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

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather mother nature is giving us, and with this warm weather two things come to mind. 1. what was not done over winter that needed to be 2. When do you put away the snow shovels and snow blowers? Recently I heard on the radio that very argument of putting the snow blower away now or wait until June, and naturally the people listening were split saying put it away but also if you put it away we will get snow. One guy even called in and said that back in April of 2003 we got 8 inches of snow. Hopefully we don't get that again so we can enjoy driving our cars by then.

I hope everyone is working on their license plate designs for the May meeting, remember whoever design wins will get 40 dollars towards their 2022 Homecoming registration. Also bring your odometer reading to the meeting and come October whoever drove the farthest this season the winner is will get a very cool old Corvair poster thanks due to the Dexter Farm. More details on the competition will come in the following month and on Facebook. ■

March Meeting Minutes

A little smaller turn out for the meeting we had about 29 people attend.

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**As the world turns,
Please be safe.**

Purchasing my first Corvair

Article by Robert Jennings

I late 1961 I was going to General Motors Institute in Flint and commuting from home. I was driving a 1949 Dodge that had blown a piston – it would still run on 5 cylinders but was not very reliable to drive over 50 miles every day so my dad and I decided to look for another car.

I wanted a 1958 Chevrolet Impala hardtop that I had found for sale in Millington, Dad said that it had too many miles on it. He helped look for a suitable vehicle for me. An almost new 1958 Edsel was found in Flint for a very good price – I did not want an Edsel,



MY FIRST CORVAIR

Then he found a low mileage 1960 Corvair 700 4-door at the Chrysler dealer in Vassar. The price was right, so we made a deal. We asked the dealer what he would give us for a junker - he said he did not have time to tow it in – when we told him we could drive the 1949 Dodge in he gave us enough to pay for the sales tax.

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Raven informed us that in April we were going to have a valve cover build session at their home in Clarkston. In May date to be determined we are going to have a dust off drive with the West Michigan Club meeting up near or around Lansing.

Rich stated things were going well with membership people are keeping up to date with their dues. We have 133 members and 11 owe dues.

I spoke up about Homecoming looking for help with putting on the event. We would love to get more help with the hospitality room even if it is only for one meal. Also looking for someone to do a tech session, (maybe on carbs or wire harnessing). With the help from others I was able to combine a list of people who attended from the last 4 years and sent a mailer out. I wanted to make sure everyone who has attended in the past was made aware of the date change. I was surprised when I compiled the list it went out to 188 homes. Out of the 188 only 89 were mailed to homes in Michigan the other 99 were spread out over 17 other states as well as Canada friends. I can not express enough to book your room early and if you need to cancel you have up to 48 hours before to do so. In the mailer was included the new t-shirt order form with the new design. Order your t-shirt early to give us time to get them in for the event as well. Our online registration is up and running ready for you to get your registration now. Or you can mail it in as well.

Gary talked about the contest for the new license plate design to be created and turned in by the May meeting. Winner will receive \$40 off of their homecoming registration.

Swap and sell Pete K had some toys for sale from the Dexter estate for sale.

Pete C. knows of 60 and a 63 80hp motors for sale.

Tim D has 3 tires for sale 13's with about 10,000 miles on them. They are Cooper white letter 205 60 13.

Robert J has 5 wide white walls 13's bias plies for sale \$100 for all 5.

Mike H shared with us the obstacles he had with his alternator and the blades on the new ones going the wrong way and how he was able to modify it and get them to go the right way.

The movie picture this month was a challenging one and Robert J had to give clues to help on the guessing. It was from Space Jam.

Mike Harrison won the 50/50 of \$55 dollars and attendance went to Tom B.

Lori ~~ Secretary ■

April Fun Facts

April is the fourth month of the year and comes between March and May. It is one of four months to have 30 days. April always begins on the same day of week as July, and additionally, January in leap years. April always ends on the same day of the week as December.

April's flowers are the Sweet Pea and Daisy. Its birthstone is the diamond. The meaning of the diamond is innocence. Did you know this? Now you do.

