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Dexter Collection / Garage Squad Wrap-up

Your Garage Squad has just about completed the task of clean-up at the Dexter family farm in Fenton, Michigan. Over the past couple of years, we have held numerous work sessions to either drag a dead and rotting Corvaire or Corvaire truck out of their resting spot on the property or the massive task of clearing out the collection of NOS parts that resided in several of the barns. All in all, more than twenty Corvaire found new owners as well as a few water pumpers that Harold had left behind.

I just returned from Clark's Corvaire Parts in beautiful Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts with a load of NOS stuff. Just a short 800+ mile jaunt in my trusty Chevy Silverado pick-em-up with a 5x8 U-Haul rental trailer bobbing behind me all the way there and back. Final tallies for the round trip were a little over 55 hours of trippin', 118 gallons of petrol consumed as well as \$550 spent for rental, gas, one overnight and a few bucks to the Ohio Turnpike. I should have paid a toll to cross the Hudson River on I-84 but when I got there the toll booths were torn down and the signs indicated this was "Cashless Toll". I was advised to get an E-Z Pass or pay by mail. Where to send the \$1.75??? Did they take a picture of my license plate (New York has front plates)? If they took a picture from the rear did, they get the truck or the U-Haul? Will they send a bill to them? Me? Am I going to toll-runners jail?

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Haven Helps Heavy Hearts Have Happy Holidays

Here's How!

It's that special time of year...time for us to help the many families of HAVEN experience the wonders and excitement of Christmas. For whatever reason, many single mothers find themselves in the same desperate position, especially at this time of the year when they are simply unable to provide for their children at Christmas. If the problem was alcohol or drugs, etc. there are programs to help. Not so for the true victims of the abuse, the innocent children. With our help, and the help of our communities, HAVEN has provided for hundreds of families and children and made Christmas special and unforgettable. Our generous donations are important to make the HAVEN 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. **Suitable items include new warm clothing including coats, gloves also, toys, games, etc. Please no guns, water pistols or the like. Gift Cards for merchandise such as Meijer, Target, and Kohl's are most welcome.** All items are sorted and organized and then presented as shopping trips to a Haven-qualified audience on a scheduled basis. Bring all unwrapped gifts, donations, and contributions to the DACC December meeting. All gifts, donations and contributions will be delivered to HAVEN for their annual GIFTAWAY. Haven considers the DACC as a loyal and generous supporter. Judy O'Leary ■

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**DACC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARTY DURING THE
MONDAY DECEMBER 6TH
MEETING @ 7PM.
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Anyway, the Corvair parts are delivered, and Cal Clark and his staff will work away at identifying them and coming up with a total offer to Ben Dexter. A check will be sent directly to him soon. The sheer volume of part numbers tells me it could be a month or more before all of the goodies are checked in.

So with the onset of cooler weather, I think we can back off and think about starting up again next year with the Spring thaw. There are still many prizes to find in some of the buildings on the Dexter property. There is at least one more dead Corvair to haul away (a '66 500 coupe with a "variable wheelbase" depending on how hard you pull one end of the car!). A couple of Corvair truck carcasses are still resting behind the big barn and our Illustrious President Gary K bought the other 1964 Deluxe Rampside and hasn't determined yet where to put it. Watch for more news either here in our Aircooler or on the club's Facebook page. ■

From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Gary Komora gkomora@sbcglobal.net

First off, I would like to thank everyone for showing up to the meeting last month, we had 54 people show up to the meeting, that is the most amount of people I have seen at a meeting in a long time. I hope everyone enjoyed the "Name the Movie" game last month, I had brought in a picture of Corvair from a movie and had everyone guess what movie it was from. Be prepared I will have another one next month? Don't forget for the Christmas meeting, we are at 300 Bowl. Bring a gift for Haven house. **The gifts must be unwrapped. For the Christmas Dice game that will be a wrapped car related gift.** Also, the January meeting will be the first Monday, the 3rd of January. ■

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Pete K. talking toys from the Dexter Collection

Center, toys that Pete brought to the November meeting for you to purchase. Maybe there will be more toys for sale at the December party?

Bottom pic, Harold's award-winning toy Rampside he meticulously restored.



Activities by Raven Hand

Hi all Raven here, I hope November has and is going well for you all . I was thrilled to see such good attendance at our November meeting. Going forward I hope we can increase attendance at our club activities beyond our monthly meeting and as always suggestions welcomed.

