



Monthly Meeting

APRIL 13, 2020

The 300 BOWL

100 Cass Lake Rd., Waterford

6: pm eat — 7: pm meet

MEETING DELAY

Due to Covid-19 we are postponing our meeting one week. Our next meeting will be on April 13, 2020. I have been in contact with the bowling alley and they are hoping to be open by this time. If things change we will notify via e-mail and on Facebook. Feel free to contact me if need be.

734-223-8943

Lori Komora

March Meeting Minutes

I was surprised nobody drove a Corvaire tonight. Bob W. shared with us to refer to the listing in the Aircooler for upcoming events. He is looking for ideas for our 2nd Saturday events. Our 2nd Saturday event for April we will be building valve cover racers. Please refer to the March Aircooler Clark wrote an article about ideas to build the racers. Location and time to be determined.

Pete C talked about Back to Bricks. This year we already have 255 registrations in as of March. Last year in May the total was 305.

Ken H indicated that our current membership is 118 paid to date and 11 owe dues.

In hopes to get more involved with the club I have started to read the bylaw description of duties for board members. This month I read about the duties of President and Vice-president.

I am starting to recruit help for Homecoming I was pleased with those who stepped up to say they would help this year!

Guest and now new member Rodger and David with a '63 Rampside.

The 50/50 winner was Rodger (new member) he received \$57 and the attendance went to Mark Smith.

Tim Duvey is looking for a speedometer for a Spyder.

Pete C handed out free t-shirts from last year BTB to our veterans.

Gigi shared that if you're looking for a nice house Stu's house is going up on the market.

Lori Komora ~ ~ Secretary

2nd Saturday Event ... April 11th

We will be working on Valve Cover Racers at President Bill V's garage - thanks Bill... I have ordered enough bearings to support the build of the seven units. - See the attached to acquaint yourself with the rules and philosophy of these racers. Additional details coming via Eblast and FaceBook page as we near the build event.

ROBERT WITTMANN

Michigan SOS _____ Pete Koehler

This is no April Fool's Joke. The Michigan Secretary of State has closed all of it's offices to walk-in traffic. If you need to use the services of the Michigan SOS you will have to make an appointment or use a self-service station or go on-line. Making an appointment is not a big deal. You can do that by visiting the website or by calling 888-SOS-MICH. Instructions are plain and easy to follow. Of course so are the instructions on where to affix the little renewal tab on your license plates (upper right hand corner of the plate) and how many of them do you see in the wrong corner - or EVERY corner?

I was planning to try out the appointment option for my next visit anyway, so this works well for me. The silver lining to this dark cloud over us is that all late fees will be waived. I can handle that! Saves me \$15 since I waited too long to gather up the needed \$\$\$ to pay the tax on the title transfer for my Model A Fire Truck purchase. I just hope I can complete the driver's license renewal at the same time since that has also become an issue since all renewals beginning in October, 2020 will involve the "Real ID" rule. That means you have to prove that you are a US citizen to get a stated (Real ID) license renewal. Without a Real ID you can't enter a Federal Building, a U.S. military base or a nuclear power plant. But how many of us want to enter a nuclear power plant anyway? Without Real ID you are barred from any domestic air travel. Of course for International air travel you still need a US passport. Citizenship proof has to be in the form of a Birth Certificate or a US Passport. There is a difference between a Birth Certificate and a Certificate of Birth. If you have the former (I don't) you are good to go. If you have the latter then you will need a Passport to prove who you are. Check your document. If there is a raised "seal" on the certificate then you are okay. Otherwise the Passport is the only way to go. But if all you want to do is drive around the USA in your Corvaire a regular Michigan driver's license will suffice. Seems complicated, but that is life in the 21st Century USA.

MARCH Board Meeting

Bill, Bob, Ken H., Lori, Pete C., and John A.

Very short meeting looking for ideas for 2nd Saturday. We also voted and agreed to buy some supplies for the building of valve racers.

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

Change of Plans

PETE K

Not by my choice, but many of our best laid plans are changing. Later this month Ian Smith and I were planning our annual run down to Helen, Georgia to participate in the Corvair Springfest. This would have been the fourth year in a row for us, but last night I got word that the event was cancelled. Rats! The Springfest has always offered an early greeting to Spring and warmer weather for us Northerners. This past winter hasn't been too bad, but I still like the idea of finding spring-like weather and foliage a little sooner than we get up here in the Great Lake State.

