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DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

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Lonewolf

Article by Anthony White

I hope this message reaches you in good health and sound mind. My name is Anthony White and I have been a member of DACC for I would say 18 years, that was after I bought my first Corvaire, a 1963 Monza Black on black. When I first seen this car it reminded me of a few things, first was a bathtub, and I loved it . I didn't understand the car, I was very confused about it, but it was unique, so I kept it and tinkered with it and joined this club. Met some really nice people, they will remain nameless. Enjoyed myself so much that every time I got the Aircooler, I would pay my dues again, I was five years in advance on my dues when I found out it was once a year. Fast forwarding I had some issues with the car and I wanted them straightened out so I got in touch within Ken Hand. I ended up swapping that car out for another one that Ken had, it needed a lot of work just in restoration and I did it. It was a 64 Spider, had to have it painted black to bring it home because that was the car color I took there. Fast forwarding again, I bought in 2008 a sky blue 64 Monza convertible from the second owner, sight unseen, only seen a few pictures of this beautiful car.

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Have you paid your Membership to the DACC?



DACC Meeting is scheduled for:

Monday, March 1st at 7pm. Dinner and social hour at 6pm. Menu and beverages available.

February 1st Meeting

Our 1st meeting of the year! We had a great turn out in person and on Zoom! Birthday wishes were expressed to Clark in person and Robert on Zoom. Membership report we have a few new members and a few have caught up on their dues. We currently have 106 paid members. Please remember if paying by check to write



it out. (Detroit Area Corvaire Club).

Carol via Zoom gave us our treasury report. We have \$3945.08 Pete C. spoke and updated us that Chrome and Ice has been canceled. He also talked and explained why the need to increase the cost to register for Homecoming. All need to keep in mind that it has been a very long time since the last increase and we all can relate good costs have increased. The website has been updated with the new Homecoming registration form. Swap and sell info can be found elsewhere in the Aircooler. 50/50 of \$42.50 goes to Adam and Tim D won the attendance. Our next meeting is March 1st at the 300 Bowl or via Zoom.

Board Meeting

Grant, Gary, Rich, Adam, Bob, Lori, John A., Pete C. Very short meeting.

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It was advertised on Virtual Vairs, had it shipped to my house. Started taking it to the Homecomings. A club member started asking me “why don’t you put this car in our shows”? I said no, I’m not ready yet, still enjoying the car for myself.

Started attending meetings at the Ypsilanti Club on Sundays, collecting the yearly calendars and in 2019 I decided my car is ready to be put in the car show for the top 25, here’s some information about my car along with a picture.



I had this car totally re-worked, close to perfect after redoing. I entered the car and figured it would at least make the showing. I received a lot of looks but it wasn’t picked. I didn’t get mad, I decided do some more research and see why or what’s going on. If you check you’ll see the same thing almost every year for the last 10 years, some of the same cars showing up in the top 25. All clubs have to share, new people must be selected that are improving their vehicles so that the clubs survive. I belong to three clubs now, Corvette club of Michigan, Chevy S 10 club of Michigan.

I have a long list of parts that I have put on this car from Clark Corvair, Corvair Ranch helped me with a few pieces, The Original Parts Group, and several other vendors. In the end this car was appraised at \$17,000. This included paint, new interior total from door to door, new custom wheels, tires, high beam headlights and the list goes on.

So I decided to let my membership expire and just deal with the DACC group as a whole, if I need something, I will come to the swap meets to get my parts and just run as a Lonewolf. ■

Stay safe, healthy, and motivated.

Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

Beginning balance 1/17/21 \$4040.77

Income:

Membership \$295.00

50/50 \$85.00

Expenses:

Newsletter \$150.69

50/50 payout \$42.50

Attendance \$10.00

Ending balance 2/17/21 \$4217.58

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**Have you checked out
the DACC on Facebook?**

Tough Day at Ankle Breaker Acres

Article by Peter Koehler pkoehler01@gmail.com

So the plan was to simply jack up this 1964 Greenbrier and put better tires on it. You know, tires that held air and rolled? I wanted to move it out of the gully that it was sitting in at the Dexter Farm in Fenton, Michigan. The information was that the van was moved just last year so a couple of DACC'rs could retrieve a similarly rusted out Rampside from the property. Swapping out a few tires should be easy, right?

