

## THE Aircooler

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# From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Mike Anstine <a href="mikeanstine@yahoo.com">mikeanstine@yahoo.com</a> Hello all.

I will keep this short and sweet. Our April monthly meeting will be at the Three Hundred Bowl as normal. After talks with Haven House, their busy schedule was going to push hosting us back at least a month or two. Throw in the issue of no on-site food for our traditional dinner/social hour, it made sense to change the plan. The new plan will be to organize a spring or summer half day cruise in. We will meet for breakfast and then caravan to the Haven House site in Pontiac for a tour. We may organize a lunch to be eaten at Haven House. This will allow those that choose to participate to not only give you another reason to drive your car but show it off as well. I will work out the timing and logistics with both Raven (our fabulous activities director) and Christine (CEO & President) from Haven House. Stay tuned for details on this.

The only other reminder I wanted to put out there was to make sure Mike Hurt (membership) has your correct email address. As we learned from mother nature forcing us to cancel our normal 1st Monday meeting, there were some that did not get the email blast that was sent out. Having the correct email address on file will ensure you get the notifications as needed. Alright, so maybe not as short and sweet as promised. See you all **April 3rd in Waterford**.

Are you set for your DACC Homecoming?

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A Forwarded Message from Pete Cimbala that came from Bruce Granger, check out the assorted Corvair related songs. Enjoy!

From: Bruce Granger (brucedgranger@yahoo.com)

Date: 03/17/23 10:19 Subject: **Corvair songs** 

#1 Corvair Baby. Paul Revere & The Raiders

https://youtu.be/KjSDhPGc F4

#2 The Corvair Song

https://youtu.be/vfTbje3veWg

#3 Schlock Rod, Part 1 and 2, Jan & Dean

https://youtu.be/QTcl0gxC3Vk

#4 The New Beats - Tough Little Buggy (My Little Corvair)

https://youtu.be/ogRZi8Lgypg

#5 3 corvair songs

https://youtu.be/FpuLlKdl9j0

#6 Corvair Lover

https://youtu.be/t20WeKiAwwM

#7 The Corvair Song"

https://youtu.be/tSZ7oJdztBU

#### From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP, Pete Cimbala

For most of us that spend the winter in Michigan, Ohio and Ontario we have learned to live with snow, ice, wind and cold rain. The last month has not let us down with enough of all four to slow things down, knock out power to some, damage trees and in one case a Corvair that sits outside. The lucky people that entered Autorama had some wet and slippery roads for load in day and the original meeting day was rescheduled due to freezing rain in the area. As crazy as it sounds, I have found the worst dates to drive home have been in March and April. One time Marvin and I were at the April Board Meeting at the Silver Lake golf club in 2002 it started snowing around 6:30 and there must have been about 3 inches when we left with more to the North. We were close to home on two lane Linden Rd just south of Hill and there was enough snow that you could not tell where the pavement ended, and the shoulder started. In a quick second the right front wheel must have fell off

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#### **DACC Meeting Minutes**

Monday March 13th. Greeted us with snow showers that made for a slippery ride home for some of the 40 people who enjoyed a meeting delayed one week due to slippery roads and a staff issue at the 300 Bowl.

New first time guest Gus and Jan have a late convertible. There was a good Garage Squad weekend with work completed at two different locations involving two different cars and a Rampside.

Raven talked about the Spring Dust Off event with the West Mi group at Norm Witte's Barntopia outside of Lansing on May 20th. There will be a gathering in Fowlerville and a route laid out for those who would like to travel as a group. Sunday May 21st. is the Back to The Bricks Dust Em Off at the Dort Financial Event Center in Flint. If we can get 10 cars to register for the event, we can have our own club parking area.

Mike has been in contact with Haven House and at this time the April meeting will be at the 300 Bowl as usual. The Haven event will be an afternoon cruise in, watch for details in an Eblast and on Facebook.

We have 126 members that have paid their dues and 3 still due this month. Mike H. reviewed the new dues collection schedule.

