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Are You Going to the Homecoming? Article by Pete Koehler

Yes Virginia, there is going to be a DACC Homecoming this year. And since we have over 100 members in the club that should calculate out to somewhere close to 100 Michigan attendees, right?

Need a good reason to show up? Let us talk about the Swap Meet. In the past we have enjoyed a pretty big swap meet with all kinds of cool Corvair stuff to check out. This year at our new location in Ann Arbor we have a larger hotel, but a slightly smaller area for the outside swap meet. The solution? Move inside! The details are still being worked out, but the plan is to offer at least 20 spaces inside the hotel for vendors of new, NOS and at least clean Corvair parts. That means no oily, grungy, or nasty old worn-out engine bits inside. And here is the hook, I am planning to pump up attendance: An offering of hidden gems from the Harold Dexter Collection of NOS Corvair parts! The Garage Squad has already made a huge contribution of time and effort to help the Dexter family bring these parts out into the open and make them available to hobbvists. There are two more barns and a few metal sheds on the farm property up in Fenton that hold untold treasures for us to see and buv.

Between now and late August, we will schedule several sessions to pull out box after box marked "car parts" from the buildings. In addition to the Corvair parts, Harold collected memorabilia. There should be plenty

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The July DACC Meeting will be held on Monday, July 12th @ 7pm. Social hour will start @ 6pm.

This is due to the 300 Bowl being closed for the July 4th holiday. The August meeting will be at its normal first Monday.



Read Linda Tennant's article on page 2.

Picture #1, Mother's Day 2019

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of little cars and trucks and tractors to fill several inside vendor tables at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. As we get closer to the date of the event, I will be looking for Garage Squad volunteers to help watch over the inside tables. Prices will be marked so you do not have to be a Parts Guru to help out. Ian Smith will be heading up the Swap Meet and assigning spaces outside of the Hotel. He would welcome help out there as well.

Since all of us have put our hobby on hold for too long now due to the International Health risks, this year's Homecoming offers a chance to get back to normal. Normal? Let us plan to attend and make this event even better than normal!!



Picture #4, Sally's first Homecoming at Comfort Inn, Plymouth. 2019

Linda Tennant's Story

My first car I bought after I graduated high school in 1965 was a black 1963 Corvair Monza 4 speed (no, I do not have a picture of it).

Fast forward 54 years later and for Mother's Day 2019 our son, Tom, gave me a white 1963 Corvair Monza 4 speed. I have named her Sally, after my mom who had to sign for my first car because I wasn't old enough to own one. (Back in 1965, you had to be 21 to sign a purchase agreement.)

With the help of Pete Koehler and the garage squad, they worked to help Tom get her running and ready for the road.

Thanks guys, it was definitely a Mother's Day to remember. I was speechless when I opened the box with a set of keys in it. (Two pics on page 4) ■

Homecoming Update

By Pete Cimbala

I was a couple hundred miles away on June 7th. and missed the meeting where I am sure the subject came up about this big event we are having in August. So many things are going to be different this year at the new location and after almost 30 years in Plymouth

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Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

5/17/21 Balance \$5411.66

Income:

\$160.00 Membership

\$110.00 50/50

Expenses:

\$169.36 Newsletter

\$55.00 50/50 Payout

\$10.00 Attendance

6/18/21 Balance \$5447.30

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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



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.

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,

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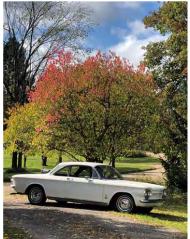
************** I am offering two award-winning Corvairs for sale. They are detailed below.

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





Picture #2, Club Get Together at Jeff Shreves, 2020

Picture #3, Fall at our house 2020.



Activities and Homecoming info from Bob Wittman

Events for July 24-Jul Concours d'Lemons

https://www.facebook.com/events/1525924890929594/

Preregister at:

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

As the weather, and the countries health (POST-Covid) improves, the registrations for Homecoming Accelerate! To date we have 34 registrants, accounting for almost 60 people! We have commitments for \$2555, of which \$1950 has already been received. Eighteen People are going to participate in the Wine and Cheese party, while 25 have elected to visit the Heritage Center.

