



Homecoming Edition

Board Meeting Sunday Aug. 1, 2021

Gary, Bob, Carol, Adam, Pete C. and Lori

We mostly discussed things needed to get done for Homecoming. One question was asked was whether or not Haggerty was going to donate to the event like they had in the past. Pete indicated they have been contacted but have not committed as of yet, but they indicated if they did it would most likely a smaller amount. We will be happy with anything at this time. Pete indicated that the dash plaques are ordered and being shipped to my house. The Sales Manager at the Wyndham has changed, and she has shared all of the information with the new Manager.

We talked about the upcoming election. We need to recruit a few individuals. We need someone to become the new VP and someone for Activities for sure. But overall, all positions could have someone new if they so inclined to run for office. We need to know by the September meeting to be placed on the ballot for the October meeting and vote. We discussed on whether or not we should consider continuing with the zoom for the meetings.

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2021 Concours d'LeMons Michigan - Pics & Winners

Thunderstorms of near biblical proportions forced the 2021 Concours d'LeMons off the sodden fairways of the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, MI and into parking lot behind the hotel, next to the dumpsters, where it really belonged. Crap cans owners from all over the midwest braved the damp weather and shared their hoopties with the appreciative spectators. The celebrity judges accepted bribes ranging from gas station sourced hors d'oeuvres to the finest of Wisconsin Bourbon. Once the judges sobered up and the results were tabulated, a flim-flam awards ceremony distributed dollar store sourced trophies to the winners.

Sponsor [eBayMotors](#) provided \$100 gift cards to class winners and a \$200 gift card to Scott Dolmage of Berkley, MI for his "Worst of Show" winning 1989 Pontiac 6000 STE AWD. The AWD Pontiac is one of only 2000 or so made, one of 10 or so left in the world and is the nicest one in existence. The event crew from [Hagerty](#) deserve a standing ovation for moving the show on a moment's notice and making it all possible. As always, the Concours d'LeMons events are inexplicably brought to you by [Hagerty](#), [eBayMotors](#), [Griots Garage](#) and [Classic Motorsports Magazine](#). (You might have to right click the links, go to "open hyperlink")

[CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL THE PICS](#)



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We have not had a great response to people joining the meeting via zoom. Our next meeting will be a week later due to Labor Day and the bowling alley being closed. So our next meeting will be September 13th.

Monday Night Meeting

It was a nice night we had 10 Corvairs join the meeting as well as a few other classics. Sorry the zoom link would not work we had issues with the Wi-Fi being spotty. We had 2 new young guests, Cole has a 61 coup and 66 Convertible (Ian's old one) and Alex with a 63 Spyder. They even volunteered to help unload the club trailer at the hotel for Homecoming. Membership we have 131 Paid, 6 due this month. It is nice seeing this number go up. Carol updated us with our current amount in the account of \$8883.04 but a lot of the monies is from the registration for Homecoming. Speaking of Homecoming as always, we need more help. At this time, we have 92 registrations which equals 160 people. We are looking for individuals to run for the club board. Bob wants to step down from activities and Gary will be moving up to President. We would prefer to know in September if you want to run for office to have your name printed on the ballots but if not we can write it in. Our election will take place during our October meeting on 10/4. Bob discussed the upcoming events see elsewhere in Aircooler for his list of upcoming events. 50/50 went to Kerry he received \$52, and Gary received \$10 for his attendance ticket. Swap n sell Pete C has been a few people have reached out to him of cars for sale. 62 Wagon Monza in the far western UP. A Forest Green 69 Monza Coup 3 speed runs and drives. Someone he also knows is looking for a early coup to turn into a race car. No title needed. Les S has a 63 coup for sale. It has been stored indoors since early 80's ran when parked. Needs a new headliner. He also has a right front fender for it as well. Bill V. still has a early windshield for sale.

Lori -- Secretary ■

Did you know?

