



## Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

6: pm eat — 7: pm meet

## ELECTIONS

Hello fellow DACC members!

February is right around the corner and that means it's time for Elections for 2019 Board Members for The Detroit Area Corvaire Club.

As is our custom, our 2018 Vice President, Bill Vellner, will become our President for the 2019 year. The following Board member positions will be up for Election/Re-election.

**President** - closed - Bill Vellner (taking over from Marvin Granger whose 2018 term is ending)

**Vice President / President Elect** - Open (Bill Vellner is assuming the President's role, **so we need a new VP!!**)

**Treasurer** - Open (Casey Schesky, our current Treasurer is running for re-election)

**Secretary** - Open (Lori Komora, our current Secretary is running for re-election)

**Membership Chairman** - Open (John Allesee, our current Membership chairman is running for re-election)

**Activities** - Open (John O'Leary is retiring, Bob Wittmann is running for 2019)

**Newsletter Editor** - Open (Ken Pepke is running for re-election)

Even though many existing officers are running for re-election, we welcome other members to run for any office!

Please be ready to vote for our 2019 officers at our upcoming February 4th meeting.

Thank you, DACC Board of Directors **John A.**

## From Robert Marlow

Saturday, February 16, 2019.

It is time for the New Jersey Association of Corvaire Enthusiasts' annual Corvaire Parts Auction, indoors at Ashley's Auto Body in Flanders, NJ, on

All interested persons are welcome, as buyer, sellers, or spectators.

Free admission! Lots of laughs! FREE LUNCH!

Complete details can be found on the

NJACE web site,

## PRESIDENTIAL WISDOM

My term as President is coming to an end...again. I have been president a few times over the years, just as a lot of people have, over and over ... Luckily the election for new officers is looming. A great opportunity for those of you in our glorious group that have not been an officer to be one.

How do I do that you may ask, well , it is as easy as saying you want to do one of the jobs and the odds are you will be elected. Another way is to miss the meeting in February. One of your friends may nominate you. If you are not there to say you are not interested you may find you are now in office. Don't think that can't happen? In can, it happened to me.

See you at the meeting! **MarvinGranger**

### DACC Partners with Washtenaw Communit College and Student Alex Pizana for

### AutoRama Monza SS Go Kart Project

The Monza GT and Monza SS were design studies and Concept Cars built by GM Design in 1962 and 1963. After these cars made the show circuit, GM made a Monza SS Go Kart protoype for VP Bill Mitchell, for his son. GM then contracted with Rupp Manufacturing to build Monza SS/Chevy Jr Go Karts with the Monza SS design for promotional use.

Alex Pizana, Washtenaw Community College student in the Auto Body Repair and Custom Cars program, was lucky enough to have an original Monza SS/Chevy Jr Go Kart body given to him by his grandfather, who had received it back in the 70's as partial payment for some work he did.

Every year, WCC participates in the Detroit Autorama, held March 1 - 3 at Cobo Hall. WCC exhibits student projects and this year has agreed to exhibit Alex's Monza SS body if he gets it finished in time. WCC has agreed to co-sponsor Alex's work materials and sign graphics with DACC.

After AutoRama, it is Alex's intention to display the Monza SS body at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum as part of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recognition of the Corvaire and the museum is supportive.

DACC will help with materials for fiberglass repair, sand paper type materials, paint and related supplies. Also, it will be necessary to create a story board for the display, which DACC will help write and prepare. This will also promote DACC and Corvaire activities by our display signage for the Monza SS project at AutoRama.

Please see complete details of the Monza GT and Monza SS design concepts and the Go Kart promotional efforts below. **Casey Schesky,Treasurer**

## 200 Grand for a Corvair?

The Corvair on-line fraternity is all abuzz about the recent sale of a Yenko Stinger Corvair for \$220,000 all in. It happened at the Mecum Auction in Kissimmee, Florida over this past weekend. So what makes a Corvair worth that much money? Good question...