On the Commercial side, there are 11 tee shirts, 7 swap spaces and 4 extra calendars accounted for! The sirnames of registrants include Allan, Allen, Baker, Baldwin, Brown (x2), Bussard, Corbin, Dehring, Dubia, Eutzly, Foster, Granger, Gubser, Harkless, Hurt, Jennings, Jones, Komora, Lamb, Light, Mazzeo, McClintock, McVicker, Monk, Morenski, Newill, Norwalk, Rittenhouse, Robinette, Sweet, Tennant, Wentlandt, Zuercher, - from as far away as North Carolina and Oregon! Fourteen registrants will be attending their FIRST homecoming - but your name is NOT listed???

I hate to tell you, stamps are not getting any cheaper! Fill out the form, cut the check and mail it in!

Looking forward to the BEST HOMECOMING **EVER!** More Activities on page 5

DACC Membership Report for July 2021 Aircooler

Submitted June 18, 2021 by Rich Blanchard Welcome New Members: Michael and Joyce Henk Thanks for keeping your membership up to date; Mike Anstine, Dave Beck, Jan Bradley, John O'Leary. Elaine Roerink, Linda Tennant, Suzanne Vadovich Members to be dropped for non-payment: Colin McColgen

Due in March: Roger Roney, Due in April: Bill Anstine, Due in May: John Monk,

Due in June: Gary Komora, Jeff Grahovac, Bryan

Johnson, Doreen Reisig,

Due in July: John Bussard, James Dehring, Ken

Pepke, Bill Vellner, Mark Williams,

We have 128 paid members, 7 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.

Homecoming Update continued

it will seem strange to make the right turn at the 23-14 split in Ann Arbor. The room we are using for the Ken Pepke World Class Hospitality Room is much larger and on the ground floor just steps away from the car display and swap meet. Even room for some indoor vendors with clean parts and some of the stuff that Harold collected for years. The rules for outdoor gatherings have loosened up this month and will free up even more by August so I think we can have a "normal" type event this year. It will be nice to see our friends from out of town again and I sure hope the borders are open so our Canadian group can make the trip west. Every month we attempt to twist a few more arms for help so please consider spending some of your time there on the "other side of the table" in the feeding line or even at the registration center. It's going to have a different feel this year and I think it will be a good one for several reasons. We will not know about the GM Heritage Center status until sometime in July and as we get closer to mid August, we may have good news. From a planning standpoint we do not want to schedule something we are unsure of so it will be a last-minute go or no go. Watch the Facebook page or Website for updates that may come up before the next Aircooler.

June Meeting

We had a great turnout at the meeting we had 29 people at the bowling alley and six on zoom. The bowling alley informed us that they will be closed on July 5 due to the holiday so our next meeting will be July 12.

Rich informed us we have seven new members which brings us to a total of 125 members in good standings. Current treasury report \$5242.30

Adam said he would love to get some stories of what people have been doing on the cars. Even if it's just a picture of your car. He even was encouraging our president and vice president for articles.

Homecoming sign-up list went around the meeting and I'm trying to get more people to help out especially in the hospitality room. We really need people to help even if it's just for one meal just some additional help would be wonderful. Don't forget to start building your valve cover racers we will be doing a Saturday build session date to be determined. It will be at Bill V's house. I am looking to find someone to do a tech session at homecoming. We do have the availability of the indoor theater seating room with a projector already there for us to use.

Adam lucked out with winning both the 50-50 drawing and the attendance ticket. He left the meeting with \$65 from the two drawings.

Lori ~~ secretary

Board meeting minutes

Grant, Adam, Carol, Rich, and Lori were in person. Gary and Bob were via zoom.

Our meeting was all about homecoming. Trying to figure out additional ways to get more new cars and the calendar and it's kind of hard to figure out ways when it's peoples choice. Carol brought it to our attention that the DIA Museum has a concept car exhibit and we might be able to work it out to go as a group. I was asked if Pete had any luck getting a hold of Bob Greer widow in regards to the name tags printer.

Adam was wondering if anyone made any progress of setting up the YouTube video channel for the club.

Lori ~~ Secretary ■

More Activities from Bob Wittman Registration information for the Berkley CruiseFest on August 20, 2021

berkley.maxgalaxy.net Registration Fee: \$10.00 Deadline to register 7/20/2021

DACC Staging Area to be determined. We should stage

as the DACC. ■

The John Glenn Corvair will be on display July 17th at the John and Annie Glenn Museum (his boyhood home) in New Concord, Ohio, as part of his Centennial Birthday Celebration. Any CORSA members or chapters in the area should consider adding this to your activity calendar - a rare opportunity to see the car and tour the museum about the man who first owned it.