No reports from Lori, Carol, or Adam as they were not at this meeting. Pete Koehler had a program for the meeting, how many Corvairs do you have? Of the 40 people in attendance the total came to 90 1/2. How does that add up? Rich Blanchard has 13+ half of a Greenbrier that was part of Harold's collection and was cut in two. Rich kept the front half. Pete K. has 14 and Pete C. has 12 There was a lot of discussion around having more than one car/truck and added up to a great program. Kenneth Hand talked about having his Corvair race car in the Waterford Hills exhibit at Autorama and how much fun it was packing up Sunday Night as that can be quite an experience, seems that there are multiple trucks, trailers and semi's for a few blocks and driving a loud and fast car down the street is allowed. He received a Third Place Award and had it along with the signs/posters used in the display to show everyone. He also detail painted a Hot Wheels Jay Leno Yenko to match his car and showed it on the real car. Craig Balow and Bill Owens had the other two Corvairs at the event, those that went said they looked really nice and drew a good crowd. Norm Witte had his 1971 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser Wagon and 1972 Starcraft Starmaster 8 pop up camper down stairs. Kayleigh Potter and her Mother Bethany sold the 50/50 tickets, Thank you. Jan (new first timer) won \$67.00 Eva Karas won the attendance drawing of \$10.00 Movie picture was a hard one for everyone but after several clues Ian had the correct answer, Live Free or Die Hard. He received a multi car hauler with Corvair Vairy 8's that was found at the Dexter Farm.

Kayleigh brought her clarinet and played O' Canada that turned into a sing a long EH.

Bill Vellner has a set of Camaro Berlinetta wheels with spinners for Sale and an early windshield plus he still has the one wire alternator available. Gus is looking for some Chevy or Olds 14" or 15" Rally style wheels. Pete C. may be having a sale to clean out some Corvair parts that have been on the property for 37 years. There may be a sale of the entire yard in the coming months as the owners have reached retirement age.

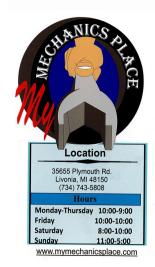
Pete C. Filling in for Lori

#### **Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine**

2/17/23 Balance \$6586.13 Income: Membership \$60.00 Expense: Newsletter \$215.57

3/17/23 Balance \$6430.56

50/50 & Attendance monies are not included in this month's report as they have not been deposited yet. ■



### Interesting Facts about April

It is the second month of spring. It is a time of planting and spring cleaning. In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere. The diamond of April symbolizes innocence.

April 2 is Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent.

April 5 is the start of Passover, which begins at sundown on this day.

April 7 is Good Friday. ...
April 9 is Easter Sunday. ■

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## JULY 13- 16th

2023

Included with your registration is your meals, snacks, pop, water, beer on tap, calendar with top 25 cars from people's choice, valve cover race, road rally, movie, etc

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

For additional information contact PETE CIMBALA 810-621-9866 or 810-241-8593 Email: hcinfo@detroitcorvairs.com

REGISTER ON-LINE Detroitcorvairs.com

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

Hotel location: Wyndham Garden 2900 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 734-665-4444

# 43rd DACC Homecoming

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

Register online with this link. Use group code online 071223COR <u>under special rates and put in code before entering date</u>
https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/ann-arbor-michigan/wyndham-garden-ann-arbor/overview

Or call 734-665-4444 to make your reservation, be sure to mention <u>"CORVAIR 2023"</u> 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 Wittmann 2830 Trevburn Ln., West Bloomfield, MI 48234

		Addition	al Names
Address		City	StateZip
Phone ()	E-mail		
Car Year (s) and Model	(s) 2 or 4 Door		
Did you drive your Corv	air here? Yes / No If yes ho	w many mile	es
REGISTRATION COST	: SINGLE \$40.00 FAMILY \$65.0	00 (family c	onsists of 2 adults and children under 18) \$
			onsists of 2 adults and children under 18) \$ One Registration Pack per Individual or Family
How many will be attend			One Registration Pack per Individual or Family
How many will be attend Additional cars	ling? Adults Under 18	_	One Registration Pack per Individual or Family  How many cars \$
How many will be attend Additional cars	\$5 each (1st car is included) Yes \$10 for each space	No	One Registration Pack per Individual or Family  How many cars \$
How many will be attend Additional cars Swap space	\$5 each (1st car is included) Yes \$10 for each space Yes Cost is \$10 per person	No n No	One Registration Pack per Individual or Family  How many cars \$  How many spaces needed \$



# Corvair Emblem Tee Shirts!



Men's Crew Neck

Woman's V-Neck

All Shirts 100% Cotton in Navy Blue with FULL COLOR Emblems on the back

\$25 each. Order and Payment Required by June 19. Pick up at Homecoming Check-In.

