

JULY 2019

THE AIRCOOLER



DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB ESTABLISHED 1974

Monthly Meeting

JULY 1, 2019

100 Cass Lake Rd., Waterford

6: pm eat — 7: pm meet

CASS CITY 41st Freedom Festival Parade

Saturday, July 6th

Please arrive at the west end of town by 10:00

Parade starts at 10:30

Enter Cass City from the west on M-81, turn right (south) on DOERR RD. then left (east) on GARFIELD AVE. to the starting point.

LEONARD STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & PARADE Saturday July 20, 2019

Line up at 11: AM

The town of Leonard is located north of Detroit and is a long but very scenic drive along M-150 Rochester Rd that is between east of I-75 and west of Utica, MI. Get to Leonard and officials will direct you to the staging area.

Featured along with the parade are **town wide flea market, crafts & strawberry ice cream.**

The DACC has won First Place gift certificates in past years!

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

Again this year we have reserved a limited number of spaces in Birmingham for the Woodward Dream Cruise. Spaces are \$30 each this year - and are available on a first come - first served basis. Reserve early - if there is excess demand we will try to have accommodations made. Contact Bob Wittmann (rcwittmann@comcast.net) to reserve your space.

ROBERT WITTMANN

2019 Orphan Car Show

Sunday, September 15th, 2019

ORPHAN CAR SHOW ENTRY
BROCHURE ONLINE

ypsiautoheritage.org

DEADLINE August 19, 2019

Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, MI

ADMISSION \$6.00 per spectator

Children under 12 free with adult

June Meeting Minutes

Well we had our second meeting at our new location. All went well, good food, service, conversations and a nice showing of cars. We had 10 cars!

This was Hans last meeting in the US before heading back to Germany. He was very generous and bought drinks. We will miss you Hans and Family!

We currently have 117 members and 10 owe dues. Ken asked the group if they would be okay that the clubs rooster be shared with just the members once a year. Everybody agree it would be a great idea.

The second Saturday event is to meet at the 300 Bowl and drive to the Ypsilanti Museum and have a picnic send off for Hans and his family.

Back to Bricks has 5 Corvairs registered to attend. They have 303 cars and 570 people going. Sounds like a fun trip.

See Bobs list of upcoming events in the Aircooler. Homecoming is going to be here before we know it. I regret asking again and again for more help to put on this event. It takes many hands to put on this awesome event. Please let me know where you can help out.

Next year when it is election time please consider signing up to run for a position. Many of the current board members have been in place way too long. Just because the current person is willing to do it again, they would also be very willing to turn it over to a new person.

Swap and sell. Jeff S. has a custom sound radio with an usb plug radio for \$100. Don has a 65 180 turbo engine. Bob W. has clear glass for a late all but windshield and driver's window. Pete K has a front windshield for and early \$250. Bill J. has 3 sets of Harley exhaust ready to go.

50/50 winner received \$62.50 Paul P. and Attendance went to Jerry L.

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

Homecoming Help NEEDED!!!

Hospitality Intern _____

Hospitality Assistants / more are needed.

Gigi, Judy, Jamie, Fay Chris, Len

Pop and Water _____

Kids Activities _____

Crafts for adults _____

Registration Room Help / more are needed.

Gerry, Karen, Ruth _____

History at the Homecoming

Another reason to make plans to attend the 40th annual DACC Homecoming is this; History Lessons! First off is the Tour of the GM Heritage Center in nearby Warren, Michigan on Friday. Special Feature this year will be a display of the one-off Astro 1 Showcar with a group discussion of how it ended up in the Museum rather than at Warhoops Junkyard. You can reference the April 2016 issue of the CORSA Communique for more information on the car and it's journey back to the spotlight.

Another special event of historical significance will be the re-uniting of DACC member Don Eichstadt and his 1965 Corvair racecar. Don's Corvair racing activities pre-dated the whole Don Yenke / Stinger story. The actual 1965 Corsa coupe that Don raced at Sebring, Florida in 1965 will be on display under the drive-thru on Saturday and Don will give a talk about the car as well as a presentation inside the hotel. The car is owned by West Michigan Corvair Club member Ryan Counterman and he has agreed to bring it to the Homecoming for your enjoyment.

I just can't think of any reason not to attend the 2019 DACC Corvair Homecoming on August 22nd through the 25th. Can you?

