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From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Mike Anstine <u>mikeanstine@yahoo.com</u> Hello again.

Well, our December meeting is officially in the books. It was a great turn out. I don't know the actual head count but I don't think there was an empty seat in the house! We had the honor of hosting the President/CEO Christine from Haven House. She brought her daughter along as well. We filled the back of her Kia SUV with lots of gifts the for the children Haven House supports. We almost had to utilize Aaron Greer's new to him beautiful red 63 Rampside. He hijacked a portion of the meeting (I was ok with that) when the delivery truck arrived with his new toy, all the way from SC. When the driver heard it was being delivered to a Corvair club meeting, he pushed himself to get it there on time. Additionally we as a club donated \$500 to Haven Hoise and I know there were others that brought a cash donation. I had a few talks with Christine throughout the night. We are looking at having one of our monthly meetings to be held at the Haven House site. This would include a tour of the site. Fortunately it is only a couple miles from our normal meeting location. Stay tuned for details on that. It will most likely be either March or April.

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January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways who symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future.

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CHANGES ON MEMBERSHIP DUE DATES

The board had a meeting to discuss membership due dates. We were trying to determine a way to simplify things. Next year will be the transition year, and I will try my best to explain it here. The end result will be that everyone's dues will be owed in July and if not paid up by the 1st of September they will be dropped. We would like everyone to pay their dues between June and August. To make the transition fair to all, if you paid your last dues between July of 2022 to December of 2022 in July you will owe \$10 and that will cover you till July 2024. If you pay your dues between January 2023 to June 2023 you will still pay \$20 and that will cover you till July 2024. New members' dues will be prorated based on joining date. If you do not understand this please e-mail me your question and I will do my best to explain the process based on your membership due date. Lkomora1@yahoo.com.

Lori Komora ■

December Board Meeting

All board members were present. We had a discussion about membership and due dates. We have been noticing that many other clubs have the same due date for all and that it simplifies things for the treasurer and membership. I (Lori) put out a motion and Adam seconded it. The motion was that dues would be due for all in July. We would like to accept the dues from June to the end of August to stay current member. New members' dues would be prorated based on joining date. After we discussed many ways to do this the board agreed on said plan and the motion was passed unanimously.

Carol was wondering with all these people joining our Facebook page could we share with them our membership form to expand our club membership. I said I would talk with Kerry about this.

Lori ~~ Secretary

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The star signs for January are Capricorn (December 22 to January 20) and Aquarius (January 21 to February 19).

December Christmas Meeting

Wow! Great turn out we had 67 people attend and 2 Corvairs were in the lot!!!

1st time to one of our meeting was Tom M. He had bought a 64 Monza from the west side of the state and almost made it home then he broke down on the way home he had many obsticles and the garage squad has been helping him get fixed up.

Thru the winter months the garage squad is still available based on if the car is in a heated space.

Pete C wanted to make sure that you were aware that with Haggerty Insurance if you belong to Corsa they will give you a discount.

Raven talked about the Hines Christmas Lights gathering.

Adam is still wanting articles and or stories about your car.

Mike H. indicated we have 122 paid to date members

Carol while down in Florida she visited the Suncoast Florida Club and the 6 men at the meeting and 3 drove Corvairs.

I shared with the group about the changes with membership due dates. I had passed out save the date fliers with the group code for Homecoming (July 13-16th 2023). I am still looking for ideas due to the Heritage Museum isn't an option this year and we have learned that MIS won't be an option either. MIS wants \$5000 plus \$20 per car to go on the track.

The Kidney Foundation sent us a Thank You card for the donation in Faye's honor.

Pete K has parts left over from the '65 they resently cut up, reach out to him if you need something.

We had Christine Kinal CEO from Haven House join us at the meeting and the club presented her a \$500 check as well as all of the wonderful donations that many had brought to the meeting. The table was overflowing! Thank you all.

Jeff Deering won the attendance drawing that he turned around and donated back to the club. Mike brought in 2 additional gifts to do with the drawing and Karen S won the plastic Rampside and Tom T won the tech guides. 50/50 went to Jim Deering he received \$131. Jim passed on some of his winnings to Haven House and donated back to the club \$50 of his winnings as well.

