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From The Dashboard of Your DACC

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Well, my first official meeting as your DACC President is in the books. I call it a win, no one was sleeping halfway through. For those of you that were there, I think you all enjoyed the opportunity to get some free Corvair swag. The prize for the movie/TV trivia was a set of 4 Corvair placemats, compliments of the Dexter collection. The set had a different model Corvair printed under the laminate cover. As long as I have 11 more items, this will be the trend. I have many more pictures to bring to the meetings for the trivia game.

As I mentioned in the meeting, I have found a company that can produce the winning design for our new club license plate. I wanted to make sure they would be the embossed metal plate like we have had in the past. There are a lot of places that just put vinyl on a plastic plate. The company also has the capability to make screen-printed, iron on vinyl and even embroidered clothing. Almost every hand went up at the meeting when I asked who would like the opportunity to purchase some new club branded clothes. More details to come.

Like most of you, I have finally gotten the non-daily drivers put away for the season. Venom (K2's 66) will stay in the driveway awaiting the upcoming heart transplant (depending on weather). I got my 61 Rampside in the garage as of **last night** where I will be

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Christmas Meeting

For December we will have our **Christmas** gathering at the 300 Bowl and order off the regular menu.

The representative from Haven House will be in attendance. **Please bring in a donation of toys, clothes or gift card to show our support for them.**

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange game, bring in a car related gift value approx. \$10 wrapped. We will be throwing around the dice to see the gifts rotate around.

To make things a little festive please bring table decorations to jazz up the tables.

November Meeting Minutes

We have been having amazing weather and with that being said many had not put away their Corvairs yet. We had a handful in the parking lot attend the meeting.

Current membership is 118 members.

I spoke with the group looking for assistance making up the bases and cutting of the board for the signs that we use at Homecoming. I also clarified that the **dates for HC are July 13-16th**. Still hoping someone can get a hold of MIS to see if we can do laps on the track.

Treasury report \$7605.73

Swap n sell: Bill V. has an early windshield for sale. John A. has calendars for sale. Mike A has oil drip mats (1 left money goes to the museum.)

50/50 winner of \$75 was Ian and Ken H. won the attendance, movie drawing Chris H.

Chrome n Ice **Feb 10-13**. Autorama **Feb 24-26**.

Also discussed was the **Christmas** meeting. See article in Aircooler.



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Greenbrier Birdhouse

By Elaine Roerink

I was at the Waterford Twp. Senior Center Antique Festival this summer when I saw a vendor with birdhouses in the shape of teardrop campers and cottages. We talked a bit and agreed that with her husband's help, they could re-create my Greenbrier.

When it was ready, she sent her address. What a surprise. They live 2-1/2 blocks away from me!

Here are a few photos.



Chrome & Ice Registration is OPEN



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1991 History Continued by Clark Hartzel

First half is in the Oct. Aircooler

July Aircooler:

Dina Hartzel wrote a story about Bart, her 1963 black Monza coupe that was crunched in an accident. Bob Kirkman wrote about Pete Minea going to the CORSA convention in California and buying a Corvair there. He drove it home. Bob wrote about former member Bob McNally moving to California and finding a sign on route 46 saying "litter removal next 2 miles by Corvair Society of America" 74 people attended the June meeting. Ken Hand elected a director of CORSA. Kitty Dexter had a heart attack but a quick trip to the hospital saved her. A big flyer about our Homecoming event took up a whole page both sides. A visit to Stan Newman's place with an antique gas station is planned for July 13th.

Congratulations to Patricia Koehler and Rex Hamil for their associates degrees earned at Oakland Community College.

August Aircooler:

A story about Dollie Cole, widow of Ed Cole, moving back to Texas and buying several thousand acres of farmland and building a 16,000 square foot ranch house. Bob Kirkman said on his and Adele's recent trip out west they didn't see any Corvairs being driven. He told of Hidden Valley Wrecking Yard in Maricopa Arizona that has 172 Corvairs all in a row. 59 people went to Stan Newman's place enjoyed his gas station and numerous old cars. Ed McFarland took his 1963 Monza coupe to the VCCA event in Nashville and took a first-place award and was interviewed by the local TV station. His son Mike took a first place with his 1965 El Camino. At the annual Sloan Fair show, Pete Koehler's 1962 Corvair panel truck took a first place award for the most popular Chevy truck 25 years old or older. The August 6th meeting will be the last one at the Uniroyal building. The September meeting will be at Sila's Restaurant on 12 Mile Road in Berkley. Treasury report is \$1,292.77. A complete page was filled up with swap and sell ads.

