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From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Mike Anstine mikeanstine@yahoo.com

Work progresses on the license plate design. There are some final tweaks that need to be made to perfect the design. The hope is that they will be done and available for purchase by Homecoming. Price will remain the same as it has been, \$5. My goal was not to make this a money-making opportunity, but rather an update to our image. As the club grows more and more each week, we need to stay current. As it was voted on at our last monthly meeting, the clothing design will be the same as the license plate. More details to come on that. I mentioned in my last article that the monthly program, will be awarded a prize for the winner. I have talked to the staff at the Three Hundred Bowl and I will send them a picture of the winners Corvair to be displayed on the bowling alley Marquee. Last month we had none other than Ralph Nader join us via the marquee. At the upcoming meeting you will see Jim Dehring's beautiful convertible on the marquee. We will have our regular meeting at the Three Hundred Bowl on [March 6th](#), but April will be temporarily moved to Haven House (hope for warmer weather and possibly some Corvairs in attendance). This will allow us to tour the site and see the difference our efforts can make in the form of donations to their great organization. More details to come. ■

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March Meeting Entertainment

By Pete Kohler

If you were at the February meeting, you learned that several of our members have held onto their cherished Corvairs for a very long time. The "winner" was the Dehring family with their Daytona blue 1964 Spyder convertible. Jim bought the car back in 1966 for the robust price of \$950. I personally offered to double his money that night, but he wisely refused. A new feature of this new entertainment segment of our monthly meetings is that the marquee in front of the 300 Bowl will feature the winner's car for the next meeting. That means when you roll into 100 South Cass Lake Road you will be greeted by the Dehring's Spyder up on the sign. Thanks to DACC President Mike Anstine for arranging this with our hosts at the bowling alley. The March topic will be to find out who in the club has the largest collection (hoard?) of Corvairs. If good old Harold Dexter was still with us, he would be in the running with about 25 'Vairs in the barnyard when he passed away. Long distance member Mike McKeel has a stash of cars down in Indiana. I know there are quite a few Corvairs stored on the property at Motor City Auto Sales up in Swartz Creek. I don't think too many of them will ever leave the yard and certainly not under their own power! As for me I think the current tally is 13 or 14. But I am trying to take the cure. Really!! So, plan to attend the March meeting on the 6th. Once again food at 6 and biz starts at 7. Check out the marquee with one of the best cars and enjoy the fellowship of your Corvair club. ■

Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

1/17/23 Balance \$6536.65

Income: Membership \$180.00

50/50 \$180.00

Expense: Newsletter \$210.52

50/50 Payout \$90.00

Attendance \$10.00

2/17/23 Balance \$6586.13 ■

February Meeting Minutes

Great turn out and this month we had 3 friends join us from Ohio! Gary DeMoss, Bill Richards and Patrick Skiver. It was great seeing them thank you guys for coming to the meeting.

Mike Henk made it out to his first meeting with us. It was great meeting him in person.

Mike A. has been busy. He has let us know he has made arrangements for our April meeting will be at Haven House more information to come.

We asked for a vote of what logo everyone wants on the new clothing. The new design that will be on the license plate will be the new logo for clothing as well. He has been making progress with getting the license plate completed and to the printer. As of now the price is coming in at \$4.45 each and we will sell them for \$5 each.

Adam is requesting that when you renew your dues to make sure that your address and information is correct.

We have had many Aircoolers returned to outdated information. We want to keep all informed.

Mike H. said thank you to all who have paid their dues and we have 124 current members.

Our website is up and running with the registration form for Homecoming and this year's t-shirt. Also don't forget to register for your hotel room for Homecoming as well.

Still wanting to hear recommendations for this year movie to be played on [Friday](#) night. I had requested help again for assistance with replacement parts for the parking lot signs that have broken over the years. (I was contacted a few days later and Mike H and Jeff D are being wonderful and are making the parts needed. Thank you both).

I have heard from the Dayton Ohio Club that they have been approached about hosting 2024 National Corvair Convention and they were informed from Mike Hall that the date would be [July 22](#), 2024 a week and a day after ours. They don't like that it is so close to ours. They are going to talk with Mike and see what other options they have of dates. They also asked if anyone from our group would be willing to help with the event.

Carol forward to me a thank you letter from Haven House for the kind donation that our club gave to them.

Pete K had discussed the previous month wondering who had owned their Corvair the longest and the winner goes to Jim Dehring he bought his car [November 11](#), 1966 and it is a 1964 Spyder Daytona Blue when it is judged it is in the senior division. He paid \$950 for it, I think he overpaid for it. J It is a beautiful car. If you are interested in seeing it he will have it at Homecoming this year. Or look in this year's calendar.

