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From The Dashboard of Your DACC

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Hello everyone, I'd like to say I saw so many happy people at the last meeting but that would mean that I was at the last meeting. Monday night would have been the rain day between Petoskey and Sault Ste. Marie, and do I mean rain. From the 3rd to the 8th my girlfriend Kim and I were on the Back to the Brick Promo tour, we covered over 1000 miles, passed many gas stations (thankfully 23-26mpg helps), met some new friends, and had no real issues. We had stops in Alma, East Tawas, Petoskey, and lastly Sault Ste. Marie or as us locals (Pete's name for Kim and I) call it "The Soo". Some entertaining highlights from the trip while in Petoskey, I was the lucky one to pick names for the giveaways, the only problem was every name I pulled had gone home or didn't show up. The funny part was when we got to the Soo, they had a younger kid pulling the names and Amber (she is the one who is leading the tour) is saying the new kid is doing a better job than I did, joke was on her when my name was the next one picked. I had to say, "first you insult me, then you try to butter me up with a hat". Nevertheless, the trip was fun Kim and I got to walk around our old stomping grounds and get lots of good dinner food. ■

Don't forget your valve cover racer.

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Homecoming Update by Pete Cimbala

Homecoming is coming up in just a few weeks and it is looking like a good number of people are showing up this year. We get to see our friends from Canada again after missing them for a couple of years, and there are quite a few newer members and people who may have recently bought a Corvair for the first time. Lori has been working hard behind the scenes getting everything organized and ordered so it will be ready for the event. Pete K. will have a lot of stuff for sale in the indoor vendor room, quite a bit from the Dexter barns. We will have some very interesting tech sessions (see Pete's article) the world famous hospitality room hosted by Ken & Ruth WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS THAT WILL BE THERE TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. Scott the DJ will be back spinning the tunes [Friday](#) and [Sat](#). We all know what needs to be done so please help when you can so our friends have a good time. All of this fun will take place before our monthly meeting so watch the Facebook page for any important updates or an e-blast if needed. **Please don't forget to bring your unwanted items for the auction, on Saturday.** ■
June meeting minutes

June Meeting Minutes

Gary was gone to Back to Bricks adventure, this left Mike in charge of the meeting. He was slacking and did not start until 7:02. We would like to extend our congratulations to Grant, he graduated High School last month. Congratulations Grant. We would like to welcome Eva and Chris Karas to DACC. They are buying a '64' white convertible. They live in Burton. Ken P brought in for sale a lamp that was made by Bob Kirkman. Ken P did comment that he would welcome more help in the hospitality room as well as getting groceries. Mike has gone up and beyond and has acquired us a few door prizes for Homecoming. Rich B gave a reminder that your dues is due the month that is posted in the Aircooler and to stay current. We currently have 123 paid members. Treasure report \$8786.14 but these numbers fluctuate daily with all the monies coming in/out for Homecoming. *Continued page 3*

Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

Balance 5/17/22 \$8786.14

Income:

50/50 \$155.00

Membership \$180.00

Homecoming \$2385.00

Expenses:

50/50 Payout \$77.00

Attendance \$10.00

Cooler for Homecoming \$50.00

Homecoming t-shirts \$540.00

Newsletter \$217.43

Balance 6/17/22 \$10,611.71

Activities by Raven Hand

Hello all, it's been very hectic in the Hand household and garage the past few weeks. Chris got his racecar and has barely started work, the vans new motor gave him a lot of grief but is hopefully worked out now. Unfortunately, we haven't made it to very many cruise ins yet this year. I am still working on Corvair meet up at Waterford race track and starting to look at fall color tour routes and possibilities, on Facebook page I'm starting a weekly who is going where and welcome your input, if not on Facebook please feel free to email me at rhanda1499@yahoo.com or call/text 248 894 0831 and just maybe you will get another Corvair or two to attend. I sent off the form for the Woodward Dream cruise * parking raffle * and you will know as soon as I know.