October 31st was Fall Color tour part 2 and was attended by 5 Corvairs and 2 water pumpers. 13 total club members if my count is correct. Color was really nice, and the company kept was even better. It's a lot of fun, the attention we get as a group for sure! Side note...I am including the link for bearings for the valve cover build in January so if you need bearings you can order before the Christmas shipping rush.

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/371789716335?ssPageName=STRK:MEBIDX:IT&trksid=p2060353.m1438.l2649>



DACC Membership Report for December 2021 Aircooler

Submitted November 15, 2021 by Rich Blanchard

Welcome New Members: Tonja and Aaron Greer, Michael Harrison (Welcome back!)

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: Ken Heberling, Orville Hensley, Greg Kellogg, Gerry Light, Phillip O'Guinn, Mark Smith,

Members to be dropped for non-payment:

Due in September: Ken Boulan, Tim Bramble, Mike Davis, Roger Nelson, Les Schlaud, Bob Storck, Mark Szlaczky,

Due in October:

Due in November: Michael Cook, Tom Hatala, Dave Munaco, John Ronayne, Allan Ullery,

Due in December: Tom Cavataio, Richard Dixon, 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 135 paid members, 12 who owe dues and 8 due this month!

We are mailing 9 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.

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 Convrt. 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

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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

done28@comcast.net

248-552-8030

Southfield, MI

1963 Corvair Spyder convertible for sale. Asking

\$6,500 obo. Please contact

hneil8833@hotmail.com



From the Editor Adam Morenski

Happy Holidays everyone, I hope you have enjoyed the Aircooler for the year 2021. If I can have a wish for 2022, it will be that you give to the Aircooler, write that short article, send some pics. With 100+ members, I should have trouble picking what articles should go in for everyone's enjoyment. Dave & Gloria Beck's articles are very interesting based on driving their Whale. Now it's your turn, send in that article and pics. This includes our friends in Canada, what have you been doing? The Aircooler is your publication, you determine the content. So, make my wish come true in 2022.

November meeting

Well for Gary's first official meeting as our president he had a new gavel to bring us all to order. He introduced the new board and a nice round of applause was given to all.

Our next meeting will be December 6 it will be our Christmas meeting we will be meeting at the 300 Bowl. We talked being our dinner was going to be less expensive that we have more funds available to donate more to Haven House than we have in the past. Many of these families are struggling and would be nice to contribute to a great cause to help all these families. Also at this meeting we will be doing our Christmas game with the dice if you want to participate bring a \$10 car related gift. Also, if you would like to decorate your table please bring decorations as well.

Start off 2022 our first meeting will be January 3, at the 300 Bowl.

Rich shared again with the group in regard to membership please pay in advance or by the month you are due because if payment is not received by the due month, you'll be dropped the following month.

New member to our club is Mike Harrison his family has owned Corvair since 1959 he currently has a 1966 blue Corsa.

Carol updated our treasury report our current balance is \$7980.01

Ravens been stepping up nicely in regard to activities our fall color tour had five Corvairs and two water pumpers and better fall colors than the last trip.

In January Bill V is going to host a valve cover build session at his home for next year 's homecoming.

Chrome and Ice is accepting applications to have your car at the event in February.

Next year's Sloan car show will be back at the museum June 25 and 26th. We need to have a good turn out to have our own great spot together.

Pete brought some goodies from the Dexter estate for sale many were looking before an after the meeting of what he had. And idea was brought up to get some hot wheel cars from the dexter collection to use as giveaways. The club voted that was a great idea.

The attendance winner goes to Jerry A and the 50-50 winner won \$75 and it went to Keith.

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary

Board meeting November

Gary, Mike, Raven, Adam, Carol, and Lori

Gary asked the board for recommendations of things that the board would like to see happen at the upcoming meetings.

It was recommended that the entire board get a copy of an updated roster of the club members. Bylaw copies were given at the meeting to Raven and Mike. It was also discussed that nothing is bought for the club without board approval.

It was a short meeting with the new board.