CAVEMAN PETE KOEHLER

Road Trip to Roscommon

Marvin Granger is such a helpful fellow. The other day he sent me a link to a posting on the internet for some Corvairs and parts that were available in a Pole Barn in Roscommon. The poster lived in Illinois, but the barn and the cache of Corvair stuff was located just a short distance from beautiful Higgins Lake here in the Great Lake State. Of course I replied

back to the guy that yes, we would be happy to empty his pole barn of all those pesky Corvairs and bits. A date was set and trucks, trailers and worker bees were lined up and the adventure was on!

The plan was to grab everything that the owner wanted not in his pole barn (Corvair related, of course). The work group consisted of DACC Garage Squad members Ian Smith, Bob Wittmann, Pete Cimbala and myself. We left early on a Monday morning and trekked up I-75 with two pickup trucks, two flatbed trailers, one electric winch to save some muscle power and four happy Corvair enthusiasts. We were met at the barn site by Doug Trezise. We surveyed the situation and got straight to work. The back of my truck was filled with Corvair goodies as we lined up the trailer and connected the winch. Once one of the 'Vairs was strapped down we got the second trailer in position. It took just about an hour to get everything ready to go. Thank yous and goodbyes were said and we headed out.

Since Pete Cimbala is the Guru of Back to the Bricks Promo Tour Trivia it was suggested that we stop for lunch in West Branch. Of course Pete knew of a good place to put on the feed bag. Ian had a friend who lived nearby so a call was placed and we were joined by Dennis Sisco. Denny had a LOT of stories and made the lunch stop even better. Back on the road and headed for Motor City Auto Sales in Swartz Creek we worked out a plan to "distribute" our booty. The plan was/is to part out both Corvairs since they really aren't good enough to restore economically. I was able to deal the "good" body shell to a friend who plans a front-engine "G" Body V8 conversion. The engine in that one is locked up tight so it may just be a boat anchor. Doug wanted one of the transaxles back so that will be his. The other car, although it looks better and is more complete has major rust and structural issues.

It will be offered for parts at the Homecoming and all monies collected will be donated in the name of the DACC Garage Squad.

Check out the pics of these two beauties. Both are 1965 Monza convertibles with 110 engines and 4-speed transmissions. The one with the primer needs a floor, but it is more "Corvair shaped" than the other one. The blue one did actually start and run after just a few minutes of work. That engine may find it's way into a project car that Ken Hand is brokering for one of his customers. All in all a good day with good friends and lots of rusty, oily old Corvairs and parts. Who has more fun than Corvair enthusiasts?

CAVEMAN PETE KOEHLER

A Corvair Resuscitation Part 4

The last update covered repairs through June with an almost complete brake system, new main fuel line, and greased/resealed wheel bearings. Time to move on to finishing The drivetrain and engine. The rear axle was refilled with synthetic gear oil and the new u-joints greased. Inspecting the exhaust both the crossover pipe and muffler were pretty rusty and would not last too much longer. The other thing found was the right exhaust manifold was broken and the left was so rusty there was almost no Flange left to attach the crossover.

Select used manifolds were purchased from Pete Koehler and the threads cleaned up and new stainless studs installed. The lower shrouds came off, oil drained, oil pan and valve covers removed. Although there were no signs of oil leakage the pushrod tube O-rings were replaced with Vitons. It took a couple of days to clean all the crud off the oil pan and lower shrouds. The pan was reinstalled using a new reinforcement and new bolts, making sure all the block bolt holes were oil free.

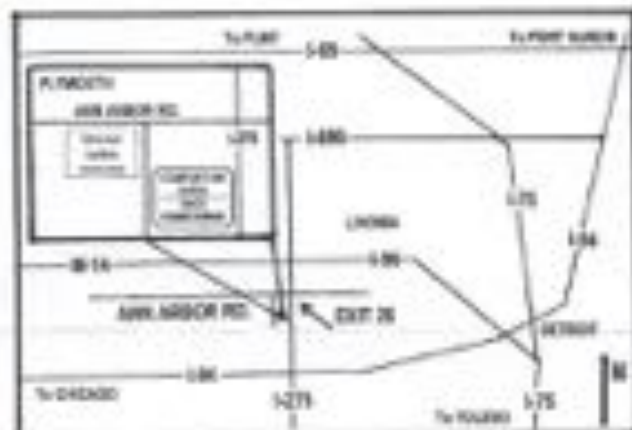
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40th DACC Homecoming

