



Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER 7, 2019

The 300 BOWL

100 Cass Lake Rd., Waterford

6: pm eat — 7: pm meet

Fall Color Tour

Sunday Oct. 20, 2019 — 10:00 am

at the Comfort Inn Livonia West (Clocktower)

40455 Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth, MI

We have been going to Frankenmuth one way or another for over 40 years and we have also traveled the back roads in different directions ending up at some interesting places to eat after seeing all the cool fall colors. I guess the idea is to get together on a Sunday in mid October, drive around for a couple hours, eat a nice dinner and drive another couple hours. Some of us have been doing this in a Corvaire for 43 years, wow that's a long time are we that old? All the original cars are long gone and some of the people are too but it is still something that a lot of us look forward to this time of the year. We have tried doing a North tour and a South tour starting at a breakfast stop and having lunch a few hours later, this seems to work for about 20 people either way we go. We have stopped at a few cider mills that usually are very busy with all the "city folks" that need their Fall apple, donut, Cider and Wine fix and let the kids see and maybe even touch a live large animal.

To change things up a little bit this year I am thinking about going West on the tree lined Territorial Rd route out to maybe M-52 and head back towards the Ann Arbor area with a possible stop by the Wyndham Garden Inn that we are looking at for a new Homecoming location. This will take place on Sunday October the 20th. 10:00 am Meet at the current Homecoming location now called the Comfort Inn Livonia West, guess they did away with the Clocktower name.

If some of you would like to meet for breakfast we can discuss the options at the October meeting and send out an E blast update. Exact route, stops and a good eating place are being worked out, but I wanted to get the info to Ken in time to be printed in the Aircooler.

PETE 'THE COVAIR KID' CIMBALA

Homecoming 2019

As the Chairman of this great event for the last 15 ? years I would like to Thank everyone who helped make this one of the best Corvaire related shows in the Country. There are other cool events in different parts of the US and Canada but I don't think they have been happening for 40 years with some of the same original players still involved. Sure does not seem like it's been that long but we have been doing it and doing it right for a long time. This year I did see a few new people step in and help in different jobs and I appreciate the time and effort everyone put forth to make our friends from out of town enjoy their stay in Plymouth. Lori helped me a lot this year as Co-Chair in getting things done on time and rounding up the worker bees so everything came together when we opened the doors. Our new VP and his family really stepped in to cover a few bases and get the trailer full of stuff there and get it unloaded and reloaded, set up the valve cover track and help out in!

[For] both the Registration Room and Ken's World Class Hospitality Room. Thanks again to Marilyn Knapp for working all year to find things for the goodie bags, Paul Koehler and family for all they do around the hot grille feeding us Friday afternoon and everyone else that carried things upstairs, picked up pop and water, beer kegs and cups, ice and all the food needed to feed our guest for three days. It seems that we made a little money again this year after paying all the bills.

PETE 'THE COVAIR KID' CIMBALA



A PETE 'CAVEMAN' KOEHLER find

HOMECOMING

PETE 'CAVEMAN' KOEHLER

This might not be usable due to time value of the text. It could work with a little Update: The black Horn Slot '60 did make it's debut at the Homecoming. It was selected as one of the Top 25 but when it came time to participate in the "Drive Thru" it had to be pushed by several of my "friends" since it didn't have any brakes. Once we got the car home the brakes were refreshed and the gas tank was changed. Now the car starts and stops and is ready for action. It was taken to the Ypsi Orphan Car Show at Riverfront Park and then motored itself back to the museum at the conclusion of the event. The car will be on display at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum now.

As for the Drag racing dune buggy, it found a new owner up in Rochester Hills and the club found a new member. Look for it and the new owner at future events. So, did you have a great time at the DACC Homecoming? Wasn't the weather just the best? And those pretty Corvairs all in a row! We are spoiled. To have such a great Corvair event so close to

home is wonderful. And cost effective, too. I don't think there is a better dollar-for-dollar Corvair event anywhere else on the planet. All that food and drink and music and swap meet stuff... What else could you want?