I forgot to count how many participated in the Christmas game. But we all had fun. A lot of cool gifts were exchanged. And I can't forget the yummy cake that we had to top off the night!

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to ALL! **See you on January 9**th for our next meeting.

Lori ~~ Secretary ■



President's Report continued from pg 1

We also talked about organizing a car show to be held at their location. There are a lot of details we will work on, but stay tuned for that as well. I am still waiting on word back on the new club license plate. If I don't hear anything soon, I will be trying a different vendor. With that being said, I will close this by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and happy new year! Just a reminder, our next meeting will be Monday Jan 9th! I have some more cool giveaways as well....

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Article by Tom Murray

Hi, I'm Tom. I'm new to the DACC, but second time around. I had a '62 then a '65 when I was in college. That was 30 years ago now. I'm a Luthier, (professional string repairman), build mentor on the Bloomfield Hills high school robotics team "The Bionic Blackhawks", a hobby machinist and repairman of old British motorcycles.



As all of my kids hit driving age, we ran out of cars. So I bought a '64 sedan to be my daily driver as I don't drive far for work. I found what I thought was a good one in Battle Creek, bought it and it didn't make it home. I lost oil pressure at 696 and Telegraph. The motor subsequently threw a con rod. I drove it home on 5 cylinders. I'm not saying it's a lemon, but I was starting to get some citrusy overtones.



Enter "THE GARAGE SQUAD". Pete, Bob, Todd, and Kerry mobilized and helped me pull my engine. A donor was ready to receive my sheet metal and a couple weeks later we put it in. Maybe not a world record but the donor engine came off Pete's truck and was bolted in in about 20 minutes. The guys stayed as long as they could, and I continued working to get it all hooked up. Then I set it on fire. It turns out that the distributor was clocked 240* out.

Combine that with sloppy carb priming and voila, fire! I reached for my extinguisher, and it didn't work. I sent my kid in the house to get another one and when he got



back the cardboard under the car was on fire too. We got it all put out and it was back to fixing the wiring again. I had melted it. Bob and Pete provided remote assistance to get it dialed in and running.

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Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine 11/17/22 Balance \$7780.73

Income:

Membership \$180.00 50/50 \$262.00

Attendance donated back Jeff Derringer \$10.00 \$50.00 donation Jim Derringer from a portion of his 50/50 winnings

Expenses:

Newsletter \$ 220.57 50/50 Payout \$131.00 Attendance \$10.00 Haven House Donation \$ 500.00 Haven House Rep. Dinner \$ 31.40 Cake & Plates \$33.60 12/17/22 Balance \$7356.16

DACC Membership Report for JANUARY 2023 AIRCOOLER

Submitted December 17, 2022 by Mike Hurt Welcome New Members: Tom Murry

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date; Tanja Greer, Ethan Force, Orville Hensley, Jerry Huff,

Robert Jennings, Steve Schwartz, Bob Wittmann, Jerome Yoscovits

Members Dropped for non-

payment:

PAST Due In November: Bill Richards, John Ronayne, Patrick Skiver, Allen Ullery

<u>Due in December</u>: Tom Cavatio, Richard Dixon, Pete Koehler, Casey Schesky

<u>Due in January</u>: Jan Bradley, Ronald Bratke, Paul Cyburt, Marvin Granger, Michael Jocobi, John Lantz, Jerry North, Brad Ross, Dave Sanger, Gerald Shreve, William Shuster, Greg Sobczak

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

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

We have 126 paid members, 8 who owe dues and 12 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.

From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP, Pete Cimbala

Hagerty Insurance discount available through CORSA membership

Did you know that you can receive a discount on your Hagerty Classic Car Insurance by being a member of CORSA or The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America? One of the perks of a membership in one or both clubs is getting a discount at renewal time. It's not a lot maybe 3 % but if you have several cars and trucks it adds up. When it came time to renew in December, I called Hagerty to increase the valuation of the 63 Monza and 72 C-10 and asked about the discount that I had not been getting for many years, so it pays to make sure. On my policy of \$ 794.00 I was able to save \$ 33.00 and today every penny helps. With the prices of all classic and collectable cars and trucks going up and up you may want to increase your coverage and pay a little more when the time comes to renew. I had the guaranteed value on the 63 Monza at \$ 9,000.00 and if you know this car that is at the low end of what they are bringing at the big auctions and bring a trailer sales. So for only \$45.00 more a year I increased the value to \$ 15,000.00 What really surprised me was the 72 C-10 I had at \$ 7500.00 was way under what Hagerty value guide has listed in good condition at \$ 27,500.00 so I talked myself into that amount and another \$ 154.00 a year. Bottom line is if you are a member of either club make sure you are getting the discount, they are offering us.