This month's movie/TV show picture we had 3 winners and he had two prizes so we drew names for the winner. Pete C. Tim D and Jerry A. The attendance winner was Linda T and the 50/50 winner of \$90 was Robert J. See you [March 6th](#) at the bowling alley.

Lori ~~ Secretary ■

MARCH

Board Meeting Minutes

Mike A., Pete C., Adam, Carol, Raven and Lori

It was a short meeting we talked about the license plates and Mike made a motion and I (Lori) second the motion of once the artwork was done we would buy 125 plates at \$4.45 each.

Mike has a lead on a company for clothing that we will supply them with our logo and the club members can order directly with the company what they would like to have and have it shipped to them.

I indicated that the website was up and running with Homecoming form and T-shirt orders as well.

We have been approached to attend a car show at the American House Senior House [September 21st](#) 6-8 in Dearborn 26600 Ann Arbor Trail. Same place many of us attended last year.

Lori ~~ Secretary ■



If you do not tell the DACC your current street address and email address, how do you expect to get your Aircooler and eblasts. Please assure your info is current.

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2023

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Please be patient additions & deletions might happen. A complete up to date schedule will be in your registration packet

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Stay informed go to our Facebook Group
"Detroit Area Corvair Club"

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| THURSDAY | - Registration 2 -- 6
- Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room 2-6
- with lunch
- Corvair & Firehouse Museum, lunch and Cruise
- Swap Meet set up |
| FRIDAY | - Registration 8 am -- 6 pm
- Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room
- Women's Activities as posted
- Road Rally
- Valve Cover Races
- Swap Meet // Tech Session
- Cook Out / Picnic
- Movie |
| SATURDAY | - Registration 9 am -- 2 pm
- Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room
- Mystery Event to be announce soon
- People's Choice Car Show, Model & Toy Show
- Swap Meet // Tech Session
- Live Auction
- Pizza Party
- Calendar Winners "Drive Thru" Show
- Wine & Cheese Event (\$10 extra) Hotel guests only |
| SUNDAY | - Leftovers, Farewell |

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Or call 734-665-4444 to make your reservation, be sure to mention "CORVAIR 2023" to receive the special room rate of \$95 and up plus tax, per night. Book before June 12th when block is removed and the price goes up.

PLEASE / PLEASE when writing your check put the full name "DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB"

Fill in the form below and mail with check: DACC c/o Bob Witmann 2830 Treyburn Ln., West Bloomfield, MI 48234

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Car Year (s) and Model (s) 2 or 4 Door _____

Did you drive your Corvair here? Yes / No --- If yes how many miles _____

REGISTRATION COST: SINGLE \$40.00 FAMILY \$65.00 (family consists of 2 adults and children under 18) \$ _____

How many will be attending? Adults _____ Under 18 _____ One Registration Pack per Individual or Family

Additional cars \$5 each (1st car is included) How many cars _____ \$ _____

Swap space Yes \$10 for each space No How many spaces needed _____ \$ _____

Wine & Cheese Event Yes Cost is \$10 per person No How many tickets needed _____ \$ _____

Calendar \$10 (1st calendar is included) How many extra calendars _____ \$ _____

T-Shirts See attached sheet for cost and options MUST be paid by June 5th _____ \$ _____

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DACC Membership Report for MARCH 2023 AIRCOOLER

Submitted February 17, 2022 by Mike Hurt

Welcome New Members: Don Richards

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

Ron Bratke, Bob Lindh, Robert Maciejewski, Randy McKean, Dave Sanger, Casey Schesky, Greg Sobczak, Jeff Wise

Members Dropped for non-payment:

Past Due In December: Richard Dixon

Due in January: Jan Bradley, Paul Cyburt, Michael Jacobi, John Lantz, Brad Ross

Due in February: John Allessee, Rich Blanchard, Michael Stagg

Due in March: Tom Burgess, Ray Dubia, Stewart Murray, Gary Szuch, Steve Tackett, Tom Tennant
We have 126 paid members, 6 who owe dues and 3 due this month!

We are mailing 2 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.