September Aircooler:

Dave Biering and Stu Shuster did a comparison of a 1969 Corvair and a 1991 Allante. Dan Weir wrote a story on installing a swimming pool. He used his Rampside to haul a ton of sand to the site after removing the sod. They actually loaded 2700 pounds into it. The muffler fell off after leaving the nursery, but the truck and load made it home just fine. A story on the CORSA national convention confirmed that Ralph Nader was invited to talk about auto safety and he came and was well received. He complimented GM for redesigning the 1965 Corvair suspension. Ralph actually convinced the auto companies to make seat belts standard along with padded dash boards. Bob Kirkman's winner of the month was Al Schenke who restored a 1965 500 coupe into a show car with air conditioning. Treasury report is \$1,651.85. DACC won a trophy for the most cars entered in the Fraser show. Jim Walsh reported that \$1,200 was earned and given to Easter Seals Crippled Children.



October Aircooler:

Due to some conflict with Sila's management, we are moving the meeting to the Ryan roadhouse on 14 Mile and Ryan. Vern and Vivian Jay wrote about their Sand Lake parade. It seems the Corvair of the Lewis family was carrying the queen of the parade and it overheated half way into the parade. Clark and the Hand family brought Corvairs and solved the problem by adjusting the timing. The queen was moved into the bed of Clark's truck and thought that was really cool. Treasury has \$3,349.55 but not all the bills from the Homecoming are paid yet. We learned that a Corvair nicknamed Blue Bondo is still around. It first belonged to Pete Cimbala who sold it to Wally Kostelnik.

Wally put 12,000 miles on it and sold it to Don Arner who added 28,000 miles. Then it went to Phil Ballentine and then went to Craig Balow. Craig gave to a friend of his. Don Arner originally saw it in a lot while piloting a train. Next trip he brought his camera and stopped the train to take a picture of it. A flier for the Monroe County Community College show and another for the 27th annual Tecumseh Swap and sell by the Irish Hills AACA region were printed in the Aircooler. The 10 page (5 sheets) Aircooler mailed for 29 cents.

November Aircooler:

The Christmas party will be at the Ryan Roadhouse, the same place as our meetings now. Ken Pepke reminded everyone to nominate someone for the RALPH awards. RALPH means Raucous and Laughable Piddly Honors. Bob Kirkman wrote an article about rear engine independent rear suspension vans. You might think the VW or Corvair FC was the first. Wrong! In 1928 Stutz made a rear engine swing axle light delivery van called the PakAge. It wasn't the high-quality classic vehicle of Stutz so they named it the Black Hawk. Bob also did a personality profile on a new member Andy Wardach. Bob also did a story of "scrapper", a model Corvair dune buggy made out of all junk Corvair parts. It contained 51 different parts and 101 total parts. He also fixed a differential oil leak by replacing the top cover vent with a tube and a rubber hose with a gas filter on the top end. Treasury stands at \$3,215.55. A full page ad from Clark's Corvair Parts mentions they have purchased OTTO PARTS and will continue making their engine and transaxle parts.

December Aircooler:

A small issue mentioning the Christmas party at Ryans. Bring gifts green wrapped for men and red wrapped for women. The usual officer reports. A full-page flier for the Toledo swap meet Dec.7&8.

Where is the swap and sell?

Wanted!
Articles for your monthly
DACC Aircooler

DACC Merry Christmas



Wear
your
Holiday
outfit,
swag to
the party.

At the next meeting on December 5th starting at 6pm.

**Food and beverage for purchase from the 300 Bowl
menu and bar.**

**Games, bring a gift for the dice game, bring \$5 for the
50-50 tickets.**



Bring a tabletop
decoration to
enhance the
table you are at,
please take the
decoration
home when the
party is over.



**Naughty
or
Nice**



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replacing the front harness and the engine harness as well as making a few upgrades. As long as there is no salt on the roads, and I get the heat working (possible wiring issue, hence the new harness) my Rampside will be on the road throughout the winter months. My 65 is in the pop-up garage in the back yard surrounded by the fragrance of Peppermint oil to keep the pesky chipmunks and other small animals away. Tip of the day, peppermint oil works great to keep all small animals away and smells far better than moth balls. I remember as a kid the overwhelming smell of moth balls when my dad put the Model A's up for the winter, a smell I can go a long time without ever smelling again.

At the upcoming meeting in Dec, we will be joined by a representative for Haven House. Please remember to bring your donations for the kids. New unopened toys, jackets, hats, gloves, gift cards etc. are all welcome. If you choose to bring nothing, that is fine to. Lastly, if you plan to participate in our annual gift exchange, make sure to bring that special car related item wrapped to pass in the dice game. Hopefully we do not all bring that manual fuel pump that quit working that was never tossed....

