



February Meeting Minutes

First off I would like to correct what I had reported from last month. I had miss wrote and stated that Clarks had donated money to the garage squad. I should have stated was that Bonnie Dexter donated \$2200 to the Ypsi Museum in the memory of Harold and Kitty Dexter. This donation was made possible because the Garage Squad helped gather up a lot of Corvaair parts left in the barn and on the property and sell them to Clark's Corvaair Parts in Massachusetts. Sorry for the error.

Clark reported that we have \$4418.03

Ken H. reported that we have 117 members and 10 owe dues. The updated rooster has been mailed/e mailed, let him know if you did not receive it.

Bob W. had a nice update of many new ideas for the upcoming months. April 11th we will have our second Saturday event - Valve cover racer build event. Location TBD. May 9th Second Saturday - Lower Michigan Chevy Group Meet-up Ypsilanti. See E-blast for complete list.

I had brought to the meeting the 2020 Homecoming Registration flier. Copy of the Registration flier enclosed.

We all know how Pete K. loves his flip phone so when I saw a newer flip phone for him I had to help him get current with a new phone. I think he likes it. /50

Bill V. heard back from Corsa and they said they were okay with our change of the by-law Article VI, #4. We held a vote and it passed. We are updating our by-laws and will be posting them on our web site soon.

50/50 \$60 went to Robert J. and the attendance went to Grant.

Pete K. will be looking for help this spring at the Dexter farm to continue with the clean out.

Lori Komora ~ ~ Secretary

Board Meeting

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

Now with the new by-laws let's take this opportunity to recruit new people for the board.

We talked about ways to help and get more articles for the Aircooler. Bob said he could send out an e-blast reminding to people to send in articles.

We talked about updating the web site with the new Homecoming info. John said he will take care of it.

Lori Komora ~ ~ Secretary

Monthly Meeting

MARCH 2, 2020

The 300 BOWL

100 Cass Lake Rd., Waterford

6: pm eat — 7: pm meet

Towing Times Two Pete Koehler

President's Day 2020. What to do? It is a holiday for many people, but being retired everyday is a holiday for me. So what kind of cool activity can we get involved in? I know! Let's go get some Corvaairs!! So I schemed with Ian Smith to make a run up to Pinconning to retrieve a 1965 Monza convertible. This is a car that we picked up in Roscommon last year but the guy who bought it as a project found a better candidate and wanted this sorry shell of a Corvaair to go away.

First stop was Pete Cimbala's house where the flatbed trailer was stored. Pete had already pushed the collected snow off of it so it was ready to travel. Connected to the hitch on my trusty Silverado Ian and I headed up I-75 trailer in tow and soon we were at the farm with the dead Corvaair convertible hiding under a tarp. Loading the car proved interesting since it didn't have a powertrain installed and the rear wheels didn't want to track true with the front wheels. This made directional control difficult since the steering wheel only acted on the front wheels. Sorta like four-wheel-steering without the computer? We did manage to get the car loaded after only one failure. No harm. No foul.

Back on the road and heading back to I-75 we made a stop at a house we saw on the way in that had a Corvaair parked in the yard. We HAD to stop! Turns out it was a very early production 1963 700 sedan from Willow Run. The car had some love in it's past with a new paint job and new seat covers. But that was a while ago and she was showing her age again. The owner would be a seller at \$3000, but my trailer was already occupied and I didn't have a bunch of cash anyway. We drove on.

Since it was getting near lunchtime and Ian had never had a Halo Burger we stopped in Birch Run to sample the menu. Halo Burger is now a chain of restaurants that originated in Flint a long time ago. Ask any local what a "QP" is and they will smile and say Halo Burger. Fed and watered we headed back down I-75.

Arriving at Motor City Auto Sales in Swartz Creek we met up with owner/operator Tim Storer. He was just heading out and when he saw the Corvaair on the trailer he made a hasty retreat. He did say it all right to leave the trailer in the drive behind the gate as long as the car went away sooner than later. Thanks Tim! Pete C came out and we gave the convertible a better inspection. I thought I remembered that this car had a good floor in it. I was.