Mike Hall and I will be there.

http://johnandannieglennmuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JGCC-schedule.pdf

The History of DACC 1983 by Clark Hartzel

President: Jim Westervelt, Vice president: Lou DeRocco,

Secretary: Brad Westervelt

Treasurer: Agnes Surma, Membership: Marilyn

Westervelt, Activities: Larry Czapla

Editor: Pete Cimbala, Parts: Pete Theisen. Meeting place: Howard Johnson's in Southfield.

<u>January Aircooler</u>: A representative of Champion Spark Plugs will speak

Club jackets on sale. Jim Westervelt listed the duties of officers. Talked about Christmas party.

Entertainment by Harry Colestock, a magician.

Only 3 Corvairs went to the Mt. Clemens Christmas parade. 9 Corvairs went to the Rochester parade.

Vice President Lou DeRocco is a member of the Motor City Theater Organ Society who own the Redford Theater.

Various Corvairs for sale at \$3,000 or less.

Treasurer's report \$739.00.

<u>February Aircooler</u>: Darwin Doll, V.P. Of Michigan International Speedway talked about events at the track. He is also a CORSA and DACC member and Corvair owner.

Information given about Corvair wiper blades and spark plugs.

The club was billed \$34.00 for not meeting the minimum food order by members. Some members complained about the food and service so we might look for a new place to hold meetings.

Personality profile of the Westervelts. Members who only want a newsletter but not DACC or CORSA membership can pay \$10.00.

March Aircooler: Discussion about election of officers. The chip dip is up to \$60.00.

The M.I.S. Speaker showed a movie on Indy car racing and donated a door prize of two tickets and pit passes for the September 18 race. It was won by Ken Hand. Personality profile of member Warren Hildebrandt who teaches auto shop at Rochester high school.

A complete membership list printed in the Aircooler.

<u>April Aircooler</u>: New officers are President Lou DeRocco, V.P. Walt Kostelnik, Sec. Kathy Mucha,

Treas. Marilyn Westervelt, Membership Pete Cimbala, Activities Larry Czapla, Editor Eva Ciccarelli

Parts Ken Hand. Films from GM shown by Ken Pepke. Treas. Balance \$604.19.

<u>May Aircooler:</u> Club jackets wearing out the logo can be rescreened at the May meeting.

Personality profile Eva Ciccarelli. Eleanor Paton finally won the \$65.00 chip dip,

Guest speakers from the Detroit Grand Prix. A map of the Amvets Memorial Day Parade covered a whole page. Various Corvairs for sale at \$2,500 or less, Corvair Houston is selling sneakers with Corvair logo and name on them for \$34.95.

<u>June Aircooler:</u> Tour to Spring Arbor, MI to see Lloyd Ganton's "Ye Olde Carriage Shop" which has Antique cars made in Jackson County 1902-1954,

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a slide show, license plate collection and a dozen old gas pumps. Guest speaker George Francis, Director of Willow Run GM Assembly Plant showed slides of the restoration of a 1964 Corvair. It cost \$84,000. Jim Westervelt showed slides of last fall's tour to Don Schneider's World of Corvair in Ohio. He has 80 Corvairs in two buildings.

Personality profile of Ken Hand. DACC is hosting a mini convention Corvair Weekend at Briarwood Hilton June 18-19 in Ann Arbor. There will be a car show, swap meet, banquet, autocross and a tour of the E.P.A. Test labs. July Aircooler: Treasury \$965.24. 300 people and 64 Corvairs came to the Corvair Weekend in Ann Arbor. 114 came to the banquet. A list of repair shops who work on Corvairs in Aircooler.

August Aircooler: Stu Shuster will give a talk on Corvair Styling. Numerous parades and shows listed. A Canada tour is planned by Kathy Mucha as she lives in Windsor. Our member Harold Boyer has the last known 1969 Corvair #5999. #6000 can't be found and some rumors say it was scrapped so nobody got it. September Aircooler: Pete Cimbala has Corvair posters for \$4.00. DACC kicense plates are available for \$3.00. Details of the Canada tour discussed. GM 75th Anniversary parade in Flint discussed.

