

# THE Aircooler

# **DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB**

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# May Meeting by Lori Komora

Tonight Grant was not able to make it to the meeting, so Gary stepped up as VP to get the meeting going. He started us off with a few silly comments.

We had 33 members in person, 6 on zoom and 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cars. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  was Pete K he only made it  $\frac{1}{2}$  way and broke down. Gary and I saw him pull over and gave him a ride to the meeting.

It was great to see Rockin Ronnie he joined us from Florida via zoom. Ronnie and his wife are doing better but still are not 100% yet.

We had one guest it was Jim C he has a 66 Monza Convertible he has owned it for 6/7 years.

Bob W updated us with up and coming events, see the Aircooler for his list. He did recommend that when members are heading to a car cruz to post it on our FB page and it might motivate a few others to join you. Carol updated us we have \$5163.46 we paid out for the newsletter \$161.80 new balance is \$5001.66 Membership we have 118 who are up to date with dues. See his list in the AC for who owes or are past due.

We think that the E version of the Aircooler is working these days if you would prefer to receive your copy that way please reach out to Rich B and he will add your email to the list.

Things are looking very good for Homecoming this year. We will be looking for additional help in the Hospitality Room. Please let Pete C or myself know if

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# DACC Meeting is scheduled for:

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

# CORVAIRS IN FLORIDA Spring Central Florida Car Show Article by John Oleary

On the premise that everyone has to be somewhere, we spent 3 months in Florida in our attempt to avoid winter. What was formerly a very friendly place, happy to take your money, suddenly attempts to restrict Covid vaccines for snowbirds administering shots through drugstore chains. Once Federal sites were up and running the picture improved quickly. A 2 day drive provided a snapshot of the steps being taken in 6 states. Florida was by far the most open and yet maintained respectable numbers of cases relative to their peers. Restaurants, open activities, gatherings were available. Masks were required in stores. Our destination has the area code of (321) which is a quick clue that the Space Coast is coming into view. A unique blend of Old Florida and the influence of the new Space Force took place in Cocoa Village. Judy and I enjoy Car Shows and have been to many, often looking for the things that make one better than others or different from others. Cocoa Village did not disappoint. Show hours were 11:30 AM to 2:30PM on the streets of Cocoa Village. Imagine arriving at 10:30 AM and still able to find prime parking and watching cars arrive and the show coming together. Even better, imagine 5 Corvairs at the same car show, 2 late convertibles, 2 vans and an early coupe (clear-coated over the rust). Just stick around a Corvair for a few minutes and someone will step up with a Corvair story

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Have you paid your Membership to the DACC?

you are able to help out.

Pete C shared with us that for Back to Bricks they have a record number who are going. They are up to 326 cars.

Adam has been adding the links in our AC of outer clubs newsletters. They are interesting to read and they tend to have some great tips and tricks to share. Swap and Sell Clark had brought a handful of books that he no longer wanted and had them on the table for people to take for free. Thanks Clark

Chris Hand is looking for a LM race car. If you know of one let him know.

50/50 was \$80 and the winner gets \$40 and it went to Ken H. and the attendance went to John O.

Hopefully next month we will have more cars in attendance!!!

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

#### **Board Meeting**

Gary, Carol, Rich, Bob, Adam, Pete C and myself Our discussion was on ways to get the best word out that HC is happening! I proposed that in June I want to do a mailing out with all of the info about HC and mail it out to all who came in 2019 to HC we have realized that many that come to HC do not get the AC with all of the updated info and want to reach out to past participants. They agreed. In the mailer we will be asking for additional help in the Hospitality room as well.

We asked Pete C if he knew why the HC info was not in the Communique. He has asked many time to put it in and has been told sorry and that it will be in the next issue. (I am pleased to announce that it is finally listed in the May issue)

Now that Bob Greer has passed away we are trying to figure out what to do for name badges. So Pete is going to reach out and ask his wife if she is interested in selling it to us.

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary ■

### Corvairs In Florida Continued

he/she wants to share. Also, there were lots of one-of-a-kind, unique creations and pure classics.

The Space Coast is alive and well after having been shuttered. We lost count of the number of launches; saw some rocket landings on a barge at sea We saw some major Space accomplishments including the plane to fly at supersonic speeds for commercial air travel. An exciting place to be. 

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Flag Day 2021, is a holiday observed annually on June 14. It is a day that commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States that took place in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

# **Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine**

4/15/21 Balance \$5163.46

Income:

\$380.00 Membership

\$80.00 50/50

Expenses:

\$161.80 Newsletter

\$40.00 50/50 Payout

\$10.00 Attendance

5/17/21 Balance \$5411.66

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Are you a "Roomer" or a "Zoomer"? Roomers attend DACC meetings, Zoomers attend the DACC meeting online.



