



# THE *Aircooler*

**DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB**

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## October Meeting Minutes

I would like to start off with thanking Judy for helping me out this evening doing my meeting minute notes. It was a busy night with the election going on. But before the meeting started Gary was very busy with 50-50 tickets, we had a good size crowd of 41 people and I think we had a big turnout due to it was election night for the new board. Gary thought he was going to have an easy night just helping count ballots but due to confusion, Grant had messaged he thought the meeting was the next week and would not be there at the beginning to get the meeting up and going. So, Gary rose to the occasion, sold 50-50 and started the meeting.

We acknowledged everyone that was running for office, it was great to have more people running then we have had in the past, thank you for everyone who had stepped up and run for office. Raven even threw her name in as a last-minute candidate to run for activities. Bob shared with us that we were going to go to the DIA on Saturday to see the concept car exhibit. The next outing after that is October 16<sup>th</sup>, a fall color tour starting in Milford, ending up in Livonia.

Rich said we have a few people still owing dues and we have three new members. Carol gave us an update on the treasury report, we have \$8083.59. She asked if anybody still had any homecoming receipts to still turn them in. The only outstanding thing we show at this point is for the printing and mailing of the calendars for the top 25 cars.

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## HAVEN GIVEAWAY

It's that special time of the year...the time for us to help the many families of HAVEN experience the wonders and excitement of Christmas. With our help, and the help of our communities, HAVEN has provided for hundreds of families and children and made Christmas special and unforgettable for many. Our generous donations are important to make the HAVEN GIFT GIVEAWAY a success. If you would like to join us again, please bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift to the DACC December Meeting. Gift cards from area merchants are also welcome. Haven serves all ages and all needs, and they need our help to continue. All gifts, donations and contributions will be delivered to HAVEN for their annual GIFTAWAY. Haven requests gifts of warm clothing, toys (please no guns, water pistols, etc.) or gift cards. Haven then sets up a Christmas shopping display where the pre-qualified parents or guardians of these innocent victims can participate in a "Gift Giveaway". This is a very well organized and executed event that tries to help fill the horrible gap left by a broken or abusive home at Christmas. At a time when innocent children find themselves in a horrible gap while courts, counselors, agencies all try to deal with the knowns, the children are left with the unknown. Life bombards us with choices but never do we get a choice of who will be our parents. Christmas is a special time. We try to do our share through Haven. Donations, volunteering, and gifts help fill that need. ■

Judy O'Leary

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**DACC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
PARTY DURING THE  
MONDAY DECEMBER 6TH  
MEETING @ 7PM.  
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Adam expressed concerns that the post office is taking longer to get mail out and wanted to make sure that everybody was getting their Aircooler in a timely manner before the next meeting date. If not please let him know that you're not getting it in time.

Bob and Todd shared the story of working on Todd and Stephanie's car as well as Greg's car at the same time. If I understand correctly, they were trying to fix a leaky fuel tank, the Garage Squad came to the rescue and got them both up and running, Stephanie fed them a wonderful feast of food.

Pete and I sat in the corner counting up the ballots to find out who the new board is. The end results are as follows: President Gary Komora, VP Mike Anstine, Treasure Carol Hairsine, Membership Rich Blanchard, Activities Raven Hand, Secretary Lori Komora. Again, thank you all who ran for office.

I am currently in contact with the hotel trying to get our contract in place for July 7-11, 2022. Once we get that all taken care of, we will be sending out a mailer letting everybody know all the details.

We had a short discussion regarding our Christmas Dinner, the consensus was that we will have it at the bowling alley, same night as always. We also decided we will just order off the menu like always because the prices are so reasonable.

### **Board meeting minutes for October**

Based on further reading of our bylaws it states listing of persons who memberships require renewal will be published in the newsletter of the month they are due. If those are not received during the month they are due, that member will be dropped. Based on their information we have realized that we have not been following the bylaws. So, to comply with the bylaws from here on out it will be acknowledged two months before your dues are due in the Aircooler. If you do not pay in the month, you were owed the following months you will be dropped and when you pay your dues that will become your new anniversary date. And as always, we always encourage you to join Corsa. We were very pleased that the outstanding check we had from 2019 homecoming has been made good and they even overpaid and told us to keep it as a donation. Due to the donation, we have decided to give them one year free membership to DACC. Their donation was larger than one year 's dues.