From the Editor: Adam Morenski

Hi everyone, just filling some open space here in the Aircooler. You know I have asked for your articles to help spice up your Aircooler, now you get my drool. Let everyone know what you are doing with your Corvair project, send pics. Are you going to the Homecoming? Have you been to one? If I remember the stats, only about 30% of the DACC members attend The Homecoming, let's even say 40%, it's your club. We really enjoy all the Corvair enthusiasts that attend, I have even asked the a few enthusiasts if they would write a short article and email it to me at amorenski7636@wowway.com I have asked our friends in Canada to send articles, what have you been doing? Send some pics. Ohio, Washington State, send a short article on why you love coming to the DACC Homecoming. Some of our out of state guest even volunteer to help the DACC staff make the Homecoming the success that it is. Please take some of your precious time and help make the Homecoming a success, please volunteer. Ok, I am running out of space, lucky for you, I could go on. Attend your meetings and Homecoming, enjoy life, bye. ■

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At the February DACC Meeting, Pete Cimbala handed out a list of vehicles for sale by Steve Burndam. Contact Steve at 248-835-2715 for more details.

1931 Ford Model A : Burgundy / Black : / \$20,500

1967 Ford Galaxie 500 Burgundy / \$5,995

1959 Chevy ½ ton Apache pick up fleet side Red / White / \$10,300

1960 Corvair 2 door model 700 Red / \$4,800

1961 Corvair pick up ramp side Blue / \$4,000

1962 Corvair pick up ramp side Red / White / \$4,000

1962 Corvair pick up Load side Yellow parts car / \$1,000

1963 Corvair 2 door convert. Aqua / \$10,900

1963 Corvair 2 door Monza Spyder turbo Black / \$9,600

1964 Corvair 2 door coupe parts car Burgundy / \$1,000

1964 Corvair 2 door coupe Monza White / Red / \$7,400

1964 Corvair 2 door coupe Monza White / Blue / \$7,400

1964 Corvair 2 door convert. Parts car White / \$1,000

1965 Corvair 2 door Corsa Midnight Orchid parts car / \$1,000

1965 Corvair 2 door sport coupe White / Black / \$5,000

1965 Corvair 2 door coupe Monza Burgundy / \$7,600

1966 Corvair 2 door parts car Green / \$1,000

1968 Corvair 2 door Monza convert. Burgundy / \$18,400

1961 Corvair pick up Red White Black parts car / \$1,000

1962/3 Volkswagon conver. Wood spine parts car / \$1,500

1972 Volkswagon transporter camper van / \$25,200

Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

2/17/22 Balance \$6887.15

Income:

50/50 \$110.00

Membership \$150.00

Expenses:

50/50 Payout \$55.00

Attendance \$10.00

Domain \$61.00

Homecoming Flyer \$292.88

Newsletter \$175.48

3/17/22 Balance \$6552.7

**DACC on Facebook, go on and
“LIKE US” It's your club.**

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! \$6000, or best offer.

Cell: 1-517-795-7032

eldencparsons@gmail.com



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

hneil8833@hotmail.com



1966 Monza Sport Sedan 140 automatic, New paint, Tires, Carpet and mechanical work as needed. Nice interior 49,000 Miles nice running and driving car I have \$12,000 invested and that is what I would like to get back out of it ready to enjoy.

Mike McFarland 810-790-1812



Wanted: Early Scale Model Corvair Sedan (Prefer Metal) 1/18, 1/24, decent condition.

Rocko Heath. 586-431-4494.

Purchasing my first Corvair continued

This was an excellent car for me – a very good winter driver & with the gas heater, a very cozy drive also. Unfortunately, within a month the differential went out-the dealer honored is warranty and repaired it, although it took over a month – he had trouble getting the parts from GM.

