



# THE *Aircooler*

DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

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## July Meeting

We had a great turn out. We had 37 in person and 3 on zoom. We had a nice mixture of early, late and a Greenbrier, oh and let's not forget about the Corvair want to be aka a sweet Corvette. Ken P and Clark were wonderful and brought in goodies that they no longer wanted. I shared information with the group about Homecoming. When making your hotel reservations please make sure you mention Corvair 2021 to reserve your room, otherwise they indicate that there are no rooms available. We could still use more help in the hospitality room. Remember to bring your valve cover racers to run on the track. GM Heritage Center will be open and Patrick Skiver's vehicle will be the featured vehicle at the Center. We still don't have an answer yet about the Ypsilanti Museum. Bob shared what the upcoming events are please refer to his article of these events. Carol let us know that we had a deposit of \$1380 Homecoming registration, she paid out \$171.88 for Aircooler, \$134.31 for the Homecoming mailer and \$300 out for T-shirts for Homecoming. (We will be styling at this year's Homecoming!) The group was presented with the idea that we re-name the valve cover racer event to "Paul Piche Valve Cover Race Event" It was seconded by Jan B. and we voted the motion carried. Pete K let us know that at Concourse d' lemons that the Nader Vair will be in attendance. First time joining us at the meeting was Stu Ehrhardt. He has a '63.

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**FYI - the DIA has an exhibit that may interest auto lovers... See <https://www.dia.org/detroitstyle>**



VISIT ART EVENTS EDUCATION SUPPORT SHOP

Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City, 1950- 2020



Sun, Nov 15, 2020 — Sun, Jan 9, 2022

*Thanks to Carol Harsine for bringing it to our attention...*



**Bob Wittman's "Just Something To Do"**  
Anyone willing to help come up with a tour to this show?!?

Just don't want to be cruising along and come upon an unpaved road!  
Thinking of Breakfast in the Lake Orion area - and then tour (paved) 2-lanes thru Romeo, Richmond and St. Clair and then M29 to Port Huron for the show... Maybe ID a stop in Richmond to pick up East-Siders... Open to ideas from the more experienced.

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Swap and sell Bill V. has a windshield for an Early for \$100 50/50 of \$82.50 went to Robert Jennings and it never fails that newcomers tend to win the attendance drawing Stu Ehrhardt left \$10 richer.

## Board Meeting

We held our meeting via zoom on Sunday before the regular meeting. All were in attendance (Gary only for a short period due to he was at the airport waiting to board his flight). Adam presented an idea about taking advantage of the discounted rate for Corsa memberships that he wanted to know if the board thought it would be a good idea to buy 10 memberships to give away. He said it would be a good way to support Corsa. We talked about it and then decided it was not a good idea. I asked the board for permission to buy some signage to assist for homecoming parking, I present the cost for name badges at a new supplier, and clips to hang the name badges. (As of the day of the meeting we still haven't been able to get ahold of Bob Greer's widow to see if we could buy his equipment he used to make our name badges.) The parking signage proposal was 4 signs 2 sided 18 x 24 and 10 signs that will be one sided approx. size 18 x 12 the cost will be \$104 it was 2nded by Adam, motion carried. Badge clips purchase 500 (enough for a few years) cost of \$40 plus shipping it was 2nded by Bob, motion carried. We discussed re-naming the Valve cover track to Paul and we liked the idea and will vote on at the meeting. Due to some inappropriate comments on our Facebook page we have had to add a few rules for the group. They are on the page now. The individual's comment was removed and was contacted and let them know that it was not acceptable and to not do it again.

**Lori Komora ~ Secretary ■**

## Bob Wittman's "Just Something To Do" continued.

Sept 11 would be the Saturday - most of us will have recovered from Homecoming. Maybe an easterly mid-way stop to pick up east-siders...

For the return, maybe ID two "Leads" - one the 69-westerns, and the other the 94-Southwesterns... Just kind of acknowledging that everyone will go their own way after the show, but we can still caravan...

<https://m.facebook.com/events/466306904714880>

- July 23 - Concours d'Lemons "Auto History Idiot Adventure" Link [HERE](#)
  - Contact The Detroit Bus Co
- July 24 - Concours d'Lemons - 5 Mile and Sheldon, Plymouth. Details link [HERE](#)
  - Note: Telegraph Cruise is the same day!

