



# THE *Aircooler*

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## Road Trippin' in January

By Pete Koehler

The day started out...dark! And cold!! Single digits and I want a convertible. After filling up the trusty Silverado with petrol I headed out to the Interstate. The weather report did not mention any snow, but it looked gloomy. A bit further down the road and FOG! Wow, and then a light dusting of the white stuff. I considered turning around and wimping out, but the seller was expecting me, and I really wanted a convertible.

So, I soldiered on as the temps kept dropping. The low point was +6 just this side of Jackson, MI. At least it was warm inside the truck. My destination was LaGrange, Indiana. As the morning progressed the sun came out and the prospects for success grew. I just might get my convertible. Finding the destination



was easy. The seller showed me the car and it fired right up! Yes, there were a few "soft" areas on the body.

but the red paint was shiny. As most of you know I like red convertibles...

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## January Meeting

We had a great turn out to start the new year off! It was great to see everyone.

Please mark your calendars of these meeting date changes. No meeting on July 4th the meeting will be July 11th and no meeting on September 5th we will meet on September 12th.

***Well, if you haven't heard it is definite that Homecoming next year will be in July. July 7-10th at the Wyndham in Ann Arbor.***

I am working with the hotel currently on getting the online code to work. Once that works, we will then have the registration form on our website. Bob is working on designing new t-shirts for this year as well. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Adam is looking for more articles for the Aircooler, please get busy folks. Adam also put out a short video on YouTube from the [Christmas](#) party.

Membership we have 2 new members due to the due diligence of our wonderful garage squad helping others. We now have 135 paid members and 5 due to drop. Upcoming event is the Chrome N Ice Show Feb. 11-13. Gary would like help filling out this book he has and add information about our club and membership. Next month please bring in a story or two to add to the book and / or a list of the cars that you have or had. He will bring the book every month to keep things current. Clark is going to write a little history of how the club was started.

Please bring to the April meeting the mileage reading on your Corvairs and indicate if it is a historical plate or regular plate. Then in October they will be tabulated, and the winners will receive a gift for the most mileage. Pete K had brought in some free books he had from the Dexter farm and had a few tin toys for sale. All money received is given to the Dexter family. The garage squad has been in full swing. To date the squad has helped in selling the treasures at the farm to the value of \$50,000. Ben Dexter is donating a percentage to the Ypsilanti Museum. Even the goodies at the Town Peddler from the farm are moving great. Thank you all who have helped to make this happen.

The winners this evening was. Kim A for attendance, Tim D won \$52.00 50/50 and Chris H won the guess at the movie picture.

Lori Komora -- Secretary ■

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Before my new purchase was loaded on the flatbed trailer the seller and I made a short trip over to Brushy Prairie, IN. No, I'm not kidding. It is just down the road from Mongo, Indiana. The rumor was that a Lakewood was stored in a barn there. We didn't find a Lakewood, but there was a very tired '64 Spyder convertible parked in the backyard. It had led a rough life after a tornado went through town many years ago and dropped most of the original barn on top of it. It looked to be complete. But it was a complete shamble. There was a better looking '64



Monza coupe hiding behind the barn. Maybe if a two-fer deal could be struck someone could save one or the other. I don't think I'm that someone but let me know if you are interested. Back to my new red

convertible. It is a 1964 Monza with powerglide and a 110 engine. Previous owner installed dual exhaust and it sounds sweet. No horrible oil leaks so we can just concentrate on the crack in the frame near the steering gear box. It did drive up onto the trailer, so it isn't a terminal issue. No further problems getting back to Michigan. I did see a few of the new "Water Winter Wonderland" license plates out there on the road. They just look odd on a brand new anything. Much better looking on an evening orchid 1965 Corsa.