Featuring

GM Heritage Center - Friday
August 22 - 25, 2019



For additional information contact

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Email: hcinfo@detroitcorvairs.com

REGISTER ON-LINE Detroitcorvairs.com

Stay informed go to our Facebook page
Detroit Area Corvair Club

Hotel location for most activities:

COMFORT INN of PLYMOUTH 734-455-8100

40455 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170

THURSDAY

- Registration 2 - 6
- Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room 2-6
- with lunch
- Corvair & Finhouse Museum, lunch and Cruise
- Swap Meet set up & Car Care Clinic

FRIDAY

- 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)
- 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
- Leftovers, Farewell
- Cruisin Hines Dr. - Classics Only (\$5 Entry Fee)

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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 Widmann 2030 Treyburn Ln., West Bloomfield, MI 48254
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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

If arriving on Thursday and joining us for lunch which location?

Hotel or Museum

GM Heritage Tour Yes Cost is \$10 per person No

How many tickets needed _____ \$ _____

Additional cars \$5 each (1st 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 (1st calendar is included)

How many extra calendars _____ \$ _____

T-Shirts See attached sheet for cost and options **MUST** be paid by Aug 1st _____ \$ _____

If payment is received by August 7th subtract \$5.00 from total for early registration discount

Resuscitation

Lifters were adjusted cold using 1 turn tighter after pushrod endplay was reached - this has always worked for me.

Before installing the lower shrouds the rotted exhaust manifolds were removed. The cylinder head exhaust tube for #5 cylinder had the gasket flange rusted away so it was changed out. The replacement exhaust manifolds had all the gasket surfaces refaced before installation. A slightly used muffler was taken off my blue 1962 coupe since that car will be getting a dual exhaust. The crossover from the 62 coupe was also pretty thin but I ended up winning a new one off Ebay for \$80 shipped, saving some \$40 vs. a Clark's part. A muffler hanger was cobbled up from several used ones and a good used tailpipe found in the used parts stash. I did have to take the muffler in and have the inlet opened up a tad to fit the new pipe,\$5 at Speedy. About \$150 total to have a good leak free long term exhaust system.

A bit of time was then spent back at the front. A new master cylinder was installed to finish of the brake system except for adding fluid. Also up front new shocks were installed. The 54 yr. old original Delco shocks had no signs of oil leakage but there was no resistance at all in extension or compression.

Next I went to remove the battery cable and solenoid wires from the starter. All three of the threaded posts on the solenoid were loose. I was just going to change it with one of the new ones I had but decided to take it in for a rebuild. I dropped it off at SuperStarter in Flint where I have had Corvair parts rebuilt previously. I've only had 1 bad experience from there when a generator disintegrated after rebuild.The owner has had Corvairs in the past and mentioned he was currently working on a 1965 convertible. While talking Corvair shop with him something seemed off. He mentioned taking the door panel in to a local upholstery shop to have them repaired and having to get a differential case sent from out of state. This guy had never heard of Clark's, and even stranger for the Flint area - Pete Cimballa !

When I picked the starter up the next day I provided him with a Clark's catalog supplement and contact info for Ken Hand, Pete C., and myself. The \$85 rebuild was installed (more to come on this).

After several weeks of soaking the fuel tank withTSP to try to clean out the layer of varnish impregnated with rust on the inside it was clean. It was also now the thickness of tinfoil with some pinholes near the filler neck. I figured that even after sealing it inside it probably would not hold the weight of 12 gallons of fuel. A new tank was ordered through Rock Auto. When it arrived I began the process of cleaning and sealing it by first cleaning it with detergent and then acid etching the inside. I finished up the underside of the engine with new rubber heater hoses with steel window screen mouse blockers added at the engine side of the hoses. It was a real battle getting the new hoses onto the heater box - must be these hoses were on the small side of the manufacturing tolerance.

