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Christmas Meeting

We had a great turnout for our Christmas dinner meeting it was great to see everybody before the holidays.

As usual our club did not disappoint in the huge amount of donations that were brought in for Haven House. It was wonderful to be able to present a check from the club to Haven house (over and above what everyone brought in) to show our support for their wonderful organization. Jasmine from Haven House expressed her appreciation and shared how things have been going at Haven house.

Rich expressed that things are going well with membership and people are sending in their checks we currently have 135 paid members.

Raven shared with us that on **January 8th** we are having a build session of valve cover racers. More information will be coming out in an E blast.

ADAM as usual is looking for more articles. I suggested that Clark write an article about the time he rolled a Corvair. So, he took a few minutes and told us the story back in the day up in the UP. I hope he writes the article it be good to read for the people who were not there to hear it firsthand.

John has calendars available at \$10 apiece from homecoming best of show.

Ken Hand let us know that he has a good stockpile of parts always available for sale to reach out to him.

Raven won the attendance drawing and donated the money to Haven house. Clark won the 50-50 \$65.

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DACC CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/6/2021

The 300 Bowl, our regular meeting location, became the very festive location for our annual Christmas Party with over 60 people attending. An evening of good food, great people, games and a brief business meeting led up to a very generous gift to our friends at Haven. Jasmine Valentine of HAVEN joined us again and even expressed an interest in joining us at the DACC Homecoming (watch for the date).



The DACC presented HAVEN with a total of \$1075.00 in cash and gift cards plus an SUV full of warm clothing, coats, hats, earmuffs, gloves and toys for all ages to be given out at their annual Gift Giveaway. Jasmine expressed her gratitude for all the DACC did and how much the help from the community and friends of HAVEN really means. In all, a great Christmas event and I leave who was a winner or loser in the gift exchange in the eye of the beholder.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Judy & John O'Leary ■



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Gary's been keeping the meetings interesting with a different picture each month from a movie or show that has a Corvair in it. This month's picture many were able to get very easily it was from Apollo 13 with Tom Hanks. It was nice seeing people at the meeting they don't normally come, and they mainly don't come due to distance of the meetings or if you have two little toddlers who need to go to bed before the meetings over. It was great seeing the Greers, and the kids were great. Jim and Janet Deering came out and shared with us the trials and tribulation of the distance and getting pulled over on the way. It's sad when the police give a ticket out for not using a turn signal, to someone who hasn't had a ticket in over 42 years. Then to top things off when we left the meeting going south roads get really bad. It took Jim and Janet 2 1/2 hours to get home. At least I got home safely. Then we had the honors of playing the dice game. The Greer boys were wonderful at rolling the dice for us all. It was a lot of fun, and a lot of great gifts were given. To top off the evening Judy picked up for us a terrific cake to enjoy. A great way to end the night on a sweet note. Merry **Christmas** and Happy New Year!
Lori Komora ~~~ Secretary ■

**DACC Membership Report for January 2022
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Submitted December 16, 2021 by Rich Blanchard**

Welcome New Members: None this month
Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: Gerald Huff, Robert Jennings, Robert Maciejewski, Randy McKean, John Ronayne, Les Schlaud, Bob Storc, Allan Ullery, Bob Wittman
Members to be dropped for non-payment: Ken Boulan, Tim Bramble, Mike Davis, Roger Nelson, Mark Szlaczky,
Due in October:
Due in November: Michael Cook, Tom Hatala, Dave Munaco,
Due in December: Tom Cavataio, Richard Dixon, Pete Koehler, Mike McFarland, Casey Schesky, Steve Schwartz,
Due in January: Jan Bradley, Ronald Bratke, Marvin Granger, Michael Jacobi, John Lantz, Jerry North, Brad Ross, Dave Sanger, Gerald Shreve, William Shuster, Greg Sobczak
Due in February: John Allesee, Rich Blanchard, Dale Dewald, Robert Lindh, Harold Reyes, Michael Stagg
Due in March: Tom Burgess, Ray Dubia, Roger Roney, Stewart Murray, Grayden Sallows, Gary Szuch, Tom Tennant, Jeff Wise
Due in April: Bill Anstine, Anne Baldwin, Ronald Bluhm, John Davis, Kurt Graham, Brian Granger, Chris Hand, Dominic Mascia, Jeff Shreve,
We have 135 paid members, 14 who owe dues and 11 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. ■