Will there be a monthly meeting of the DACC in April? Lots of events and activities are being cancelled due to the current health alert. Michigan and Ohio schools closed after Friday the 13th and are scheduled to return to classes on the day of our April meeting in Waterford. Let's hope things get back to normal soon. At least in time for our Homecoming event in August? Not kidding here. There has been chatter on the 'Net that the CORSA International Convention in California is at risk. And that isn't until July. I'm hoping the June Mini Convention in Springfield, IL is still going to happen.

So if we can't all hang out at a Corvair event or meeting or breakfast or whatever then what are we to do? Stay at home and work on projects? I have enough of them to keep me busy for at least the next dozen years or so... Maybe this is a blessing in disguise? I know I'll never get to all of the cars and repairs and events that I'd like to.

Perhaps this is a good time to prioritize and then get going on the first few in line? So there it is. To the garage! If I'm going to quarantine myself can I at least play in the garage? Stay safe out there!!

The History of DACC, 1974

by Clark Hartzel

The club started when Clark Hartzel put an ad in the Detroit News hot rod and classic car section asking Corvair owners to form a chapter of CORSA.

Our first meeting was May, 1974 held in "the Buggy Works", a car repair and restoration shop owned by Rudy Krieter, who would become the first president of the club.

The first newsletter was May 1974, editor Jon Kaplan. Other officers would be Treasurer Steve Vancea; Parts locator Bill Stewart; Service chairman James Badalament; Activities chairman, Bob Parks;

Membership chairman Clark Hartzel; Secretary Bob Siani. We didn't have a vice president. Dues were \$8.00.

Our first event was a car show in the parking lot of the Tech Plaza at 12 Mile and Van Dyke. We had 28 Corvairs and Corvair powered dune buggies. One Corvair was brought by well known racer Jerry Thompson. Next event was the Sloan Summer Fair in Flint.

We became members of the Detroit Sports Car Club as several members liked auto crossing.

A June event was a picnic at Kensington Park but only 3 cars showed up.

At our June club meeting a reporter and photographer from the Detroit Free Press showed up, took pictures and wrote an article about us in the newspaper.

Our July meeting was held in the parking lot of Oakland Mall. After being roused by the mall security police we had a short meeting and left. We asked members to come up with a logo for the club and a newsletter name.

Another picnic was planned at Bob Aldred's house but it wasn't any better attended than the one at Kensington Park. I guess the members just weren't connected to each other yet and the ladies didn't care for our meeting places. We needed a restaurant for the meetings.

For several reasons the club fell apart in the Fall of 1974, no more newsletters until February 1976.

Garage Squad Update

We try to help our own. Last year Ian Smith's '66 Monza convertible was acting badly. It smoked. It ran poorly. And then it didn't run at all! So I found a 110 engine on Facebook Marketplace for a reasonable price and it was located close to the Caveman Garage. Over the winter Ian dolled it up and painted the tins in red metalflake. It looked great! A couple of us helped Ian install it in the car but when he turned the ignition key all we got was a "THUD!" We had a problem. We pulled the engine and it tried to turn over with a 3/4" wrench, so we re-installed the flywheel and clutch parts and tried again. Still got the same thud. Ian and I took it out again and it was locked up tight. We pulled the top shroud and the blower cover to get a look at the crankshaft and connecting rods. The first clue was the outward dent in the steel baffle that sits over the crank and below the blower cover. What did that? Further inspection revealed that something had crashed inside the engine and the damage was terminal. So much for a flashy paint job! Time for Plan B.

So when last month's regularly scheduled program for Saturday, the 14th was canceled due to technical difficulties we sprang into action! An impromptu breakfast meeting found myself, Ian,

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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/?glm_event_from=2020-06-20

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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brother Mark Smith, Bob Wittmann, "That Guy" Gary and the one and only "Wrench Wench" Lori seated at Plato's Palace in Garden City chowing down and waiting for the temperature to rise a bit above freezing.

After the meal we headed back to Ian's pad and proceeded to tear down the sicko engine and start the transfer of the good bits over to the other powerplant. Mark ran back home and grabbed a second engine stand so we wouldn't have to swap parts sitting on the cold garage floor. Thanks Mark! With the concerted efforts of the group we were able to re-assemble what we hoped would be a good engine for Ian's car aptly named "Bettie Page". Cylinder heads from the first engine were removed, inspected and installed on the other block. All of the cleaned and painted bits were transferred. And yes, it DOES turn over with a 3/4" wrench!! Total time from arrival to tightening the final engine mount nuts including a Pizza break (Hey! This is the DACC ya know...) was about four hours. So keep an eye out for Ian and his satin black '66 droptop. If you see it on the road then we were successful. If you see it and it isn't in front of a long trail of black smoke then we were even more successful.

