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From The Dashboard of Your DACC

President, Gary Komora Gkomora@sbcglobal.net

Hello everyone, I hope you all enjoyed Homecoming this year, I know I did. It feels a little weird this year having Homecoming done and it not being the end of summer, I think this marks my 10th Homecoming I have been a registrant at. A first at Homecoming for me was not actually working on a Corvair (may it be mine or someone else's) which was a nice change, I didn't have to find some decent soap to clean my hands of oil dirt and who knows what else. This year we were a little down on cars and people for which I will say is due to national being the week after us but it still was a good turnout overall. 2 interesting things from this year, 1 is the "Just Kool" award, it is an award that is decided by the reigning president and vice as the car that is just cool. The second thing is the tech sessions were on Corvair racing and one of the presenters did autocross racing, but the cool thing was his old car from 1965 was at Homecoming. So, when someone asked what ever happened to the car the owner said, "well it's currently out in the parking lot". The only downside was I didn't a picture of him with his old car. All in all, it was a good Homecoming and I know I can't wait until next years. ■

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Hospitality Room Did It Again

A call out to the volunteers, Carol, Jamie, Linda, Grant, Len, Karen, Judy, Ken, Jen, Raven and Eileen that gave so much energy to the hospitality room. Maybe you helped prep the foods, served the food and or helped with clean up, or maybe you just dropped by and offered your help, Rich Blanchard who help with grocery shopping, loading and unload the chuck wagon (our suburban). Tom who did an emergency food run. All the ladies who made all the wonderful desserts: Joanne Hartzel, who outdid herself again this year, (if you didn't get to see the cute little hamburger cookies, you really missed it.)



Maybe you enjoyed one of Linda's mini cupcakes, so delicious. Stephanie and her homemade carrot cake, that everyone raved about and all the other items she made. She told me she loves to bake. So glad she does. And one of our members, of long-standing, Jim Dehring and his wife who kept us well stock with little Gold Fish Crackers, Pretzels and the packs of Fruity Snacks. all is greatly appreciated. If I have overlooked anyone, I do apologize. Ken Pepke and Ruth Sweeney Hospitality Room ■

Check out more Homecoming pics on the DACC Facebook Page, also, use your search browser and type "Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming 2022 for YouTube video. ■

DACC Meeting Minutes July 11, 2022

Gavel Gary got things going at 7 gongs as we greeted 36 members in attendance on the day after the Homecoming. A surprising number considering we were still in the afterglow of the 45th Annual Homecoming and the week before the National Convention.

Final Homecoming numbers are not yet available, and Carol and Lori were on their way to the National. Rich B. reports that we now have 125 paid members and are now the largest Corsa Chapter in the country.

Adam continues to fine-tune the email address list to facilitate communications such as the EBlast for Activities. Raven reminds us of the applications for the Berkley Cruise on August 19 must be in by July 15th. The club will suggest a gathering spot for this event for those that want to enter as a group and picnic and party as discreetly as possible within the cemetery boundaries.

This year's event included a special award in memory of Bill Johnson (The Sawzall Surgeon) and his contribution to all things Corvair, "The Just Cool award". This award went to Mitch Burt.

Put a capital H on Hospitality as only Ruth and Ken P can do it. Also, a special thanks to everyone that helped make the DACC Homecoming another great success. Great cars, great people, good times and #45 is in the books.

Mike A. mastered the auctioneer's task of turning a molehill of stuff into a mountain of cash.

Elaine D. won the 50-50 and Jan B. took home the Attendance prize. Bill and Tammy V. swept all categories in the Valve Cover Races.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Some events to look forward to:

Concours d'Lemons, Waterford Hills Racing 7/23-24), Telegraph Cruise (7/23), Oakland County Air Show (8/14), Woodward Dream Cruise (8/20), Hines Drive Cruise, Romeo Peach Festival. Details to follow.

A tour of the Dexter Barns is tentatively scheduled for 8/14.

Anyone that has a story about getting ready for the Homecoming please send it Adam for inclusion.

Submitted by John Oleary ■

Top three finishers for the DACC Road Rally.