See you all in December!!

Mike ■



From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP, Pete Cimbala

There are a lot of newer members that may not know me as well as some of the "seasoned ones" that have been in the club for many years. I started attending meetings with my long time friend and classmate Marvin Granger, who has also served as the VP and President. I will come up with the exact dates in another article but I think it was sometime in 1975 while we were in High School. Joined CORSA in 1974 I was looking for my first car a couple years before I got my drivers license and really wanted a 57 Buick Roadmaster that a neighbor was doing a detail job on for a little used car lot that brought cars up from down south and out west. My Dad talked me out of the Roadmaster when a guy he worked with said he had a 63 Corvair Monza convertible that needed some work for \$50.00 as is. We went and looked at it and found out it had transaxle/clutch issues. This is when I met local legend Norm King who sold us a used diff and new clutch. Another guy Dad worked with did wrenching at home in his garage and had experience with Corvairs and did the swap so now it was drive able and I had my license. But it was in October winter was coming and I had not replaced the bad convertible top so it got parked on the back patio and covered up until spring. This one started a long journey that lasted about 40,000 miles with very few issues for the next 6 years.

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Garage Squad Doings

By Pete Kolher

Yes, it's getting to be that time of year. That time of year when the outside activities of the DACC Garage Squad taper off. There will not be too many more trips to the Dexter Farm. Repair activities that involve driveway sessions might have to wait. But what a year we had! Most recently we have been working on the red 1966 Monza convertible that was donated to the Ypsilanti Museum. The car is up and running and has brakes that work. I know. I know. "Brakes are for quitters", but they are handy in traffic. The engine runs well - starts right up. The convertible top is in tatters, and we don't have the budget to replace it before a sale. Speaking of the sale; I put an ad up on Facebook in a few places. Many responses and most are the standard brain-dead "Is it still available?" I say brain-dead because these messages started to appear mere seconds after the ad was placed. We do have one solid offer that may result in another Garage Squad project for next year. On the table is a cash + trade-in deal that we are considering. The trade-in is a 1962 Monza sedan with factory AC. Yeah. I know. Just when the weather turns cold and bitter, we find a rare A/C equipped Corvair. Details need to be worked out and I will keep you informed of the outcome.

What may have been the very last Dexter Farm visit of the year just happened. And it was cold. And then it started to SNOW! That should be my cue to thank all of the club members who have helped this year and then wait for Springtime to call for a return visit. The amazing thing about the Dexter Farm is that it is just like the gift that keeps on giving. Every time we go back and rummage through the barn(s) we find more gems. This past visit was no different. Mike, Kim and Kassie Anstine found lots of new inventory for the Town Peddler consignment store. Several brave souls ventured up to the second floor of the smaller wooden barn and found some good stuff. Charley Farley came downstairs with a brand new in the box Clark's aluminum oil pan. I had been looking for one like it for a project, but like they say "Finders Keepers". Charley got a great deal. I think the reason why they found stuff was that the resident raccoons had left the premises so a more thorough search was possible. .

We still have to schedule a return visit to Tom Murray's garage in Bloomfield to install a replacement engine in his '64 Monza sedan. That is the one that blew a connecting rod after a drive in from Grand Rapids. Tom made it to the intersection of I-696 and Telegraph Road when the red oil light came on. Amazingly he was able to continue on another nine miles to get the car into his driveway. An autopsy revealed that the #3 rod had left the crankshaft and lodged itself in the block out of the way of the spinning crank. Amazing!

By the time you read this my latest parts-car find will be History. The Garage Squad and friends are going back up to Motor City Auto Sales in Swartz Creek to participate in a "Take-A-Part" party. The victim is a very sad 1965 Monza convertible that still has some good parts worth harvesting. It will be cold. We will be cold. I better bring coffee for the troops. But as always, we will have fun.

To close out this article I have to ask, "Who has more fun than us?" Stay warm. ■

Activities by Raven Hand



Hi, planning a December event to see the Hines Drive Holiday lights on Saturday December 10th. Meetup at 36695 Plymouth Road Livonia (Supernatural Brewing Company) at 545 pm. If anyone is a solo rider and would like to hitch a ride in another car that I'm sure we can accommodate you. After drive to see the holiday lights we can head back to Supernatural for a bite to eat or a drink. Cost is \$5 per car



Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

10/17/22 Balance \$7769.42

Income: Membership \$160.00

50/50 \$150.00

Expenses: Newsletter \$163.69 50/50 Payout \$75.00

Attendance \$10.00 Kidney Foundation Tribute Faye

Ambrozy \$50.00

Balance \$7780.73

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I bought other Corvairs that will be covered in another article, [today](#) I have 10 with 1 that runs and drives but needs some attention before it can be driven any distance since it has been sitting for too long as I work on other projects.

