



Monthly Meeting
DECEMBER 9, 2019 -- 6:30

Our Christmas dinner party will be at
 Wyndham Garden
2900 Jackson Ave,
Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

It will be a buffet dinner the cost per person is \$20. The club will be paying the balance and for everyone who shows the club will also donate \$10 to Haven House for each attendee.

Please bring an unwrapped gift and/or gift card for Haven House. If you choose to participate we will be doing the white elephant gift exchange. (Bring a car related gift value of at least \$10 wrapped.)

We need to get an accurate head count and payment to turn in by November 23rd. Payment can be made at the November meeting, mail a check or PayPal to Bob Wittmann. (rcwittmann@comcast.net or 2830 Treyburn Lane, West Bloomfield, MI 48324 Questions can be addressed to:

Bob Wittmann

Lori Komora at Lkomora1@yahoo.com

Garage Squad Newz

Not only does the DACC Garage Squad help needful members with repairs to their cherished Corvairs and help hauling project cars around now and then, we also believe in neighborhood clean-up! Following up on a post on the club's Facebook page we now "own" a 1964 Monza convertible project car. The car was resting in a front yard out near Port Huron. It appears to be all there, but not in real good shape after sitting around since 1980. But if you stand back and squint your eyes and maybe even wait 'till late in the evening as it is getting dark outside... The car looks like a Corvair!!

The car came with some spare parts as well. Not quite a Truckload of Parts as we are accustomed to, but we did get a spare powertrain and some patch panels. And a bucket-O-bolts. Really. No kidding. Maybe the ancient bucket has a value? I am sure that the neighbors were happy to see us leave with the Monza.

I am sure that the critters that were living in the spare engine are not happy that they will be evicted shortly. Now the question is, "What do we do with this car?"

Read the exciting answer on page 3 ...

My Trip to Clark's CAVEMAN PETE K

Sunday morning bright and early, well it wasn't bright but it was early! My trip to Clark's Corvair Parts in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts started out dark and dreary around 3 AM on November 3rd. Or was it 2 AM? That was the day that Daylight Savings Time officially changed back to Eastern Standard Time for us here in Michigan. Who ever is responsible for making the change was asleep at the switch because all of my electronic clocks didn't change over until around 2:30 AM (or was it 3:30?). Now who stays up 'till 2 in the morning just to comment on when the automatic clocks revert back to EST? Anyway.

The purpose of the trip to Clark's was to deliver a vast collection of new old stock (NOS) Corvair parts that former DACC member the late Harold Dexter had amassed at his place in Fenton. After four successive Garage Squad work sessions at the barn in the month preceding my trip my truck was packed up and I rented a 6x12' U-Haul trailer to carry the valuable collection of sheet metal panels to Clark's. The trip itself was a tough grind. 800+ miles one-way and about 16 hours on the road got me to Greenfield, MA just a few short miles from my final destination. The next morning I was the first one to arrive at 400 Mohawk Trail. The staff arrived and we began the arduous task of unloading and identifying all of the goodies. The sheet metal panels were laid out in the driveway so Cal and his crew could inspect and tag the parts. The smaller parts that were in the cab and bed of my truck were taken inside a building and placed on tables. It became apparent very quickly that this was going to be a monumental task to figure out what we had and what it was all worth.

We decided to just leave the collection in Cal's care and he would complete the inspection and pricing and send a check. It will probably take at least a week or more for the staff at Clark's to put these parts up and add to the inventory that you can access from their catalog or on-line. **TRIP CONTINUED PG 2**

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We all agreed that this was one of the largest NOS collections to be found in recent memory. Cal commented that he thought all of the large hordes of NOS sheet metal had been found years ago. Guess we were wrong! It was fun to watch the guys scratching their heads over some of the ultra-rare bits. And then Cal followed up with a grease pen adding new part numbers as they went.

With the trailer empty I headed back West with a destination of the U-Haul facility in downtown Albany, NY. It was on the way home and much less expensive than dropping the rental in nearby Greenfield. No, I don't understand that either. But it did work. The route chosen for the drive back to New York was historic Route 2, also known as the Mohawk Trail. Great road! It would have been more fun without a trailer wagging behind my truck. In fact it would have been more fun with a Corvair rather than my truck!

Overnight stop was in Erie, Pennsylvania. I arrived around 8:30 and skipped dinner to get some rest. Next morning dawned dark and dreary. Again!! Rain and more rain. The plan today was to meet up with Corvair buddy John Sweet on the way down I-79 toward Pittsburgh. He bought a few parts from the Clark's Fall Classic...in Fraser! event that I had saved for him. Then it was back on the road and heading home.

