



Monthly Meeting

MARCH 4, 2018

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

6: pm eat — 7: pm meet

2nd Saturday Breakfast Club Meeting

What's the matter Bunkie? Are you tired of the cold and wind and snow and Winter in Michigan? Got Cabin Fever? Well, here's a chance to get out of the house and do something with your friends from the DACC.

March 9th at 9 AM meet at Leon's Family Dining Restaurant located at 23830 Michigan Ave, Dearborn. This is right at the corner of Telegraph Road and Michigan Ave. After filling our faces the group will proceed down the street to Oakwood Blvd and stop at the Automotive Hall of Fame Museum. The Hall is right next door to the Henry Ford Museum. Admission to the Museum is \$10 unless you are a senior (most of us are?) or a student or a child or if we can get a group of 15 and qualify for a group discount.

The Museum itself is about 25,000 square feet of space with a slant toward the people behind the vehicles more than a bunch of cars on display. If you are a student of automotive history you will find the Museum a nice place to visit and learn. For the rest of you there are several significant vehicles on display including three Corvairs! Also inside you will find a VW beetle, an early Mustang convertible, a Mercedes Benz and even an MG TD sports car.

After the tour and if there is enough interest we could make a stop at the nearby Ford's Garage restaurant for lunch. Yeah, I know you DACCr's like to eat...
CAVEMAN PETE KOEHLER

Board Meeting Minutes

Bill V., Grant, Casey, Bob W., Ken H., Pete C., and Lori Bob W. has been working on the upcoming events for the club. He was going to make two list of events. One that is group sanctioned and the other just to inform of fun events. He was going to get a hold of Ken P for a list of parades as well. Bill V shared that American House in Dearborn Heights had contacted him and they are having a car show July 18th 5-Dark.

I went over about the two places I had looked at for our future meetings. Bill V and Casey are going to go to look at a few this month.

Pete and I discussed some of the changes to next year Homecoming flyer that is being revised for this year as well as a few of the other papers as well. **Lori Komora ~~ Secretary**

Stuart B Shuster.

1939-2019; Retired GM Designer and long time DACC member Stu Shuster passed away quietly yesterday, February 13th at his home in Birmingham, Michigan.

February Meeting Minutes

Well this is Marvins last month as President! Thank you for an interesting year.

Casey gave us the treasury report we have \$5732.68. Our web site was having issues and John A. (while on vacation) is trying to get the issues resolved. By the end of the meeting he had texted Pete C to report that it was up and running again.

We have a small group of members looking into new location options for our monthly meeting.

Tonight we held our yearly elections. We would like to welcome two new members to our board. Grant Tennant ~~ Vice President and Ken Heberling ~~ Membership. Thank you John Allesee for your past role as Membership.

If you are looking for something to do the weekend of February 8-10 Chrome N Ice indoor car show. On Saturday meet for breakfast at Pauls Coney Island then off to Chrome.

Swap and Sell, Munk has 2 sets of Black Buckets 65's and 66's. Bill is looking for a set of 63 rear bumper guards.

50/50 winner of \$52 goes to Len and the attendance went to Tom.

Gigi said that Stu welcomes phone calls at this time, between 12-5 at 248-642-7490 but is not up to having visitors. Thank you for thinking of him.

I am sorry to say since our meeting at the beginning of the month, Stu passed away on February 13. May he rest in peace and please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.
Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

Stu Shuster's Memorial Service

Saturday March 2, 2019,

11:00am

Kirk in the Hills

W. Long Lake Rd

Bloomfield Hills, MI.

obituary:

[https://](https://www.desmondfuneralhome.com/obituary/Stuart-Shuster/_/1835310)

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WEST FLORIDA CORVAIR CLUB 34th ANNUAL CORVAIR LOVERS HOLIDAY & SHOW

While here in Florida, looking for something to do, we found out that the West Florida Corvair Club were having their 34th Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday & Car Show, in Pensacola, Fl. So we thought we would try it out.

After a long ride, although very enjoyable. We arrived around 3 pm, on Friday, at the Cottages on the Greens. (First time they had their event here) A very nice place, they offered a discounted price, which was very reasonable.