I have held every club office but Secretary several times and will research this and give you a total some time next year. I helped with the 1979 CORSA National Convention that DACC hosted and have done something at every Homecoming since we started them in 1980 including becoming the Chairman in 1995 ? and until just a few years ago did all the registration and hotel arrangements. This changed as I became more involved with the Back to the Bricks Events in Flint and the annual promo tour around the state being elected to the Board of Directors and made Chairman of the Promo Tour. I also held the positions of CPF Museum Curator and Operations Manager when the museum moved from Richmond, VA to Ypsi. After the move to Decatur, IL those jobs followed the inventory to the new location and local club members took over. I made a living buying, repairing and re-selling insurance total cars, trucks and RV's that I still do on a limited basis [today](#). Also, a stint working for Mercury Paint Co. selling house paint and industrial coatings in Flint, West Bloomfield, and Ann Arbor. [Today](#) I do odd jobs helping a friend with his handyman business and trying to get things done on my own projects. My Cousin and I still have 37 years of junk piled up at Motor City Auto Sales in Swartz Creek where we have a few Corvair take apart days that many have enjoyed over the years. I believe I have the second largest Flint built collection of cars and trucks in Genesee County (Sloan Museum has the most) I think I have something like 35 cars, trucks, old boats and a couple vintage RV's at home and the "junk yard" Like the late Harold Dexter would say "some day I will get to them" ■

This Day in History: December 7

On this day in 1941, Japanese bombers launched a surprise aerial attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, precipitating the entry of the United States into World War II.



Fly Your Flag.

DACC Membership Report for DECEMBER 2022 AIRCOOLER

Submitted November 17, 2022 by Mike Hurt

Welcome New Members:

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

Sue Hamil, Ken Heberling, Jacob Mann, Ron Mann, Mike McFarland, Dave Munaco, Mark Smith,

Members Dropped for non-payment:

PAST Due In November:

Michael Cook, Tanja Greer, Tom Hatala, Bill Richards, John Ronayne, Patrick Skiver, Allen Ullery,

Due in December: Tom Cavatio, Richard Dixon, Orville Hensley, Robert Jennings, Pete Koehler, Casey Schesky, Steve Schwartz, Bob Wittman,

Due in January: Jan Bradley, Ronald Bratke, Paul Cyburt, Ethan Force, Marvin Granger, Gerald Huff, Michael Jacobi, John Lantz, Jerry North, Brad Ross, Dave Sanger, Gerald Shreve, William Shuster, Greg Sobczak

Due in February: John Allessee, Rich Blanchard, Robert Lindh, Randy McKean, Harold Reyes, Michael Stagg,

Due in March: Tom Burgess, Ray Dubia, Robert Maciejewsky, Stewart Murray, Gary Szuch, Steve Tackett, Tom Tennant, Jeff Wise,

We have 122 paid members, 7 who owe dues and 8 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: Mike Hurt – DACC. Address: 1795 Ring O Kerry, Milford, MI 48381

Questions about membership, change of address and/or email can be sent to

membership@detroitcorvairs.com or call Mike Hurt at (248) 972-7188 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

Some pictures from Sunday's model car show. I found a few Corvairs there, probably missed quite a few! Most of them stayed there! By Kerry Borgne



What is Haven from their website.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

To empower survivors to heal, and engage all individuals and communities to address and prevent sexual assault and intimate partner violence.



WHAT IS OUR VISION?

To eradicate sexual assault and intimate partner violence and heal those affected by its injustice.

WHAT ARE OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES?

- Intimate partner violence affects all of us.
- Women and girls are disproportionately victimized by their partners, dates or other perpetrators. Anyone can become victimized by a partner, date or perpetrator regardless of race, socio-economic status, gender, culture, education or religious beliefs.
- Education at every stage of life is essential to ending intimate partner violence. Everyone needs education on the root causes of abuse so gender inequality and oppression can be examined and confronted.
- All women, children and men have a right to their own identities regardless of tradition, cultural norms or gender roles, some of which support and encourage perpetrators' abusive choices.
- Abuse is a deliberate act of power and control by the perpetrator, and the survivor does not provoke, enjoy or deserve it.

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Save the Date!



**The December
DACC meeting
will be held on
Monday,
December 5th,
6pm social
hour, 7pm,
meeting.
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300 Bowl.**

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