My trip ended up at Motor City Auto in Swartz Creek. The trailer had to go back there anyway. If we can't arrange for a welder/fabricator to bail me out on this purchase, we can hide the convertible in the big old rental barn until Springtime. And Springtime is the best time for a red convertible. ■

### Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine 12/17/21 Balance \$6686.00

Income:

50/50 \$106.00

Membership \$180.00

Donation Curtis Shimp \$25.00

Expenses:

Newsletter \$176.67

Haven House in honor of Linda Hand \$50.00

1/17/22 Balance \$6707.63 ■

### From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Gary Komora [Gkomora@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Gkomora@sbcglobal.net)

Happy February everyone, at the end of the month my convertible will be 56 years old which means that I still am not half the age of my car yet. So, I figured I would tell you another story about the first time I remember meeting a club member. One year before homecoming Jerry Light had been having brake issues at the previous club meetings, one of the rear brake drums would lock up and not release. Well, my mom being the helpful one or in my case volunteering me to do something mentioned to Jerry that I could fix the brakes for him. He already bought the parts, and it was just a matter of changing out the brake hose. So, I made a trip home to go get some tools and come back to find out another member is willing to give me a hand on the fix. Well, we get car up and the tire off, and start looking at the hose and the rear brake line which was not in good shape. We get the hose off the wheel cylinder and then off the brake line with some extra still attached. The rear brake line that goes from the brass splitter in the rear to the passenger side was rusted at the bend by the brake hose. Now the hard part, finding a replacement brake line as that part we did not have. Tim Duve searched Jim Sass's trailer of brake lines and only found 1 of those lines. Once the brake line was replaced, the hose was changed, and line was bleed the job was done and has not had any issues since. Since then, the member who helped me on Jerry's car has helped on several other projects as well. Thank you, Rich Blanchard. ■

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## Activities by Raven

Hi all, I hope your January is going well. I am busy with work and checking Google and Facebook on the search for interesting and fun things to do for club events. I also have been watching other clubs for events to mention if anyone is interested. Winter is making it hard to find things to put on your radar and I think event and cruise organizers are just starting the planning process for the better weather ahead.

The mini tech session at Bill's was attended by only a few people so I will ask in the near future if anyone is interested in another session in the spring and if so where to host. My house and garage can be made available but better weather would have to be had as my private roads are rough to come down in winter.

Coming up is Chrome and Ice at Dort Financial Center in Burton, February 11-13. Club members planning to attend on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> can meet at Paul's Coney Island at 2280 Center Road, Burton 48519 for Breakfast, then continue on to the show. If not interested in a breakfast meet up, I hope to see you at show.

March brings us Autorama. I hope to run in to a few of you while I am there.

\*Notable event for April is Helen Spring Fest hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs, Queen City Corvair Club, Vulvan Corvair Enthusiasts and Corsa SC. Dates are April 22 -23 in Helen GA.

<https://corvairspringfest.com/>

See you all February 7<sup>th</sup> +Raven ■

### Valve Cover Racer Tech Session 2.0

Participation at the second tech session for valve cover racers was much lighter than the first. Clark Hartzel, Mike Hurt and I were the only participants. Mike got plenty of two-on-one tutoring as Clark shared his practical experience and I contributed some theoretical opinions. Clark brought his multi-year winning racer and I shared the racers I had built. Mike took plenty of notes and I suspect that his racer may be the fastest at this year's Homecoming. For the benefit of those who are interested, I am attaching CORSA's guidelines for valve cover racers.

#### **Guidelines for Corvair Valve Cover Racing**

CORSA provides the following guidelines as a convenience to event organizers and participants. The below rules have been modified to accommodate a "mini-convention" situation, such as the Tri-State. Corvair Valve Cover Racing is similar in concept to the commonly known "Pinewood Derby," utilizing gravity-power racers competing in head-to-head eliminations on a two-lane track.

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## 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!  
\$6000, or best offer.

Cell: 1-517-795-7032

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



### 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](mailto:done28@comcast.net)

248-552-8030

Southfield, MI

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

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



### From Your Editor Adam Morenski

I hope everyone is doing well. I do not want to dwell on the current state of this virus, but to many people I know, work with, and socialize seem to be getting sick, almost like a bad flu, but they tell me they never have felt the way they do; the feeling is different. Please be safe. The Tech Session was not well attended, but we should give Bill V. a pat on the back for hosting, thanks. Note the Homecoming info, more updates will follow. Where are the snowbird and Canadian articles? It would be interesting to read what you are doing, have been doing, are going to do, send a pic.



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### Racer Specifications:

1. Must have Corvair valve cover used in construction.
2. Gravity powered only, no motors, no springs, no magnets, no jet-propulsion, etc.
3. Maximum weight is 4.5 pounds, no minimum weight.
4. Maximum length 16" long
5. Maximum width 8", including tires.
6. No part of the racer can hang over the start gate, which is 3" in height.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that entrants make their racers with the wheels being the widest part of the racer.