The car was dropped to ground level and the carbs,

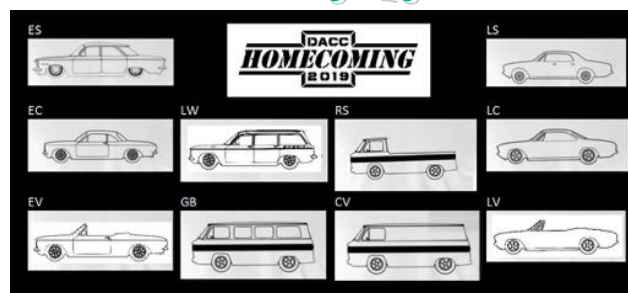
generator, and all upper engine stuff removed. I removed the top shroud and was surprised to see still no signs of critter infestation - no fuzz, stuffing, leaves, or nuts whatsoever. Only a remaining piece of a failed belt cord was found on top of the engine. Spark plugs were removed and after a couple of days of sitting with trans fluid in the cylinders and turning the engine over by hand a compression test was done. Results were #1 - 180, #3 - 175, #5 - 180, #2 - 185, #4 - 190, and #6 - 175. After sitting for so many I was concerned about stuck piston rings but it looks like the engine will be OK.

So July turned out to be an expensive month - both in time and \$. To date I now have 130 hours invested. Part costs are a total of \$1110.55, with \$704.20 for those purchased and \$406.35 worth from stuff used from the stash. But I am getting close to finish and just may get this thing to homecoming.....

.....unless something bad happens!

from Jeff Shreve

DACC Homecoming T-Shirts Only \$20



ES Early Sedan	Car Choices		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

Order Your DACC Homecoming Shirts! Pick up at Homecoming Check-In - \$20 each.

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 _____

E-mail _____

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

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DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

June 17, 2019

by Ken Heberling

Welcome new member: Linda Tennant**Thanks for keeping membership up to date:** Mike

Anstine, Friedman, Irons, Mascia, O'Leary, Piche, Schlack, Grahovac, Monk

Members dropped for non-payment: Gjokaj,**Due in April:** Ambrozy, Braden, Lehman, McKeel**Due in May:** Ambrozy, Braden, Lehman, McKeel**Due in June:** Chapman, Duerden, Reisig**Due in July:** Bussard, Debbrecht, Dehring, Kinsman, Pepke, Vellner, Weber, Williams**Due in August:** Eichstaedt, Guy, Hairsine, Chris Hand, Hemphill, Komora, Lagasse, Morenski, Newton, Norwalk, Owens, Ritchie, Nicole-Lewis-Trianna Smith, Urbain, Vadovich

We have 121 paid members and 9 who owe dues.

We are mailing 8 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:

Ken Heberling - DACC

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Questions about membership, change of address and/or email can be sent to membership@detroitcorvairs.com or call Ken Heberling at (248) 709-3622 and leave a message.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.**MAY 2019 TREASURY REPORT**

NOT AVAILABLE

Respectfully submitted — Casey Schesky, Treasurer

SELL & SWAPADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO kenpepke@yahoo.com**For Sale:** '64 Conv, repaint orig silver blue, base coat, clear coat. Blue int, newer white top, clear window. Radials, wire wheel covers + spinners. Stored winters. Carolina car, 110 h.p., PG, 57k miles. #3+ cond. \$7500. Jan 734.426.2874 or Ron 734-649-8564. DEXTER (JUNE)**FOR SALE:** Offering up for sale my collection of Corvair Treasures! Included in this pile of...this collection is my 1964 Greenbrier, 1961 Lakewood & a collection of bits & pieces. Buy all of it for \$25,000. I will listen to offers for all or part of the collection. However, I am NOT selling them cheap. These are award winning cars. Prices on these cars are going up. Act now. Call 810-869-4876. If I don't answer, leave me a message. MARVIN GRANGER (FEB)**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)**2019 DACC CALENDARS**order at www.allesee.com/calendar.

Thanks, John Allesee

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FIRST CLASS



DACC Activities

1-Jul-19		Monthly DACC Meeting	300 Bowl
6-Jul-19	10:30am	Cass City Festival Grand Parade	Cass City
12-Jul-19		Rolling Sculpture Car Show	Ann Arbor
13-Jul-19		2nd Saturday Event	TBD
20-Jul-19		Leonard Strawberry Festival	Leonard
23-Jul-19	27-Jul-19	CORSA National Convention	Chicago, IL
27-Jul-19		Concours d'Lemons Detroit	The Inn at St. John's
5-Aug-19		Monthly DACC Meeting	300 Bowl
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 Cruise	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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