As you read this we are all back home after that great time in Plymouth, MI. And as I write this I am just about finished with the work and build-up to get to the event next week. It has been a thrash! Lots of help from club members and the Garage Squad and my son, Paul. My tuxedo black 1960 Corvair 700 sedan will be shown for the first time since I bought it about a dozen years ago. The car was taken down and painted more than ten years ago when I was still living in Slippery Rock, PA. We put all the shiny bits back on it and finally got it to start and run. There is still a lot of work to be done to get it really complete and ready to drive. The car has historical significance as it was built the first week of Corvair production here in Michigan at the Willow Run Assembly plant and is the oldest known surviving Corvair in the country.

The other project that we were working to complete is the "Half Fast" Racing dune buggy. It is a fiberglass "tub" buggy with a late

model Corvair powertrain. I bought this beauty several years ago and then Clark Hartzel turned it into a single-seat drag buggy. Almost. I got it back from Clark and finished it up in time for him to take it to a Corvair Olympics racing event. Yeah, he won. Then I sold it to Jerry North and when he moved out of his building in Redford I bought it back. Then Ian Smith got interested in it and gave it the name "Half-Fast". It sat in Ian's yard and driveway for a while until it didn't want to start anymore. So just yesterday Gary Komora and my son Paul worked on it and worked on it until each of them could take a test blast around the neighborhood. Side note: We would trade it for a two or three-seat buggy so more than one person could enjoy the thrill of wind (and sand) in your face (and down your carburetors it seems).

So to wrap this up I'm glad that the DACC continues to put this event on. It is great to see all of the Corvair enthusiasts from the Midwest as well as our Canadian friends and some folks coming from as far away as the Jersey Shore and all the way out in Oregon! See you all at the 41st edition next year!!

HOMECOMING FOLLOW-UP

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Board Meeting

Bill V., Grant, Ken H., Casey, Bob W., Pete C. and Lori

We talked about finding somewhere to have the Christmas dinner. I had mentioned that the 300 Bowl said they could cater a dinner for us there but it was suggested that we might want to go somewhere a little classier. We welcome any ideas.

The Garage Squad has earned \$1350 since November 2018 and it was presented to the board that we round it up to \$1500 for the donation to the museum. All agreed! Casey and Bill will present the monies at the pass and review.

We went over the expense sheet Casey had presented.

Lori Komora ~Secretary

Garage Squad

Sunday, September 22nd the Garage Squad will visit new member Don Caperton's home in Livonia. Don is at 33001 West Chicago in Livonia. The patient is a 1963 Monza coupe that needs some whoa to go with it's go (yes, it runs!). We will meet for breakfast at Annie's Family Restaurant and Bakery around 8 AM. Annie's is located at the intersection of Plymouth Road and Farmington Road in Livonia (33427 Plymouth Road). Repairs start at 9 Am and the plan is to rebuild the wheel cylinders, replace the brake shoes and maybe the master cylinder. At the conclusion of the work session Don will be able to take his little Monza out for it's first test drive in years thanks to the DACC Garage Squad.

After the brakes are fixed on Don Caperton's early coupe we can caravan over to Ian Smith's place and do a basic tune-up and carb synch on his '66 convertible. The car failed to make it home after his last road romp and it had to be towed the rest of the way by his buddy who operates KMA Towing. How embarrassing!! Ian promises to drive this beauty on the club's fall foliage tour next month so let's get behind him. And push??

ROBERT WITTMANN

September Meeting Minutes

I am pleased to say we had 12 cars show up tonight. I also noticed that the late models are challenging the early's to start showing up more!

I want to thank all of the people who helped out at Homecoming. I'd say we had a great event. I am in the process of letting the hotel know about some of the problems we had with the hotel.