**Racetrack Specifications:** The below is the standard, however, if we're utilizing a borrowed track from another club, then the differences will be accommodated.

1. Track launch ramp to be 24 feet long, starting four feet high. Total length to be 40 feet.
2. Track to have sides and a center divider. Outside rails to be one inch high and the center divider to be 3/4" in height.
3. Starting gate area to be 16" in length.
4. Starting gate to be 3" in height.



### Race Procedure:

1. Races will be run in four-car heats, double elimination, so every car gets to go down the track twice.
2. The first four cars signed in are in the first heat. The second four cars signed are in the second heat, and so on.
3. The "Main Event" will be comprised of the respective "heat" winners.
4. No lane hopping, or interference with competition. First infraction, you get a re-run. The second infraction gets you disqualified, which equates to only one rerun for the entire event, so, stay in your lane!
5. If judges rule a tie, then the cars will re-run that race until a winner is decided. In this situation, re-runs will be made in the opposite lane.
6. In order to count as a win, the racer must finish on their own wheels and in their own lane.

## Get Your Racers Ready for July

## DACC Membership Report for

### February 2022 Aircooler

Submitted January 16, 2022, by Rich Blanchard

**Welcome New Members:** Paul Cyburt, Ethan Force (both through Garage Squad contact)

**Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:**

Ronald Bratke, Ken Boulan, Tom Burgess, Tom Cavataio, Pete Koehler, Mike McFarland, Harold Reyes, Greg Sobczak,

**Members to be dropped for non-payment:** NONE

**Due in October:**

**Due in November:** Michael Cook, Tom Hatala, Dave Munaco,

**Due in December:** Richard Dixon, Casey Schesky, Steve Schwartz,

**Due in January:** Jan Bradley, Marvin Granger, Michael Jacobi, John Lantz, Jerry North, Brad Ross, Dave Sanger, Gerald Shreve, William Shuster,

**Due in February:** John Allesee, Rich Blanchard, Dale Dewald, Robert Lindh, Michael Stagg

**Due in March:** Ray Dubia, Roger Roney, Stewart Murray, Grayden Sallows, Gary Szuch, Steve Tackett, Tom Tennant, Jeff Wise

**Due in April:** Bill Anstine, Anne Baldwin, Ronald Bluhm, John Davis, Kurt Graham, Brian Granger, Chris Hand, Dominic Mascia, H. Neil Riechard, Dan Ristau, Elaine Roerink, Jeff Shreve,

**Due in May:** Gerald Ambrozy, Mike Anstine, Jim Carbary, Tim Duve, Walter Euesden, Tom Hall, Clark Hartzel, Greg Jacobs, Mark Kidd, John Monk, Jeff Perkins, Cecil Rollins, Rod Tusek, Jean Marc Urbain, Rick White,

We have 133 paid members, 15 who owe dues and 5 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](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. ■

### What are the 7 days before Valentine Day called?

The first day of Valentine's week starts from Rose Day followed by **Propose Day**, Chocolate Day, Teddy Day, Promise Day, Hug Day, Kiss Day, and ends on February 14 with Valentine's Day.





# Coming soon Homecoming in JULY



Our event is now going to be  
Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>  
with all of the fanfare that you are accustomed to!

If you did not make it to Homecoming last year you were missed. The new hotel and space was great. The larger hospitality room, indoor swap space, indoor theater (for movie as well as tech sessions) and large atrium that was utilized in many ways.

What other event can you go to that all of this is included with your registration. You will receive our fine hospitality room for lunch, dinners, snacks, pop, water and beer. People's choice calendar, road rally, valve cover races, movie, and tech sessions. And we can't forget the awesome swap shopping we all enjoy. For a small fee we have a few other things to enjoy. GM Heritage Museum, Wine & Cheese event, T-shirts, and additional calendars.

**Hosted by Detroit Area Corvair Club** visit our website to register for the event. [Detroitcorvairs.com](http://Detroitcorvairs.com)

You can find all of this fun at:

Wyndham Garden Hotel 2900 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, Michigan 734-665-4444 **Call in use Corvair Club 2022**

**We have a request please book your room EARLY by June 13<sup>th</sup>.** When you book your room use the group code

**Online use code 070622COR** If you need more information call Pete Cimbala 810-241-8593

The hotel policy states you can cancel your room 48 hours before the event if need be. After the booking release the rate goes up.