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Name		Phone				
E-mail						
	Quantity	Style "W" = Women's V-Neck	Size	Total		
		"M" = Men's Crew Neck	SMLXL2X3X	\$25 each		

Total:

From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP continued from pg1. the edge of the pavement and a correction spun Smokey the Dodge Dynasty winter beater into a 360, we lost some speed but were still going the same direction at the end of the event. In close to 50 years of attending DACC meetings this was the only time we experienced a loop around. Going home from the March meeting found some slippery roads but thanks to the Oakland County Road Crews there was some salt starting to work, not the case in Genesee County. There were a few Garage Squad events that were done inside a warm shop or garage so there will be a few more cars ready for this Summer. Now that this bad weather is nearing an end we can get our sights set on Spring projects that will include getting the Summer car(s) out and enjoying them again. There are several things coming up that involve driving and we know that the best running cars and trucks are the ones that are used every week or two. The gas stays fresh when it is used and refilled and not left in the tank for months or years. Seals stay sealed better when fluids are circulated, tires like to be rolled and brakes work a lot better when the drums are not rusty and wheel cylinders work better after being cycled several times. So plan on getting that Corvair or your other collector car or truck out an enjoy it. In February we lost a long time member, past VP and President Rob Duerden at the young age of 63 he had several projects that had been sitting for 25 + years and a few that had been added recently that he never got to, kind of like the stuff at the Dexter farm. So enjoy what you have while you are on this side of the grass, drive a few tanks of fresh gas through the carbs to keep them and the tank cleaner and keep the inside of the brake drums from rusting. Watch Raven's reports and post on the Facebook page so you can pick an event to attend and enjoy, spend time with your "car friends" and family and be ready to answer the unique to Corvair comments that seem to come out at shows and cruise nights.

Pete C. ■

#### Garage Squad vs. Chuckie

#### **Article by Pete Koehler**

Round 3 went to the Garage Squad! What do I mean by that? Well, "Chuckie" is the name that member Tom Murray gave to his 1964 Monza sedan. He bought the car just a few months back and when attempting to drive it home from the Grand Rapids area the engine expired. Somehow Tom was able to nurse the ailing car the final nine miles on just the five cylinders that still had a piston and rod connected to the rotating crankshaft. I still don't know how one can throw a rod and still drive the car home. At least being able to drive it multiple miles without spilling the rest of its internal fluids all over the road ahead.

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#### **Activities by Raven Hand**

Happy March fellow Corvair people! It's March 15th as I'm writing my newsletter article and I've found my self a mantra for this current March weather that I repeat to myself at least a dozen times a day " we are 3/4 the way thru the end" the end of winter that is. I like to think it's helping haha. As spring comes nearer I am starting to look at the car shows, cruise ins and plans for the double " Dust Off" weekend in May. As mentioned at meeting I plan to have the route for our combined dustoff ready to go at meeting for you to check out as well as the meeting time to continue on to Mason. Also reminder that the Back to the Bricks dustoff show at Dort financial event center is on May 21 and registration is open and free (donations welcome) we still need 5 or 6 more Corvairs to have a assigned spot for club members. \* Raven

#### **DACC Membership Report for APRIL 2023 AIRCOOLER**

Submitted March 17, 2022 by Mike Hurt Thanks for keeping your membership up to date; Tom Burgess, Doreen Reisig, Gary Szuch Members Dropped for non-payment: Richard Dixon Past Due in January: Jan Bradley, Paul Cyburt, Michael Jocobi, John Lantz, Brad Ross **Due in February**: John Allessee, Rich Blanchard.

Due in March: Ray Dubia, Stewart Murray, Steve Tackett. Tom

Tennant

Michael Stagg

Due in April: Bill Anstine, Anne Baldwin, Ron Bluhm, John Davis, Harold Friedman, Brian Granger, Chris Hand, Dwight Fish, Joe Mazzeo, Elain Roerink We have 122 paid members, 12 who owe dues and 10 due this month!

We are mailing 2 complementary newsletters to Clark's 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

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.

### Garage Squad vs. Chuckie continued from pg5 Round 1:

Tom posts on Facebook that his newest purchase is really sick. The Garage Squad responds by offering up a replacement engine and the help and skills to perform the swap with him. A date was set and a team of intrepid workers from the GS was marshalled. The "new" engine was one that "ran-when-parked" on a shelf in a warehouse in Metro Detroit. Something must have happened during the intervening seven years between being parked on a shelf and installation into Tom's Chuckie. Poor performance fouled spark plugs and a general fogging of anyone or anything that had the misfortune of following in Chuckie's footsteps down the highways and byways of Southeast Michigan. This was unacceptable.