Casey gave us an update of our finances we currently have \$9657.37 in our account.

Ken let us know that we have 14 who owe dues and we currently have 119 members.

See elsewhere for and update about our events to come. Many things in the works.

Judy O'Leary spoke up in regards to Haven House and how the group in the past has been wonderful and has always helped out Haven House. At a later date she will have a list of needs that we could donate to help them.

50/50 winner of \$60 was Tim Bramble and he was feeling very generous and donated his winnings to Haven House. The attendance winnings of \$10 went to Robert Jennings.

Pete C and I shared with the group that we are looking into possibly moving Homecoming to. Pete and I did to the Wydyam in Ann Arbor off of Jackson Rd by Weber's Restaurant. The hotel has a lot of potential. We will be checking a few others as well and get back with the group with what we find.

Lori Komora ~ Secretary

Driveway Mechanic

Remember me, The crazy Driveway Mechanic. Well I'm back, from where you say! Good question...I don't know but, I'm back.

My location has changed but I still work on classics out side of garage. Ben asked where. Well I live in a apartment now to be closer to my grand children, and so I don't have to cut the damn grass any more.

Apartment living has it's up's and down's. Downs are, no working or washing cars in parking lots'. I found a way do just the opposite. As you might know or not I work part time at

O'reilly auto parts on the afternoon shift. So when I get home it's 11 pm. You guessed it, classic repair time under the street light. Mom said I had to be home when street lights are on.

The other places I work on classics are at Tim Brambles barn, weather permitting and Tim is home, and the alley behind O'reilly's a few hours before I log in to play oops work. It's great to get back into the corvair car repairs. The challenges never get dull. Really I have cut my self so many times the I keep a roll of duct tape handy to stop the bleeding.

This homecoming was a good example of Tim Bramble and my workmanship. I had the 1961 700 in the parking lot on display. The blue/green with the new 61 interior that we both installed. Tim did all the engine, break and shocks and what ever needed to make the car safe on the road. Sorry no roll cage installed. LOL. All this was done while I my self had a body overhaul and recovery.

I broke in the rebuild on the engine when I went to The back to the bricks tour in June this year. That was 1,004 miles with little problems on the trip. Well I did have a spark plug #5 wire problem and well, a set of points go bad and well the timing was off and well the dell was off and really not much else. Well I'm not going to tell you the rest because the problems where not related to the car. If you know Tim Bramble from the past he is a prankster of the good kind and I always seam to be his target of choice when on trips with him. I have so much fun though we make people laugh and pee their pants.

I'm going to stop for now so Mr Ken P. can edit and re print this nonsense.

My all my corvair friends and DACC member be safe and drive them corvairs like you stole them.

RAY DUBIA

Special Event

Clark Hartzel's Garage

Fraser, MI --- Oct. 12th

Well, except for member Rob Schlack you missed the semi-annual Clark's Fall Classic event in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. So here is your chance to redeem yourselves:

The One-Time-Only Clark's Fall Classic Garage Sale and BBQ Cookout at Clark Hartzel's place in Fraser on Saturday, October 12th. Google 16911 Anita Ave. Hours are 9 AM to 4 PM.

Everything that Clark has collected over the past 50+ years related to the Corvair hobby will be up for grabs. Clark has been with the DACC since the very beginning so don't let him (or Joanne!) down. Besides driving a Corvair to just about every event with the DACC Clark has been into Dune buggies and Sand rails and drag racing and the remnants of these activities are piled up in the garage and shed out back or hiding in the tent shelter in the back yard. PLEASE plan to attend and relieve the Hartzel's of some of this stuff. In addition to the super bargains on Corvair parts and accessories we will be grilling burgers and brats and dogs. That makes it an official DACC event! More info available at the October meeting on the 7th.

PETE 'CAVEMAN' KOEHLER

Meet the

DACC Garage Squad!