After meeting everyone, of course we had to check out the hospitality room, and

met Mary who is in charge of the hospitality room, what a wonderful job Mary and her husband (Gary) did. We had a great Friday night dinner; they had a large assortment of "good" food, desserts and drinks.

Saturday Morning found us in the hospitality room for breakfast, then we had to look at all the beautiful Corvairs, they had between 19-21 cars/rampsides and vans. There were the usual Door Prizes, 50/50 Valve Cover Races, one activity that they did, that I have not seen before, was a Corn Hole Tournament, what fun that was.

I did attend the Dottie Furr Ladies Get Together on Saturday, we had tea and desserts. Nice time spend getting to know the ladies. I am still amazed at how many people we met from Ohio and Michigan. I actually met a man from my hometown of Middletown, Ohio.

June Lindsay and her Husband Ed, did a great job putting this Corvair Event together, they are also proud sponsor of Dog and Cat Animal Rescue, and they raised a nice sum for the Rescue. Saturday night after all the awards were given, we went to the Shrimp Basket, again great food and fun time with all our new friends. Although the visit was short, we had a great time, great food and met some very nice people.

Sunday morning, after saying good bye and having breakfast, we decided to visit the National Naval Air Museum (Home of the Blue Angels) and the Pensacola Lighthouse and then we began our long journey home. (540 Miles, of course we did not win the long distance award, because we did not drive our Corvair.)



FROM RUTH
SWEENEY



Really Cool At Any Speed

It's hard to explain how people get attached to an automobile, but if you are reading this article, you already know. I bought my 1963 Corvair Panel Van in Yorktown, Virginia in 1984. Working on a project car proved to be fun to do on my weekends off while in the Navy. My \$500.00 project really sparked my interest when I researched the history of the rear engine Chevrolet Corvair.

I joined the Detroit Corvair Club in 1989 after seeing them in the Romeo Peach Festival Parade. The first person that I met in the club was Bob Kirkman, a retired GM Design Staff employee who had worked on the development of the Corvair. He introduced me to Ken Hand who is available at corvairmechanic.com. Ken proved to be a great resource for Corvair parts, tech tips, and he is a good mechanic. Soon, I replaced my cobbled car clutch assembly with the proper assembly. I putted around with my van until 2014. It was then time to finish the top thing on my bucket list, my 1963 Corvair Panel Van!

The body was painted 2016 Challenger Plum Crazy Purple by Bob Kennedy and his son, Roland Smith. After shopping many upholstery shops, Paul's Upholstery in Pontiac offered me the best "bang for my buck". It started with purple shag carpet to match the paint. Next came matching purple diamond tuck vinyl with silver trim. The front seat and the bed in the back was tuxedoed. Since I had been a disc jockey for over 35 years, it only made sense that I make it a

Led Zepplin Tribute Van after my favorite band. The four band member symbols were embroidered in the side wall.

The Swan Song logo was embroidered in the center of the bed and on the front seat. I found a swan song gear shift knob and license plate on the internet. The sound system consists of four ten-inch kicker sub-woofers placed at the base of the bed with a power amp to drive them. Four 6"x9" Kenwood triaxle speakers are mounted in the front doors and in the rear by the bed. A Kenwood cd-tuner provides the music. LED lights surround the headliner, as well as the subwoofers at the base of the bed. There is a sunroof at the front and a spoiler on

the back which finishes off the rest of the body. American Racing rims and 60 series low profile tires give a smooth ride on even the roughest Michigan roads. The vanity plate "L ZEPP" lets you know its me; Kurt Graham. But don't worry, I won't be driving it because I am blind.

The second thing on my bucket list was fulfilled when Paul's Upholstery entered my van in Autorama. It was something I had always wanted to do. I was sick all that week-end but I wasn't going to miss it. I went to the award ceremony, and I was shocked when they called my name for my first, first-place win. I never expected that. I was just happy to be there! Thanks to all who made my bucket list become reality!
by **Kurt Graham**



Out of town Corvair Events

26-Apr-19	27-Apr-19	Springfest in Helen	Helen, Georgia
17-May-19	19-May-19	2nd Annual CPF Open House	Decatur, Illinois
15-Jun-19	9a - 4p	Gilmore Air Cooled Gathering	Hickory Corners, MI
20-Jun-19	23-Jun-19	Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio	Lexington, OH

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FEBRUARY 2019 TREASURY REPORT

N/A

Respectfully submitted
Casey Schesky, Treasurer

SELL & SWAP

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

PARTS FOR SALE: A good source for some hard-to-find new and restored body moldings.
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 (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 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)

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FEBRUARY NOT AVAILABLE

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 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:

Questions about membership, change of address and/or email can be sent to membership@detroitcorvairs.com or call me at

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.