I made a solo trip out to Bakers Last Sunday June 12th. And having never been found it a good cruise in that I encourage everyone wishing to make drive to try out if they haven't done it. Take a chair and escape the heat as needed by sitting in boulevard under the trees for a great vantage point to watch cars come and go. Everyone attending National Convention safe travels and have a great time. ■



**July is here,
get out and
enjoy. Spend
a day at your
Homecoming,
you might
enjoy it.**



2022 CORSA CONVENTION

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DACC Membership Report for JULY 2022

AIRCOOLER

Submitted June 14, 2022 by Rich Blanchard

Welcome New Members: James Fleischhauer, Eva Karas

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: Tim Bramble, Walter Euesden, Michael Henk, John Monk, Doreen Reisig, Rick White

Members dropped for non-payment: Tim Duve, Tom Hall, Greg Jacobs, Mark Kidd, Jeff Perkins,

Past Due in June: Craig Balow, Dave Beck, Bryan Johnson, Gary Komora,

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

Due in August: Craig Campbell, Don Eichstaedt, Carol Hairsine, Lori Komora, Adam Morenski, Ross Newton, Robert Norwalk, William Owens,

Due in September: Kerrin Borgne, Ken Boulan, Matt Cummins, Keith Cutter, Mike Davis, Dan Dood, Chad Guthrie, Rocko Heath, Greg Kellogg, Dave Kubiske, Stephanie Miller, Roger Nelson, Len Newill, Les Schlaud, Jerry Schmidt, Ian Smith, Jerry Smith, Jim Spaulding, Bob Storc, Mark Szlaczky, Jerome Yoscovits,

Due in October: Sue Hamil, Michael Hurt, Jerry Light, Jacob Mann, Ronald Mann,

We have 126 paid members, 4 who owe dues and 7 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.

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SELL & SWAP

Please resubmit your ad to the editor. It will then be placed in the Aircooler.



1962	Chevrolet	Corvair, 700	Red	Sedan	4 dr.	Automatic, very clean!
1963	Chevrolet	Corvair 500	Maroon	Coupe	2 dr.	Needs cleaning and detailed review
1965	Chevrolet	Corvair 110	Beige	Sedan	4 dr.	
1966	Chevrolet	Corvair/Monza	Maroon/Black Top	Convertible	2 dr.	81k miles, assumes 110HP engine

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Contact for info

**1964 white Corvair convertible
for parts at U pick Sterling
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Type in Corvair to see photo.
Vehicles stay roughly 30 days.

**Wanted: Early Scale Model Corvair
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Looking for a decent complete set of
used Bumper Guards (front & rear)
for my 1964 Corvair Convertible.

Thanks, Rocko Heath.
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Raven wanted to know if we should apply for parking spaces for the Woodward Dream Cruise and the decision was made to apply. Motor Muster is up and coming and is a fun event. The Gilmore Air-cooled event is **June 18th**.

Then we have the Sloan Auto Fest **June 25/26th**.

July 7-10th is Homecoming be there or be square.

With Homecoming we can always use more help in the hospitality room. Still looking for someone to do a tech session. Thank you to Elaine and Mike for goodies for our bags. Elaine even acquired hats for all, and inside your check in envelope there will be a ticket to retrieve your hat. I do not want them to get damaged in the bags and this way you can pick which color hat you would like. By the time this is in print the room block has been lifted and the saving cost is not available. But you can still pre-register for Homecoming or just show up and register. Gary did want me to let everyone know that he is having a blast on Back to Bricks and recommends more to join next year. This year the only Corvairs were Jerry and Gladys Huff and Gary and Kim. Gary was pleased to say that he was getting 26mpg with his Corsa.

50/50 winner was Tom T and he received \$77 the attendance went to Marvin.

Bill V has an Alternator for sale fits any LM \$80. Mike H has 65 brake shoes and cylinders for sale.

SEE YOU ALL at HOMECOMING.

Our next club meeting will be **July 11th. 6pm is social, 7pm is meeting.**

Lori ~ Secretary ■



Remember when you found that something and said, "hum, this would be great for the DACC Homecoming Auction" (just go with it). Now is the time to donate items to support your club. Clean the garage, attic, room, get that special item and donate it.

THE BOOM YEARS

Article by Robert Jennings

Late in 1967 or early in 1968 I purchased a 1961 Corvair 95 Bell Telephone van. This was my second Corvair, at this time I was driving a 1930 Model A Tudor and a 1963 Chevrolet Belair coupe. In addition, I had been driving a 1960 Studebaker Lark and a 1955 Buick Super (my wife's car) since 1963 and the loss of my 1960 Corvair. I do not have a photo of the Corvair 95 – here are the pictures I have of the others.