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

Happy New Year, I hope everyone had a good **Christmas**. Well for those who didn't make it to the December meeting, I think the ones who enjoyed it the most were Aaron and Tanja Greer's boys. By the end of the night, they had a handful of Hot Wheels cars and 2 handmade classic car pillows. They also had a lot of fun throwing the dice for the **Christmas** dice game. On a different note, here is a story for everyone, on the way to Homecoming I was driving my mom's convertible and just as we are pulling up to the hotel the oil pressure/temperature light starts to flicker and all I can think of is please no. I park it and wait a bit to check the oil and find out it burned thru a quart of oil from Livonia to Ann Arbor. Now I knew it burned oil from following my mom to the weekly car shows but not to this extent. I already knew the engine needed a rebuild from the oil burning but I didn't know it was this bad. Well, a few weeks ago I pulled the engine out and tore it down and found something I was not expecting, the rod bearings were nice and coppery along with grooves in the journals. The best guess I have is the engine overheated at some point before we got it. Thankfully it is not a 140hp crankshaft, now on to plan B for the car. ■

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Activities by Raven

Hi all, Happy Holidays. I have been working on a list of potential events and car shows for 2022 while I stick close to home because its cold and I dislike any weather that I can't drive a Corvair. I am 100% sure you all agree. Water pumpers just aren't the same!

On January 8th you are invited to Bill and Tammy Vellner's house for a valve cover racer mini tech session/ Bill has kindly offered to host and help with questions and ideas to build your valve cover racers. Feel free to bring your components you have or are collecting to discuss or troubleshoot and even learn more about it. If you have questions about specs, you can find them on Corsa's website "Valve Cover race guidelines" we hope to have more participants in the valve cover races at Homecoming this year. I plan to build my vairy first one too

Anyone who wishes to attend can meet at the Redford Grill for Breakfast at 9 am 25800 Five Mile Rd Redford Charter township 48239 and we will continue on to Bills House at 10 am or see you at Bills *** Address is 15770 Wormer Redford 48239.

See you in January * Raven ■

Garage Squad Mocks the Winter Weather

Can you believe that the Garage Squad was out there performing repairs on a member's Corvair just five days before Winter? And to make it even more unbelievable we were relegated to the driveway at Aaron Greer's St. Clair Shores home. Why? well, inside his two-car garage was a Bendpack four-post hoist with a couple of cars resting on the top level. Tanja Greer's very nice '65 convertible (factory A/C!!!) was parked underneath a dead and rotary-less Mazda racecar. The other space in the garage under a VERY nice Porsche 993 (the last air-cooled 911) would be where the day's patient - a slightly rusty 1964 Deluxe 6-door Greenbrier would retreat from after repairs. Due to limited headroom the 'Brier was moved outside for the work.

Bob Wittmann, President Gary Komora and I spent some time assisting Aaron with a leaky valve cover gasket and then a leaky brake master cylinder. While we waited for delivery of a re-manufactured dual master from O'Riley's, Bob tracked down an electrical gremlin on Tanja's turn signal switch and wiring on the Monza convertible. Still waiting for parts, we took a short ride to a local Pub for a scrumptious lunch. Thanks, Aaron!

Back to work and with a call-back from the parts store we finished up the brake job with the only casualty a bleeder valve on one wheel cylinder. Lots more to do, but we called it a day and hope that Aaron can wait for warmer weather to call out another session with possibly more Squad staff to continue improving his Greenbrier project.

Pete Koehler ■



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!