2019 DACC CALENDARS

order at www.allesee.com/calendar.

Thanks, John Allesee

AIRCOOLER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

17th

The Auction Effect

What with \$200,000 Yenko Stingers, \$70,000 Rampsides and \$38,000 generic Corvair convertibles trading lately at the big bucks auctions, does that mean that asking prices for even basic parts for our favorite cars are going to be out of reach for the average enthusiast? Kinda looks that way to me. Chatter on some of the internet Corvair sites reveals that some parts sellers have definitely drank the Kool Aide and adjusted prices accordingly.

Examples? I've seen several rough and ragged looking Corvair engines that appear to be only usable as core candidates with a huge asking price. Would you pay \$1600? Not me. Not yet. How about some supercharged prices for an obscure NOS part or two? \$460 bid on FleaBay for a rear exhaust grille for a 1960 'Vair or a '61 Lakewood wagon seems a bit overpriced. Finally, there was a set of new unused 14 inch wire wheel covers with three-bar spinners for the princely sum of \$2500. Holy cow! I just bought a complete running and driving 1966 Monza convertible for that same \$2500. And it has the desirable Saginaw 4-speed transmission and a spare rebuildable 140 engine thrown in the mix. Kool Aide indeed!

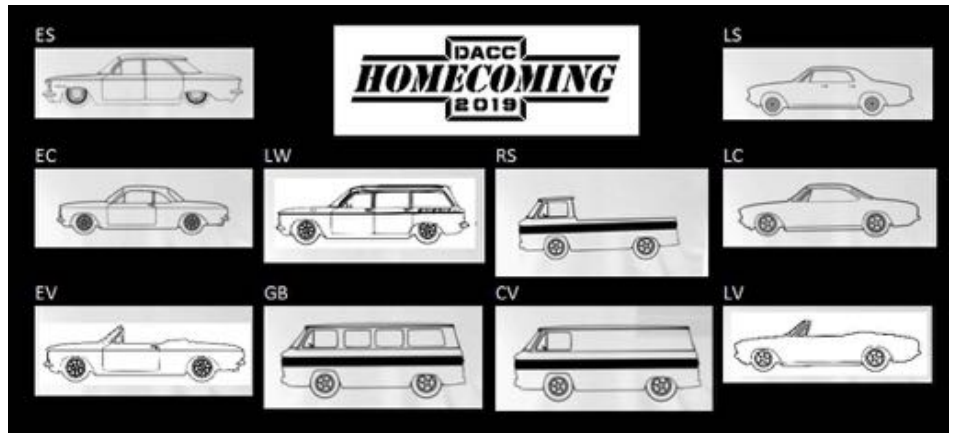
There are still parts available out there for a reasonable cost. You probably won't find these deals on eBay or other internet auction sites. Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace are a couple of possible sources for your parts needs. Of course every month at the DACC meeting there is small spot in the agenda called Swap and Sell. Speak up if you have a part or need a part. There are classified ads in the Aircooler but some of these might be out of date (hint to Ken...). The monthly publication of the National club, The CORSA Communique, has listings for cars and parts and as of late those listings have expanded. Somehow the new Editor has found a way to get more ads to publish.

Finally, swap meets are a source and hopefully they haven't had a bump in asking prices due to silliness at auctions across the country. Finding Corvair parts at large multi-marque events is not very common. Swap meets as a part of a Corvair event like our Homecoming or the National Convention or even the annual Fan Belt Toss event in Palm Springs, California have a better selection.

Corvairs are still a good choice for either the entry level enthusiast or the savvy patron who has known for years that the fun-per-dollar factor is very high for us. Here's hoping the recent uptick in auction sales results doesn't trickle down to the point that even parts are too expensive for our frugal tastes.