I got married in 1963 and had a son in 1965 and a daughter in 1967 & so I thought I needed a van (which I planned to convert to a passenger vehicle) instead of the Model A. I purchased an old school bus seat & mounted it behind the front seat, the next thing I needed was a window on the drivers side so I purchased a RV window & mounted it behind the driver. I needed to remove all the telephone shelves and the ladder rack from the roof. The state of Michigan inspected the van and I got it converted it from a commercial vehicle to a station wagon and I was happy. During this time I was moving from a small home in the city of Saginaw to a larger home with a large lot and a garage in the country near Bridgeport. In order to come up with the down payment I needed to sell the Model A. But now I had a place to work on vehicles and that started a rash of purchases for the next 7 years. It is a good thing that I had a place to work on my cars, the van first got a broken drive shaft – apparently someone had separated the engine & transaxle, in doing so they had bent the shaft. After being driven for a while with the bent shaft metal fatigue caused it to snap in half at the snap ring groove. Later on one of the head gaskets blew and burnt one of the cylinder castings so bad I had to replace it – fortunately my neighbor owned a junk yard & being the cheap guy that I am I went there to buy all my parts. I purchased a cylinder for \$10, bought new head gaskets and put it back together. I never had any more problems with the engine. Early on I purchased a 1961 Greenbriar for spare parts & the seats for my Corvan. I ultimately traded the van for a canoe as seen in the photo below. The canoe is on the roof of a 1961 Corvair 700 four door that is behind the 1962 Monza coupe. The garage being constructed is my 2nd single car ga



Also, after another son was born in the fall of 1969 we decided we needed to add on to the house. In addition, the 1-1/2 car garage plus the

single car garage was not big enough to house my growing collection of cars so I built a 1000 sq ft pole barn with a second floor. Unfortunately for the hobby, after finishing the pole barn in 1978 I accepted a job in Tiffin, Ohio;

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The Boom Years Continued.



sold the place and all the cars & parts and moved to Ohio – never to buy another Corvair until last year. **SURE WISH I HAD THEM NOW! ■**

DACC History 1989 Continued by Clark Hartzel

May Aircooler: Guest speaker Paul Rishel was well received as he talked about the various test vehicles he worked on. Membership up to 115. We are having a mini convention in June and the event is called 20 Years After, meaning 20 years since the last Corvair was built. A warning to check your stored Corvairs before use for mouse nests on top of the engine, That mess on top of head fins can block cooling air and do bad things for your engine. Bob Kirkman wrote an important article on keeping your tires inflated to the proper specs. Corvairs need about 10 pounds less pressure in the front than in the rear. 2/3 of the weight is on the rear tires so an easy thing to remember is 20 pounds front and 30 pounds rear. An interesting fact is in California a car only worth \$300 or less that can't be driven can be immediately impounded even on private property. Be glad Michigan doesn't have the same law or half our old Corvairs awaiting restoration could be taken away and scrapped! The June 2-4 show and swap meet mini convention will be held at the GM Tech center and the Hilton hotel on Van Dyke just North of the Tech Center. A bonus feature is the GM employees car show on Sunday which we can display our cars along with GM Design Staff cars.

June Aircooler: Again showing an ad and entry forms for our June 2,3,4 car show and swap meet at the Holiday Inn on Van dyke in Warren. Walker Muffler supplied a cutaway muffler so we can see what is inside. The Astro 1 was built with the overhead cam engine but never driven with that engine. When the vehicle was shown in Florida in 1973 it had a 140HP engine in it. Bob Kirkman said he never removed a powertrain and split the engine from the diff from a Corvair with out spilling a bunch of oil on his driveway. A plea from Bob to not only send articles and pictures to him but also send them to CORSA for the Communique. If your extension cords or trouble lights have kinked cords the solution is to wind them up alternating normal circular rotation with a figure 8. This cancels out the kinks from doing all one way. A mechanic down in New Mexico said the air conditioned Corvairs didn't last long as the extra heat from the condenser wore out the engine. A flyer and entry form for the 17th annual Sloan Summer Fair car show and swap meet was included in the Aircooler. We usually have a good turn out at this event. Bob Kirkman said he misplaced a 7/16 socket and Larry Rogers found it still stuck on one of his oil pan screws.