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Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

11/17/21 Balance \$8225.01

Income: 50/50 \$131.00 Membership \$200.00

Expenses: 50/50 Payout \$65.00 Attendance

\$10.00 Newsletter \$196.47 Haven House

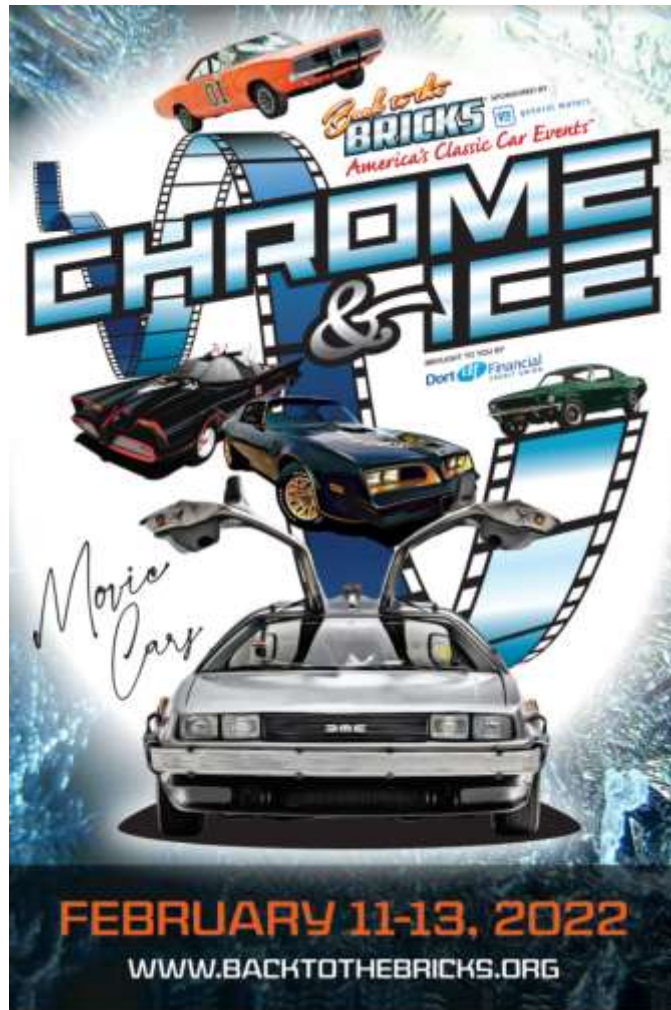
\$500.00 Ypsilanti Museum honoring Susie

Tenger \$50.00 Christmas Party cakes & plates

\$43.24 Haven House reps dinner at Christmas

party \$15.00 Homecoming Calendars \$990.00

12/17/21 Balance \$6686.30 ■



Mark your calendars for the Chrome and Ice Indoor Car Show **Feb 11, 12, 13** 2022 this year featuring Movie Cars and Vintage motorcycles and maybe a Corvair ? There is still time to send in a registration for consideration, winners will be notified if chosen from the 100's of submissions to be reviewed by show officials. The event is held at the Dort Financial Event Center, home of the Flint Firebirds Hockey Team. 3501 Lapeer Rd. (Center Rd. exit off I-69) Watch for updates on Facebook or from an E-blast closer to the event. There will be a breakfast gathering at Paul's Coney on Center Rd. about a mile south of Lapeer Rd. **Sat** morning if you are interested in joining at 9:00 am. Subject to change depending on weather, it could snow in Feb. There is also a VIP Event on **Friday** evening with a live concert featuring Josh Gracin ticket details at backtothebricks.org

Pete Cimbala ■



The History of DACC 1986 by Clark Hartzel

President: Kathryn Mucha, Vice Pres.: Stu Shuster, Secretary: Sharon Pepke Treasurer: Agnes Surma, Editor: Clark Hartzel, Membership: Ken Hand Activities: Pete Koehler, Service/Parts: Pete Cimbala, Parades: Dave Gould.