You have to understand that when Harold Dexter passed away nearly six years ago there were a lot of dead or dying Corvairs left behind on his land. Most of these had been there for several years. No, make that several decades! They had plenty of time to sink into the soft earth and mark their spot for eternity. Or, at least until the Garage Squad showed up. Quite a few of the project vehicles have found new owners over the past year or so. It has been "interesting" trying to get some of these cars moved out of the holes that they dug themselves into. (Note: For a more graphic demonstration of what was involved check out the DACC Facebook page under "Media") And when they finally relented and allowed themselves to be moved they left behind divits in the ground that you would have to be careful not to fall into. Now I don't mean you could fall down into a crevasse never to be heard from again, but you could twist an ankle quite easily. Just ask our man Ian Smith. He experienced this condition more than once thus, the name for the Farm and the name for this article.

But back to Tire Changing Day. First off buddy Pete Clmbala found a pair of usable 14" tires at his shop in Swartz Creek. I found a couple of correct 14x5 FC wheels down in the dungeon here at the Caveman Garage. Pete mounted the tires up for me and after a fine lunch sitting in my Silverado (they still haven't opened up restaurants in the Creek) I was off to the Farm. Upon arrival it appeared that this was not going to be easy peasy. One side of the van was slammed into either a pile of rocks (front) or a huge clump of mud (rear) which was now a huge frozen clump of mud. I couldn't even see the lug nuts on the rear wheel.

The weather could have been better, but the sun was shining so I made the best of a bad situation. I'll spare you the gory details and the foul language. I did get two tires swapped out on the van. It seemed that every time I tried to pick a spot to jack the 'Brier up the jack just went through the floor. This baby is RUSTY! Which resulted in it's new name: the RustBrier! Tire changes on the other side will have to wait for my new best friend Ben and his brute of a diesel plow truck to yank what is left of Rusty away from the rocks and the frozen crud. With better weather in a month or two or three we will haul the RustBrier up to Swartz Creek for a Take-A-Part party at Motor City Auto Sales. Once stripped of any valuables it will be shipped off to Industrial Iron and Metal on Dort Highway where Pete and I will get just enough \$\$\$ for another fine lunch. In the cab of my truck. Unless they let us inside restaurants again? ■

SELL & SWAP

Due to the concerns life has placed on us, please resubmit your ad to the editor. It will then be placed in the Aircooler.

Wanted; Looking for decent used "period" 15"x7" Ralleye, & Spoke (Caps & Genuine) wheels for my '69 Buick Electra 225 Convertible. Also need a Tilt Steering Column. Also a decent "period" Buick Vanity Plate.

Wanted, Early model Corvair Sedan. No serious rust. No P/Glide.

Contact R.M. Rocko Heath at;
586-431-4494 trainchaserrocko@aol.com

For Sale:

1962 Corvair Monza coupe project car. 84HP Powerglide, new M/C but the rest of the brakes need attention, new battery, 4 unmounted Maxxis P185/80R-13 WW tires, replacement windshield. Car has some perforation rust but is structurally solid. \$1000.00 Firm. Call Bill Vellner at (313) 720-9101 for more details.



1965 180HP Turbo Corsa Engine

I have a complete Engine Package - the engine is completely disassembled and needs to be rebuilt and assembled

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.

- ASKING \$1,800.00 (OBO) Don

Eichstaedt, done28@comcast.net, 248-552-8030, Southfield

Attention DACC Members

If you have not received the online Aircooler, please email me and I will try to send the online Aircooler to the email address you notified me with. First, we all know this, check your spam file, send your email address to membership, if you get eblast, Aircooler size might be an issue. John A. mentioned some internet providers have a concern with the DACC server. I will try, but cannot promise.

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Board Meeting

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We talked about getting an updated membership list for the board emailed to them.

We discussed if we should change the membership due date to the 1st of the month for all, and if you are just signing up for the first time it would be prorated for the balance of the year. Jusst to make it easier on Rich. Rich said he was fine with it the way it was. This was being brought up due to us finding out that is how many other clubs are doing it. We decided to leave it as it is.

We were wondering if there was a way to get the electronic version of the Aircooler working again. It is going to be looked into.

Homecoming registration and T-shirt flyer is completed and will be in the next Aircooler. Web site is updated as well.

I asked the board if I could do a separate mailing in June (like I did last year for) Homecoming and the board approved it. ■

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

The History of DACC 1979 by Clark Hartzel

President: Jerry Moons. Vice President: Mike Diviney.

Secretary: Dee Zelenak.

Treasurer: Leonard Findlay. Membership: Robert Kirkman.

Activities: Pete Cimbala.

Editor: Jo Allesee. Program: Pete Theisen. Parts: Bob Parks.

48 members came to the Christmas party. Club jackets were passed out. Ladies got corsages.

Everyone got Corvair patches.

Club meetings at Sambo's restaurant in Hazel Park. Guest speakers from AC Trim and Glass.

Coming events: Sleigh ride; Henry Ford Museum (admission only \$3.50); Ice skating party at Stoney Creek Metro Park; Detroit Zoo.