Caveman Pete Koehler

DACC Homecoming T-Shirts
Only \$20



	Car Choices			
ES Early Sedan				LS Late Sedan
EC Early Coupe	LW Lakewood/Wagon	RS Loadside/Rampside	LC Late Coupe	
EV Early Convertible	GB Greenbrier	CV Corvan	LV Late Convertible	

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Payment in full Required by Aug 1

Make checks payable to DACC. Mail to Bob Wittmann 2830 Treyburn Ln., West Bloomfield, MI 48234

Name _____ Phone _____

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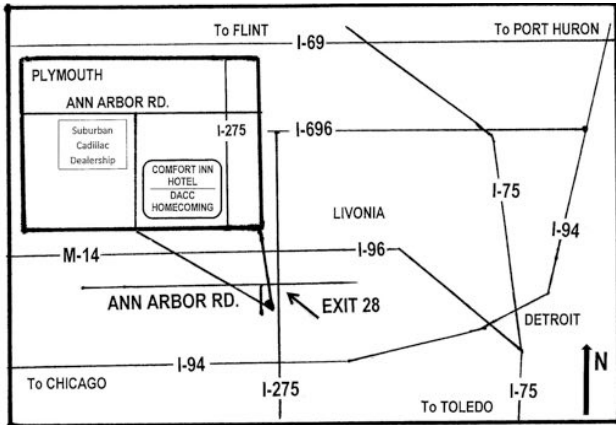
Quantity	Car Choice See 2-Letter Codes Above!	Style Women's V-Neck Men's Crew Neck	Size S M L XL 2X 3X	Color White Shirt w/ Black Print GM Blue Shirt w/ White Print	Total \$20 each
Total:					



AUGUST 22, 23, 24, 2019

40th DACC Homecoming

GM
HERITAGE CENTER
August 23, 2019



For additional information contact
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Email: hcinfo@detroitcorvairs.com

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- THURSDAY
 - Registration 2 -- 6
 - Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room 2-6 with lunch
 - Corvair & Firehouse Museum, lunch and Cruise
- FRIDAY
 - Swap Meet set up & Car Care Clinic
 - 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 // Tech Session
 - 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
 - Women's Activities as posted
 - Live Auction
 - Pizza Party
 - Calendar Winners "Drive Thru" Show
 - Wine & Cheese Event (\$10 extra) Hotel guests only
- SUNDAY
 - Leftovers, Farewell
 - Cruisin Hines Dr. – Classics Only (\$5 Entry)

When making your reservations, be sure to mention **CODE FJ25K1** or "**CORVAIR EVENT**" to receive the special room rate of \$89 plus tax, per night. Book before Aug. 9 when block removed.

Fill in the form below and mail with check payable to DACC: DACC c/o Bob Wittmann 2830 Treyburn Ln., West Bloomfield, MI 48234

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DACC HOMECOMING REGISTRATION

NAME (for name tag) _____ Additional Names _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Car Year (s) and Model (s) 2 or 4 Door _____
 Did you drive your Corvair 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 (1 st 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 _____	\$ _____
Calendar		\$10 (1 st calendar is included)		How many extra calendars _____	\$ _____
T-Shirts		See attached sheet for cost and options MUST by paid by Aug 1st _____ \$ _____			

If payment is received by August 7th subtract \$5.00 from total for early registration discount
 The Board of Directors for the DACC reserve the right to reject applications at their discretion

Total Enclosed \$ _____



Stuart B Shuster

1939-2019

Retired GM Designer, long time DACC member, Gentleman

I first met Stu Shuster just before being transferred by General Motors from Chicago back to Michigan in early 1984. I was active with the management of the National Corvair organization, the Corvair Society of America and Stu was heading up a first time ever Museum display dedicated to Corvairs. The venue was the Alfred P. Sloan Museum in Flint, Michigan. It was a six-month run and Stu had named it "Corvair Mania". He mixed in some of GM's one-off Corvair concept cars with local members' production cars. My 1960 700 sedan was one along with the late Harold Dexter's 1964 Rampside complete with slide-in camper.



The next event we worked on was 1985's "Silver Concours", a Corvair event sponsored by the Detroit Area Corvair Club and held in Troy, Michigan. I think the actual show was at GM's Technical Center in Warren. No doubt Stu a hand in arranging that.

