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AMAZON SMILE

I'm sure many of you purchase items from Amazon. Since the Pandemic started, many who never used Amazon, now do. But did you realize there is Amazon and Amazon Smile?

<https://smile.amazon.com/> Same company, same pricing, but Amazon smile contributes to charities. If you purchase from Amazon smile a small portion goes to a charity you can designate. I actually have chosen the Corvair Preservation Foundation as my charity. As of March 2021, The Corvair Preservation Foundation has received a total of \$1,200.57 All US Charities have received \$241,928,506.19 So if you use Amazon, how about helping out the Corvair Preservation foundation while you do so. Every little bit can help.

February Meeting Minutes

Great turn out at the meeting. I am surprised more are not joining us via Zoom. If you have any questions on how to join us via zoom please reach out and we can help you. It is a nice option to stay in touch when you can't make it in person. (Especially all of the snow birds who are too far away).

Currently we have 90 paid members and 14 owe dues. Tonight we met Tom who is our newest member. He has a 62 coup and a 64 Spyder.

Carol reported from Florida via zoom, \$4045.74 and we just want to remind please write your checks out to "Detroit Area Corvair Club"

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DACC Meeting is scheduled for:

Monday, April 5th at 7pm. Dinner and social hour at 6pm. Menu and beverages available.



President's Report

By Grant Tennant granttenant123@gmail.com

I hope everyone had a great week I want to thank everyone for the love and support you have gave me and to my family from this past month. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and want to remind you all I had recently seen this post on Facebook of a baby in the back window of the Corvair. "In 1960 the Corvair came with an baby carrier with a great view of the world, the sun made the baby warm and cozy". I just wanted to share this with you because it made my day and I hope it makes yours. I hope you have a wonderful month see you next meeting. ■

Have you paid your Membership to the DACC?

I just want to clarify that all events for Homecoming are subjected to change based on availability and restrictions due to Covid. I also asked what everyone thought about getting or making 1 or 2 sets of Corn Hole game(s) to have and use for Homecoming and or any other events. Is anyone interested and making a set?

Gary Tennant shared with us about the importance of doing due diligence of double checking the brake lines on our cars. This is his 3rd car he has found that the break line was totally blocked. Too important not to explore and check.

50/50 we took in \$105 winner \$52 goes to Ken Hebbeling and the \$10 attendance goes to Johnathan (Dave's grandson) He was very pleased with his winnings.

Swap and Sell Ken Hand has an '64 for sale 48,000 miles 3 speed 95 hp new tires, brakes, good driver quality \$3500. ■

Lori Komora -- Secretary Lkomora1@yahoo.com

Reaching for the Prize

Article by Pete Koehler Pkoehler01@gmail.com

Car shows in general and the DACC Homecoming in specific have tried several methods of handing out recognition to the event participants. Trophies are a very common "prize" that are awarded at the conclusion of an event. The way these are assigned varies as does the size and cost of the trophies themselves. In the past the DACC has also awarded coffee cups, framed pictures and even miniature antique gas pumps!

Several years ago as it was getting harder and harder to line up enough volunteer judges to cover the ever increasing number of Corvairs in the parking lot it was decided to switch over to a "People's Choice" popular vote system to recognize "winners". This made it easier on the folks putting on the event, but the winning cars might not be the highest scoring cars if we still judged on a point basis. Is that a real problem?

Every registered guest is given a ballot and they could pick 5 or 10 cars. Many times they would vote for a car that they knew from their club or the owner was a good friend. Not a problem, just human nature. Once the popular votes are tallied the Top 25 winners are paraded past the crowd and announced. Additional recognition is given as these 25 are featured on the club's annual calendar project. At first the format for the calendar was a one-page wall hanger. Winners could see their car displayed for a full year and hope to repeat in the next. Then we switched over to a multi-page calendar which is where we are today.

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Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

Beginning balance 2/17/21 \$4217.58

Income:

Membership \$220.00

50/50 \$106

Expenses:

Newsletter \$171.84

50/50 payout \$53.00

Attendance \$10.00

Domain \$58.00

Ending balance 3/17/21 \$4250.74

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Have you registered for the DACC Homecoming in August?

**Make All Checks Payable To;
Detroit Area Corvair Club**

Have you checked out the DACC on Facebook?

Links by Bob Wittman rcwittmann@comcast.net

This article reminded me of a Garage Squad activity - <https://www.hagerty.com/media/maintenance-and-tech/55-year-old-part-that-brought-corvair-back-to-life/>

See the attached or link to the article on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/corvair/permalink/2452525388131229>

a good lesson! ■

Bob



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To make the DACC 2021 Homecoming successful.