The Garage Squad is a group of friends and club members who like to fix Corvairs. The idea came to me from watching a cable TV show of the same name. On the tube these TV personalities drive around suburban Chicagoland and come to the aide of some stalled automotive project. At the conclusion of the show the project in question is back up and running and everyone is happy. I always like a happy ending, don't you?

Prior to the birth of the Garage Squad idea we held several "Take-A-Part" parties up at Pete Cimbala's cousin's shop up in Swartz Creek. The idea was if you wanted to help take apart a derelict Corvair and there was a specific part that you needed for your own project, its yours! Just take it off the car before we haul the carcass off to the crusher. Being a DACC event we had to serve Pizza to the troops and a good time was had by all. The only rule was that any original T3 headlights had to be saved for Pete's cousin Tim Storer - the shop owner. That was fair since we were using his driveway and his electricity, etc.

At one of these sessions we thought we could expand the scope of the day's fun and actually put something back together instead of just tearing up stuff. The plan was hatched to run two parallel teams; one to pull apart another sorry excuse for a Corvair and the other team would re-power Pete C's rare 1969 Monza coupe aka 5817 with a select-used engine. At the end of the day both teams were successful and thus the idea of the Garage Squad was born!

Several members' cars have received mechanical help from the Garage Squad. The rules are simple: The car owner buys the parts and the Pizza. The guys donate their time and knowledge to the cause. Any cash contribution is purely voluntary and we suggest that a donation to the local Corvair Museum would be a great cause. Over the past year or so as the Garage Squad concept has grown and matured we have made a substantial contribution to the DACC treasury and then onto the Ypsi Automotive Heritage Museum. At the recently held Orphan Car Show the club has posted a \$1500 donation to the Museum and most of that money was the result of Garage Squad efforts.

Now for the tricky part; who are those brave young men who claim allegiance to the DACC Garage Squad? If I mess up and forget someone please don't take it personally. Remember, I am an old fart suffering from early on-set CRS. Here is a hopefully complete list of my best little Squad mechanic buddies: Bob Wittmann, Ian and Mark Smith, Gary Komora, Tom Tennant, Ken Heberling, Kerry Borgne, Len Norris, Tim Sprye, Pete Cimbala, Brian Granger, Ken Hand, Greg Jacobs and last but by no means least my dear friend the late Bill "Sawzall Surgeon" Johnson. We work very well together and have fun along the way. If you think you could benefit from a visit by the Garage Squad just let me know. Send a message on the club's Facebook page and we'll see if our busy schedule has an opening.

PETE 'CAVEMAN' KOEHLER

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DACC AUGUST 2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

TOTAL AUGUST 2019 INCOME: \$6,588.54

TOTAL AUGUST 2019 EXPENSES: \$3,583.91

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE as of 9/13/2019:
\$8,647.24

(some Homecoming checks have yet to clear)

Homecoming 2019 Update:

Homecoming Income: \$9,208.00

Homecoming Expenses: \$8,232.95

2019 Calendar Expenses: \$975.00 (estimate)

Homecoming Total estimate (near break even)

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Schesky, Treasurer

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September 17, 2019

by Ken Heberling

Welcome new members: James Monroe

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Borgne, Bramble, Debbrecht, Dodman, Duerden, Eichstaedt, Kellogg, Kinsman, Ropp,

Due in July: Weber

Due in August: Hemphill, Lori Komora, Lagasse, Morenski, Ritchie, Nicole Smith, Urbain,

Due in September: Boulan, Braatz, Cutter, Davis, Heath, Kelava, Schlaud, Schmidt, Serpento, Ian Smith, Spaulding, Storc, Yoscovits

Due in October: Dubia, Light, Mann, Shires

We have 123 paid members and 10 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:
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Thanks, John Allesee

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FIRST CLASS

DACC Activities

9-Sept-19		Monthly DACC Meeting	300 Bowl
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	New Boston

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**Thanks,
John Allesee**

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