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## Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

6/18/21 Balance \$5447.30

Income:

\$300.00 Membership

\$165.00 50/50

\$2695.00 Homecoming

Expenses:

\$171.88 Newsletter

\$82.50 50/50 Payout

\$10.00 Attendance

\$134.31 Homecoming Flyer

\$300 Homecoming t-shirts

7/17/21 Balance \$7908.61

- Aug 7<sup>th</sup> - Valve Cover Racer build session @ Bill Vellner's Shop in Redford – more details to come in the Aircooler and via eBlast. Get your Valve Cover Cleaned up! BYO valve covers, wheels, we have sufficient bearings for the first 7 units.
- Aug 20 - Berkley CruiseFest Register for \$10 by 7/20 at [http://www.berkleymich.org/departments/parks\\_and\\_recreation/cruisevest.php](http://www.berkleymich.org/departments/parks_and_recreation/cruisevest.php)
- Aug 21 - Woodward Dream Cruise - Registered for parking spaces on Old Woodward - Birmingham may be issuing via lottery, not sure if we won or not! If you want a space, let me know...
- Aug 26 - 29 - Homecoming - see <http://detroitcorvairs.com/Homecoming2021.html>
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> DACC Meeting (delayed due to Labor Day!) – **nominations for all BoD positions**
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Proposal - Cruise to Port Huron for: <https://m.facebook.com/events/466306904714880>
  - participation feedback and route planning help needed!
  - Same day as the Frankenmuth event
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> DACC Meeting – **elections**
- Anyone want to do the DIA in October? See <https://www.dia.org/detroitstyle> ■

## The History of D.A.C.C. 1984 by Clark Hartzel

### January Aircooler

Pres.: Lou DeRocco, V.P.: Walt Kostelnik, Sec.: Kathryn Mucha, Treas.: Marilyn Westervelt.

Member.: Pete Cimbala, Activ.: Larry Czapl, Editor: Bernie Conflitti, Parts: Ken Hand.

Meetings at Howard Johnsons in Southfield. Christmas party a success. Thanks Linda Hand for making gifts and center pieces. Guest speaker Richard Moehr who does color caricatures. He did one of a 1963 Corvair during the meeting. Various Corvairs for sale from \$400 to \$1500. Allen Brunke was thanked for repairing Bernie C's Corvair on Christmas eve! Gene Haubert thanked club members for their support and help. Bill Artzberger has a new book out on "The History and Restoration of the Corvair"

### February Aircooler

The March meeting will be elections. Guest speaker Shirley Girard from Oakland County Sheriffs Dept. spoke drinking and driving. Ken Pepke has club jackets for sale. Treasury Balance \$551.57.

CORSA Convention will be in New Jersey July 26-28.

### March Aircooler

Stu Shuster provided a paper cutout template 1969 Corvair. Nembership cards are now available. Craig Balow has 3 Corvairs for sale or trade for land. Bill Cotrofeld advertising Viton seals and new cylinder head nuts. The majority of the Aircooler filled with swap and sell cars and parts.

### April Aircooler

Our editor moved to Chicago so Ken Pepke took over the Aircooler. Talked about a convoy to the tri-state meet in Bryan Ohio. Jim Craig of San Diego wrote an article on flammable liquids. Be careful of fire. 114 members in club. New officers: Pres.: Walt Kostelnik, V.P.: Kathy Mucha, Sec.: Linda Hand

Treas.: Sharon Pepke, Activ.: Craig Balow, Editor: Ken Pepke, Member.: Pete Cimbala..

### May Aircooler

Corvair weekend meet will be held in Ann Arbor. Name tags now provided so everyone can be recognized. Picnics were discussed and we will try them out in June, July and August, Fran Kostelnik published a recipe on spice bars and asked members to come up with more. Kathy Mucha is planning a Canada tour with a possible two day event.

### June Aircooler

Celebrate the Corvair's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our Corvair weekend July 14-15 in Ann Arbor at the Briarwood Hilton. Guest speaker Ralph Nodwell talked about his 1960 Corvair being displayed in the Detroit Historical Museum. Sharon Pepke provided a recipe for strawberry cream cheese pie. Our first

picnic will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at Island Lake Recreation Area

### July Aircooler

Guest speaker for Corvair Weekend will Kai Hanson retired from Chevrolet R&D. Dave Gould volunteered to be club historian. Treasurer report \$306.59 due to Corvair Weekend expenses. **Continued next column.**

### **History continued**

July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Cass City. Kathy's Canada fun run will be August 25-26.

### August Aircooler

Kathy Mucha describer all the events that will take place on her Canada tour. Picnic Aug 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

September 8<sup>th</sup> is the Saline parade with food after at the American Legion Hall.