The Yenko Stinger was a special version of a 1966 Corvair Corsa coupe. Pittsburgh-area Chevy Dealer Don Yenko wanted to go SCCA racing with a Corvair, but he knew it would need some basic modifications to be competitive in the class he was aiming at. His solution was genius. He was able to use a little known ordering procedure to make some adjustments to the stock Corsa coupe. A little later on this procedure known as COPO, or Central Office Production Order would be used many times over to stuff huge engines into smaller Chevies to make them go real fast and eventually make them worth a whole lot of \$\$\$\$. But the first use of this trick was by Mr. Yenko to make his idea of a competitive Corvair racecar a reality.

Yenko Chevrolet was not a mega-dealer. His average business for a year back then was closer to 250 cars, or "units" as folks in the trade called them. SCCA required a minimum of 100 cars to be built to the same specifications in order to be allowed to run in a production car class. This was known as homologation. Don Yenko was not a rich man either. For him to buy 100 Corvairs from Chevrolet to modify for SCCA racing would cost a chunk of change. He had to make special arrangements with GM's financing arm, GMAC to get the orders approved and the cars shipped to his small lot in Cannonsburg, PA. In fact even his lot wasn't big enough to hold that many "extra" cars so they were scattered around town just a bit.

The story goes that when the SCCA inspectors came by to see if in fact he had built 100 Stingers

they fell short by a couple. When called out on this error Don's response was that he had already sold a few. It is interesting now to look back and think that the cost to Yenko Chevrolet for the original order of 100 Corvair Corsa coupes to be turned into Yenko Stingers was just about what YS-074 sold for at the auction.

**CAVEMAN PETE K**

### My brush with Fame and Fortune

By now you probably have heard the story of the Corvair Yenko Stinger that sold for over \$200,000 at auction recently. Yes, that is a lot of zeros! Only 100 1966 Corsa coupes were in the first batch of Stingers sold by Yenko Sportscars. They were numbered YS-001 through YS-100. Back in 1966 if you wanted to go production sedan racing in your Corvair you had to have a Yenko Stinger Corvair.

Race cars lead a hard life. Many times they experience a "shunt" while on-track. That means that they crashed! Crashed race cars are rebuilt and raced again. That means they could get another shunt, or worse. So some of the original 100 Stingers were seeing the inside of a body shop and sometimes the basic body shell was too twisted to be repairable. Enter the body swap! Nobody knows how many of the original Stingers kept their original bodywork from the good folks at Fisher Body, but it did happen. If the "new" body didn't display the required Yenko "YS tag" it wasn't allowed to race. Don Yenko had a novel solution to this issue; for a fee (\$50?) he would sell you a new tag that you could put on your Corvair and viola! Now you could race. I know of at least a few Corvairs that were converted to Yenko status with a handy little tag.

Eventually SCCA loosened up the rules and let just any late model Corvair coupe run in the production class with or without a YS tag affixed to it. But what about my opening statement about fame and fortune?

Several years ago I was able to buy a Yenko Stinger. It was YS-063 and just eleven units away from the one that garnered 200 grand at the auction recently. The one I bought wasn't in very good shape. The price? How about \$1500? It was a gutted race car with no powertrain and in fact no dash panel. Not just the instrument cluster, but all of the metal inside of the windshield was cut out by a previous racer in an effort to reduce weight and go faster. The saving grace was that it had a title and it still had it's YS tag riveted to the car.

I didn't buy the car for myself. A racer friend in Ontario had always dreamed of owning a real live Yenko Stinger but even then the prices for completed ones was out of reach. When this one showed up for a very reasonable price "we" jumped at it. I say we because the car was in New Jersey and he was just outside of Toronto. I was tasked with a trip to the East Coast to collect the car and then deliver it to my friend. We met at the crossing of the St. Lawrence River at Gananoque, Ontario. At a gas stop some guy was checking out the tattered race car on my trailer. He knew what he was looking at and asked if "it" was real (he knew it looked like a Yenko). I said yes. He asked what "number". I said 63 (out of the original 100 built). He did make an offer to purchase just the YS tag and the paperwork but that was not the plan for this car. I met my friend and the car went home with him.

YS063 has been totally restored and looks beautiful today. I guess with the sale of YS074 for big bucks my friend should be smiling!