Adam brought up the idea of CPF window clings that are available. With further research I realize that to get a CPF window cling you must become a CPF member. It would be great to help the CPF so consider joining and getting a cool window cling that recognizes the 1962 Corvair. Gary shared with us that he will be setting up a zoom link for the board meeting to happen on the Sunday at 8pm before our regular Monday night meeting. ■

**Lori Komora ~~ Secretary**

### **From the desk of the President**

For our regular/election meeting we had 42 show up and at least 4 Corvair's which is not bad for this late in the year. We have two new members to the board Mike Anstine as the new VP, I am stepping up as President. Thank you, Grant, for being president this past year. We also have Raven Hand taking over for Bob as activities. I want to thank Bob for his time as activities chair (excluding the 2020 year, just kidding). We would like to inform you that our Christmas meeting is December 6th, (at the 300 Bowl and order your food off the regular menu) please bring an unwrapped gift for Haven House and a \$10 car related gift for the Christmas dice game if you want to play. I want to tell you all a story (you will find out I like good stories) about the first Corvair activity I was at. It was either the 2009 or 2010 Homecoming, my mom and I had heard of a car show that was at the Comfort Inn but never knew what it was. Well, my grandpa, my mom and I showed up we parked in the Bennigans

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**November**



## SWAP & SELL BONUS!

### Christmas Corvair Toy Shopping!

Article by Pete Koehler [pkoehler01@gmail.com](mailto:pkoehler01@gmail.com)

Don't hate me, but the snow season is just around the corner. That means that Christmas can't be too far behind. And it isn't too early to consider what gift to get that Corvair person in your life. You might even want to gift yourself! Coming up at the November meeting of the DACC on the first Monday - otherwise known as November 1st. There will be several Corvair toys from the Harold Dexter collection on display and available for purchase. Some of these are quite valuable. Some are less pricey and would make good gifts. All \$\$\$ collected goes back to the Dexter family as we are still trying to help Ben get a nice used tractor for use on the farm.

Every trip to the farm uncovers more and more Corvair toy-type treasures. The items being selected for the November meeting display range in price from just a few dollars to some extremely rare Japanese tin-toys that have been selling in the hundreds of dollars. We have just a few toys in that range, but there is a wide selection of smaller and more affordable toys. Your choice!

Another segment of the Corvair toy collecting hobby involves Structo metal Rampside models. Harold must have loved these as there are well over 50 examples already removed from the barn(s). Some of these are just a shell and might be considered "parts trucks". Some are show winning examples that Harold painstakingly prepared for model car competitions over the years. We even found some of his winning trophies. With this volume of Rampside models to sell you might even get a "volume discount" for multiple purchases!

No matter what your tastes are in the Corvair toy hobby come to the November meeting and see if something doesn't catch your eye. The Dexter family thanks you for your participation. ■

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### Activities by Raven Hand

Hi, let me introduce myself. I'm Raven Hand and my introduction to Corvairs happened all the way back in 1994 when I met my husband Chris Hand and the Hand family. Since then I have always enjoyed these fantastic cars and more recently I have enjoyed participating more actively in DACC events and cruises with my 1963 Corvan "Dolly" and making new friends.

On September 26th 6 Corvairs, 7 counting Ken Hands race car, descended on Waterford Hill Road Racing track to watch Ken Hand race and participate in parade laps as fundraising for the racetrack. It was perfect weather, and Ken Hand finished all his races without throwing any belts. It was a good time. That said I welcome any and all suggestions for potential club events and activities. ■

### Why do they call it Thanksgiving?

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as recounted by attendee Edward Winslow— was attended by 90 Wampanoag and 53 Pilgrims.

## 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.*

The time has come for us to pass our 1965 Corvair Conv. to someone to enjoy as we have. We got it out of storage in the Spring, took it home, parked it in our garage, and have yet to start it!

\$10,000, or best offer.

Cell: 1-517-795-7032

[eldencparsons@gmail.com](mailto:eldencparsons@gmail.com)



Jerry Light is selling his Corvair, please contact Jerry at [glight1956@icloud.com](mailto:glight1956@icloud.com) for all details. Bob W. notified the membership at the meeting about the sale.



### 1965 180HP Turbo Corsa Engine

I have a complete engine package - engine is completely disassembled, need to be rebuilt and assembled. NEEDS - turbo freed up, 2 new cylinders, 2 new rods, top cover, dist. parts, plugs, 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 \$800.00 (OBO) for ALL

Don Eichstaedt

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Southfield, MI



1963 Corvair Spyder convertible for sale. Asking \$6,500 obo. Please contact

[hneil8833@hotmail.com](mailto:hneil8833@hotmail.com)





## Ultra Van to Elvis

Article by Dave & Gloria Beck, Brownsburg, In.