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

I am offering two award-winning Corvairs for sale. They are detailed below.

1965 Corsa Coupe, 140 Hp (4 carb) engine, 4-speed transmission, Cypress Green exterior, Faun interior. Exterior has been repainted. Interior is all original, except the carpet has been replaced. Has received Concours scores of 92-95 (receiving Silver Awards) at all CORSA Conventions I've taken it to except 2007 (84.75). This car won the Ed Cole Memorial Award at the 2007 Convention, in Detroit. Two sets of

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So what about repeat winners? Yes, it happens. But I think it goes back to why people attend the Homecoming - or any show for that matter. If you really need peer recognition and a place on the calendar or a trophy in your back seat for the ride home, then a point-judged concours d'elegance is your best bet. If your car is really nice and just about perfect the only way to recognize that level of perfection is with a high score on a standardized judging document. Think Pebble Beach or even the Concours of America held the day after our Concours d'Lemons event over in Plymouth, MI. Qualified judges with no axe to grind is the best way to determine if the fruits of your labor deserve recognition.

But... What about just coming out to the Homecoming to enjoy the hospitality and comradery of your fellow Corvair owners? You don't have to spend the evening cleaning the shock absorber tubes before tomorrow's judging. You can hang out in the parking lot, visit the swap meet, maybe even make a detour to the Beer Tent? It is all supposed to be a fun weekend. At the conclusion there will be 25 Corvairs lined up and paraded under the drive-thru at the hotel. Will there be an inordinate number of red convertibles on the calendar next year? Maybe. Will one club be better represented than another? Possibly. I like to assess my success (that's a lot of ssss) by the fun factor achieved over the course of the weekend. Did I make the calendar? My last appearance was with a ten-year project to bring back the oldest Corvair in the country - my tuxedo black horn-slot 1960 sedan. Was it one of the best cars there? Heck no! In fact it didn't even drive through the drive-thru! That was embarrassing but in good fun and that is what the Homecoming is all about. Hope we can actually pull it off this year. ■

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wheels/tires: original 13" with good 185/80-13 tires, wire covers; Minilite 15X8 with 205/50-15 Falken tires. Asking \$18,000.

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Contact seller: Phil Raker, (231) 942-1463,
n556p@yahoo.com

[Pics of vehicles for sale.](#)

DACC Membership Report for April 2021

Submitted March 15, 2021 by Rich Blanchard

Welcome new members: Tom Burgess, Steve Tackett, Grayden Sallows,

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: John Alleece, Rich Blanchard, Richard Dixon, Ken Hand, Pete Koehler, Robert Lindh, Randy McKean, Brad Ross, Jan Stagg, Gary Szuch,

Members to be dropped for non-payment:

Due in December: Greg Jacobs, Casey Schesky,

Due in

January: Jan Bradley, Michael Jacobi, Jerry North,

Due in February: Colin McColgen,

Due in March: Roger Roney, Robert Maciejewski, Stewart Murray, Tom Tennant, Jeff Wise

Due in April: Bill Anstine, Ronald Bluhm, Brian Granger, Dominic Mascia, Elaine Roerink,

We have 108 paid members, 11 who owe dues with 5 due this month!

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.



The History of DACC 1980 by Clark Hartzel

Pres: Pete Theisen V.P.: Larry Aikens Sec.: Monica Moons Treas.: Leonard Findlay
Memb.: Bob Kirkman Activ.: Pete Cimbala Program: Pete Theisen Edit.: Jo Allesee
Serv. & Parts: Deb Cheney CORSA Rep: Jerry Moons.

Meetings at Matthews-Hargreaves in Royak Oak. A sleighride at Upton Hills Farm is planned. Membership up to 133 A nice video of the 1979 CORSA Convention was shown.

A parts give away by Pete Theisen was well attended. 11 Corvairs went to the Rochester Parade.

DACC logo T-shirts available for \$4.00 each. A nice Corvair article written by Jacquelyn Nichaed Capital Times staff writer in Madison, Wisconsin. Corvairs available in swap and sell for \$1,700 to \$2,200 for a V8 Vair. A tech session at Bob Kirkman's house to rebuild an 80HP engine. February Board meeting to be at Ken pepke's house.

The Homecoming Chairman to be Ken Pepke. The sleighride was canceled due to no snow. An upcoming tour to Henry Ford Museum planned. Bylaws discussed. Vote in February. Know your rights about car repairs was discussed.