### September Aircooler

The Corvair Weekend was a success and CORSA wants us to do a sanctioned mini convention next year.

October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> is Friends of Corvair event in Ohio.

The Sloan summer Fair was well attended with over 900 vehicles. First place Corvair was Mike Kulhaneek's 1966 Corsa convertible. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Keith Major's 1962 Spyder coupe. 3<sup>rd</sup> place Stu Shuster's 1969 convertible. Our meetings are back at Howard Johnson's.

### October Aircooler

A visitor Pete Koehler from the Chicago club. Nobody showed up at the August 19<sup>th</sup> picnic.

Walt K thanked Kathy Mucha for the great Canada tour.

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## **Make All Checks Payable To;**

# **Detroit Area Corvair Club**

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### Chapters, I need your help!

I am conducting research on 1964 Corvairs with Fawn Interiors (they would have pint code F on the Fisher Body Tag). We have discovered that this interior came in two different versions - undocumented in any sales literature, and we need to build a database of many such cars to determine when or possibly why the change occurred. Version #1 used Medium Fawn paint around the doors and quarters.



Version #2 used Light Fawn paint around the doors and quarters. Research to date suggests that the Medium Fawn paint was used on 1964 cars built early in the run and Light Fawn on cars built on or after January 1964, but our sample size to date is very small, so we are looking for more cars with this interior. Please ask your members, or post this in your newsletter. Ask them to contact me via email at [wjhubbell@gmail.com](mailto:wjhubbell@gmail.com) - I need the Fisher Tag info and a photo of the interior around the doors.

Thanks!  
Bill Hubbell  
President, Stock Corvair Group ■

## 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.  
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Set of 4 - 14" X 7" Chevy Rally wheels. Recent metallic brown paint with stainless inserts and caps. \$350.00  
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



Master Auctioneer Marvin is requesting you, the Corvair enthusiast, to bring items for auction and do not forget your \$\$\$ for bidding. The auction is always a fun time that helps raise money for the DACC.

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Ken P showed a film of the 1979 CORSA convention in the Detroit area. Christmas party will be at the Rochester Country Club. October 6<sup>th</sup> parade in New Boston Apple-fest. Fall tour to Frankenmuth will be October 20<sup>th</sup>. Treas. balance \$720.97. Rick Evenson and Mike Diviney are both selling their Crown 327V8 Corvairs. How often do you see two V8 Corvairs for sale in the same club?

November Aircooler

Guest speaker Carl Renner GM designer during the late 50's. Kathy M reviewed her Canada weekend. 12 Corvairs came to the two day event Pete and Patty Koehler joined D.A.C.C.

December Aircooler

D.A.C.C. Has moved the meetings to the GM Training Center at the Tech Center. We can even bring a car into the building for display. Craig Balow resigned as activities director so Pete Koehler volunteered to take over that job. Wall's Corvair Underground has come up with Teflon bushings for the carb cross shaft. The kit also provides a drill to clean up the worn bore. Pete Koehler talked about the Corvair adventure "From Here to There" ■

## DACC Membership Report for August 2021 Aircooler

Submitted July 13, 2021 by Rich Blanchard

**Welcome New Members:** Stu Ehrhardt

**Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:** Bill Anstine, Mike Anstine, Gigi Debbrecht, Kurt Graham, Jeff Grahovac, Carol Hairsine, Greg Jacobs, Bryan Johnson, Robert Lehman, John Monk, Adam Morenski, Ken Pepke, Doreen Reisig, Bill Vellner,

**Members to be dropped for non-payment:** Roger Roney

**Due in June:** Gary Komora,

**Due in July:** John Bussard, James Dehring, Mark Williams,

**Due in August:** Jeff Dehring, Don Eichstaedt, Lori Komora, Ross Newton, Bill Owens, Robert Norwalk,

We have 131 paid members, 4 who owe dues with 6 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](mailto: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.

Make your hotel reservation now, register with the DACC online.

August 26, 27, 28

2021 Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming



Wyndham Garden  
Ann Arbor  
2900 Jackson Avenue, Ann  
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**Parts and Services.**

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Consignment Sales: Ads provide our members with a quick reference to satisfy their Corvair needs. DACC members that want to be included on this list, submit your info to the Board at a monthly meeting.



Check out this site and expand your Knowledge of the Corvair.  
<https://www.corvair.org>  
/ Go to the Corsa YouTube site and check out the videos.

**The August DACC Meeting will be held on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attend at the 300 Bowl or on Zoom.**



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