1st place: Clark Hartzel, Driver - Joanne Hartzel, Navigator. They received a \$25 gift card to AutoZone.

2nd place: Robert Wittman, Driver - Linda Tennant, Navigator. They received a \$15 gift card to AutoZone.

3rd place: Gary DeMoss, Driver - Rob Norwalk, Navigator. They received a \$10 gift card to AutoZone. ■

Summer is here, get outside and enjoy!

Tammy Vellner's New Ride



It was offered as an auction with a starting bid of \$3,500.00 and I was the only bidder. I bought the car to make up for not getting the '62 Tammy bought four years ago on the road. Pete Koehler bought the '62 and turned it over (no pun intended) to Chris Hand for his son and Ken Hand got it running.

Kenten Vellner ■



Valve Cover Race Results

Bill Vellner won the valve cover race with Tammy Vellner finishing a photo finish 2nd. Unfortunately, only 8 valve covers participated. **It is hardly worth spending two hours setting up the track for a half hour of races.**

Editor's 2 cents.

Clark is correct, we need more participation, or this event could become Corvair history. ■

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

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

Rocko Heath. 586-431-4494.

Looking for a decent complete set of used Bumper Guards (front & rear) for my 1964 Corvair Convertible.

Thanks, Rocko Heath.

586-431-4494.

Take a gander at this.

To All the Homecoming Volunteers The DACC Board Gives "YOU" A BIG THANK YOU



Bravo

The DACC Board appreciates the hard work and valuable personal time people committed to making the Homecoming another success story. DACC Members, people from other clubs came together to do the little and major items needed, we cannot say thanks enough.



Well Done!

Activities by Raven Hand

Hey, all fresh off the heels of Homecoming I am having trouble with my article this month. Really what can I say that the majority didn't experience? You all are an amazing and fun group of people to hang with and get to know!!! And thanks for voting Dolly the van into the top 25 people's choice! I am thrilled as Dolly is super special to me and I think she's just beautiful.

Events for August to consider, of course we have Woodward Dream cruise and you will have those details by the time you see this.

* Oakland county airports air show on [August 14th](#) from 9 am to 4 pm. We will meet for breakfast at 8 am at Leo's Coney Island on Highland rd. address is 5076 Highland rd. Waterford 48327.

* Back To Bricks main event week starts [August 15th](#) and runs thru the 20th (check out the Back To The Bricks website) for schedule.

* Hines Drive Cruise is on [August 28th](#). Breakfast meetup details to be announced soon.

Watch for eblast and Facebook posts as events near

*Raven

This Just In

Alright everyone, as you know we won a spot in Dream Cruise parking raffle. There is space for 10 cars, \$30 per car, total due by [July 29th](#). I just spoke to Birmingham Shopping district, and they cannot give an exact location yet. (or won't) but they said the roads closed will be Haynes, Worth and Webster in between Woodward and Adams and near Walgreens parking lot (which is also closed). I will eblast as well. Who is interested? If we don't get 10 cars by the 27th we are out. (fyi Chris and I are not planning to do Woodward so we aren't included in this count).

Raven ■

Taylor Chevrolet has invited the DACC to use their lot for the 2023 Telegraph Cruise. It runs the 4th Saturday in July from Redford to Taylor, 18 miles of fun each way. Taylor Chevrolet generously donated items to the DACC goody bags this year. It's late to get a few Corvairs to this year's cruise on July 23rd. Elaine mentioned at the meeting to get Corvairs to the cruise. Hopefully a Corvair enthusiast stopped into Taylor Chevrolet and said thanks for supporting the DACC. Let's set a plan to go to the Telegraph Cruise and make Taylor Chevrolet the homebase in 2024. We should have members in the near area to promote the Corvair, but true cruisers will do the cruise even if they live farther away, plan a weekend of enjoyment promoting your hobby. ■



DACC Membership Report for AUGUST 2022 AIRCOOLER

Submitted July17, 2022 by Rich Blanchard

Welcome New Members: Jim Booher (NC), Sam Christ (welcome back!) Gary DeMoss (OH),