#### Round 2:

A plan was formulated to give the replacement engine some help. But before we could schedule a date to perform the operation Chuckie met with even more misfortune. Tom stopped off at a local McDonalds for some breakfast. As another patron was exiting the drive-thru lane the driver forgot that she was actually driving and was checking out her food order instead of where her huge SUV was traveling. It traveled right into the right front corner of Chuckie! Crunch! Now the poor little Corvair not only needed engine repairs, but the body was no longer pristine. Or at least pristine to the naked eye. The collision revealed that there was a fair amount of Bondo under that shiny paint job. More work needed!

So, another work session was scheduled for the Garage Squad. Another team of volunteers was assembled and a warm place to play was generously offered by Tom's employer. We gathered some new and used engine parts and some bits to mask the damage to Chuckie's front end and make him safe to continue his quest to get Tom to work every day. The result of this session was that the engine ran better (for a while...) and the front of the car looked better. Still bent, but better.

#### Round 3:

With each new day Tom had to continue to give the ailing engine life support. He says he was doing a "running oil change" with new oil added almost daily. Spark plugs were fouling out with great regularity. This was getting old, so Tom went on the hunt for a better replacement engine. The first one he found was cheap but locked up. He did better the second time and this purchase was able to run off a battery and a jug of petrol on the floor of his garage. Once assured that he had a winner a third session was scheduled and the same inside work area was approved.

So, the day before the March club meeting we met in Troy and proceeded to yank out Chuckie's heart (engine) and prepare for the transplant. All went well right up to the point when we tried to bolt up the torque convertor to the new engine's flexplate. The engine was locked up. What? It ran at Tom's house!

What the heck is going on? Then it dawned on us that the new engine came out of a car with a manual transmission. Tom had swapped out the manual trans bell housing with one correct for a Powerglideequipped Corvair, which Chuckie had. But and here is the big but; we forgot to remove the pilot bushing that cradles the input shaft on a Corvair with a stick shift transmission. The real estate that the bushing resides in is the same place the nub of the automatic's torque convertor wants to slide into. They both can't stay at the same address. Engine lockage results. So, after a short break to lick our wounds and decide that Chuckie wasn't going to win this session. we forged ahead and in less than an hour we pulled out the engine - removed the offending bushing and bolted the whole shebang back together again in the

Brief note: The DACC Garage Squad has a collection of special Corvair tools that we bring to all of our work sessions. One of the tools is designed to remove the pilot bushing from the end of a crankshaft. First time out of the toolbox this fancy tool either wasn't working, or we weren't smart enough to figure it out. Just before panic set in, Tom steps up to the plate and hits one out of the park. Or more correctly he saw what was wrong with the tool and fabricated a solution. Joy! Now the tool works. The bushing is gone, and all of this happened in the same 57 minutes it took us to yank, remove the offending bushing and reinstall engine.

At the end of the loooong day Chuckie was put down on all fours and pushed out of the shop for a start-up. We did have to replace the fuel pump and fix some wires and then replace the generator, but we were successful. Chuckie lives! If he continues to behave and make nice to owner Tom, he might get a new moniker. "Charles"?



## Garage Squad Tech Tip Moment - Toilet Tank Gasket Repair by Pete Koehler

Have you ever opened up a pristine box containing a Corvair gasket that is brand new but decades old? Did you plan on using it only to find out that the cork had shrunk over the years? You might be right in the middle of a repair and can't wait for mail order or even a trip to our favorite local parts source (Hi Ken!!). Here is a tip that could get you out of a jam.

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#### Toilet Tank Gasket Repair continued from pg6

Toilet Tank to the rescue! We found that a brand new/old cork oil pan gasket was about a half inch too short to work on President Mike Anstine's Rampside. We were on the clock and had to do something. So, one of our Squad members took the offending gasket to the restroom and placed it down inside the water tank of the toilet. A half hour later it was pliable enough to stretch out that last half inch. Crisis averted and the rest room stayed in service while the gasket was bathing in the tank. I know this sounds a little odd, but sometimes you just gotta do what you gotta do. Right?

Follow-up articles that I have in mind: aerosol can caps to plug intake manifold when removing carbs, guide pins to help line up engine to transaxle when removing/installing engine, pinching the clip on t-stat arm to ease installation to damper door.

#### **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 getwell 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.

#### April Aircooler:

A 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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, Memb.: John Wolford, Edit,: Ken pepke, Parts: Don Arner, Activ,: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Bearing Burners show at Freedom Hill. May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 have to 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 - Dec. 1993 DACC History continued next month. ■



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Check out this site and expand your Knowledge of the Corvair.

https://www.corvair.org/

Updated the CORSA Club Office address

CORSA Club Office PO Box 68 Long Lake, MN 55356



The April DACC meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd, 6pm social hour, 7pm, meeting. Attend at the 300 Bowl.