PETE 'CAVEMAN' KOEHLER

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: hcinfo@detroitcorvairs.com

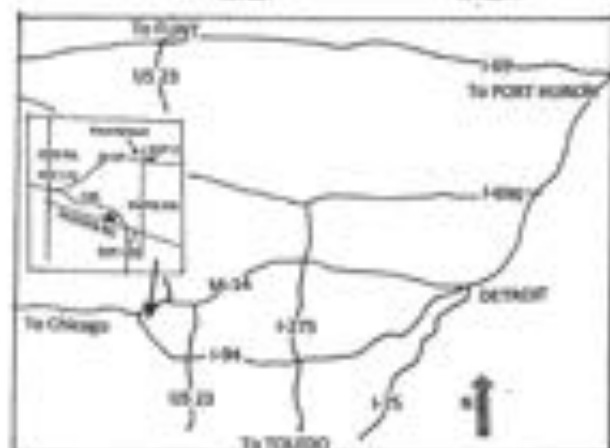
REGISTER ON-LINE for event Detroitcorvairs.com
Stay informed go to our Facebook Group "Detroit Area Corvair Club"

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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- 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 MARCH 2020 TREASURER's REPORT

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Date	Memo	Amount / Account Balance
2/12/2020	BALANCE	4,233.21
2/18/2020	Bank Fee	-20.00
3/8/2020	Collection: 50/50 \$48; Membership \$240	288.00
3/8/2020	Collection: Homecoming \$525.00	525.00
3/16/2020	MEMO BALANCE	5,026.21

Respectfully Submitted,
 Casey Schesky DACC Treasure

*300
 BOWL*

SELL & SWAP

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

For Sale: 95hp truck engine, test run, might want freshening \$350— ALSO front & rear chrome bumpers \$50 pair only - trailer hitch \$35 + other misc small parts, best offer... Tim at 248-343-9677 leave message I'll return your call Thank yo**FOR SALE:** new windshield for a Corvair truck. asking \$150 Canadian OBO phone Steve 1-519-857-6364

FOR SALE: 1965 180HP Turbo Corsa Engine Package - the engine disassembled, needs rebuilt /NEEDS - Turbo freed up, 2 new cylinders, 2 new rods, top cover, dist. parts, plugs, plug wires, 6 new pistons, rings, bearings, gaskets, 1 - head - slight repair, crank needs 0.010 grind - mains and rods, cam gear and washer, flywheel, clutch - HAS - Air cleaner, chrome crossover tube, coil, carb, all sheet metal, alternator, clutch hsg, 2 ex. manifolds, heat shield, balancer.- ASK \$1,800.00 (OBO) Don Eichstaedt, done28@comcast.net, 248-552-8030, Southfield (APRIL)

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

MARCH 17, 2020 by Ken Heberling

Welcome new members:

Thanks for keeping membership up to date: Bradley, Lindh, Schwartz, Jeff Shreve, Gerald Shreve,

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

Due in December: Nugent, Weeks

Due in January: Jacobi

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

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

Due in April: Bill Anstine, Bluhm, Friedman, Graham, Brian Granger, Hines, Mascia, Roerink

We have 120 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

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

Look out world, 1965–69 Chevy Corvairs are rising fast ...

by Jeff Peek

It's hard to tell what Ralph Nader thinks about the second-generation 1965–69 Chevrolet Corvair. (We know what buyers have been thinking lately, but we'll get to that in a bit.) We're guessing that if Chevy had rolled out the '65 Corvair first, Nader wouldn't have devoted an entire chapter to the first-generation rear-engine compact car in his best-selling book, *Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-In Dangers of the American Automobile*.

Alas, the second generation—commonly called a late-model Corvair—naturally follows the first, and the early Corvair drew Nader's ire. Contending that the car possessed a rear-suspension design flaw that made it prone to flipping if forced to make a severe, sudden turn, Nader called the Corvair "the one-car accident." Oh, sure, in 1971 the National Highway Safety Transportation Board declared that the Corvair was as safe as any car of its era (and our own Larry Webster tried his best to flip one in 2017), but the model was long dead by then.

'LOOK OUT' CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

2020 DACC CALENDARS

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Thanks,
John Allesee

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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

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