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated in **New York City on Tuesday, September 5, 1882**. Following the deaths of 13 workers during the Pullman Strike in June of 1894, President Grover Cleveland made reconciliation with the labor movement a top political priority, and Labor Day become a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day **pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers** and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. ■



September DACC Meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 13th @ 7pm

Treasurer's Report by Carol Hairsine

7/17/21 Balance \$7,908.61

Income:

\$160.00 Membership

\$105.00 50/50

\$3,135.00 Homecoming

Expenses:

\$230.57 Newsletter

\$52.50 50/50 Payout

\$10.00 Attendance

\$500.00 Homecoming t-shirts

\$162.50 Homecoming dash plaques

8/17/21 Balance \$10,353.04

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Wonderful Wittmann Wows Them One More Time
By John Oleary

Where do I begin? Will it ever end? What began as an event provided to us in a link for a Bus Tour in the *Concours d'Lemons* announcement turned into an evening of fun and surprises. The Pepkes and O'Leary's signed on and found out we were joining the Road Rally group from the Concours d'Lemons for a Detroit Bus Co tour of historical Auto Icons of the auto industry. For beginners, we were greeted by a Cruze full of pizza. All you could eat plus crazy bread, water, etc. Next, on to a 20-foot table of art supplies to make our posters in support of Saturn. What Do We Want? Fuel Economy. What Do We Want? Plastic Cars. You had to be there!

First stop the formerly magnificent headquarters of Kelvinator to Kelvinator-Nash to Kelvinator-Nash-Hudson to American Motors-Jeep to Chrysler and so on. From someone that had been in that complex many times, this was an emotional moment. Our host relieved all that as he organized several events for this 2-busload audience. The Tire Hurl, Golf using pieces of debris and Soccer with a broken toilet for a goal was only the first stop.

Next, using the posters we made when we arrived, we were on to the Ren Cen to protest in support of the Saturn and clamored for its return. About 100 of us were greeted by Taryn Asher of Fox 2 News for an interview and a slot on the 10:00 o'clock news and several recurrences on Saturday. The last I heard was that the Ren Cen is still shaking.

Remember, we were expecting a quiet evening, nice bus ride, etc. (Luxury Bus is an oxymoron) An old school bus with a wild paint job draws an audience in any neighborhood but 2 of them is double the fun at our final stop, the old Velodrome, built in the early '60's to train Olympic Cyclists. Also was the site of the original Soap Box Derby's before relocating to Akron, OH. Remember to ask Ken to relive his life as an 8-year-old climbing into the Soap Box he built for his turn at conquering the world. DACC members begin to realize how fortunate they are to have activities like this, especially during the high point of July and August, at their disposal. A special thanks to Alan Galbraith and the Detroit Bus Company and to Bob Wittman for making it all available to us. ■

(More pics on the online version)



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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From The Editor Adam Morenski

WOW! A packed Aircooler this month, hope you enjoy this "Homecoming Edition". There are articles from John Oleary, Bob Wittman, Kenton Vellner and more. Clark's History article had to be cut in half, so you will see the latter half of 1985 next month, sorry Clark. I am going to try to add extra pics to the online version if I can get the time. This HC Aircooler is dedicated to all the volunteers that made the HC a success, without your tireless support, the DACC's premier event cannot happen. Hopefully, we can get more volunteers next year to ease the burden on everyone, please consider helping. What did you think of the new venue? Of your overall experience? Email me and let me know, my email address is in the DACC Officers column. ■

All Detroit Area Corvair Club Board Positions Are Up For Election In October.

Please consider taking on a volunteer position in your club. We need someone to become the new VP and someone for Activities for sure. But overall, all positions could have someone new if they so inclined to run for office. We need to know by the September meeting to be placed on the ballot for the October meeting and vote. ■

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The September 11 attacks were a series of airline hijackings and suicide attacks committed in 2001 by 19 terrorists associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda. It was the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil; nearly 3,000 people were killed.



The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance or 9/11 Day is a federally recognized National Day of Service that happens in the United States on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001. On December 18, 2001, Congress approved naming September 11 "Patriot Day" to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. ■

To All Our Terrific Homecoming Volunteers **Thankyou!**

If not for your generous support in helping, the Detroit Area Corvair Club's Homecoming would not have been a success.

Here are a few of the many volunteers. I apologize to the volunteers I missed, maybe next HC we can do a group pic.



VALVE COVER RACER TECH SESSION

August 7, 2021

“Wall to Wall William” hosted a session designed to educate and fine tune the age-old art of Valve Cover Racers. Basic design and construction techniques quickly progressed to the finer elements. For this event, “Wall to Wall William Vellner” provided a facility straight out of *Better Workshops and Gardens*. Imagine a garden setting, ample parking, leading to a facility replete with wall-to-wall carpeting, heat, A/C, rest room (male oriented), fully tooled (drill press, magnified-lighted). A venue well suited for the very talented Clark, Jerry, Bob, and Bill.