THE WINTER OF 1962-63

If the rear wheels of a Corvair are firmly on the ground, it is almost impossible to get it stuck. The first winter I owned this car proved that to me. I had a 24-mile drive to work over country roads so I was very grateful for the traction the Corvair gave me. Once, during a particularly bad blizzard, I tried to get to work using the normal route – it was not possible – that route was drifted in with 5-foot drifts. While backtracking I came across another fellow with a 1952 heavy Chrysler with 800-15 tires & snow chains. He said to follow him, and he would break a path, he gave up on the route I was taking so we tried another – that did not work either, he gave up & went back home. I decided to try to go in the opposite direction to a main highway about 6 miles away. None of the country roads were plowed & the snow was about 18 inches deep but light. The Corvair had no problem getting thru that – in fact, at one farm on the way a car pulled out in front of me & I had to leave the road to miss him, the Corvair didn't even know I was not on the road. I ended up driving about 50 miles that morning, but I got to work. ■

2022 CORSA CONVENTION

Peachtree City, Georgia

July 12 – July 16, Tuesday to Sunday

**Crowne Plaza Atlanta SW Peachtree City Hotel and
Conference Center**

**201 Aberdeen Parkway
Peachtree City, GA. 30269
Five Hosting Chapters**

Schedule, events, host hotel registration:
<https://2022corsaconvention.com>

Activities by Raven Hand

Good morning from Raven, I have been busy with the last bit of my winter work and prepping for spring. As we wait for the weather to stabilize, we have been prepping and planning all the summer things we do. I am looking forward to the first Culvers Cruise in at the Lake Orion Culvers that happens on Tuesday's nights since it's a close and easy one for us to attend. I am sure either I or Kerry will announce it as soon as the actual date is known. Reminder April 9th we are hosting a valve cover racer build/finish/ whatever you may need to do event at our house in Clarkston. (Please have your own valve cover) I will eblast and print a map with address and have at April meeting. If you would like to do breakfast plan to meet at Iris Café at 3667 S Baldwin Rd

The Ballad of Fred Crankshaft

By Pete Koehler

With apologies to Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs

This here's the story of a man named Fred

Had a Corvair and he had it painted red

He was out one day cruisin' for some food

When out from the engine came a bubblin' crude
oil, that is

10W40

Synthetic

Next thing you know Fred's car's up in the shop

Mechanic man says its leakin' quite a lot!

Checking all the gaskets and they've given up the ghost

Pretty darn soon the whole engine will be toast
smoked

Need some parts

Better get Clark's

So Fred calls the Garage Squad looking for a fix

Club members say they can put him in the mix

Parts and Pizza is all he has to pay

Just like that Fred is on his way ■

Garage Squad Revs up a dusty "Crate" Engine

Here is an idea for a new Garage Squad activity: I have a "brand new" Corvair engine stored at the Caveman Garage. It is a "universal" replacement engine in that it would fit in a Corvair truck or station wagon (with the different oil fill/dipstick provision) or a regular Corvair car or even a unique 1960 Corvair with the special thermostat-controlled blower fan system. With zero heat cycles and zero miles on it you would expect it to be perfect. Right? Not so much... Over the years of storage something happened to it. When I bought it there was some evidence of "Mouse Intrusion". After a partial tear-down and gasket replacement the engine seemed to be fine. It got stored in the garage and the search was on for a suitable candidate to receive this really nice 80 HP engine. A friend called and needed a very good engine for a project he was working on for a customer. The crate engine was called up for duty, but as it turned out it didn't turn over anymore. What the heck happened? This is where the Garage Squad comes in. How about a work session to do another teardown and find the cause of the problem? Let's wait 'till it is warm enough out in the garage. Once diagnosed I want to re-assemble the engine and fit it with everything needed to fire it up and make sure it is ready for the next Corvair that it will motivate. Hoping it is not total junk, but if that is the case, we can always find another Corvair or Corvair engine to take apart and have with. ■

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Lake Orion at 9 am. In May we have confirmation of a combined dust off with the West Michigan club on May 14th it will be a bring your own picnic lunch and will be at a park in or near Lansing. For our group I will have us meet somewhere on Grand River in Fowlerville area. I will be releasing details asap. Thanks Raven ■

