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From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, **Pete Cimbala** Corvairkid1963@lentel.com;

This is my first President's report for the 23-24 term. I will have to look back in the boxes of old Aircoolers and compile a list of the previous times I have been elected to be the leader of this fine group. A lot has changed over the years with new members joining the club and others who are new Corvaire owners that we meet at cruise nights and local shows. The biggest thing that has changed is the internet or interweb as some like to call it. This new avenue brings us together in minutes and even seconds with things like Facebook and X, text messages plus others that I have not had the time to check out. Sometimes I Google myself and take a trip down memory lane looking at things I posted years ago, some are about Homecoming and most include links that relate to doing something with or about a Corvaire. We had a really good turnout at the October meeting with four or five new people there for their first meeting and since it was a nice day a bunch of cool cars and trucks in the parking lot. We will continue with some kind of interesting meeting program and the new VP Tom Murray will be giving out the attendance tickets and I am sure we can find a thing or two to give away on top of the \$10.00 that one of you will take home, and a winner chosen to have a picture of their car on the electronic sign in front of the 300 Bowl. The annual Christmas meeting/party will be December 4th. just a couple days after my birthday. There will be a list

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October Meeting Minutes

What a terrific turn out on a chilly night we had 15 Corvaire's and 58 people. We had 3 visitors, Preston, Brian, Shane and JJ.

It was voting night. Tom Murray was running for VP and Ken Heberling was running against me for Secretary. Tom won on a landslide, Ken and I were a tie. The tie was determined by a toss a coin. Ken won! I wish my best to Ken.

The mileage contest has been extended till next month due to the fall color tour allowing people to get more mileage to turn in.

We have \$8619.02 in our account.

Pete K. gave another one of his terrific history talks. John O'Leary heard that there's a chance that Ralph Nader will be in our area and wanted to know who would like to be contacted to appear where he'll be at. So if interested contact John.

Ray Dubia brought in some model cars that needed to be assembled and they were given away to anyone who wanted them.

Gigi had made some terrific cupcakes and brought them to the meeting for us to enjoy.

Swap n sell Pete K knows of a 65 white convertible with a blue top for sale solid car motor locked up \$1400.

Todd Miller is looking for seat chrome.

Robert Jennings is having a disassemble party on his 60 car. [Saturday Oct 21st](#).

The movie picture was The Man from Atlantis. Ian won The marquee sign was one by the Greer's.

The \$10 attendance went to Pete K. 50-50 was \$87 won by Ken Heberling.

I would like to thank everyone who has put up with me being secretary for the last 8+ years. And thank you for all the votes and confidence that you wanted me to stay, it's a good time for me to put my pen down for a while and let someone else take on the task. I will still be co-chair of Homecoming and taking care of all that good stuff that goes with that. You haven't got rid of me that easily.

Signing off as secretary ~~ Lori Komora ■



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From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP, Tom Murray
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Hi campers!!

I'm Tom Murray, your new VP. This is my first article in office so I thought I would tell you a little more about myself and some of my pet projects.

Most of you have already met my car, "Chuck" the '64 sedan. It's honestly a wreck, but it makes me feel cool. I guess that's what's most important. It's a daily driver but I can't drive it at the moment. I just had my knee replaced and can't push the car when it breaks down. Which is often. I'm workin' on it though. It's on its third engine since I got it and the second engine is getting ready to go back in thanks to a lot of help from Pete Kohler!!



Current status of the 1/3 cut down engine.

For what it's worth, I'm an amateur machinist with my own lathe and mill. I make a lot of small parts for friends as well as my own projects. Current projects include a couple British motorcycles and a 1/3 corvair engine conversion. Because? Why not! Now I'm on the hunt for a VW oil pump and am planning on using a magneto for spark. You may already know that I am heavily involved in high school robotics. Team 2834. The Bionic Blackhawks. I mentor the kids on how to use their hands to build and modify almost anything they want. This is something I truly love. Nothing beats seeing a kids light turn on when they understand something new.

Lastly, I really enjoy helping with the garage squad!! I see the value in it and from what I've heard, other clubs see the work that gets done and see the value as well. It's nice to have something for others to model.

I'm looking forward to helping where I can and I'll see you all at the monthly meetings.

Cheers, Tom.



Activities by Raven Hand

Hey all, hope you're staying warm this cold and wet October. Color tour went well although it would have been nice to see more of you on this one. It was definitely cold and wet, so I understand. The Aircooled on the Hill event saw a good turn out this year, including some non-club members, Allen Ailish (sp) made an appearance as well as Ray Hannman from Clarkston. Chris, Ken, and I wish that the racecars had cooperated though. As mentioned at October's meeting, if anyone would like to take a month and plan an event, please contact me. Even winter month events are welcomed if you have an idea, let's hear it!!! May and October I have handled for sure. June and August are always good months for something, see me at the monthly meeting or email me for event ideas for the club

Raven Hand ■

Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

9/17/23 Balance \$8840.33

Income:

Membership \$310.00

50/50 \$175.00

Expenses:

Newsletter \$221.31

50/50 Payout \$87.00

Attendance \$10.00

Gas card for Most Milage \$25.00

Non-Profit Application \$20.00

10/17/23 Balance \$8962.02



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DACC Membership Report for NOVEMBER 2023 AIRCOOLER

Submitted October 16, 2023 by Mike Hurt

Welcome to our New Members: Brian Chmielewski, Preston Edwards, Shane Thomas, Dennis Thompson

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: Chris Braden, Ray Dubia, Sue Hamil, Dave Munaco, Ken Pepke, Dale Ropp, Jerry Schmidt, Patrick Skiver, Robert Storc, Jean Marc Urbain

Dropped for non-payment: Dan Dood, Chad Guthrie, Gus Shay

Due in November: Bill Richards

Due in December: Tom Cavataio, Steve Schwartz, Jerome Yoscovits

We have 147 paid members.