Happy New Year, Pete C. ■

Swap & Sell

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Save the date! **DACC 43rd Homecoming!**

It will be on **July 13th to July 16th**. All of the usual fanfare, great food, beer, activities, auction, terrific swap, etc.



Come and spend the weekend with us or a day or two. It will be great catching up with our Corvair friends. Reserve your room early, the more rooms booked early will help expand the room block. (You can always cancel your reservation 48 hrs. in advance.) Let's take over the hotel. Room prices start at, \$95, which includes breakfast.

Calling the Hotel Directly: A guest may call the hotel and let the front desk know that they are booking a reservation in the "Corvair 2023" block. Reservations made over the phone must be made with the hotel directly, our central reservation service/third party reservations sites will not have access to the block. 734-665-4444

Booking Online: To book a reservation in the block online a guest may go to our website,

"https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/ann-arbor-michigan/wyndham-garden-ann-arbor/overview" and select "Special Rates". Then in the dropdown menu, select the option for "Group Code" and type "071223COR" in the box. Then the guest will have to change the date to the date of the block and click "Search Rooms". An option will appear to reserve a room at the group rate in the block.

Registration flyer will be coming out shortly, we need to work out a few details before we can open up registration.



I'm not saying it's a lemon continued from pg 3

I have been driving it to work now for a little over a week and it's getting better with every adjustment. The list of things it needs is also getting longer every day.



The gas gage and speedo cable gave up on the same day. The front turn signals don't work but that's okay for now because around here, no one uses them anyway. (Sort of kidding) I will fix them. I'm happy to report that it is cutting down on its smoking. As of today's writing, it only smokes when it's running. Result!

I'm happy to be part of the DACC and wouldn't have gotten as far as I did in this length of time without it. Please accept my sincerest thanks for all of the assistance (physical and emotional).

As a bonus, I'm in the middle of building a cut-down engine. It's cylinders 5 and 6 as an independent engine. If people are interested, I can keep you updated. Again, thank you all for your acceptance and warm welcome!

Tom. ■

The Best Ever Garage Squad Activity?

Now that we are looking straight into the face of Old Man Winter here in Michigan, what will become of the "famous" DACC Garage Squad? Should we all just sit around inside and wait for Springtime? Well, I have an idea...

A few days ago I was meeting with the powers that be at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. As some of you know I have in my 1960 Corvair Collection a very special 2-door coupe. It is actually the oldest existing Corvair Monza. It was built from a 1960 700 coupe (body #7!) back in December of 1959 by Chevrolet Engineering at the request of Ed Cole. Known as the "Feminine Monza" or "Mrs. Monza", her show car partner was known as the "Masculine Monza". The pair were referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Monza. They made the New Car Show Circuit back in 1960 with visits to Chicago, Detroit, and New York City. After the series of shows Mr. was scrapped since he was built up from a body-in-white and did not have a serial # and couldn't be re-sold. Mrs. fared better and was sold to a Chevrolet employee in April of 1961 with just over 300 miles on her odometer. After two other owners the car landed in my "other" garage and has been waiting for help to get back on her feet (tires?).

So here is where the Ypsi Museum comes in. I thought of selling the project but would rather see the car put into a museum setting for more than one person to enjoy.

What we have in mind is a mid-winter work session inside the Museum to re-assemble the car and then prepare it for a semi-permanent display arrangement with the YAHM. Currently the car is a roller with a new (done back in 1988) paint job. The engine runs off a portable gas can, and the shift cable needs an adjustment. It has new tires and comes with all of the parts (I hope) to put it back together. Many of the trim items are hand made from brass and then chromed. The interior was the main attraction of Mrs. Monza. It has a Cadillac-quality brocade cloth design. It is the first (second?) Corvair to get bucket seats and they were made by cutting down the original bench. They are mounted to the floor on blocks of wood. Chevrolet Engineering supplied blocks of wood! Some of the interior bits need to be cleaned so that is an area I could use some help with.