DACC History 1988 by Clark Hartzel

President: Clark Hartzel; Vice President: Pete Cimbala; Secretary: Adele Kirkman

Treasurer: Jerry Ramsay; Membership: Jim LeMay; Editor: Pete Koehler
Activities: Dave Gould; Parts and Service: Bob Kirkman. Meetings at GM Training Ctr

January Aircooler: Harold Dexter purchased a scale model Greenbrier that was used in the GM wind tunnel to test aerodynamics. GM came up with pictures of various designs that were tested including fender skirts. I can't think of anything uglier than skirts on a Greenbrier! Adele gave a report on the Christmas party including awards for the drive your Corvair winners and the Ralph awards for various topics. Pete K talked about coming up with a chapter race car for autocrosses and track events. We have a free Corsa car less powertrain to start. Volunteers and donated parts are required. Pete K talked about buying an 8-acre piece of property in Hadley Twp. And building a pole barn to store all his cars. There was an ad for a 1966 Corsa with 180HP turbo fully restored for \$2,100.00.

February Aircooler: Another neat drawing of the Corvair ranch by Jay Shuster was on the cover. Michigan to allow actual year license plates on historic vehicles. Bob Kirkman is doing a tech session at his house on Feb. 14th. Topic will be carbs, distributor, wires and starter. Dave Gould talked about a two-day road trip to the top of the lower peninsula. The Corsa national convention is in North Carolina and the concours show is planned to be on the lawn of the Biltmore mansion in Asheville. We have 104 members. Treasury is \$1,042.01.

March Aircooler: A ballot for election of officers was printed so all members could vote for new officers. Guest speaker will be Steve Purdy who has entered all the One Lap of the America rallies. Pete C will get jackets and Jerry Roberts will make magnetic signs. Kathy Mucha has new name tags. DACC tour to the Henry Ford mansion will be April 10th. Carolyn Bryan works there so she will give us all the info we need. The Michiana Corvair Club swap meet is May 14th at Al Grunert's house in Three Rivers. Al has a Corvair powered lawn tractor. May 14th is also the day the last Corvair was built, we are still looking for #6000. Gene Haubert is 87 years old and still driving his Corvair!

April Aircooler: New officers: President Pete Cimbala; Vice President: Ken Hand; Secretary: Adele Kirkman; Treasurer: Jerry Ramsay; Membership: Jim LeMay.
Editor: Bob Kirkman; Activities: Clark Hartzel; Parts and Service: Craig Balow.

Bob K did a personality story on new member Tim Schultz and new parts and service guy Craig Balow. He also wrote an article on why Chevrolet did not use a Powerglide trans on the turbo cars. Bob also did articles on restoration reports about 19 members who are doing various work on their cars and trucks. Wow, he did many hours of work to fill up the Aircooler. Ken Hand wrote an article on their trip to Florida to a Corvair show. A few problems were fixed with carb icing and a blown muffler. Stan Newman wrote an article comparing the water cooled flat six of the Subaru to our air-cooled engine.

May Aircooler: Another funny cartoon on the cover by Jay Shuster. We approved Ken Hand as a CORSA Corvair mechanic. He is now listed as a master mechanic with the state. We are trying to come up with a list of all the Corvairs owned by club members. So far 44 members own 126 Corvairs. Bob K wrote an article on how he checks out an unknown engine for problems before installing it in a car. Jim LeMay wrote a big article on going to an ARCA race at Daytona with a car that was in many pieces a month before the race. They finished in 4th position with a new car and a driver that had never raced in Daytona before. A May 22nd Road trip was planned by Pete K to the Antique Auto Sales shop in Monroe, Treasury at \$855.72. Kurt Graham is starting the restoration of his 1963 Corvan that was best of show at 2021 Homecoming. Larry Cooper installed Cadillac Eldorado leather seats front and back in his 1965 Monza convertible.