It was the end of September and time for another Ultra Van excursion in #389. The goal was to drive south from Indianapolis to Nashville Tn. and travel the Natchez Trace Parkway as far as time allowed then back home. The 444-mile-long scenic Trace was built by the Federal government in the 50's to follow a historic trail used by the Kaintuck Indians, European settlers, slave traders and soldiers. A relaxing drive through Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi with a maximum speed limit of 50 mph and very little to see but wild turkeys, historical landmarks, waterfalls and such. We started at the "end" of the Trace mile marker #444 at the famous Loveless Café and headed towards Natchez, Mississippi mile marker #1. Stopping to read the historical markers we met the very few travelers and motorcyclist that were also wanting to take a road less traveled. One stop we met a couple who had a nearby farm and talked of riding their bicycles as kids to watch the Parkway being built and how exciting it was to see all the construction when all they had ever seen before was an occasional road grader on their gravel road. The old guy told of his dad driving a Corvair to work in the winter and how great it did in the snow. I learned that Hellen Keller's birthplace was near mile marker #320 in Alabama. Another tourist told us that stink bugs arrived from China in a shipping crate and spread north. They damage apple and other fruit trees and have no predators. I can believe that. It's strange what you find to talk about with strangers. Most people were just wanting to unwind from world events and conversations lasted awhile.

There are really no services or homes on the Parkway, so we got off to camp at the Meriwether Lewis campground and learned he was the leader of the Louis & Clark expedition and also the Governor of Louisiana by the age of 37. I did not inherit my father's sense of direction unfortunately, so we got a little turned around, GPS reception was poor and Gloria made the decision to go one way and unfortunately I did not take her advice. About 3 hrs. and some interesting roads later we got back to where we started and headed south again. No telling how many miles that added to the 1200 total we traveled but it was scenic to say the least. Another campground was full of 60 plus couples from several states with tandem bicycles and riding suites, carbon fiber bikes with belt drives instead of chain etc. very pricey, I'm sure.

Tupelo Mississippi was a great stop to visit the birthplace of Elvis and the still operating hardware where he got his first guitar. A couple of nice things happened there one was I got a hair cut from Mike McBunch the only barber examiner in Mississippi. If you had a license to cut hair in that state you had to go through Mike. You always learn so much from a local barber. The other thing was that Gloria and I got "remarried" and kissed in the one room church of the Presley family. ■



## DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

### Port Huron Wooden Boat Show

Saturday September 11, 2021

Article by John O'Leary

You don't have to agree with me when I say that "Prohibition" was one of the better examples of a demand driving FORM and FUNCTION. In a time and place when success was primarily dependent on a bootlegger being able to outrun a revenue and speed being the result of shape and propulsion. In the late twenties and early 30's speedboat design far surpassed auto design but both benefitted from engine advancements and V-8's quickly found their way into wooden boats. The need for speed also forced the need to develop techniques to shape wood into streamlined designs. The result was the "Wooden Boat". Names Gar Wood and Chris Craft became household words and put places like Port Huron and Algonac on the map. The DACC's venture into this world on 9/11/2021 was in Judy's words "The Best DACC Activity Ever". Bear with me, we'll get to the boats soon, but first you must know that this activity began with breakfast (of course!) and if there was a flaw all day, it was that the service was a bit slow. Then, we began a 6 car chase across 32 Mile Rd. a perfect tour of so many things "Michigan". Beautiful homes, pastoral farmlands, Garden Centers, Cider Mills and finally St Clair and the Victorian homes were some of the sights along the river that preceded our arrival in Port Huron. Arriving at the show, we were greeted by a flyover and a brief air show by 2 acrobatic A-10 Wart Hogs. All this and we're just getting there. Next, ample free parking immediately adjacent to the entrance. We were able to line up our cars together. Friendly volunteers provided free directories with full descriptions of all 50 boats on display. How about free admission and free boat rides on several boats on display? Many of the boats were open for boarding and the owners were happy to discuss any details. So, what does all this have to do with Corvairs? Well, just like every Corvair has a story and every spectator has a Corvair story, every wooden boat has a story and this show did a very good job of telling some of these stories. It also helped to have a few wooden boat aficionados with us. This should be an annual event. The DACC Activities, under Bob Wittman's guidance, has developed the ability to pull off some totally enjoyable events. Planning and the ability to communicate on a timely basis takes some effort and you could help. The only rule is: Water pumps to the rear. Bob could use some help, if you have an idea for an activity or for an activity you would like to see, or see repeated, let Bob know. ■