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

John Bussard, Dan Dood, Tim Duve, Chad Guthrie, Bryan Johnson, Gary Komora, Adam Morenski, Len Newill, Ken Pepke, Mark Williams

Members dropped for non-payment: Craig Balow, Dave Beck, Tom Hall, Greg Jacobs, Mark Kidd, Jeff Perkins,

Past Due in July: Gigi Debbrecht, Stu Ehrhardt, Jay Nugent, Bill Vellner,

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

Owens,

Due in September: Kerrin Borgne, Ken Boulan, Matt Cummins, Keith Cutter, Mike Davis, Rocko Heath, Greg Kellogg, Dave Kubiske, Stephanie Miller, Roger Nelson, Les Schlaud, Jerry Schmidt, Ian Smith, Jerry Smith, Jim Spaulding, Bob Storck, Mark Szlachzky, Jerome Yoscovits,

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

Due In

November: Michael Cook, Tanja Greer, Michael Harrison, Tom Hatala, Ken Heberling, Dave Munaco, Phil O'Guinn, Bill Richards, John Ronayne, Patrick Skiver, Mark Smith, Allen Ullery,

We have 129 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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Homecoming Information fro Pete Cimbala

105 registrations 88 pre-registered 17 onsite with only 5 no-shows, plus several people spotted walking around [Sat.](#) that did not register, 26 cars and trucks [Thursday](#), 49 [Friday](#) and 54 [Sat](#) noon.

Top 25 winners

Fred Hoffman	Chelsea, MI 64 Spyder Conv't	Best of Show
Arden Robbinett	Findlay, OH 69 Monza Conv't	
Steve Tackett	Davisburg, MI 66 Corsa Conv't	
Bob Norwalk	N. Canton, OH 64 Monza Sedan	
Stephanie Miller	Bloomfield Hills, MI 65 Corsa Conv't	
Jeff Sandor	Hamilton, OH 63 Greenbrier	
Kerry Borgne	Birmingham, MI 63 Spyder Conv't	
Bob Wittmann	W. Bloomfield, MI 66 Corsa Coupe	
Mike Harrison	Commerce, MI 65 Corsa Conv't	
Tom Carpenter	N. Canton, OH 62 Monza Conv't	
Mark Smith	Lake City, MI 64 Spyder Conv't	
David Carter	Ashland, OH 65 Monza Conv't	
Al Elish	Highland, MI 66 Corsa Coupe	
Gary DeMoss	Bath, OH 65 Monza Shriner Conv't	
Scott Carter	W. Salem, OH 62 Greenbrier	
Dave Binnie	Carlisle, Ont. 68 Monza Conv't	
John Allesee	Saline, MI 62 Lakewood Wagon	
John Bussard	Charlotte, MI 63 Monza V8 Coupe	
Raven Hand	Clarkston, MI 63 Corvan	
Gary Komora	Westland, MI 66 Corsa Coupe	
Judy O'Leary	W. Bloomfield, MI 65 Monza Conv't	
Jeff Shreve	Flushing, MI 62 Monza Coupe	
Mark Corbin	Galion, OH 67 Monza Sport Sedan	
Len Newill	Highland, MI 65 Monza Coupe	
Ruth Parker	Saline, MI 65 Corsa Coupe	

Just because it's cool award presented by Brian Johnson in honor of the late Bill Johnson. Mitch Burt of London, Ont. 61 Monza Coupe

Model and Toy's

Steve Brown Cornelius, OH Custom Boat
Mike Anstine Livonia, MI Diorama ■

Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

Balance 6/17/22 \$10,611.71

Income:

50/50 \$105.00

Membership \$280.00

HC Registration \$2033.00

HC Auction \$ 376.00

HC 50/50 \$770.00

Expenses:

50/50 Payout \$52.00

Newsletter \$171.30

HC t-shirts \$60.00

HC envelopes \$42.15

HC Baked Goods supplies \$42.47

HC additional hot dogs \$16.00

HC Automotive Hall of Fame \$102.00

HC gift cards \$50.00

HC DJ \$800.00

HC card stock \$9.81

HC dash plaques \$62.50

HC 50/50 Payout \$330.00

HC Dry ice \$47.00

Balance 7/18/22 \$12390.48

We have many more expenses for HC to be submitted yet

From the Rear Deck of your VP, Mike Anstine

On the [Saturday](#) of Homecoming I ran into Bryan Johnson (Bill's son). He mentioned to me that he brought the award that was made for Bill by Ian Smith. It features a Sawzall an 8ball and a Fosters can (empty).