Pic of Stewart Murray's wheels for his ad.



Pics of Phil Raker's award winning vehicles that are for sale.





1973 Corvette 454 Coupe project, 1 of 4412 built in '73 with a big block, turbo 400 automatic, air, white, black interior Call or text Stewart at 586.808.8328



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.

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# 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.

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

1965 Corsa Coupe, 140 Hp (4 carb) engine, 4speed 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 wheels/tires: original 13" with good 185/80-13 tires, wire covers; Minilite 15X8 with 205/50-15 Falken tires. Asking \$18,000. 1963 Greenbrier, 95 Hp engine (from a '64 car), 4speed transmission, Autumn Gold exterior, custom tan interior. Exterior has been repainted - not original color. Interior has front bucket seats. center captain's chairs which swivel/recline/slide, rear bench seat which reclines/folds, fully carpeted, full velour headliner and wall/door liners, seat belts in all positions, with shoulder belts on front seats. Everyone who rides in this van says it is by far the quietest Greenbrier they've ever been in. Has received Concours scores of 92-95 (receiving Silver Awards) at all CORSA Conventions I've taken it to. This van won the Ed Cole Memorial Award at the 2013 Convention, in Kalamazoo. Asking \$22,000.

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

Set of 4 - 14" X 7" Chevy Rally wheels. Recent metallic brown paint with stainless inserts and caps. \$350.00
Text or call Stewart at 586.808.8328

# The History of DACC 1982 by Clark Hartzel

 $Pres.: Ken\ Pepke,\ V.P.: Jim\ Westervelt,\ Sec.: Brad$ 

Westervelt, Treas.: Agnes Surma

Memb.: Marilyn Westervelt, Activ.: Mike McCarthy, Edit.:

Pete Cimbala, Parts.: Pat McCarthy

Program: Pete Theisen. Meetings at Howard Johnson's in Southfield.

Board of Directors meet at Ken Pepke's house in Warren. Christmas party at Harbor House in Redford. 52 people came to the party. Eight Corvairs came to the Rochester Christmas parade.

Clark's Corvair sent samples of all their upholstery vinyl. Club jackets were advertised.

An article on turbo Corvairs provided by A.D. Miller. Car storage for rent at \$145 for 6 months.

Feb. meeting will nominate new officers for March election. Meetings switched to Tuesday night.

Treasurer report \$476 in club account. Ken Pepke and Pete Theisen did a tech talk on photographing your Corvair. A Feb.13 road rally discussed. Personality profile of Ken Pepke in Aircooler.

Feb. 22 board of directors meet at Howard Johnson's. A funny article of Murphy's Law was written by Jan Eyerman of the Friends of Corvair club in Ohio. G.M. Dealer Service Bulletin recommends

50-50 mix of leaded regular and premium gas for 1970 and older cars. Corvairs have hardened valve seats so leaded gas not needed.. 1960 Corvairs and others with 80 or 95 H.P. Engines can get by on regular gas but all others require premium gas, especially 140,150 and 180 H.P. Engines.

A tour of Cars and Concepts discussed and a tour to the Tri-State meet in Bryan, Ohio planned.

Cindy Winkler of the Mt.Clemans race track invited us to attend the track for parade laps and other events. Not many folks would want to race their cars.

Election results: Pres.: Jim Westervelt, V.P.: Lou DeRocco, Sec.: Brad Westervelt, Treas,: Agnes Surma, Memb.: Marilyn Westervelt, Parts and service: Pete Theisen, Activ.: Larry Czapla, Edit.: Pete Cimbala. Sunday May 9th DACC will go to the Mt. Clemens race track. Wed. May 12th tech session

at the Good Year store in Pontiac. Sunday June 13th is the Carnival of Cars show at the old Packard Proving Grounds. Entrants will get a lap around the track. Personality profile for April is Norm King. A complete membership list will be in the Aircooler. Personality profile for May Aircooler is Ralph Brownell. Reports given on Norm King's shop and the upcoming Good Year store swap meet.

Eight Corvairs came to the Mt. Clemens race track for a parade lap. The announcer spoke about the cars and the club. A tech session on Corvair undercarriages had 4 cars on lifts for Ken Hand and John Loba to talk about. Personality Profile for June Aircooler was Walt and Betty June Mayer. Eight Corvairs convoyed down to Bryan, Ohio for their annual Tri-State Corvair swap meet. Continued next column.