Much discussion of DACC hosting the CORSA national convention in Southfield at Northland Mall.

Election of officers discussed. DACC story on the front page of the Detroit News.

As of Feb 6th we have 110 members. Jim Westervelt will be chairman of the convention road rally.

A program committee was formed to provide guest speakers at future meetings.

An April event is planned to go down to Bryan, Ohio to the Tri-State Corvair Club swap meet, concours and autocross at Stan Pepple Chevrolet.

A May event to Huron, Ohio for the Vacationland Corvair Club show and swap meet.

A letter was sent from the U.S. Department of Transportation exonerating the Corvair handling issue.

They say it was no worse than VW's or other compact cars.

Guest speaker Willie Caldwell talked about trouble shooting your Corvair.

A May 6th practice road rally was chaired by Jim Westervelt to show our members what the CORSA road rally would be like in August. Bob and Paul Kirkman won 1st place with only 1 penalty point.

Election results: President: Pete Thiesen; Vice President; Larry Aikens; Secretary: Monica Moons.

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DACC Membership Report for March 2021

Submitted February 15, 2021 by Rich Blanchard

Welcome new members:

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

Bramble, Cavataio, Duve, Hatala, Hensley, Huff, Jennings, Lori Komora, Lehman, Monroe, Reyes, Sanger, Schwartz, Gerald Shreve, Jeff Shreve, Sobczak, Sziaczky,

Members to be dropped for non-payment: McGuire,

Due in November:

Due in December: Dixon, Jacobs, Koehler, Schesky,

Due in January: Bradley, Jacobi, North, Ross,

Due in February: Allesee, Blanchard, Lindh, McColgen, McKean, Stagg

We have 90 paid members, 14 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: Rich Blanchard- DACC. Address: 4776 Granger Rd Oxford, Mi 48371-3304

Questions about membership, change of address and/or email can be sent to

membership@detroitcorvairs.com or call Rich

Blanchard at (248) 770-8948 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.

History 1979 continued

Jerry Moons says the CORSA convention will have a tour to the Willow Run Plant and the GM Tech Center. Upcoming event: Memorial Day Parade starts Van Dyke and 8 Mile. June club meeting at Chem-Strip in Livonia. Another road rally in June. 4th of July parade in Clawson.

A service committee was formed to scout out places that will work on Corvairs.

July club meeting had guest speaker Everett of GM Engineering talked about the AGL prototype military vehicle with a Corvair powertrain. 12 Corvairs showed up for the 4th of July parade in Clawson.

The August CORSA convention was covered by the Detroit News. A nice article and photo shown.

20 Corvairs came to the Farmington Founders Day parade.

At the September meeting guest speaker Mark Rosaki of The Comet Bumper Corp. Talked about show chrome. Jerry Moons showed slides of the convention and Ken Pepke showed a movie of same.

At the October club meeting Steve Herman gave a talk on tires. He works at the Goodyear store in Pontiac.

Our usual Frankenmuth dinner tour will be October 13th.

Membership up to 120 after the national convention added some new members.

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A new meeting place will be Matthews-Hargreaves Chevrolet in Royal Oak.
Awards banquet will be December 1st at Stouffers Hotel near Northland Mall.
Board meeting at Ron Durie's house November 13th.
December 2nd will be a Christmas parade in Rochester for those who haven't put their cars away for the winter. ■

Valve Cover Racing by Clark Hartzel

CORSA guidelines as follows:

1. Must use a Corvair valve cover.
2. Gravity powered only, no motors, springs, magnets, jet propelled, etc.
3. Maximum weight 4.5 pounds, no minimum weight.
4. Maximum length 16" long, maximum width 8" including tires/wheels.
5. No part of racer to hang over starting gate which is 3" high.
6. It is recommended that the entrants make their racer with the wheels being the widest part of the racer. (Clark disagrees with this)

My racer has the wheels inside the edge of the valve cover to make the racer as narrow as possible. It is unlikely your racer will go down the track straight without bumping the side walls. By being narrower mine should go farther before bumping. Assuming it will still bump the side walls, I put roller bearings on all 4 corners so it will be less friction than scraping the sides of the cover.



The weight of the racer should be right up to the limit as it will go faster than a lighter one. If you don't have an accurate scale I suppose you could go to the post office and weigh it on their scales.

Don't use rubber wheels or anything with tread as it will slow you down, Best wheels are plastic CD's or aluminum sheets about 1/16 thick. When the starting gate goes down you want the wheels to accelerate as quick as possible.