If we decide to go this route, I foresee at least several days of activity at the Museum. A smaller group of workers can be accommodated. We will need a good weather day with dry roads to bring the project car and all the parts from Farmington Hills down to Ypsilanti. Right now, the windshield and back window are not installed, so rain or snow enroute cannot be tolerated. Once at the Museum I will have to contract with a local glass company to come and do the installs. So, what do you think of this idea? This is a "One-of-One" project. Many people know of the CPF-owned "Super Monza" that used to be displayed at the Ypsi Museum. I think this car might have been the inspiration for Bill Mitchell to commission that car for his daughter. The Super was built months after this car. Sometimes I call my car the Super Monza's Mommy. It would be great to see a rare Monza prototype back at the Museum. Do you want to help?

Pete Kolhler ■

Activities by Raven Hand

Hello, all I am sorry that I didn't write anything for you in November. Life and such got in the way and took all my focus for a few weeks. Anyhow, on Saturday December 10th a few of us met to do Hines Drive Holiday lights show and grabbed a bite to eat after. The light show was pretty cool and was a nice inexpensive event to do as well as very organized. I am including a few pictures. I currently have nothing on the books for January and am letting larger planned events take the lead for February and March although you never know what I will come up with between now and then. I am currently compiling some spring summer ideas but I plan to organize another dust-off of sorts for spring with West Michigan again and hope for a larger turnout, last year's event was well received . Please feel free to send me ideas via email rhand1499@yahoo.com or text me 248 894 0831, a phone call is fine as well, if I don't answer please leave a message. I am open to all ideas * Raven •



Wayne County Lightfest 2022 attendees.

DACC History 1992 by Clark Hartzel

President: Pete Koehler Vice President: Marvin Granger Secretary: Adele Kirkman

Treasurer: Clark Hartzel Membership: Bob Kirkman Editor:

John Allesee Activities: Pete Cimbala

Parts: Dan Weir Parades: Sharon Pepke Meetings at the

Ryan Roadhouse January Aircooler:

A copy of the club bylaws was published. A new acquisition was Kurt and Carol Graham's baby boy Rory at 7 pounds 4 bounces. Treasurer's report \$3357.74. Membership is \$12.00. An ad was printed for Laser Sound Productions disc jockey service by Ken Hand and Kurt Graham. A swap meet at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton on January 19. Vendors contact Carol Hairsine. 40 people attended the Christmas party at the Ryan Roadhouse. Since most members put their cars up for the winter, not much to report about events.

February Aircooler:

This months meeting will be a display of Corvair model cars. Pete Koehler listed all the dealer promo models and plastic kits available. Members are invited to bring all their models to the meeting.

Pete K wrote a story on finding a Lakewood station wagon and several more for parts. Hr thanked Clark Hartzel for donating an engine and transaxle from his daughter's wrecked 1963 Monza. Bob Kirkman wrote an article on the cost of an alternator comparing prices for a Corvair to 14 other cars. The most expensive was for a Subaru Legacy at \$517.00 Membership is now 137. Treasury up to \$3503.79. A story about Ken and Linda Hand and their history was printed. Ken got certified as as an aircraft mechanic and also made repairing Corvairs a business. He also raced a Corvair on a dirt track.

March Aircooler:

This is election month and we need candidates for officers. Pete Koehler wrote a story on "stock is" when checking out Dave Taylor's 1965 Turbo convertible. A story about the Chicago club hosting an orphan car picnic open to all orphan cars. A huge turnout of oldies but goodies showed up. Clark Hartzel won long distance award at 321 miles in a 1964 Greenbrier. An article on the Homecoming was written by Pete Koehler listing all the various events to take place August 21-23. Pete Cimbala wrote an article about the Frankenmuth tour. A very lengthy minutes report from Adele Kirkman covered one an a half pages.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2028