January Aircooler: 1985 Christmas party was at the Rochester Elks Club. The featured car for the meeting was a 1968 coupe from Alabama fixed up by Pete Koehler. The tech session for the evening was Bob Kirkman talking about how GM solved the "thumping" problem that some owners complained about. The main crank bearing was made thicker on one side than the other in effect bending the crank a thousandth out of center. The activity for the January meeting is a movie comparing the Ford Econoline pickup with the Corvair FC pickup. The Ford would actually stand on the front bumper during severe braking tests. Treasurers report \$1,402.05. Ab and Betty Ives are bringing coffee and donuts to the meeting and after the meeting we go to Carlos Murphy's restaurant. A tech tip was the rotor in the distributor. 1969 rotor is different and won't work in the earlier models. Use NAPA Echlin RR-1820 for 1962-68. Pontiac and Oldsmobile wanted their own version of the Corvair but Ed Cole talked them out of it. Pontiac came close as they put a Corvair transaxle in the rear with a front 4-cylinder engine. The engine was half of a 389 V8 (slant 4). February Aircooler: A homeowner in Newport News didn't want to pay a junkyard to tow his Corvair away so he buried it in his backyard. The meeting program was a movie borrowed from Larry Claypool comparing the 1961 Chevrolets to other cars of the era. Membership report 107 paid members. The Sloan Museum acquired the Calvair, a Sterling engine car. The engine turned out to be too bulky compared to a normal gas engine. The CORSA national convention will be in Grand Rapids July30-Aug02. March Aircooler: Pete Koehler brought his collection of model Corvairs to the meeting and talked about them. Treasurer's report \$817.50. Results of election of officers: Pres.Stu Shuster, Vice Pres, Clark Hartzel, Secretary: Sharon Pepke, Treasurer: Agnes Surma, Membership: Ken Hand, Editor: Pete Koehler, Activities: Ken Pepke, Parts/Service: Bob Kirkman. A reprint of Chevrolet Service News talks about Engine Fume Odor Diagnosis covering all the places odors come from and how to repair them.

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April Airfooler: A picture on the cover of all the new officers. It was mentioned that our April meeting is on April fools day! 61 members attended. Treasurer's report \$831.90. Membership 112. A fun article on the "Pucker" car got a lot of laughs. It is made from the 1946 Lincoln Zephyr and the 1951 Studebaker Starlight with a Corvair powertrain. Stu Shuster did the artwork. Only \$5,000 for the kit. A convoy of DACC members will meet at Briarwood mall April 26th and go to the Tri-State Corvair Club meet in Bryan, Ohio.

May Aircooler: The CORSA national museum display will be at the Sloan Museum May thru October. The cars on display will be the Monza GT, Super Spyder, Astro 1, Electrovaair 2, a 1960 sedan, 1964 Rampside, a cutaway turbo charged engine, a fuel injected engine, various photos, drawings and Corvair promo models. Treasurer's report \$583.33. The May meeting will be a film on the 1979 CORSA Convention in Detroit. A tech article on Shock absorbers was presented by Howard Metiva. He listed all the various brands and sizes that would fit Corvair cars and trucks. A great story of buying a 1966 Corvair with air in Arizona by Pete K.

June Aircooler: Pete Koehler wrote an interesting article on picking up a nice Arizona 1960 Corvair for only \$400. How does he do that? It even had a new blue velour interior.

The CORSA/DACC display is now in the Sloan Museum. The May meeting had 76 members.

Treasurer's balance \$747.35. Dr. Jerry Flynn was working in a garage in Ann Arbor and the local Chevy dealer subcontracted Corvair repairs to him as none of their mechanics wanted anything to do with Corvairs. DACC members practiced judging Corvairs at the Sloan Fair so we were ready for the national convention. A nice article in the Aircooler about Kathy Mucha and her artwork and photo restoration service.