Finally back in Michigan on the 5th with the parts delivered and the credit card run up to the tune of around \$700 for all expenses. And now I must say that I used to be able to do a marathon trip like this and recover overnight and be ready for whatever the next day. Not so much anymore. The rest of the afternoon on Tuesday was a blur. But not to worry. There was a whole new adventure happening the next day! Gotta grab a trailer and head back to Troy for more Corvair fun. And another Corvair story for another issue of the Aircooler.

CAVEMAN PETE K

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November Meeting

It was a chilly night but 4 crazies drove their Corvairs to the meeting. Then once inside we were surprised with candy on all of the tables. Thank you Brian Granger for the candy.

We all got a good chuckle when Grant was asked if he had anything to share and his comment was that he needed more Butterfingers. So one went flying in the air towards him.

Casey stated we have \$6424.53 in our account.

Ken shared that we currently have 120 members and 13 owe dues.

Bob W. is collecting the money for our Christmas dinner. At our Christmas dinner we will be collecting unwrapped gifts. Our dinner will be at the new Homecoming location the Wyndham Garden in Ann Arbor.

I am still trying to get more people involved on being on the club's board. So I shared from a nice compiled list who all had been club presidents since 2000. (We had been spoiled when Paul P was treasurer. I had the privilege of going thru the binder he turned over to Pete after he stepped down. He had so much information about, who had been President, what the yearly account balances for each year, where we had meetings at over the years.) I read off what is entailed being President, V-P and Secretary. I will continue to share with the group the rest of the duties at a future meeting.

The garage squad has been busy helping out the Harold Dexter's family with going thru the inventory and helping sell it off.

Kurt Graham was very lucky and won the draw for both 50/50 of \$70 and the attendance draw.

Swap and sell – Pete C has '69' coup for \$700 for sale it is restorable. It is one of the hand built cars from Willow Run. Needs body work and some mechanical.

Pete also has '02' Mustang coup v6 automatic for \$11,500 runs great.

John A brought the 2020 calendars to the meeting.

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

NEWZ ... The 110 engine in the car isn't ready to spin all the way around 360 degrees. I'm hoping it is just a stuck valve. The tires hold air. Some air. They are bias-ply and have been on the car for at least 39 years. Can you say dry rot? The top is up and shows some signs of a patching attempt. The front seats are rough but the rear seat look okay. That is rare on a convertible so if we decide to part

the car out that might bring in some \$\$\$ to the cause.

Past Prez Marvin Granger suggested that we try to get the car up and running and then auction it off at next year's Homecoming. It might make a good, inexpensive start for some young person or first-time old car enthusiast. Marvin even offered to donate a better set of tires and wheels to the effort. Thanks, Marvin!

Right now the car is patiently waiting over in Northville sitting on a trailer in a storage lot. It can wait for better weather and/or more Garage Squad members to free up some time to check it out. What do you think we do with this beauty?

Bryan McTaggart CHEVY, HISTORIC, TRUCKS,

The Corphibian is a Chevrolet Engineering concept vehicle, a fully functional one-off that was completed with the assistance of Hulten-Holm & Co. Using a Corvair 95 Loadside as the base vehicle, the body was extended, a fiberglass hull was attached to the lower body, and twin propellers and a wooden rudder created one of the strangest amphibious vehicles ever. Unlike other semi-aquatics like the Amphicar, however, the Corphibian looks not only less...um, boat like...but also looks like an absolutely natural conversion.

Membership Notes:

In the November 2019 monthly meeting, it was suggested that we wear our Homecoming name tags during the monthly meetings as well as at the upcoming Christmas Party. This will help some of us remember everyone's name as well as the new members to meet people.

The other item for the membership is to update and distribute the DACC roster. I sent out an E-Blast with the current roster information. I have received many responses but am still waiting for most members to update me. Our intent is to share the membership roster in January 2020. If you have not already done so, please confirm or correct your information by email. If you are not on the E-Blast list, please contact me by email (at kenheberling@comcast.net with your contact information including Name, Address, Phone, and Email. Once received, I can finish updating everyone's contact information.

**KEN HEBERLING –
DACC MEMBERSHIP**



Garage Squad

To the Rescue!

CAVEMAN PETE K

Who would have thought that tucked up inside the various barns and buildings on the Harold Dexter property in Fenton, Michigan was a hoard of valuable new-old-stock Corvair parts? Sure, anyone driving up or down US-23 just south of the golf course on the west side of the highway could see several derelict Corvairs strewn about outside in the yard and next to the big red barn. But what was inside those barns was even more exciting!