Members checked out the Baronta custom sports car using Corvair suspension and powertrain built by a club member. Postage for the Aircooler was 15 cents. A tour to the Sloan museum discussed

21 members came to Bob Kirkman's house for the tech session on engine rebuilding. 135 members in March. Pete Cimbala got interviewed on Flint's Bowling for Dollars show and he mentioned he had 17 Corvairs in the last 5 years.

The Sloan Museum tour canceled due to a snowstorm. A tour to the Tri-State Corvair meet discussed.

The Homecoming swap meet to be at Matthews-Hargreaves Chevy and concours show at GM Tech C. Election results: Pres.: Pete Cimbala. V.P.: Ken Pepke. Sec.: Jerry Moons. Treas.: Larry Aikens.

Membership: Jim Westervelt. Activities: Marvin Granger. Editor: Jo Allesee. Parts: Pat McCarthy. Bumper stickers "Corvair, Tomorrow's Car Built Yesterday" available for only \$1.00

A new meeting place at Howard Johnsons restaurant at Northwestern & 10 mile to increase the ladies attendance and have food available at the meeting. A road tour starting at J.Moon's house is planned. A tour to Vacationland Corvair Club in Huron, Ohio is planned. An Amvets parade at Van Dyke and 8 Mile planned. 86 members attended the April meeting. The concours show at the Homecoming will be judged by members of the Corvette Club to avoid favoritism.

Former treasurer Leonard Findlay passed away. Board meetings to be held at the Northland Inn restaurant on the last Monday of the month. At the June meeting a film "Unrestrained Flying Objects" was shown to encourage members to install and use seat belts.

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DACC History continued.

On July 20th a show at the old Packard Proving Grounds is planned. At the Homecoming a new class "Salt" was tried for all the daily driven Corvairs. Dee Zelenak won. Keith Major won Best of Show with his early blackSpyder.

Movies of the Atlanta CORSA convention were shown at the September meeting. A convoy to the Kalamzoo picnic of the West Michigan Corvair Club was planned. The Saleen parade was planned. The Plymouth Festival parade was discussed.

The Econo Rally was won by Ken and Linda Hand who got 35.2 MPG in the stick shift class and Jay & Nancy Nugent won the Powerglide class with 27.2 MPG.

The club received info from Michigan Car Storage. 6 months for \$150 heated, guarded, sprinkled, wood floors. 10% discount for club members. Location on Vincent Street in Detroit.

Al Gilhuly gave a very thorough talk on preventing rust outs. The October meeting had 74 members and 18 Corvairs. 11 Corvairs showed up for the Saleen parade.

The November meeting will be at the Good Year store in Pontiac for a swap and sell meet. The Dec. meeting will be the annual Christmas party.

Pete Cimbala taking over as editor for the Aircooler.

The following 1980 members are still with the club: Pete Cimbala, Don Eichstaedt, Marvin Granger, Ken Hand, Clark Hartzel and Ken Pepke. That's 41 years! ■

Editor's Article by Adam Morenski

As I write this, it's St. Patrick's Day, seems this year is moving fast, soon warm weather will be upon us and we will be complaining about the heat. I got one response from my Feb. question. **"so let me ask; What do you think? Should we Zoom? Would you use it? Also, Homecoming, what do you think? Are you going to go? What do you think of the cost increase? Tell me what you like and do not like about Homecoming. Please be specific, I do not want to guess your personal thoughts."**

I got one response from Bob Jennings, and he said; **"Since I live north of Frankenmuth I would welcome the use of Zoom for our winter meetings. The main reason I attend the meetings is that it gives me a opportunity to drive my Corvair (excuse). Since I do not drive my Corvair in the winter I would enjoy the chance to stay home but still attend the meeting."**

I have been asking for articles and pics of your Corvair hobby, please send them via my email. I am going to try something with this newsletter, Phil Raker has two vehicles in swap and sell, he sent many pics, two are in the paper version, I am going to try to add them all to the online version, (note, I said "try"). Lets see if it works, tell me what you think at the April meeting. Be there or zoom, you have the option. ■



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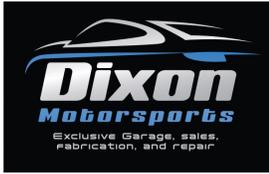
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Check out this site and expand your Knowledge of the Corvair. Search for other club websites and check them out, including their newsletters. What do you think? Say it at the meeting.
<https://www.corvair.org/>
Click on the links below to take you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

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