Here is to another great year! Looking forward to seeing all of our friends old and new.

(Editor's Note; Clark's History article will be in a couple Aircoolers due to limited space. Enjoy DACC History and see if you can remember the people and events.)

## The History of DACC 1987 by Clark Hartzel

### January Aircooler:

President: Stu Shuster, Vice President: Clark Hartzel, Secretary: Sharon Pepke,

Treasurer: Agnes Gould, Editor: Pete Koehler, Membership: Ken Hand, Activities: Ken Pepke, Service and parts: Bob Kirkman.

Meeting place: GM Training Center. Members asked what they want for events this year. Members asked to bring photos of last year's events for the club scrapbook. Treasurer's report \$836.00. Agnes surprised Pete Cimbala with a birthday cake. Pete C asked for volunteers for the Sloan Fair Committee. The museum is very pleased with our museum display and attendance at the show. Last month's Christmas party was a success. 42 people came to the Farmhouse. Several Corvair stories were written by Pete Koehler and Don Arner.

### February Aircooler:

A mall show at Wonderland Mall in Livonia is planned for Feb.27-Mar.1. We will have 10 spots to fill. Treasurers report \$1,132.69. Interesting articles written by Stu Shuster, Pete Koehler, and Joe Kress of Autoweek. Clark is starting a driver's award for driving your Corvair to meetings or other automotive events. Sorry, driving to work not included.

### March Aircooler:

The mall show was canceled due to lack of insurance required by the mall. The promoter hopes to clear this up and try again. A ballot was provided to elect new officers. Treasurer's report \$1,182.68. Rich Blanchard and John Allesee joined the club. We have 136 members. Another interesting article written by Pete Koehler. A road trip is planned for March 7<sup>th</sup>. and we will drive around Lake St. Clair thru Canada into Port Huron and south. A huge list of coming events, both club and other events was published. Craig Balow has a 1965 Corsa convertible for sale at only \$500.00. Today it would worth 10 times that.

### April Aircooler:

Elections: President: Clark Hartzel, V.P.: Pete Cimbala, Sec.: Adele Kirkman, Treasurer: Jerry Ramsay, Editor: Pete Koehler, Membership: Jim LaMay, Activities: Dave Gould, Parts and service: Bob Kirkman. April 11<sup>th</sup> tour to Hell, MI. The Lake St. Clair tour was jokingly called the 30-30 tour. For every 30 minutes driving we spent 30 minutes fixing Jerry Roberts Spyder. After 8 years sitting and not being driven, the fuel filter kept plugging up from skunky gas. Bryce Flinn found a Chrysler filter in Sarnia that fit. Jerry has now joined the Masters of Disasters club started by Hartzel and Koehler. CORSA is looking for judging volunteers for the national convention in Chicago.

### May Aircooler:

Jay Schuster draws another funny cover picture "Bats out of Hell". A meeting before the meeting at Buddy's Pizza on old 13 Mile Road. Treasurers report \$546.29. The bank is charging us \$24.00 for our commercial account so Jerry Ramsay will find a new bank. A mystery part contest will be at the April meeting. See how many know what they are. Harold Dexter displayed 8 FC truck models. April 11<sup>th</sup> is our tour to Hell, MI.

Parts and service report: Steel repair panels are available from Surplus Supply and Clark's Corvair parts. Pete K bought some common tune up parts at a discount and made an offer to club members at a lower price than them ordering from Clark's.

### June Aircooler:

Cover picture of the worse wrecked Corvair I've ever seen. Car was given to Bryce Flinn by Don Schneider in Ohio. A trip to Hidden Lake Gardens May 16<sup>th</sup> was a success for the few that showed up. Jim LaMay put a list of 38 members who haven't renewed their membership yet in the Aircooler. Treasury report \$623.15. 63 people and 18 Corvairs came to the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bob Kirkman wrote an article about going to Phoenix, Arizona to flat tow a 1962 Rampside home. 4103 miles round trip. CIDCO is making new Pinion shafts with 9310 steel. You have to press your gear on but at least the splines will be new and good. ■

**History of 1987 to be continued next month.**

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**MEETING NOTICE!**

**The February DACC meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 7th @ 6pm.  
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