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wrong. Even though the doors would open and close without the car bending in half it was determined that this was a parts car and most of the good parts were already removed. So a date was set with the metal scrapper for next week. Sorry. One down and one to go. Planning ahead is always a good idea. Since I wanted this trip to be a "twofer" we brought along a tow bar and the required equipment to flat tow another Corvair before the day was over. There was a 1965 Monza coupe up in Pontiac that I had agreed to purchase if we could get it out of the backyard it was parked in. Problem was the houses were built very close together with one shared driveway between them. There was a dead car in the one driveway with a Sheriff's Notice on the window and a bunch of snow piled up behind it. It wasn't going anywhere and we couldn't get around it with the Corvair. The next driveway over had a truck parked but Ian noticed that it had moved more recently. Luck was with us and the tenant came out to help and offered to move his truck. Bonus! He even helped us clear a path and then we winched the car around and pulled it out to the street. Ian aired up just one tire that was low and we were ready to try hauling Corvair #2 away.

The trip to Ian's in Garden City was very stressful. This car was last on the road in 2004. The tires did roll, but how much longer would they hold up with as much dry rot as was evident? We didn't have time to worry about it as it was getting late and Telegraph Road seemed like the best route out of Pontiac. All of my fears were for naught. We made it to Ian's and pushed the Vair up into his driveway. Ian's brother Mark came over to give us a hand and decided he might want to try to get the car going again. The car was filthy from sitting outside for who knows how long. But under the grime and tree droppings was a more recent coat of red paint. The MIGHT buff out! The 4-speed manual transmission is what interested Mark and having a 140 engine was a bonus. Not a bad deal for not a lot of money.

Many thanks to Ian for riding along and helping to get these cars re-distributed. It was a fun day and a very successful day. To cap it off as soon as I got back to the Caveman Garage in Farmington the skies opened up and snow started falling. Towing either with a trailer or a tow bar + snow = a very bad idea. I'm glad the snow waited for me to be done with my President's Day Towing Twofer!

Valve Cover Racing by Clark Hartzel

Talk about cheap fun, this is it! If you spend more than \$25 on a racer you are getting too serious. Assuming we all have a rusty valve cover laying around you need to decide how to put wheels on it.

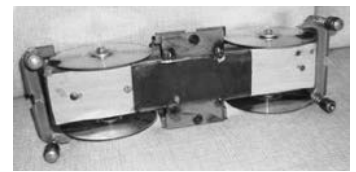
The weight limit is 4.5 pounds (72 ounces) and the theory is to get it right up to 72 ounces. Do not use heavy wheels as they are too hard to start moving as the starting gate drops. So, use light wheels and add ballast if necessary.

Since gravity makes the car move you need as little friction as possible. I use ball bearings on my wheels, which I bought online. A plastic CD makes an excellent wheel and the hole in the center is 15 mm. I bought some bearings with 15 mm O.D. and 6mm I.D. I glued the bearings into the CD's with JB Weld, a 2-part epoxy. Glue will not stick to a greasy or oily bearing so I dig out any seals, wash out the grease with carb cleaner. In addition I go to my grinder and rough up the O.D. so the glue has something to grab onto. I use gun oil in the bearings to keep them from rusting. You don't want sticky grease in the bearings as it slows you down.

Now you can just screw the bearings to the cover somewhere with 6mm screws. My problem is drilling the holes in line and square so all four wheels touch the ground and are inline or parallel. Since it is unlikely that your racer will go down the track without bumping the side rails, I put some rollers on all four corners so when it hits the sides it rolls instead of scrapes.

There are hundreds of ways to make wheels and bearings. Some people use aluminum discs, plastic wheels off toy cars, bicycle hubs, skateboard wheels, conveyor rollers, nylon or other plastic bearings. One racer uses plastic reels from electrical wire. The choice is yours and I have tried a few of these items. I have learned that rubber wheels are not the way to go, too much friction. One of my racers had conveyor rollers that have ball bearings inside but they are too heavy. Another one of my racers had axles going thru nylon blocks and I made wheels out of steel discs. Again those steel wheels were too heavy and once they got up to speed would literally chip wood off the sides of our beautiful track built by resident carpenter Paul Piche.