Ray Stankiewicz has a 1964 convertible for sale at \$1000 or \$900 if you take his collection of parts with it! April Aircooler:

New officers: President: Marvin Granger Vice President: Stu Shuster Secretary: Carol Ramsay

Membership: Ken Hand Editor: Ken Pepke Parts: Don Arner Activties: Kurt Graham Clark Hartzel remains as Treasurer. Sharon Pepke remains as Parade Chair. Marvin Granger is looking forward to an active year. Pete Koehler is working on the greatest Homecoming of all time! Sympathy card sent to Gloria Kashmeric on the death of Her husband Ted. Sympathy card also sent to Al Grunert on the death of his wife Lois. They hosted the annual Three Rivers swap meet we enjoyed going to. Al has a Corvair powered lawn tractor. 61 people attended the March meeting. Treasury is \$3446.86. The room rate for the Homecoming remains \$42.00. Ed Kriewall showed us more sheet metal parts he is stamping. Cal Clark has exclusive rights to sell the parts until May. The Tri-State swap meet in Bryan, Ohio is April 25-26. GM Design Staff car show is September 20th. May Aircooler:

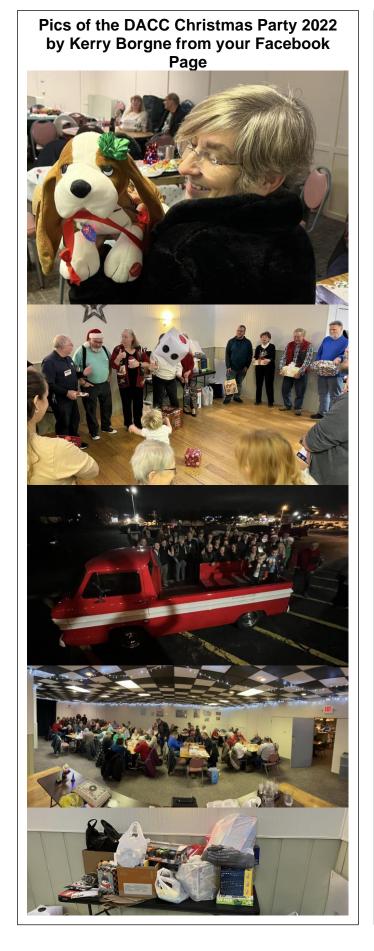
Sunday May 17 we will tour the Ken Havekost Nash Museum. May 30 is the Swartz Creek Home Town Days, Meet at the Dairy Queen for a car and tractor show. At 5 PM we will cruise the town.

The June meeting will feature Don Eichstadt's Corvair racing slide show. July 4^{th} is the Cass City Parade. Stu Shuster showed slides of the 1979 CORSA convention at the GM Tech center. Pete Koehler and Dave Taylor have replaced the rusted out floor in Pete's Lakewood with new panels from Ed Kriewall's stamping plant. Pictures have been taken and should appear in the CORSA Communique June Aircooler:

A nice article about member Don Eichstaedt. He was one of the first to road race Corvairs in the early 1960's. He graduated from the GM Institute with a degree in mechanical engineering. He worked 45 years primarily as a development engineer. His last 20 years was at Ford where he worked on special and advanced vehicles. He worked on the build of the LeMans winning Ford GT and the 1972 Lincoln Presidential armored limosine. The limo was credited with saving Reagans life during thev 1981 attempt on his life. DACC is a cosponsor of the Sloan Summer Fair and we are in charge of registration, and will be at the entrance where all vehicles check in, so please help and volunteer. Clark's Corvair Parts has advertised reconditioned cylinder barrels with re-machined gasket surfaces.

These barrels will be shorter than stock so you need to use three per side to keep from blowing head gaskets. Ed Kriewall bought a Spyder in Las Vegas. He is now working on replacement panels for late model front corners. Dave Gould reports his Greenbrier was stolen and wrecked. He did not have theft insurance so it was a total loss. It will be parted out and scrapped.

DACC History 1992 July – December to be continued next month. ■





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https://www.corvair.org/

Updated the CORSA Club Office address

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The January
DACC meeting
will be held on
Monday,
January 9th,
6pm social
hour, 7pm,
meeting.
Attend at the
300 Bowl.

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