Bryan wanted to donate the award back to the club to be used for something other than collecting dust in his garage. After some discussion Bryan and I decided to turn it into a special award given out at Homecoming. After a quick chat with Gary Kamora, we made it official. This year the first Annual Bill Johnson "Just Kool" award became a thing. Gary, Bryan and I decided the award would be given to a Corvair that the current president and vice president agreed was Just Kool. There is no rhyme or reason behind the choice, it just has to be Kool. If a decision could not be made, the previous recipient would chime in and break the tie. The award will be brought back each year by the previous winner to be handed off to the next annual winner. This year's winner was Mitch Burt. A younger member that brought a very cool orange EM. What made this even more meaningful was that Mitch knew who Bill was, he was very honored to receive the award. The Bill Johnson Just Kool award will spend the next year in Canada with Mitch until it is time for him to cross the border in route to Homecoming 2023. Bill was a very close family friend, a man I knew since I was 10 years old and I am very proud and happy to be a part of a great new tradition. In the words of Bryan, "Dad would want it this way". ■



Get out and drive your Corvair, August is warm and sunny. Make use of this weather.

DACC History 1990 by Clark Hartzel

January Aircooler:

President: Ken Hand; Vice President: Ken Pepke; Secretary: Linda Hand; Treasurer: Marvin Granger
Editor: Bob Kirkman; Membership: Gordon Fee; Parts and Service: Clark Hartzel; Activities Pete Koehler. GM said we cannot use the Training Center anymore, so we need to find a new place for the club meetings. The cover has a picture of Earl Wright's "Right 1" Corvair drag racer. It was a 1965 Turbo Corsa. He ran it stock and turned times in the 14 seconds at 95 MPH. After removing everything that wasn't needed for racing. 140 heads and a 2-barrel carb plus fiberglass hood and trunk lid it ran low 13's at 110 MPH. Personality Profile was written about 6 new members, Restoration Report was written about 5 members who were restoring their cars or their engines, Treasury is \$1272.28. Don Arner's late 4-door was destroyed when a speeding EMS truck ran into the side of the Corvair. The car was totaled. Fortunately, Don was not injured and was wearing his seat belt. Jim Westervelt wrote an article explaining the duties of all the officers. The annual election of officers is in March. The list of the clubs' bylaws were printed. A list of the price of all Corvairs by 5 different conditions was printed from Old Cars Weekly. This issue of the Aircooler was 20 pages (10 sheets of paper) long and mailed for 45 cents!

February Aircooler: A picture of the assembly line showing front suspension and powertrain being installed was on the cover. Pictures on pages 2-5 were shown of featured Corvairs. The list showed Ken Hands "Toy" race car; Pininfarina 1961 restyled Corvair; Jim Walsh's shortened Corvair built by former DACC member Ted Mick; Dyna Track military vehicle; John Fitch's Phoenix; "Stubby" the shortened Corvair by Bob Kirkman; A Corvair laying on it's side at Ken Hands garage; The Monza GT; Vern Bailey's dune buggy; The Testudo Italian creation; The Super Spyder; The Corphibian in water, Pete Koehler's Ultra Van and a Cord 810. The guest speaker is Chuck Willard who was a field service engineer. The meeting was in the GM Service Research building just south of the Training Center. This issue was 12 pages and mailed for 25 cents.