Activities by Raven Hand

Hi, Raven here, I have been watching and noting car events around town for summer this year and Brian Granger has been assisting me (thanks Brian) notable for a April event would be April 29th at Gateway Classic cars of Dearborn Caffeine and Chrome from 9 am to 12 . As we get closer and if weather is looking favorable, I will create a Facebook poll and see if we can gather a group. Also, Back to Bricks Spring Dust-off Show registration opens March 1st. I am waiting to hear how many cars we would need to have our own spot together from Pete Cimbala (I am sure by March meeting he will have a answer) . This event happens the same weekend as our Dust off with West Michigan at Norm Witte Barntopia. So, it would be a busy weekend but hey Go big or Go home right? I will be sharing specifics in March by eblast and Facebook for the 3 events mentioned above. See you at the March meeting. ■

Why is March called March?

March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war. The Roman calendar originally began in March, and the months of January and February were added later, after a calendar reform.

DACC History 1993 by Clark Hartzel

January Aircooler:

President Marvin Granger, Vice President Stu Shuster, Secretary Carol Ramsay
Treasurer Clark Hartzel, Membership John Wolford, Editor Ken Pepke, Parts & Service Don Arner

Activities Kurt Graham, Parades Sharon Pepke.

Marvin Granger wrote we had a great time at Crossroads Village and went on the train ride.

After that we went to Gillies Restaurant. Sharon Pepke wrote that 51 members went to the annual Christmas party at Bobby Moore's Blind Fish. The food was great. After dinner the table center pieces were raffled off and we exchanged gifts.

Stu Shuster will conduct the January meeting. He has a great model train layout in his basement. Don Arner is a railroad engineer and will bring some memorabilia. Ken Pepke will bring photos of his favorite steam trains.

Clark Hartzel will be the chairman of the Homecoming and wants plenty of volunteers to help. Ken Pepke will again be Hospitality chairman. John Wolford reports we have 130 paid members. Dues are still \$12.00. Clark reports we have \$3,845.00 in the treasury. A club roster will be published in the February Aircooler.

A nice article from Byron Shaw about his Corvair adventures and Yenko Stinger racing.

February Aircooler:

A list of nominations for officers was on the cover. A guest coming to the meeting will be Alex Mair who worked at Chevrolet during the Corvair years. He was promoted to Director of Engineering in 1966 and eventually to Vice President of Truck and Bus in 1972.

Pete Cimbala brought a TV/VCR combination to show the members. It was purchased by the club.

Pete Cimbala was appointed Video Editor / Historian and will take videos of our meetings. We viewed a few minutes of 3 old Corvair movies Daring the Darien, From Here to There and the Methodical Men. The quality was very good. More stories from Byron Shaw about racing his Yenko Stinger.

March Aircooler:

Alex Mair gave a humerus presentation as our guest speaker. The following members are listed as Candidates for office: VP Dan Weir, Sec. Carol Ramsay, Treas. Pete Cimbala, Memb, John Wolford, Activ, Clark Hartzel, Parts Don Arner, Newsl. Ken Pepke. Pete C informed us Norm and Jean King were in an auto accident and Jean is still in the hospital so we all signed a get well card. Ed Kriewall is displaying his 1960 coupe in Autorama. He talked about his Big Wheel machine that has 11 feet tall wheels. Stu Shuster will make copies of the old Corvair movies and sell them for \$15. A possible new meeting site at the Royal Oak Senior Center will be investigated. The Homecoming banquet will be held at a hall just across I-275 from our hotel. The DACC Christmas party will be held

at Mountain Jacks on West Warren in Dearborn.

CORSA did a survey of chapters and we had 93 members in CORSA, second only to CORVANATICS with 303 members. Treasury stands at \$3,954.61. A roster was printed with 157 names. Some had expired but were printed anyway in hopes they would renew. Ken Pepke wrote a nice article on excess blowby, engine rattles and idle problems.

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April Aircooler:

Points race for driving your Corvair will be instituted. Don Arner will be our auctioneer at the Homecoming and asked for donations. DACC is invited to the Waltz parade on Sunday the 30th. We are invited to the Corvair Heartbeat show in Columbus Ohio by the Mid-Ohio Vair Force club.

There were no other candidates for officers so the new officers are Pres: Stu Shuster, VP: Dan Weir, Sec. Carol Ramsay, Treas.: Pete Cimbala, Member.: John Wolford, Editor, Ken pepke, Parts: Don Arner, Activities,: Clark Hartzel, Parades: Sharon Pepke. We had a celebration as Bob Kirkman's Stubby Corvair turned over 50,000 miles. Ed Kriewall brought his Big Wheel to the club meeting. It is powered by a 20 HP John Deere tractor engine. He takes residents of nursing homes for rides and goes to many parades. The wheels are 11.5 feet tall. Ed also took 3rd place at Autorama with his 1960 Corvair coupe. Ed McFarland made a nice cover for our TV/VCR. Membership is up to 152 now.