Stu was working at the Design Staff on the Warren Tech Center campus. It was well known that he was a "Corvair Guy" as he owned and cared for a very special 1969 Monza convertible. One of only 521 convertibles built that last year of production. The previous and first owner was fellow designer Ned Nickles who is credited with the overall design of the first generation Corvairs 1960-1964. Stu purchased the car from Ned in 1970. The story as Stu related it to me was that Ned was retiring and had two cool cars; the silver 1969 Corvair convert and a similarly painted 1968 Camaro convertible. Ned kept the Camaro and Stu was able to get the Corvair. At the time of his death the '69 still resides at Stu's Birmingham residence.

All of the time I have known Stu he had a Corvair. There were a few foreign sports cars mixed in with the air cooled wonders. First was a Triumph Spitfire. When that one went away the Corvair Monza was joined in the garage by an English Morgan roadster. It was a 2+2 version since Stu was concerned with having enough room for all three of his triplet grandkids. Another Morgan joined the collection several years later when I was tasked with transporting a very nicely restored 1939 Morgan "flat rad"

roadster from Maryland back up to the Morgan dealership in Birmingham. Once the car was loaded up and tied down I called Stu and told him of this find and what a nice car it was. It was for sale for a mere fraction of the restoration cost so Stu snapped that one up as soon as we got the prize back on home turf.

And how about the fancy floor covering in his Birmingham garage? Who else parks their collector cars on a rare oriental rug? That was Stu Shuster. Hard to think of that expensive rug not getting any oil drips. But it sure looked good!

And then there was the Astro 1 chapter. Toward the end of 1988 Stu called me up and reported that somehow Chevrolet Fleet Department had ownership of the 1967 Corvair show car the Astro 1. It had bounced around a while since it was last seen parked on a pedestal in the middle of a reflecting pond at the Warren Tech Center. It was painted 1973 Corvette yellow but by that time it really needed a face lift. Chevrolet's answer was to save some space at the warehouse off Livernois in Detroit and scrap the Astro 1. Stu didn't think this was such a great idea and shared the thought with me. I was working at the GM Proving Ground at Milford, Michigan at the time. We arranged to get the Astro 1 out of harms way and devised a plan to either send the car to Larry Claypool in Chicago to get it running for the first time ever, or try to get GM to sponsor a light restoration. Stu had a solution. The next day he had lunch with GM Vice President and head of the Design Staff Chuck Jordan and mentions that "we" had "his" show car. The ploy worked. The car went back to Warren and when it exited into the light of day again it was red and beautiful. Thanks to Stu Shuster.

Stu served as the official CORSA Historian after long-time member Dave Newell stepped down. He has always supported the local club, DACC as well as CORSA. Stu was a past President of the DACC.

As a member of the league of Retired Designers Stu participated in the 2017 Design Project that focused on future rear engine car designs. There were several examples of what-could-have-been Corvairs in the presentation.

So now after 80 years on this earth Stu is gone. We are going to miss him. He always had a smile and a kind word. A prince of a man to be sure. So long, Stu



from **PETE KOEHLER**

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor
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FIRST CLASS



DACC Activities

22-Jun-19	23-Jun-19	Sloan Auto Fair	Crossroads Village
23-Jul-19	27-Jul-19	CORSA National Convention	Chicago, IL
6-Jul-19	10:30am	Cass City Festival Grand Parade	Cass City
20-Jul-19		Leonard Strawberry Festival	Leonard
27-Jul-19		Concours d'Lemons Detroit	The Inn at St. John's
13-Aug-19	17-Aug-19	Back to the Bricks Main Event	Flint
16-Aug-19		Berkley Cruise Fest Parade	Berkley
17-Aug-19		Woodward Dream Cruise	Woodward, Duh
22-Aug-19	24-Aug-19	DACC Homecoming	Plymouth
25-Aug-19		Hines Drive Cruse	Hines Drive
2-Sep-19		Romeo Peach Festival Parade	Romeo
15-Sep-19		Orphan Car Show	Ypsilanti
5-Oct-19	6-Oct-19	Michigan Antique Festival	Davisburg
5-Oct-19	6-Oct-19	Huron Township Applefest	Huron Township

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Thanks,
John Allesee

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One 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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