Harold passed away a few years ago. Seems that he had a knack for collecting. Upon inspection we counted an even two dozen sad Corvairs in various states of disrepair sitting outside. There were a few better ones that had an inside space to rest in. The family called on members from Harold's car club, the Detroit Area Corvair Club to come and advise them as to how to handle the disbursement of this collection. Most cars were beyond saving and we let the surviving family members know that. Some cars had desirable features and options that added to the value of an otherwise worthless carcass. These cars were singled out and the family found buyers for most of them rather quickly.

When we were checking out the Corvairs inside the one barn we spied a pair of special go-karts stacked up in a dusty

corner. These were built as promotional items back in the 1960's by Rupp Manufacturing at the request of Chevrolet Motor Division of GM. They were called "Monza Jr's" and resembled the famous full-sized version show car Monza SS from 1963. As it turned out these were the key to a much bigger find in the same barn.

Previous attempts to buy cars or parts from the collection were rebuffed. The family just wasn't ready yet. Once a fair offer was made and accepted for the pair of fiberglass bodied go-karts the family asked if we could help them sell off the Corvair parts. Enter the DACC Garage Squad!

The scope of the collection of parts was mind boggling. Harold had been stashing new-old-stock parts up in the rafters and hay loft of the barn for years. Cleaning this up and getting the bits and pieces back into the hobby was not going to be a one-man job. Not even a two-man job. Over the course of the next month every Saturday or Sunday a team of Garage Squad members met at the entrance to the barn. Our first goal was to bring everything down to ground level. Then an inventory could be made of the stacks and stacks of new never used Corvair sheet metal panels. Once the size of the collection was identified we needed a plan to sell everything. The logical choice was to approach the largest Corvair parts supplier in the country,

Clark's Corvair Parts in Shelburne Falls, MA. They were very interested so a list was sent to them and plans were made to rent a trailer and deliver the parts to Massachusetts.

On the final Saturday at the barn the trailer arrived and the Squad members worked for hours to load everything up. The next day a 16 hour marathon drive brought the collection within 6 miles of the final destination. Monday morning dawned a bit chilly, but the staff at Clark's were up to the task. Sheet metal panels were laid out on the pavement and smaller parts were brought inside and displayed on tables. It was at this point that the true size and scope of the task at hand was understood. In the final account it took nearly two weeks to properly identify and value all of the parts from the Harold Dexter collection.

And we're not done yet! There are a couple more barns and buildings that we didn't enter yet. Looks like another Garage Squad activity next Spring and probably another trip to the East Coast. The \$\$\$ from selling this collection will help the family finish the new house that they built on the property. The benefit to the Corvair hobby has to be the influx of so many really rare parts that have not been available for decades. And if we help the Clark's organization to continue to supply the new and reproduced parts that we need to keep our Corvairs alive.

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DACC October 2019 Treasurer's Report

DATE	MEMO	AMOUNT	BALANCE
9/30/2019			\$6652.08
10/1/2019	Allied Vaughn/GM Heritage	-\$580.00	
10/02/2019	Deposit	+\$255.00	
10/11/2019	Ken Pepke- Aircooler	-\$180.55	
10/15/2019	Bank service fee	-\$20.00	
10/21/2019	Deposit	+\$298.00	
10/31/2019			\$6424.53

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Schesky
DACC Treasurer

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT October 13, 2019 by Ken Heberling
Welcome new members: Kevin Robburts, Mike Hurt
Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Boulan, Cutter, Davis, Heath, Lori Komora, Light, Morenski, Schlaud, Schmidt,
Members dropped for non-payment: Weber
Due in August: Hemphill, Lagasse, Ritchie, Nicole Smith, Urbain,
Due in September: Braatz, Kelava, Serpento, Ian Smith, Spaulding, Storc, Yoscovits
Due in October: Dubia, Mann, Shires
Due in November: Hatala, Heberling, Munaco, O'Guinn, Ronayne, Mark Smith, Ullery

We have 123 paid members and 10 who owe dues. We are mailing 8 complementary Aircoolers 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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kenheberling@comcast.net Phone: Cell 248-709-3622 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.

SELL & SWAP

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO kenpepke@yahoo.com
"Inside, heated vehicle storage for you Corvair or other vehicles in Wixom, Michigan @ \$120/month or 6 months @ \$100. Inf@Dixonmotorsports.com or 248-308-9426.

2020 DACC CALENDARS
order at www.allesee.com/calendar.
Thanks, John Allesee