July Aircooler: Membership 123, Treasurer's report \$754.79, Kathy Mucha thanked everyone for the happy birthday cake and good wishes. Nice pictures in the Aircooler on the Sloan Museum display. The ribbon was cut by Stu Shuster and skinnier Pete Koehler who just happened to be the CORSA President at the time. Kathy Mucha has planned a fun run in Canada on September 13 and 14. Meet at the Canadian end of the Ambassador bridge. It is truly a mystery tour as nobody but Kathy knows where we are going. Those people who can't make the judging seminar at the Sloan Fair can do it at the next meeting at the Tech Center.

Coming events are the Cass City 4th of July parade, DACC picnic on July 13th and the Historic Fort Wayne show on Aug 24th.

August Aircooler: Cover cutaway picture of the Electrovaair. Pete Koehler wrote an article about the trials and tribulations of driving his Corvair Ultravan to Rhode Island and back.

Aug. 17th is a corn roast and picnic at John and Carolyn Bryan's house. 14 Corvairs made it to Cass City for the 4th of July parade. A picture of Al Grunert's Corvair powered lawn tractor in Three Rivers. The swap meet there is always fun. Various pictures of some of the cars at the GM Design Staff show on Father's Day. Stu Shuster's 1969 convertible and Pete Koehler's 1966 Fitch Sprint represented DACC. Chuck Jordon showed his 1986 Testarosa which was the first one in the USA.

September Aircooler: Cover picture of the Corvairs and owners attending the Fort Wayne show an article from Pete K. on his list of the perfect 10 Corvairs he wants to own. It was decided to eliminate committee reports at meetings as they are printed in the newsletter. This will give us more time for programs and an early out to the restaurant after the meeting. Treasurer's report \$842.64.

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Membership 129 members. Ed McFarland won his class at the CORSA national and stopped at the Red Barns show on the way home and won "best of show" over 900 cars with his red 1963 Monza coupe. Very few cars this nice are driven to shows as they become trailer queens. The next meeting will be "scab night" and award will be given to the worst Corvair that is driven to the meeting. Not to leave out the nice cars, there will be an award for the nicest Corvair' A two page writeup on Kathy's Canada tour was in the newsletter.

October Aircooler: The joint get together with the West MI Corvair Club is canceled due to their lack of interest. Next meeting will have a video of a Virginia junk yard tour set to music. Pete K gave awards to cleanest car to Cal Brown's marina blue 1966 Corsa and the scab award went to Larry Roger's Corsa with tiny little tires. Membership 135. Treasury at \$1021.53. Pete K wrote an article on his difficulty to find someone to do a wheel alignment on his 1966 Corsa coupe. All the shops said they don't work on Corvairs. A nice drawing on fixing exhaust manifolds with broken ears by making a 1/4" plate in the shape of a C to take the place of the broken ears was supplied by Stu Shuster. The annual Frankenmuth tour was discussed. Seth Gusson has a 1962 Pontiac Tempest for sale with the slant 4 cyl engine (half of a 389 V8) and the rope driveshaft back to a Corvair transaxle.

November Aircooler: The program for the meeting is Bob Kirkman talking about the 1961 Corvair truck models. Treasurer's report \$1631.34. CORSA reimbursed us \$431.50 for the cost of the Sloan Museum display. A nice article by Larry Claypool of Chicago about Pete K's alignment problems. Another article from Clark H on the annual Vermont tour. Pete K wrote about the Frankenmuth tour and lunch trip. Another article from Pete K about having a winter display of Corvairs in a mall.

December Aircooler: The annual Christmas party will be held at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Hazel Park. Ken Pepke has been making Ralph awards for numerous folks who have done certain deeds during the year. Linda Hand mentioned a new source for club jackets. Treasurer's report \$1727.47.

A full membership list with expiration dates and phone numbers was printed. It took up 3 pages. ■



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Updated the CORSA Club Office address

**CORSA Club Office
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The January DACC meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 3rd @ 6pm. Attend at the 300 Bowl.



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