July Aircooler: Pictures on cover and inside cover of June meet. Picture inside of officers. The June 4th GM Design Staff show had 180 cars. 25 cars were from DACC. The July 4th event is the Cass City parade, craft show, food tent and swap meet. Bob Kirkman mentioned he has extra copies of the Aircooler for sale and 12 for \$8.00. If has to make new copies it will be ten cents per page. Next meeting will have a representative from Uniroyal talk about tires. Fred Stroben discovered that a battery for a 1983-88 Mitsubishi light pickup fits in the narrow early Corvair battery box. Al Miller's spark plug boots kept blowing out of the hole and he mentioned the boots were somebodies cheap repros that did not have the groove to snap into the shroud. Bob Kirkman was getting a shimmy on the front wheels of stubby, his shortened Corvair. It turned out to be a worn lower ball joint not the usual tie rod ends or steering bushing. He also said that Permatex Ultra Blue gasket sealer is much better than normal silicone.

August Aircooler: The cover shows 7 men in suits admiring the mid engine Monza GT at Elkhart Lake. Inside cover showed more pictures. The GT had a windshield that would slide forward to allow easier access for getting

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in or out of the vehicle. It also had torsion bar suspension. September activities will include the Saline Parade followed by a corn roast and hot dogs. Bob Kirkman said on a recent trip out west to Arizona he found a Pep Boys store selling blue AC PF4 oil filters for \$1.88.

An article on Gas filled shocks comparing them to regular oil filled shocks. The bottom line is the Nitrogen filled shocks are best for severe service like racing but a driver wouldn't notice the difference in a normal road drive. The Sloan Fair car show had early Keith Major 1st, Dale Stanfield 2nd, Rex Hamil 3rd. The late class Mike Kulhanek 1st, Frank VanDall 2nd and Vern Jay 3rd. A clean sweep for DACC. An article on auction results said a 1964 Corvair Spyder didn't sell at \$9,000 but a 1956 Chevy Bel Air convertible sold for \$60,000 and a 1957 Chevy Bel Air convertible sold for \$50,000.

September Aircooler: More pictures on cover and inside cover of the Monza GT roadster at a New York auto show. This car was the first to use panel adhesive to glue all the body panels together. This version had a mid engine conversion by cutting the ring and pinion backwards so it had 4 speeds forward. The engine had triple barrel Weber carbs on each head. There were three different cars built and called Monza GT. One version became the Astro1. New member Earl Wright has a Weber carbured E Flow Turbo charged 1965 coupe that has been stripped of all things not required and it turns low 13's at 108 MPH on the drag strip. After years of fun he put everything back to stock and made a nice street machine out of it. Bob Kirkman did nice personality profiles on six new members. This helps introduce them to the club members. Hal Smith said his 1969 Corvair was rear ended and the insurance company wanted to scrap it. Hal insisted he wanted to fix it and good thing he did. The car turned out to be #5999, the last known Corvair built. He said they used it up north for running around on the dirt trails. The car is now in the Corvair Museum. A story about my trip to the Kansas City CORSA convention and all my vapor lock problems. The Hoosier Show is the next weekend after the Saline Parade. We usually have a good turnout of cars at the Saline parade. September 10th is the Hand Out picnic at Ken Hands place. October 7th is the New Boston Apple Fest parade. Ken Hand wrote a long story about his troubles just before the KC convention. Don Arner wrote a story about waking up at 6AM to hear his Corvair cranking over and he thought someone was stealing it. Turns out a screw he put in the tunnel finally shorted out the wire that engages the starter! This issue of the Aircooler must have set a record as it had 20 pages (10 sheets of paper) It took 45 cents postage to send it. Normal postage at that time was 25 cents.

October Aircooler: A picture on the cover of the Dynatrack, a military vehicle articulated and both ends have tank tracks. Powered by a Corvair engine. It can drive into water using the tracks as propulsion. Bob Kirkman mentioned the cost of the Aircooler is higher than our dues and we need to raise dues or find other ways to afford the newsletter. At the Van Nuys assembly plant in California the Groundskeeper still uses a Rampside pickup. Two events coming up are the New Boston Apple Fest and the Frankenmuth tour. Frankenmuth will be a two day event with a tour up to Houghton Lake.