Stu Shuster's 1969 Corvair took 1st place at the Packard Proving Ground show.

A wiring diagram of Corvair generator and alternator was printed in the Aircooler. A 51 Question trivia quiz was printed in the Aircooler.

October Aircooler: Jim Westervelt gave a slide show of Corvair Weekend and the Seattle CORSA Convention. Saturday October 1st is our annual tour to Frankenmuth. Treasury balance -\$74.92. Huge expense to Briarwood Hilton for Corvair weekend.

November Aircooler: Membership up to 123. Howard Johnson's requires \$80.00 in food sales to let us use the room for meetings. Some members don't eat there and the club has to cover the remainder.

42 people and 13 Corvairs came to Kathy's Canada tour. Clark and Joanne Hartzel won a bottle of vintage wine for winning the trivia quiz. 12 members went to Ohio for the Friends of Corvair Don Schneider World of Corvair tour. Walt Kostelnik took 2nd place in early model show. Ken Hand won a calculator door prize. 18 Corvairs went to Frankenmuth on the fall tour and chicken dinner event. Our treasury recovered to a balance of \$503.99. December Aircooler: Christmas party at Ho Jo's. Last month's meeting had two guest speakers. Jim Garvin makes plastic and fiberglass parts for the Corvair. Herb Long is sales manager for AC Delco and talked about spark plugs and filters. Eva resigned as editor and was replaced by Bernie Conflitti. ■

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

Dune Buggy Fun Article by Gary Komara

Some of you know that I have Clark Hartzel's last dune buggy, well when I got it the buggy needed some help. It was not running, didn't have brakes, a project. Last year I got the buggy running and took it to the dunes, it had a 3.27 gear PG with an 110hp engine and kind of struggled to do everything, so I decided to do some upgrades. I pulled the diff and trans and replaced them with a 66-69 4 speed and 4.11 gears, well now as I run the buggy around my subdivision (learning how to drive a stick shift) sometimes in both 1st and 2nd gears the buggy will buck like a mule.

One of my buddies from work was doing a drag day out at his property and I took the buggy expecting to get beat by 4 wheelers. Well I was able to beat one truck and one 4 wheeler which wasn't bad and found out it's a decent little rocket. I launch it at 2000 rpm shift to 2nd at 3500 rpm and if I'm lucky get to 3rd gear before running out of room. For some reason I am not able to shift to 2nd after 3500 rpm, it sounds like I am grinding the gears. My guess is I'm not letting the rpm's drop enough to get into 2nd, but who knows. Either way the dunes will be fun with buggy this year.

From the Editor, Adam Morenski

Welcome to July, are you shining up your Covairs? Some items to note, change in meeting date, pay attention, do not drive to 300 Bowl to find it closed for the holiday. Also, I would like to thank Linda Tennant for her article and pics, great job. Now, about the rest of you? Send me your article and pics, no matter if you are working on the vehicle or shining it up. The Aircooler is a page extra this month, hope you enjoy the content. I am trying to add filler to the little spaces, sometimes it's easy, this month it's just a touch more difficult. You might notice more Homecoming info in the Aircooler, well, it's not to bore you, but encourage you to sign up and attend the Homecoming at the new venue in Ann Arbor. While the board was reviewing past Homecoming attendance. I was surprised that some years, more friends from other Corvair clubs attend than DACC members? We encourage all Corvair enthusiasts to attend your Homecoming, but we want to see you, the DACC member attend, it's your party and you have a grand opportunity to meet fellow Corvair enthusiasts. I really hope the US - Canada border opens up, let's get our Canadian Corvair friends to enjoy your hospitality as they have done several years in the past. Think of coming to the Homecoming as a mini vacation, bring your better half, the vehicle and stay a couple nights, but you must make the decision to attend, and if you can, volunteer to help. Success will only depend on the people working the event. Email Lori, she can help find a position for you to fill. As always, let me know if there is something you would like to see in the Aircooler.

Michigan to lift all COVID restrictions on capacity, masks, gatherings June 22

Indoor, outdoor settings can increase to 100% capacity starting Tuesday (June 22)

Now you can go to the Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming.

Really, check out the DACC Facebook page or our website for info.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER.







Enjoy the newsletter links to other Corvair clubs. Remember, must be online.

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https://www.corvair.org/

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