Lori Komora ~~ Secretary ■

End of Season 389 In Missouri Ozarks

The end of the 2021 travel season in the #389 Ultra Van was the 1st week of November and spent in the southern Missouri Ozark area. Traveling from Brownsburg In. our major stops were the Baker Creek Heirloom Seed farm and Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home both near Mansfield MO. and lastly the Branson area itself. Our first stop though was in small town St. James MO. where Gloria spotted a local barber shop that was perfect for me to get a haircut and learn all about the local area. The barber, Dusty Snelson, was a young farmer, high school football legend, avid deer hunter and gave up a nursing career to open his own



barber shop. He said prices of land were escalating and now over \$2500 per acre (I didn't discuss prices in our area). Interestingly his father worked for Chrysler in St. Louis but was laid off and commuted weekly to the Kokomo IN. plant for his last 3 years just across SR 31 where I was working at the GM Delco Electronics plant. One fellow waiting for a haircut

remembered driving his Corvair in the winter and how well it went in the snow until it slid like a sled up on top of a deep drift and got stuck. If you are a gardener, the Baker Creek Seed Farm is for you with thousands of heirloom seeds for flowers and vegetables from all over the world and a small town like setting with acres of plants and displays all around so you can see what you are buying after the seeds grow. Just 5 miles from there is the Laura Ingalls Wilder homestead and museum. This very worthy stop tells her life's story. She of course wrote many books including the one that the "Little House on the Prairie" tv series was based on. Branson was just 90 miles farther and we soon realized it has grown a lot since we were there some 25 years ago. It was veterans' celebration week and we saw a Vietnam era helicopter in front of the VA Museum that a friend of ours said he likely flew as it was from his unit. Of the 12000 choppers that were involved during the war this one survived and no one was reported killed in it although our friend did lose a leg. Just outside of Branson is Johnny Morris's "Top of the Rock", 2600-acre mountain and resort area. Johnny is founder and CEO of 4 golf courses, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's among several other things and is an advocate for conservation of all things. A well-preserved cave, waterfall and wildlife area can be viewed from an hour-long golf cart ride that zig zags past waterfalls through caves and around the mountain. *Continued pg 5*

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A 40,000 SF basement museum displays native Indian artifacts and prehistoric animal skeletons from the area along with weapons from the past. Recently a sink hole in one of the golf course sand traps turned into a huge 400' deep sink hole that is being excavated and soon to be opened for tourist. Like a cave with the roof removed they have removed 1.5 million tons of dirt to expose the treasure of what lies beneath. We camped just south of Branson in a county that was known to have a large population of wild horses and they did visit about 2 A.M. rubbing up against tents and turning over a few things in the camp sites. They are born a dark brown and turn a majestic white color when mature and were quite a site against the clear black night sky and bright stars. The Ultra Van did a great job navigating the roads and the 50° daytime temps helped keep the 110 cool as we climbed several grades in low gear at 3000- rpm and 30 MPH. It gave us another 1300 trouble free miles in the 6 days on the road. We only saw three other Corvairs that were in a front yard in very poor condition and after turning around and talking to the owner there just didn't seem to be any treasure there, so we moved on and came home.

Dave & Gloria Beck ■



Article by your V.P. mikeanstine@yahoo.com

My Corvair love started many years ago when I saw a Corvair in the garage of Bill Johnson as a kid. The car was buried under stuff, but I saw enough to pique my curiosity and just enough to enjoy the incredible body lines. My dad tried to buy the car from Bill a few times, but he always said he would fix it up and he finally did. My enjoyment of Corvairs was rekindled 5 years ago at the first Home Coming I attended. My dad got his 1963 Corvair Spyder convertible shortly before. I took Kassie and met him at the Comfort Inn. I spent most of the day hanging out with my dad and Bill Johnson in the swap area. Bill had made the comment to me, "You need to get a Corvair and run for President. We need youth in this club." The following year Clark Hartzel had his 1965 Monza Coupe for sale at Home Coming. I couldn't pass it up. Fast forward to today, and I write this as the current Vice President of the DACC. I am looking forward to the year as VP. ■

Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

10/17/21 Balance \$8166.09

Income:

50/50 \$150.00

Membership \$180.00

Expenses:

50/50 Payout \$75.00

Attendance \$10.00

Newsletter \$186.08

11/17/21 Balance \$8225.0



Detroit Area Corvair Club is Having Fun



Very Merry Christmas Party

Wear your Christmas outfit.

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



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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 9103 Chalmers, Detroit, MI. 48213 313-371-9085

Mike McKeel – Mechanical Repairs / Parts & Tech Advice
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Clark's Corvair
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**Monthly DACC Meeting at:
 Three Hundred Bowl
 100 Cass Lake Rd. 248-682-6300**



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 December DACC
 Holiday Party will be held
 on Monday, Dec. 6 @ 6pm.
 Attend at the 300 Bowl.**



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