A nice article in the Troy Times paper about Corvairs. I had a clunking noise in the rear of my Green brier. It turned out to be loose U-joint caps that were spinning in the yokes. I had numerous U-joints so I kept measuring the caps until I found some oversize units. I put that U-joint in and no more clunking sound. Beware of new brake rubber hoses being the wrong length or an incorrect wheel cylinder causing a hose to stretch to far. I had a hose failure on my Greenbrier because a previous owner put the wrong wheel cylinder on the right rear. It caused the hose to break where it attached to the cylinder.

November Aircooler: The drive your Corvair changed this year as it only counts CORSA events or chapter events, Hartzel has a slim lead so far with 15 points. Tied for second are Bob Kirkman and Pete Koehler with 12 points. The Christmas party will be at the Meritage Restaurant on 12 mile near Van Dyke. It used to be the Schmidt House. Dominos car museum just sold a Tucker Torpedo for \$275,000

Did you know that the first mile of concrete highway was Woodward Ave. between 6 and 7 mile? The nations oldest fresh water aquarium is on Belle Isle. The first auto traffic tunnel between two countries is the Detroit Windsor tunnel. The tallest hotel in north America is the Ren Cen. Bob Kirkman did personality profiles on 6 new members. Clark wrote an article on the annual Vermont tour.

December Aircooler: During the November Perry Mason show an attorney sprawled across the trunk lid of a blue Corvair station wagon to avoid being run down by killer's car. Our treasury is up to \$1,687.91. Did you know that since 1896 there have been 2,573 name brands of cars and only a dozen have survived. Four pages were taken up with a complete membership list. Panicphobia is the fear of becoming an officer in your car club.

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DACC History 1989 Continued

Trophobia is the fear of your wife giving your trophy collection to the Goodwill to make room for her African Violets and Begonias. Membership up to 138 paid. In the swap ide, engine runs good but no brakes for \$400. and sell was a 1968 hardtop with all new parts and some extra parts, new paint job for \$800.

1961 Lakewood with Powerglide. Engine runs good but no brakes, \$400. ■

Tech Session Announced for the Homecoming!

Article by Pete Kohler

I don't race Corvairs, but I could listen to others who do or did and be entertained for hours. And that is just what we have planned for this year's Homecoming Tech Session. A scripted program will tell the story of our very own Don Eichstadt's Corvair Racing career that started in 1962. In 1965 Don helped write the FIA rules for racing Corvairs and had his grey/silver 1965 Corsa at the Sebring, Florida endurance races that year. Spoiler alert: he won his class! Added bonus; the very same car that Don raced back in '65 is still around and will be brought to the event by current owner Ryan Counterman. It will be on display outside for your inspection and discussion. Thanks, Ryan!

Joining Don on the podium in the hotel's theater (air conditioned!!) will be another Corvair racer - John Harp. John was a roundy round dirt track racer for many years and did his laps mostly in a turbocharged Corvair. He has some tall tales to tell. The interesting thing is that both Don and John worked together at Car Craft in Brighton building some really cool muscle cars. You have heard of the Boss 429 Mustangs from 1969 and 1970? These gentlemen had a hand in those vehicles and several more that you didn't hear of.

Rounding out the trilogy of Speed is another good friend of mine who recently joined the DACC, Charley Farley. Charley has a long history with high performance Corvairs. His current stable houses three. The one he will bring to the show is an amazing bit of engineering. It is a late model coupe with a mid-engine. No, it is not your typical mid-V8; it is a Corvair flat 6 where the back seat used to be! It is not your typical Corvair flat 6 either, it is a 3.0 liter triple Weber carbured monster that you just have to see to believe.

Hoping you will enjoy being with these guys at the Homecoming. Even if you are like me and prefer your Corvairs stock, after listening to and seeing and being with these owners/builders/drivers you just might come away with a different attitude. Don't miss this opportunity! And it's all included in the super bargain one-price-for-all ticket to the DACC Homecoming. Who has more fun than us??? ■



Independence Day USA is celebrated on 4 July. United States Independence Day is also known as the Fourth of July or the Fourth. This day commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on 4 July, 1776 from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

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