, M.Granger, Jacobi, Major, Ross, Sanger, G.Shreve.

Due in Feb.: Blanchard, Deptulski, Irons, Bry.Johnson, Lindh, McCormick, McKean, Schlack.

Due in Mar.: Maciejewski, Murray, Sheffer, Spry.

We have 131 paid members and 8 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.

JANUARY TREASURY REPORT

1/15/18, our checking account balance is
\$7472.38

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Casey Schesky, Treasurer

SELL & SWAP

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

FOR SALE: Eastwood Body Cart - next best to rotisserie for restoring vehicle. Width & Length adjustable; 4 4 inch casters, (2 lockable). apart for transport. \$375.00 (OBO) done28@comcast.net Don Eichstaedt, 248-552-8030 Southfield MI (Nov)

FOR SALE: 66 500 2dr – 110hp 4spd? white, red int - not run, possible resto \$500 OBO **ALSO:** 61 Monza 4 dr pg – eng apart – gold & gold int \$500 OBO Dennis O'Neal 231 3474759 2778 River Rd. Petosky, MI 490770 **ALSO:** 2 '78 Chevy PU & 84 Lincoln MK VII turbo diesel – open to offers (Nov)

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) 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)

2018 DACC CALENDARS

order at www.allesee.com/calendar.

Thanks, John Allesee

AIRCOOLER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

17th



DACC ACTIVITIES

Here is the lineup for 2018:

- Ann Arbor
- Back to the Bricks
- Concours d’Lemons
 - Davisburg
 - Decatur
 - Gilmore
- Homecoming
- Orphan Car Show
 - Pittsburgh
- Plunkett Estate
 - Sloan
 - Stahl’s

Be healthy, be happy, be there!

John O’Leary – Activities + Bob Wittmann — “Communication”

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**Thanks,
John Allesee**

MECHANICAL REPAIRS / BODY WORK:

Show and Go Collision 9103 Chalmers Detroit, MI 48213 Tom Cavatio (313) 371-9085

PARTS & SERVICES:

Mike McKeel - Mechanical Repairs / Parts & Tech Advice (734) 485-2729 vaircare67@gmail.com
Clark’s Corvair parts 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA. 01370 (413) 625-9776

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
DACC members wishing to be included on this list should submit their information to Editor Ken Pepke

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