DACC Membership Report for June 2021 Aircooler Submitted May 18, 2021 by Rich Blanchard

<u>Welcome New Members:</u> Jim Carbury, Tom Hall, Mark Kidd, Jeff Perkins, Rod Tusek, Rick White, Chris Braden

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: Gerald Ambrozy, Walter Euesden, Brian Granger,

Clark Hartzel, Jerry North, Cecil Rollins, <u>Members to be dropped for non-payment:</u> Jan Bradley.

Due in February: Colin McColgen,

**Due in March**: Roger Roney,

<u>Due in April</u>: Bill Anstine, Elaine Roerink, <u>Due in May</u>: Mike Anstine, John Monk,

<u>Due in June</u>: Gary Komora, Dave Beck, Jeff Grahovac, Bryan Johnson, John O'Leary, Doreen Reisig, Linda Tennant

We have 125 paid members, 7 who owe dues with 7 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 <a href="membership@detroitcorvairs.com">membership@detroitcorvairs.com</a> 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 of the DACC continued.

A list of shops that will work on Corvairs had 11 places in Metro Detroit and Flint.

Postage for the Aircooler was 20 cents. Only 2 Corvairs went to the Vacationland Corvair show in Milan, Ohio. The Westervelts took a first place with their 1965 black 4-door.

DACC took orders for car covers with a zipper section to be able to open the driver's door with the cover on. The price was \$44.00. A trip to see Don Schneider's World of Corvair in Ohio is planned for Aug. 21-22. He has approximately 60 Corvairs in two buildings. DACC had a good showing at the CORSA National Convention in Syracuse, N.Y. Jim Westervelt too

lots of pictures and showed slides of the convention at a club meeting. Brad Westervelt took a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy at a Detroit Sports Car Council autocross event. He also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the rally,

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#### History of the DACC continued.

The event at Don Schneider's was a success and 55 people had dinner in Winesburg after looking at all the Corvairs. I remember noting that some of the cars were parked together so close that if one had a flat tire the body would touch the next car. They must have been rolled into place by hand as a driver had no room to get out of the car.

The October meeting will have a speaker from Champion Spark Plug company. The November neeting will have a movie by George Plimton and Valvoline Oil.

Jim Westervelt gave a report on the Hoosier show at Indianapolice. 105 Corvairs came from all over.

The entrants got to take a lap around the Indy Speedway. The Romeo Peach Festival had 12 Corvairs in the parade. A Christmas brunch will be at the Farmington Hills Holiday Inn. 16 Corvairs convoyed up to Frankenmuth for our annual chicken dinner at Zenders. Ken Pepke had 5 Corvairs for sale in the Aircooler. Once you get hooked they sort of multiply!

# ACTIVITIES FOR THE DACC MEMBERS & FAMILY

I'm looking for the interest level out there - If we arrange a Corvair Car Show in Algonac on Saturday June 26th for any time in the range from 9am to 2pm - would you come? This would be the same Saturday as the Antique & Classic Boat Show at the Algonac Harbor Club, which would be walking distance from where we would have the show. This would get us to the North East, and would be something a little different. If you are likely to participate let me know at <a href="mailto:rcwittmann@comcast.net">rcwittmann@comcast.net</a> - also let me know if you will show a Corvair!

**Events (June and July)** 

19-Jun Gilmore Air Cooled Gathering https://www.facebook.com/events/230689475480736/

19-20-Jun Sloan Museum Auto Fair <a href="http://sloanautofair.com/">http://sloanautofair.com/</a> Register before 6/5!

26-Jun ?? A Vintage Boat Celebration 2021 ??
Algonac Harbor Club <a href="https://michacbs.com/michigan-chapter-show/">https://michacbs.com/michigan-chapter-show/</a>

#### 24-Jul Concours d'Lemons

 $\underline{https://www.facebook.com/events/1525924890929594/}$ 

## Preregister at:

www.eventbrite.com/e/concours-dlemons-michigan-2021-tickets-126866688681

Monthly DACC Meeting at: Three Hundred Bowl 100 Cass Lake Rd. 248-682-6300

## From The Editor Adam Morenski

Hi everyone, hope you are doing well. Can you believe this is the June Aircooler, seems like time flies. I ask members to submit articles for the Aircooler, John Oleary delivered, great job! Are you working on your Corvair, send a short article with pics, tell us what you are doing. We have 118 members, there seems to be a lot of gossip at the social hour of the meeting about working on this, doing that, send a short article, we want to read the gossip. We are looking at a DACC Youtube channel so any approved video can be linked to the online Aircooler. This way, you can video your project, trip, or just show off your Corvair, giving you more options, but if you do not use the options, well, what filler do we use?

The links below will take you to other Corvair newsletters, you just need to be online of course. There are tech tips and you can read how other clubs are doing. Note the links on the cover.

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