*******ATTENTION TO THOSE OWING DUES*******

Be aware that the by-laws say that you have till the end of the month you're due to make that payment and then you're dropped. For those due in Nov – Dec, please consider sending it in now. Thank you.

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 48381

Questions about membership, change of address/email can be sent to Mike Hurt at (248) 972-7188 or mdhurt821@gmail.com and leave a message.

We have an **email blast list** to notify members of quickie tours or last-minute changes. Please send me your email address so we can keep this list up to date.

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published of things you can donate to Haven House and they can always use cash or a check to help families in need not only on the Holidays but all year long. Lori and I have been making some headway planning next year's Homecoming and the info will be going out soon to all of our out of town friends, a lot of it on that internet thing I mentioned above. **Adam is always looking for cool stories and tech info to print in the Aircooler** so during the winter months when you get bored, start writing that story and when you are happy with it send to Adam. Email or write it on paper and mail it like we did years ago, people like to hear happy things and what is better than a happy story about our favorite car or truck.

See you on November 6th. ■
Pete C.

DACC History 1996 by Clark Hartzel

President: Rob Duerden, Vice President: Norm King, Secretary: Kim Carless, Treasurer: Jean King, Membership: Clark Hartzel, Editor: Sharon Pepke, Parts: Bob Kirkman, Activities: Jeff Shreve, Parades: Sharon Pepke. Meetings at the Royal Oak Senior Center.

January Aircooler

Guest speaker Chuck Huebner Chevrolet Engineer. A list of the duties of officers on first page. A memorial of our past member Gene Haubert was written by Pete Cimbala. Gene died a year ago at 93. 34 members came to the Christmas party in the cold at Fillipa's Restaurant. An article on adjusting the play in the steering box was written by Les Huckins of CORSA WEST. A Corvair trivia crossword puzzle was borrowed from the Aircooler in 1976. Membership is 139. Treasury is \$5,526.25

February Aircooler

Guest speaker for February will be Bob Thoreson Chevrolet Engineering turbo specialist. At the Christmas party a gag gift exchange was tried and proved to be fun. Pete Cimbala gave an anti-freeze tester! Ken Pepke wrote a tribute to their cat Smoky who lived 14 years with them. A list of Homecoming chairmen was printed. Ken Pepke wrote an article on setting timing and dwell readings.

March Aircooler:

Guest speaker Ashod Torosian Chevrolet Corvair chassis & rear suspension engineer. Member Howard Lake died when his car went off the road on I-75 and hit a tree. He had a history of heart trouble and may have had an attack while driving. DACC elections are coming up and for a change we have three candidates for Vice President, two for Membership and two for Activities. Additional Nominations will be accepted at the March meeting. A reminder that the Homecoming is August 23-25 so make your hotel reservations now for the \$52.00 rate. Ken Pepke thanked all the members who contributed to the Aircooler and said he is retiring for now. Please support the new editor. 142 members and treasury is \$4,489. Sloan Museum wants a nice Greenbrier for display purposes. According to Leo Ziemski the last 1969 Corvair was given to Ed Cole and Dolly Cole still has it. This will be believed when someone reads the VIN. An article about making your Corvair perform better by changing the carb jets from 49 to 52 size was written by a Corvair Atlanta member. The All Chevy Magazine did a nice article on the 1995 Homecoming with 5 pictures.

April Aircooler:

President: Norm King, Vice president: Pete Cimbala, Secretary: Allan Dollaway, Treasurer: Jean King, Membership: Kim Carless, Editor: Chris Trapp, Parts: Sam Christ, Activities: Bob Fyler. An article was printed on gasahol in Corvairs. Bad choice for many reasons and worse if the car is stored and not driven often. Editor Chris Trapp also can fix your ailing computer. Tech tip to check if your heater hose is rubbing on the battery cable or starter positive connection. It is supposed to have a sponge collar on the hose to prevent grounding the battery. The hose has a metal spring inside to keep the hose round. Rubbing will cause a short and the battery will go dead.

May Aircooler:

Speaker for May meeting will be our own Stu Shuster on Corvair emblems. 140 members. An article on engine blueprinting written by Bob Kirkman. Paul Gilliland of Corvair Atlanta wrote an article on eliminating start-out hesitation. He checked to make sure the accelerator pumps were squirting gas. He put bigger jets (52) in the carbs, and it worked great.

June Aircooler:

The editor apologized that a page was missing in the May Aircooler. There will be a Corvair tune up at Kriewall Enterprises on June 15th. A reminder that the Sloan Museum Summer Fair is June 21-23. Sunday the 23rd is our annual picnic at Sloan. Club will supply hot dogs and pop.

1996 To be continued next month. ■

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