The Aircooler – Adam Morenski 15237 Roycroft Roseville, MI. 48066 BULK RATE

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## 3rd Annual Dust em' Off Registration is OPEN



Hello Back to the Bricks® Friends,

Last year at-this-time, we were preparing for our very first spring event of the year, the 2nd Annual <u>Dust 'em Off™</u> Car Show, which was an amazing success for it's 2nd year. We are happy to announce that it's time to get those cars and trucks ready because it's time

to register for this year's <u>3rd Annual Dust 'em Off™ Car Show</u>, on Sunday, May 21st, 2023.

It's a totally FREE event, and you can just come the day of anytime after 10am to join us. However if you would like to have early entry to park, and be eligible for the free t-shirt and all the fabulous door prizes you must register. We know you will not want to miss it.

The event hours this year are 10am - 3pm, so come and spend the day. Staging starts at 8am for registered participants at our partner Ashley Furniture Parking lot, so you can be ready to enter the gates and drive under the iconic Back to the Bricks® arches at 9am. New and returning food trucks will have a nice variety to choose from. More automotive vendors will be on hand to see how you can improve your ride. DJ Scott Kuhl will be playing all the hits you love to hear. Back to the Bricks® has some all-new merchandise for 2023. There are all new shirts, hats, and new collector products. Plus, we will have a big 50/50 drawing so you can walk away with some cold hard cash.

This event is possible due to our amazing presenting sponsor <u>General Motors</u> and brought to you by our sponsor <u>Dort Financial Credit Union</u>.

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The newsletter for those committed to keeping driving alive. by Larry Webster • 3/17/2023

My official title at Hagerty is Senior VP of Media, but I prefer to say that I'm a storyteller, a profession I stumbled upon while pursuing a life with cars. Few things bring me joy like having a meaty topic to research, organize, and present to an audience. As a perpetual student of the storytelling craft, this week I felt a mixture of awe and envy over Jason Cammisa's history lesson on the BMW M1.

Cammisa is a car nerd in the best possible way. Like all of us here at Hagerty Media, he takes storytelling to obsessive levels. That means hours and hours of research to unearth unknown and curious details, which are then deftly spun into a format that's educational and entertaining. As I often tell anyone who will listen, every car has a fascinating backstory—the trick is making it compelling. Very few do it on Cammisa's level and I'm grateful he shares his passion with us.

The BMW M1 is a sleeper of an exotic car because it's not on the broader cultural radar

like the <u>Lamborghini Countach</u> and the <u>Ferrari F40</u> yet it is every bit as much an automotive milestone. The M1 has the <u>lowest value</u> of the three—about \$600K—yet is rarer and more usable. And the M1 was actually raced. This BMW is one of the oddities of the collector car market, where the hard facts don't necessarily line up with buyer perception and preference. Come to think of it, the M1 is a great candidate for our annual roundup of up and coming collector cars, <u>the Bull Market List</u>.

I've been a huge M1 fanboy ever since I raced one in 2013. I was nervous to get behind the wheel, unsure what to expect. Even back then, the M1 was worth far more than my house and it had nearly 500 horsepower in a car that weighed less than 3000 pounds. Plus I would be sharing the track with many other high-dollar vintage race cars like the Porsche 935 during the Monterey Historics at Laguna Seca. The sleek BMW, however, drove like a Miata with three times the power. The M88 inline six stuck out for its tractable power and 9000-rpm wail. If I win the lottery, the M1 is my first buy.

Speaking of deft storytelling, my colleague Sam Smith produced an excellent new podcast called Driven to Fail and this week he featured former Ford engineer John Coletti. You might remember Coletti as the man who <u>saved the Mustang</u> from extinction. He's also one of those car execs with a huge passion for cars, a personality to match, and the drive to make something great (Coletti was also behind the first comeback Ford GT). You will love that conversation.

All our channels are updated daily with fascinating stories and information, brought to you by hugely talented car folks. Brandon Gillogly uncovered the <u>origin of the traffic cone</u> and also discussed the mid-engine <u>Toyota MR2 and Pontiac Fiero</u>. Tony Angelo <u>blew up a Ford V-8</u> and Cameron Neveu shared his <u>favorite roadside</u> <u>attractions</u>. Let me send you into the weekend with a couple of my own stories that I loved telling: uncovering the <u>long lost Bullitt Mustang</u> and a video from that time I <u>tried</u> to flip a Corvair.

Before I sign off....Ricky Bobby's house is for sale!

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