We languished in the shadow of a Corvair and a motorcycle as we learned how to open bearings to reduce the grease load and produce a “fine-tuned” bearing for true Valve Cover performance. Valve covers, bearings, CD’s, parts were available for anyone that needed help to catch up. Just wait until Homecoming to see a new class of VCR’s do their thing. Thank you, Bill, Clark, Jerry and Bob. ■

- John O’Leary



DACC History 1985 by Clark Hartzel

January Aircooler

President Walt Kostelnik, Vice Pres. Kathy Mucha, Sec. Linda Hand, Treas. Sharon Pepke
Membership Pete Cimbala, Activities Pete Koehler, Editor Ken pepke, Parts Ken Hand.

Meetings at Howard Johnson's in Southfield on the Tuesday of the month.

1984 Christmas party at Rochester Golf Club. Only 34 members attended.

January 5th membership cards will be mailed to all current members. “Vair Tips” tech. books available for \$3.00. New meeting place will be at the G.M. Training Center at the Tech Center in Warren.

February Aircooler

June mini convention concurs at G.M. Tech Center on Saturday then caravan to Sloan Fair show on Sunday. Phil Ballentine was seriously injured when running an engine on a test stand. He forgot and left an input shaft in the crank. It flew out and hit him in the face. Was sent to the hospital.

A movie “From Here to There” was shown. Treasurer's report \$431.57. Some members went to Carlos Murphy's for eats and drinks after the meeting.

March Aircooler

Stu Shuster showed a movie “Road Rally” that had a few Corvairs in it. Nominations for officers asked. Bob Kirkman talked about early axle bearings. Clark's Corvair parts found over a hundred new bearings. Jim Caputo is taking applications for upcoming mall shows. Phil Ballantine has lost vision in his right eye after the accident.

April Aircooler

Election results: Pres. Kathy Mucha, Vice Pres. Stu Shuster, Sec. Sharon Pepke, Treas. Agnes Surma
Editor Clark Hartzel, Membership Ken Hand, Activities Pete Koehler, Parts Pete Cimbala, Mall Shows Jim Caputo. Coffee and donuts will be provided at future meetings by Ab lves from Windsor, Ont

Treas. report \$473.19. Members 100. Our June convention will be at the Troy Hilton. Rate \$42 single

\$52 double. Concours show at G.M. Tech Center Styling Dome.

May Aircooler

42 members at meeting. Treasurer's report \$543.57. Walt Kostelnik planning a tour May19 starting at Fairlane Town Center and ending up at PA Dutch restaurant in Hamburg. Kathy Mucha talked about the Wheels of Freedom show and parade on June 29th. Bob Kirkman talked about double flare brake line fittings. Pete Koehler showed slides and a movie about Yanko Stinger racing. Future board meetings will be at Melio's restaurant at I-75 and 11 Mile one week prior to the membership meeting. The meeting after the meeting was again at Carlos Murphy's restaurant for eats and drinks.

June Aircooler

Pete Koehler and Stu Shuster managed to retrieve the Astro 1 show car from a warehouse in Detroit and it was delivered to Pete's house in Farmington Hills. It will be displayed at our June mini convention. It is so low the top of the roof doesn't come up to the top of the doors of our Corvairs.

Ed Ketterer from G.M. Styling will be at our next meeting to talk about how he prepped and painted Ned Nickle's 1969 Corvair convertible now owned by Stu Shuster. Don Arner explained his accident while cleaning parts with gasoline and a space heater going in his garage. It seems gas vapors travel the floor and go” boom “when presented to the open flame! 7 members went to Three Rivers to the annual swap meet at Al Grunert's house. Al has a cool Corvair powered garden tractor. Many parts were traded and sold. 15 Corvairs went on Walt Kostelnik's brunch with the DACC bunch tour to Hamburg. This year is the 100th anniversary of the first car in Michigan. It was steam powered and built in 1884-5 by Thomas Clegg in Memphis, MI. Unfortunately, he took it apart and sold the steam engine before the Ford Museum could have picked it up and displayed in the museum. There is a historical marker in Memphis where the shop and car was built but everything is long gone. Some people think it was the first automobile in the USA. ■

DACC History for 1985 to be continued in next month's Aircooler.