The DACC track is world class. I have raced at national conventions and other club local events and our track is as good as any around.



Partial DACC Calendar 2020

Looking for great ideas for the March "2nd Saturday Event"! Forward your Ideas back to me at rcwittmann@comcast.net...

As to the established DACC schedule - here is a preview through May...

Sat 04/11 - 2nd Saturday Event - Valve Cover Racer Build Event - *Location TBD*

Sat 05/09 - 2nd Saturday Event - Lower Michigan Chevrolet Group Meet-Up - Ypsilanti, MI

Other Significant Corvair/Automotive Events - (some will be added to the DACC schedule!)

Sat 05/09 - Monk's Invited All to Detailing Event - Munk's Motors - 3080 W Huron St, Waterford

Fri 06/05 - Wed 06/10/2020 - Back To The Bricks® 2020 Visionary Promo Tour - <https://backtothebricks.org/promo-tour-2020/>

Sun 06/14 - Cars 'R' Stars at Packard Proving Grounds - <http://www.carsrstars.com/home>

Sun 06/14 - Wings & Wheels Yankee Air Museum

- https://yankeeairmuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/FINALYAM-WW2020_flyer.pdf

Wed 06/17 - Mon 6/22 - CPF Mini Convention "Corvair: The Next Generation" Springfield, Illinois

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/472143890319977>

Sat 06/20 - Gilmore - All Air-Cooled Car Gathering Hickory Corners, MI

- <https://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/event-detail/all-air-cooled-gathering/?>

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Sat 07/04 - Cass City Freedom Festival - Grand Parade Cass City - www.casscitychamber.com

Mon 07/06 - Sun 7/12 - CORSA 50th Annual National Convention San Diego, California - corvair.org

Sat 07/25 - Concours d'Lemons The Inn at St. John's

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concours-dlemons-michigan-2020-tickets-76949783875>

Sun 08/09 - Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne Motor Show Detroit, Michigan

- https://www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com/event_calendar.html

... And more to come...

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41st DACC Homecoming

August 20 - 23, 2020



New Location
Wyndham Garden
Ann Arbor, MI

**Show off your Corvair minutes away
from Willow Run
the home of the Corvair!**

We have a new location with more room for all of our fun, great fellowship, great food, and terrific cars!!

Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room with plenty of food to keep you fed for the weekend, starting with lunch on Thursday.
Corvair & Firehouse Museum ~ Large Swap Area ~ Valve Cover Races ~ Car Care Clinic ~ Tech Sessions ~ Movie (indoors with movie screen) ~ Mary Kay Consultant ~ GM Heritage Center "Meet the Makers of the Chevrolet Corvair" David Cole Speaker ~ Live Auction ~ Road Rally ~ People's Choice Car Show, Model & Toy ~ Drive Thru Award winners ~ Wine & Cheese Event ~ And hopefully a few new things as well ~

For additional information contact **PETE CIMBALA (810) 241-8593**
or Email: hinfo@detroitcorvairs.com

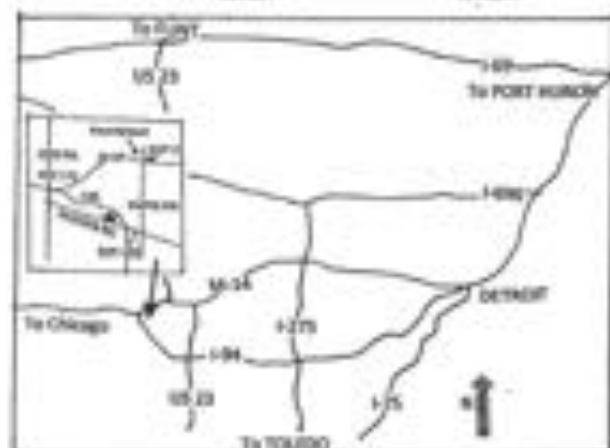
REGISTER ON-LINE for event Detroitcorvairs.com
Stay informed go to our Facebook Group "Detroit Area Corvair Club"