**CAVEMAN PETE K**

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## JANUARY 2019 TREASURY REPORT

Beginning Balance: \$5297.68  
50/50 Nov mtg +65.00  
Garage Squad +200.00  
Membership dues +200.00

memo balance as of 1/8/19  
\$5762.68

Respectfully submitted  
**Casey Schesky, Treasurer**

## SELL & SWAP

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

**PARTS FOR SALE:** A good source for some hard-to-find new and restored body moldings.  
[www.CaliforniaCorvairParts.com](http://www.CaliforniaCorvairParts.com) ph 909-287-0741  
(Chino, Calif) Don Eichstaedt (NOV)

**FOR SALE:** Engine stand - accepts any engine (no diesels) \$100.00 Don Eichstaedt, 248-552-8030/  
email: [done28@comcast.net](mailto:done28@comcast.net) (NOV 18)

**FOR SALE:** 66 Corsa Turbo Conv't Red/White interior, Runs, Entire brake system replaced, very little rust, lot's of documentation, needs top & seat covers, New gas tank & sender unit needs to be installed. \$7500.00 Call Steve 810-282-8480  
Davisburg, MI (OCT 18)

**FOR SALE:** 63 Monza Conv't Blue/Blue, Run great, no rust just minor paint bubbles, nice interior, good condition, automatic, runs great. \$5000.00 Call 517-423-6062 (OCT 18)

**Monza for sale.** Radial TA's - Chrome wire wheels, 110 4 speed, Runs, looks great, metallic red paint - base coat clear coat, new interior -- all in exc cond, New Mexico car no rust, 55,400 orig miles, d in climate control garage, \$12,000 OBA -- MUST SELL. [dorthyk@pgsi-plumbing.com](mailto:dorthyk@pgsi-plumbing.com) or call Dorothy or Bob at 505-884-0133. (OCT 18)

**FOR SALE:** Little Blue Baby '60, first one delivered to Canada (Christmas Eve 1959) recent work done on the engine, gas tank, heater and wiring to the heat vent and blower controls, brakes + more. New brake lines, gas tank and gaskets, battery, five tires and more — <http://www.heirloomartstudio.com/1960corvair800sedanforsale.html> — \$2,000.00. Yes, I am negotiable....within ridiculous limits. Time is of the essence. (May 18)

## 2019 DACC CALENDARS

order at [www.allesee.com/calendar](http://www.allesee.com/calendar).

Thanks, John Allesee

## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DECEMBER 15, 2018 by John Allesee

**Thanks for keeping membership up to date:** Bradley, Granger, Hatala, Hensley, Huff, Jacobi, Jennings, Lindh, Tennant, Thomas.

**Members dropped for non-payment:** Jean, Koscielniak, Simms, Harry Smith.

**Due in October:** Ken Hand, Mason, McGuire, Shingler.

**Due in November:** Grumblatt, Bill Johnson, McColgen, Mark Smith, Tucker.

**Due in December:** Dixon, Schwartz.

**Due in January:** Lantz, Major, Ross, Sanger, Shreve.

**Due in February:** Allesee, Balow, Blanchard, Deptulski, Johnson, McKean, Schlack, Stagg.

**Due in March:** Gjokaj, Maciejewski, Murray, Spry, Szuch, Wise.

**Due in April:** Bill Anstine, Bluhm, Buehler, Friedman, Graham, Brian Granger, Gross, Hines, Mascia, Roerink, Schultz, Jeff Shreve.

We have 124 paid members and 11 who owe dues. We are mailing 10 complementary newsletters to other clubs and the Ypsilanti museum.

If you can't make it to the meeting, send a **check for \$20.00** payable to **Detroit Area Corvair Club** to:

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Questions about membership, change of address and/or email can be sent to [membership@detroitcorvairs.com](mailto:membership@detroitcorvairs.com) or call me at (734) 216-3332

We have an **email blast list** to notify members of quickie tours or last minute changes. Please send me your email address so we can keep this list up to date.

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Thanks,  
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**CONSIGNMENT SALES:**

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

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