**September 11, DACC 2nd Saturday
Cruise Event
aka Taking a Corvair to an Antique
Varnished Boat Show!**

Reference <https://boattheblue.org/> and see their video on [Facebook here](#)

Depart on Saturday September 11th from the Leo's Coney Island in Lake Orion (281 S. Broadway, Lake Orion) **@ 9:00 AM sharp**. If you wish to have breakfast, show up 45 minutes to an hour ahead of departure! We will travel from Lake Orion east on 32-Mile thru Romeo and Richmond and making a stop at a Mobil Station on the Southeast corner of Division Rd (aka 32 Mile) and Gratiot ~ 9:50. This will allow all to empty and refill as needed and be a rendezvous point for others joining our trek from the East side.

We will depart the Mobil Station at 10:00 Sharp! We will travel east to St Clair where we will turn north, following 29 along the St Clair River to our destination. We will attempt to park as a group near the St. Clair Community College Book Store. We should arrive there ~ 10:40 AM. After we have our fill of touring the boat show, we may opt for lunch and will likely split into two groups – one travelling west 69 and one going Southwest 94. ■

Suspension Upgrade

By Kenton Vellner

One of the previous owners of my Corvair installed nylon bushings in both ends of the rear suspension lower control struts. While it did stiffen up the suspension, it was difficult to align the strut ends when reassembling the rear suspension. In addition, the added stress caused one of the differential brackets to crack. Rather than replace the bracket with another stock unit, I chose to use the Crown bracket.

After considering what to replace the nylon-bushed struts, I finally chose struts from PMT Fabrication. They have Poly w/graphite bushings on one end and a spherical pivot point on the other.



They are also adjustable for length and can be used to fine-tune rear camber.

Installation was very easy. I marked the outer eccentrics to maintain the camber settings. I also adjusted the new strut rods to equal the stock rod lengths. Thanks to the swivel ends at the differential end, I was able to align the holes and easily slip the bolts in. The finished installation looked very satisfactory.

I was very happy to leave the original struts behind.



**DACC Membership Report for September
2021 Aircooler**

Submitted August 17, 2021 by Rich Blanchard

Welcome New Members: Kassie Anstine, daughter of member Mike Anstine; Alex and Cole visited, both own Corvairs, hopefully joining soon!

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: John Bussard, James Dehring, Gary Komora, Lori Komora, Bob Norwalk, Jay Nugent, Mark Williams

Members to be dropped for non-payment:

Due in August: Jeff Dehring, Don Eichstaedt, Ross Newton, Bill Owens,

Due in

September: Kerry Borgne, Ken Boulan, Tim Bramble, Keith Cutter, Mike Davis, Len Dodman, Rocko Heath, Greg Kellogg, Roger Nelson, Dale Ropp, Les Schlaud, Beverly Schmidt, Ian Smith, Jerry Smith, Jim Spaulding, Bob Storc, Mark Szlaczky, Jerome Yoscovits, We have 127 paid members, 4 who owe dues with 18 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.

Pics From The 2021 DACC Homecoming in Ann Arbor, MI.



Ben Mullins (left) was the 1st Place Winner of the Paul Piche Valve Cover Race. The blink of the eye second place racer was Spencer Mullins (top).



Friday's 50-50 winner of \$185 was Patick Skiver (top right). Saturday's second 50-50 winner for \$160 was Jason Demoss (lower right).



Enjoying the hotel lounge during hot, humid weather.



Ruth Sweeney's daughter in Texas called Ruth to wish her a Happy Birthday, in the process of that call, Ruth found out she won the first Saturday 50-50 for \$178. Congrats to the first lady of the hospitality room.



Your incoming club prez, Gary Komora was quoted stating "I didn't really volunteer, I just did what I was told to do."



Grant Tennant, your outgoing club prez bringing in more food for you to feast on. Thanks, Grant, for your dedicated service.



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Three Hundred Bowl
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Check out this site and expand your Knowledge of the Corvair.
<https://www.corvair.org/>

Updated the CORSA Club Office address
**CORSA Club Office
PO Box 68
Long Lake, MN 55356**

The September DACC Meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 13th @ 7pm. Social hour is 6pm. Attend at the 300 Bowl. There will be no more zoom access.



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Additional pics from John Oleary's Article



Homecoming Pics From Kenton Vellner





More DACC Homecoming 2021 Articles and pics will be in the October Aircooler.