Hotel Location~~ Wyndham Garden, 2900 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48103
(734) 665-4444 Room cost is still \$89 per night (code Corvair 2020)
Book online at <https://wyndhamhotels.com/groups/gn/corvair-club>

**Come check out
the new location**

41st DACC Homecoming

August 20-23 2020



For additional information contact
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734-665-4444 or
www.wyndhamgarden.com/groups/ann-corvair-club

- THURSDAY**
- Registration 2 – 6
 - Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room 2-6 with lunch
 - Corvair & Firehouse 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 (D. Cole Speaker) \$10 extra
 - Valve Cover Races
 - Swap Meet // Car Care Clinic // Tech Session
 - Cook Out / Picnic
 - Movie
- SATURDAY**
- Registration 9 am – 2 pm
 - Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room
 - Road Rally
 - People's Choice Car Show, Model & Toy Show
 - Swap Meet // Car Care Clinic // Tech Session
 - 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)

A complete schedule will be in your registration packet

When making your reservations, be sure to mention **"CORVAIR 2020"** to receive the special room rate of \$89 plus tax, per night. Book before Aug. 4 when block removed. Price goes up after the 4th.

Fill in the form below and mail with check payable to DACC: DACC c/o Bob Wittmann 2600 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 Center Yes \$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 3rd 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 \$ _____

DACC FEBRUARY 2020 TREASURER's REPORT

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Date	Memo	Amount / Account Balance
1/12/2020	OPENING BALANCE	4,438.03
1/15/2020	Bank Fee	-20.00
2/3/2020	Ken Pepke AirCooler P&P	-358.82
2/4/2020	Deposit (Split: 50/50 \$65, Membership \$120)	185.00
2/11/2020	Postage - Ken Heberling	-11.00
2/17/2020	CLOSING BALANCE	4,233.21

Respectfully Submitted,
 Casey Schesky DACC Treasure

*300
 BOWL*

SELL & SWAP

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

For Sale: 1963 Greenbrier 6 door... Rebuilt engine, New shocks, brake lines,, brakes, shock, seats and tires about 16000 miles ago. Am/FM cd player. Runs and drives great... Copper and white. \$9500.00 or best offer... no low ballers contact Tim at 248-343-9677 leave message I'll return your call Thank you

I NEED A NEW OWNER



1965 MONZA – almost NOS 110hp SERVICE ENGINE, 4 SPEED Patch & paint or great for restoration –

\$3350 OBO ask KEN PEPKE (734) 476 9616

FOR SALE: new windshield for a Corvair truck. asking \$150 Canadian OBO phone Steve 1-519-857-6364

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)

2020 DACC CALENDARS

order at www.allesee.com/calendar.

Thanks, John Allesee

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FEBRUARY 17, 2020 by Ken Heberling

Welcome new members:

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Blanchard, Dixon, Jacobs, McColgan, North, Ross,

Members to be dropped for non-payment: Dubia, Shires,

Due in November: N/A

Due in December: Nugent, Weeks. Schwartz

Due in January: Bradley, Jacobi, Gerald Shreve

Due in February: Balow, Irons, Lindh, McKean, Reyes, Schlack, Stagg

Due in March: Maciejewski, Murray, Spry, Szuch, Tom Tennant, Wise

We have 121 paid members and 7 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

426 West Hudson Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Email: 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.

AIRCOOLER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

17th

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor
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FIRST CLASS

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DACC
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**Thanks,
John Allesee**

MECHANICAL REPAIRS / BODY WORK:

Show and Go Collision 9103 Chalmers Detroit, MI 48213 Tom Cavatio (313) 371-9085

PARTS & SERVICES:

Mike McKeel - Mechanical Repairs / Parts & Tech Advice (734) 485-2729 vaircare67@gmail.com

Clark's Corvair parts 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA. 01370 (413) 625-9776

CONSIGNMENT SALES:

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

PARTS AND SERVICES