Valve Cover Racing Continued

My wheels are attached to a 1/4" axle with nuts and washers. The axle rides in ball bearings. Many bearings are grease packed with shields or seals. You want as little friction as possible so I remove the seals and wash out the grease. Then lightly oil with 3 in1 oil or something very low viscosity.

I took some hardwood and drilled clearance holes thru for the axles. I then drilled each side with a drill closest size to the bearing O.D. This block of wood is then screwed to the bottom of the valve cover. Once you have everything assembled you need to add weight to bring it up to 4.5 pounds (72 ounces). It is easy to add weight as you can use screws into the wood or steel welded to mount to the center cover holes. If you use late model covers you can add screw holes to the center bump in the flange.



Just in case some one other than you puts the racer on the track, you should mark with an arrow which way the racer should be mounted.

If you use plastic CD's for wheels don't sit or store the racer on the wheels as they will warp and you end up with 4 flat tires!

I took some pictures of my cover but don't know if Adam has room in the Aircooler for them. ■

The Editor's Article Adam Morenski

Welcome everyone, hope everyone is doing well. I would like to take a few lines to reply to Anthony White's (aka "Lonewolf") article. Anthony has some very good points that he makes. He found the DACC so enjoyable he paid dues five years in advance. He also mentioned while talking to another member after restoring his very fine looking Corvair; (member) "why don't you put this car in our shows"? (Anthony) I said no, I'm not ready yet, still enjoying the car for myself. Now, being a loyal member for eighteen years, he wants to expire his membership because of the awards show. Anthony's point is most winners of an award are the same cars. He is correct, but is this the fault of the club? Most attendees are guests, not DACC members, and they vote if registered. The board or whoever tallies the ballots cast. In my opinion Anthony, you enjoyed the DACC for eighteen years, now giving it up over a onetime shot to get an award and not receive it? I hope you change your mind and continue your membership, your enthusiasm for the Corvair is admirable, we need members like you. You said you belong to other clubs, how do they work their awards? Please let me know. My understanding is past boards discussed this subject. Should it be mentioned at the meeting for member input? I will leave the topic up to the members present if they want to review this. Thanks to Bob Jennings, he replied to keep zoom. ■

DACC Homecoming T-Shirts

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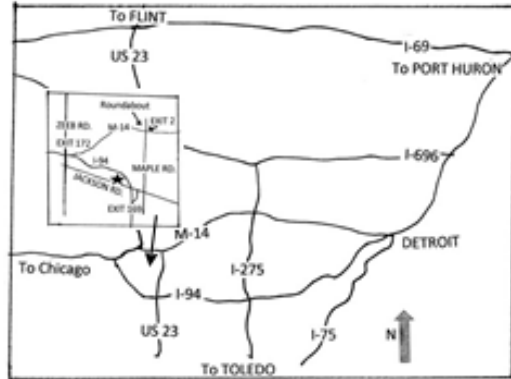
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Name _____ Phone _____

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Total:			

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the new location**



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Stay informed go to our Facebook Group
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Hotel location: Wyndham Garden
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734-665-4444

41st DACC Homecoming

Featuring
GM Heritage Center
August 26 – 29, 2021

THURSDAY - Registration 2 – 8
- Ken Pepe's World Class Hospitality Room 2-8
- with lunch
- Corvair & Firehouse Museum, Jugch and Cruise
- Swap Meet set up

FRIDAY - Registration 8 am – 6 pm
- Ken Pepe's World Class Hospitality Room
- Women's Activities as posted
- GM Heritage Center (\$10 extra)
- Valve Cover Races
- Swap Meet // Tech Session
- Cook Out / Picnic
- Movie

SATURDAY - Registration 9 am – 2 pm
- Ken Pepe's World Class Hospitality Room
- Road Rally
- People's Choice Car Show, Model & Toy Show
- Swap Meet // 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

Register online with this link: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/gn/corvair-club-detroit-homecoming>
Or call to make your reservation, be sure to mention "CORVAIR 2021" to receive the special room rate of \$89 plus tax, per night. Book before Aug. 12th when block is removed and the price goes up.

PLEASE / PLEASE when writing your check put the full name "DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB"

Fill in the form below and mail with check: DACC c/o Bob Wittmann 2830 Troy Ln., West Bloomfield, MI 48234

CUT HERE

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 \$40.00 FAMILY \$65.00 (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 \$ _____

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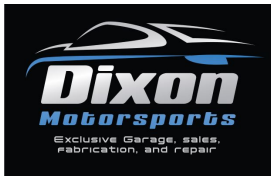
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Check out this site and expand your Knowledge of the Corvair. Search for other club websites and check them out, including their newsletters. What do you think? Say it at the meeting.
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Click on the links below to take you on a journey to other Corvair sites.

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