#### DACC Membership Report for November 2021 Aircooler Submitted October 17, 2021 by Rich Blanchard

Welcome New Members: Bill Richards, Patrick Skiver  
Thanks for keeping your membership up to date; Kerry Borgne, Susan Hamil, Rocko Heath, Dale Ropp, Beverly Schmidt, Ian Smith, Jim Spaulding, Jerome Yoscovits,  
Due in September: Ken Boulan, Tim Bramble, Mike Davis, Greg Kellogg, Roger Nelson, Les Schlaud, Bob Storc, Mark Szlaczky,  
Due in October: Gerry Light  
Due in November: Michael Cook, Tom Hatala, Ken Heberling, Dave Munaco, Phil O'Guinn, John Ronayne, Mark Smith, Allan Ullery,  
Due in December: Tom Cavataio, Richard Dixon, Orville Hensley, Robert Jennings, Pete Koehler, Mike McFarland, Casey Schesky, Steve Schwartz, Bob Wittman  
Due in January: Jan Bradley, Ronald Bratke, Marvin Granger, Gerald Huff, Michael Jacobi, John Lantz, Jerry North, Brad Ross, Dave Sanger, Gerald Shreve, Greg Sobczak  
Due in February: John Allesee, Rich Blanchard, Dale Dewald, Robert Lindh, Randy McKean, Harold Reyes, Michael Stagg  
Due in March: Tom Burgess, Ray Dubia, Chris Hand, Roger Roney, Robert Maciejewsky, Stewart Murray, Grayden Sallows, Gary Szuch, Tom Tennant, Jeff Wise  
We have 131 paid members, 9 who owe dues and 8 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. ■

## Treasurer's Report by Carol Hairsine

9/17/21 Balance \$7994.69

### Income:

\$300.00 Membership

\$125.00 50/50

\$30.00 sale of HC beer keg

\$20.00 donation from Gary & Linda Tenant for HC snacks

### Expenses:

\$211.10 Newsletter

\$62.50 50/50 Payout

\$10.00 Attendance

\$20.00 State of MI non profit Corp. fee

10/17/21 Balance \$8166.09

### From the Editor Adam Morenski

Fall is here, the air is, well its warmer than it should be for Michigan this time of year, they say 10° - 14°. Will we have a Fall? Trying to pack what articles I can in your newsletter, had to downsize the font, could not get Clark's History article, that will be next month. Pete K. sent something at the last minute, next month also, I apologize. Did you note the Christmas Party, just look a little farther down, hope to see you there. Welcome to our new VP, Mike Anstine and your new Activities Director, Raven Hand. I noted at the last meeting about possible mail concerns with your Aircooler, if I do not hear of any, I will assume all is well, you are getting both the paper and online issues. Confirm your email with Rich B. at the meeting, see you there. Be safe and embrace life. ■

### From The President continued from page 2

parking lot (back when it was still a functioning business). We start to walk up and the first car I see is a blue coupe, it was parked backing up to the trees that separated the parking lots. We start to talk to the owner who says that him and another one of the club members spent the summer and rebuilt the engine, differential and transmission. The owner starts the car up to show us how well the car runs and how it sounds. At this point I am enjoying the car as I had only seen one other Corvair, my grandpa's car that had been sitting for almost 30 years and had a permanent moon roof. After a minute or two of the engine running the owner taps the throttle to let the chokes come off, the chokes don't and the owner says he might have Mike McKeel look at it. This car was a 1965 blue coupe that had a 140hp 4speed transmission which since then I have only seen one car at homecoming since then that would fit that. That would be Jerry Light's beautiful 1965 Corsa. I enjoyed seeing all of the cars and was told of the club meetings and we ventured out to it on the next month.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting November 1st at the 300 Bowl! ■

Gary Komora

### Is 11 November a special day?

Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.



*Detroit Area Corvair Club is Having Fun*



### Wear your Christmas outfit.

Now is the time to wear that sweater, dress, tie, you know the one.



*Very Merry Christmas Party*

Let's all enjoy an evening and just relax. Show your Corvair holiday spirit and donate to Haven House of Pontiac, purchase 50-50 tickets to help out your DACC, bring a surprise gift for the dice game. Food and drink can be ordered via the 300 Bowling Center menu, prices are reasonable, and the food is tasty.



### Christmas table display.

Bring tabletop items to spruce up your table center and the room. You must take whatever you bring with you back to your home.



**Parts and Services.**

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

**The November DACC Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 1st @ 7pm. Social hour is 6pm. Attend at the 300 Bowl. There will be no more zoom access.**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

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