March Aircooler: The cover picture was a convertible rusting in the woods with the top down. It said "Think spring! Get that priceless Corvair out of winter storage. It's almost parade and show time!" The May 1974 first newsletter was reprinted in this issue. Dave Gould reported that two of his Corvair vans were stolen from a storage lot in Detroit. Each van was full of Corvair parts. President Ken Hand has talked to Dave Guindon about club meetings at Uniroyal/Goodrich. Looks good and board approved. Around 1950 there was another air-cooled car built. It was the Julian with a rotary type of engine mounted over the rear axle. Talk about a mini meet at the Signature Inn on I-275 in Plymouth. A ballot for election of officers by mail was printed in this issue. Bob Kirkman wrote about a top head stud pulling out of the block and how to fix it with two heli-coils and how to install the coil springs in the front suspension. Ken Pepke announced that Clark Hartzel won the driver's award with Kirkman and Koehler tied for second place. Bob Kirkman wrote about installing bottom shrouds on his 1960 to prevent carb icing.

April Aircooler: President: Ken Pepke; Vice pres: Pete Koehler; Sec. Adele Kirkman; Treas: Marvin Granger; Memb: Bob Kirkman; Edit: John Allesee; Parts: Dan Weir; Activ: Pete Cimbala; Parades: Sharon Pepke. April activity is a convoy to the Tri-State show and swap in Bryan, Ohio. Bob Kirkman warned about fuel leaks from old stock pumps if they are pressurized by an electric pump. Current membership at 131. Treasury at \$1,248.42. Ken Pepke asked us to contact a member who hasn't showed up lately and try to talk him into coming back.

Continued next column.

History continued.

Dues \$12.00 per year. Board meetings at various members homes. Dan Weir wrote an article on getting your Corvair ready for the season. One good idea was storing the cars on jack stands and try to open the doors. If the car sags so much the doors are difficult to open, you probably have a rust problem. This is important on convertibles as the top adds no strength to the chassis as does hardtops and sedans.
May Aircooler: We have a new meeting place. Dave Guindon has talked his boss into letting us meet at Uniroyal/Goodrich in Troy. Pictures of Don Arner's Corvair that was totaled in an accident in Detroit. It seems he and an EMS truck tried to occupy the same space at the same time. Congratulations to Rex and Sue Hamill who got married in Las Vegas. Jim Walsh mentioned a Fraser Rotary Club picnic and car show on July 22nd. John Zelenak's Corvair will be raffled off. Two films were shown. "From here to there" and "Daring the Darien." Talked about hosting a CORSA national convention in 1992. Did you know that Ken Hand and Kurt Graham had a disc jockey business called Laser Sound Productions? They did 50's to 80's music at weddings, birthdays, dances, parties. A personality profile was written by Bob Kirkman about new member Jim Morgan. Along with two show Corvairs he owns 6 other classic cars including a 1948 Lincoln Continental worth about \$50,000. Don Arner advertised a red Rampside pickup and a turquoise and white Greenbrier for sale and a bunch of parts.
June Aircooler: Treasury \$1,021.61. Membership 128 paid up with 9 past due. June 10th is a garden party at Kathy Mucha's place in Windsor, Ontario. June 23/24 is the Sloan Museum summer fair. June 30th is the Cass City parade. An article about cutting a 1-3/8 dia. Hole in the bottom of the bell housing to fish out pieces of a broken starter nose cone. Oil leaks because of cracks in the PG shift cable being fixed by epoxying the crack. I found it easier to clean the cable and just wrap it with black electrical tape. When a Powerglide car sits for a while the torque converter leaks down into the pan and over fills it leading to pan gasket leaks and shift arm/shift cable leaks. Four Corvairs caravanned to Bryan, OH and others drove by themselves. About 20 of our club showed up. Stu Shuster talked about the GM Staff Employee Car Show. We can enter it. Jim Walsh provided flyers on the Car show in July. Bob Kirkman wrote about fixing his windshield wiper switch. An article in the Detroit News talked about all the various ways that car heaters were made over the years. The first true heaters were Charcoal affairs. You set the charcoal on fire and when the flames settled down you carry the device out to the car and you were ready to go. The first true car heater was built by Stewart Warner in 1934 and they sold 3,500,000 of them. A good article was written by Ken Krol on making a Corvair run without pinging on regular gas. ■ ***1990 History to be continued in next Aircooler.***





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The August DACC meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st, 6pm social hour, 7pm, meeting. Attend at the 300 Bowl.



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