June Aircooler: Pete K's Ultravan will be the check-in point for the Sloan Museum Summer Fair June 25-26. Bob K has added more members to his Corvair count. He now has 50 members who own 149 Corvairs. Membership counts 103 paid members. Price is \$12.00 per year. Lynn Steele makes and sells weather strips for front and rear windows and other door and trunk seals. They don't advertise in the CORSA

communiqué. Jackets are being ordered and will cost \$39.00 for up to XL. \$42.00 for XXL. There will be a patch on the rear and your name on the front. Bob K has added 10 more members to his Restoration Report. Bob also added 3 more Personality Profile stories. Since there is no food at the GM Training Center, members have been going to the meeting before the meeting at Buddy's Pizza on old 13 Mile across from the Tech Center.

July Aircooler: A new member Jim Walsh bought Ted Mick's shortened Corvair and is having fun driving it. It was a 1964 convertible. Now the rear seat is the driver's seat. We want all years of Corvairs shown at the Sloan Fair. The 4th of July parade and food tent is our official event, and it is always fun. Dave Taylor won a first-place award at the Carnival of Cars show. Board meetings are being held at member's homes, so we get to see all the projects the host is working on. Copies of the CORSA Communiqué were given out to nonmembers trying to get them to join the national club. Corvanatics was also pushed for the forward control folks. The drive your Corvair points race is led by Clark with 69, Ken Hand with 61 and Pete K with 46. Bob K wrote about fixing the sloppy shift pin on the bracket at the trans end by drilling it out and pressing a 3/8 O.D. Hardened roll pin into the bracket. That and a new pin usually fixes the shift issues. The Corvair count is up to 60 members owning 159 Corvairs.

August Aircooler: The cover has a picture of 24 Corvairs and their owners taken by Gordon Fee at the GM Tech Center. The Corvair count is now 76 members own 205 Corvairs with 40 of them being Forward Controls. Inside page 2 is a picture of Jim Walsh in his 1964 shortie next to his 1936 Auburn Henney hearse. He owns the funeral home in Fraser. Treasury is \$926.99. There were 60 adults and 7 children at the July meeting. Bob K wrote about 8 members and their restoration work. At the Carnival of Cars show. Dave Taylor won a 100-point 1965 Corsa convertible. Don Arner was second with 95.5 points with his 1961 Rampside. A tech tip on using plain oil as an undercoating as it will creep into all cracks and crevices. Several stories about the Tucker were on page 7. It started life as an air cooled flat 6 but was converted to water cooling. The movie director Coppola and producer Lucas each had 2 Tuckers and 4 fiberglass replicas were built to not harm the 22 original cars that were in the movie. The August activity was the 41st Historic Fort Wayne car show and picnic. ■

DACC Membership Report for April 2022 AIRCOOLER

Submitted March 16, 2022 by Rich Blanchard

Welcome New Members: Don Kosanika/Nader's Nemesis

Thanks for keeping your membership up to Date: John Allesee, Rich Blanchard, Mike Davis, Dale Dewald, Clark Hartzel, Gary Szuch,

Members to be dropped for non-payment: Michael Cook, Dave Munaco,

Past Due in December: Richard Dixon, Casey Schesky,

Past Due in January: Jan Bradley, John Lantz, Jerry North, Brad Ross,

Past Due in February:

Past Due in March: Ray Dubia, Roger Roney, Grayden Sallows, Steve Tackett, Jeff Wise,

Due in April: Anne Baldwin, Ronald Bluhm, John Davis, Brian Granger, Chris Hand, Dominic Mascia, H. Neil Riechard, Dan Ristau, Elaine Roerink,

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

Due in June: Craig Balow, Dave Beck, Michael Henk, Bryan Johnson, Gary Komora, John O'Leary, Doreen Reisig, Linda Tennant

Due in July: John Bussard, Gigi Debbrecht, Stu Ehrhardt, Jay Nugent, Ken Pepke, Bill Vellner, Mark Williams,

We have 121 paid members, 13 who owe dues, and 9 due this month!

We are mailing 9 complimentary AIRCOOLERS to other clubs and the Ypsilanti Museum.

If you can't attend the monthly meeting at 300 Bowl, send a check for \$20.00 payable to DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB to Rich Blanchard-DACC 4776 Granger Rd Oxford, Michigan 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!

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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 April DACC meeting will be held on Monday,
April 4th @ 6pm.
Attend at the 300 Bowl.**

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