Our June meeting will be at the Royal Oak Senior Center and will be the first time we will pay for a room. A spec sheet with all you need to know about 1967 Corvairs was published. Bob Kirkman talked about ignition systems as all the Grand Prix electronic systems have failed. Bob has installed Allison XR700 systems on both stubby and his rampside and they are working fine a put out a bigger spark. No more points to adjust as they wear out. April 24th is the Bryan Ohio swap meet. Convoy starts at Briarwood Mall.

May Aircooler:

Young member Kevin Kurth has made Eagle Scout at age 18 and is restoring a 1968 Corvair. The Antique Auto Club of America is raffling off a 1963 Monza convertible. The May meeting will be Corvair model night. The June Meeting will be at the Royal Oak Senior Center. A meeting before the meeting will be at the Modern Deli at 14 Mile just East of Crooks Road. Treasury is \$3,184.88.

May 2nd is the Bearing Burners show at Freedom Hill. May 15th is the Michiana Corvair annual swap meet at Al Grunert's house in Three Rivers. Bob Kirkman reports that a GM space saver wheel and tire fits his "stubby" Corvair but if you put it on the rear, strange handling results. If you must drive a long way, it would be best to put a standard wheel and tire on the rear and the space saver on the front.

June Aircooler:

July 4th is the Cass City Parade. July 11th is a show of antique airplanes and antique cars at the Almont Airport. July 17th is the Leonard Strawberry Festival parade. July 18th is the Fraser City Picnic and car show. Membership report is 153 members, a new record! 6 Corvairs went to the Bearing Burners show. Byron Shaw will be racing his Yenke Stinger at Waterford Hills on July 24th, August 28th and September 25th. Members welcome to come and watch.

The remainder of 1993 history will be in next month's Aircooler. ■

March: Its motto, "**Courage and strength in times of danger.**"

From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP, Pete Cimbala

Last month's meeting program got me to thinking about that first Corvair I bought almost 50 years ago and how some things lasted longer back than and some that didn't. When I first looked at it, I had no idea how to tell the difference in the engines other than having a turbo or not. My Dad and I borrowed a homemade snowmobile trailer, the same one that is on my background picture on my Facebook page with a cut up late model on it and me in period correct plaid pants. That trailer belonged to a guy Dad worked with at Fisher Body that did a lot of wrenching at home and had agreed to check into the trans issue that the previous owner, also a coworker, said caused it to be parked. I can't remember what had broken inside but we picked up a trans and diff from Norm King when he had the garage on Franklin in Flint. Woody installed that and made a couple trips around the block in the subdivision where he lived and said it was good to go. I picked it up and stopped for gas at Pat's Mobil Service about a half mile away, got back in and the fuel pump would no longer pull fuel from the tank. Pat came out and said he had a new pump on the shelf and could install it after he finished an oil change that the customer was waiting on. So we pushed it away from the pumps and walked to my Grandparents house about a quarter mile away. This was in 1974 and that pump lasted until that engine was removed in 1979 and may still be on it **today**, I forgot to look last time I was "out back" The car was a '63 but had a '60 80 hp. engine, it always started and ran great like most all 80's and I never drove it in the winter so didn't worry about not having a working choke system. One day when we had a planning meeting for the 1979 CORSA Convention at Ken Pepke's house in Warren. I got in to drive the 50 miles home and when it started it seemed to be running on 5 not 6 as usual. I made it home OK and later that week did a compression check and found # 5 at 0-10 lbs and all the others over 100 from what I remember. I mentioned this at one of the next club meetings and that I was looking for a correct 102, a newer member was there and said he was parting out a 63 and it ran good so I bought that 102 and swapped out the 80. My Dad and Tony Miller had to know what happened so after it was out we took off the head and found broken rings on # 5. It ran great on the trip to Ken's and must have broke when started ? Anyway I still have that 80 sitting in the back of the Rampside I bought in 1989 more on that truck in another story. That 80 and fuel pump lasted 30,000 ? miles and could have gone longer if I had just fixed the one bad hole. It seems that new fuel pumps now only last a few days if they work at all from what I have been reading on the online threads. In all my years driving Corvair's I have only had one fail on the road and a couple that developed a leak that could be repaired with just being screwed a little tighter or the screws being replaced with bolts and nuts. ■

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

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