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

Some of us had our first snow back on Oct. 31st. Just in time for the trick or treaters but the last few days have been really nice, and I have seen a lot of cool old cars and trucks on the road. Since I did not have time this past season to do the needed work on my fleet of Corvairs and my Company demonstrator has been parked due to a dropped valve seat on the 140-hp. engine, my time behind the wheel of a Corvaire was a short one. A trip around the block with my '63 Monza was it. **Last Sunday** I needed to go into town (5.5 miles of country roads) and buy more Rec 90 gas for my yard equipment so I can pick up leaves from several mature maple trees in the yard. I got to thinking that it had been a year or more since I put gas in my '63 Pontiac Catalina Ventura so I grabbed a hot battery and pulled it out of the garage for the second time this year, the first time I never left the yard. The first few miles the slim Jim trans kinda changed gears and the brakes pulled right on one stop and left on the next, the old tires felt like they had some flat spots from sitting for months in the same place. I stopped by the local Subway for a 6" turkey sandwich, then the Marathon station that has Rec 90 and filled the 5 gallon gas can and put about 8 gallons into the tank that was between 1/4 and half full. The last mile home it was stopping and shifting better than the first, so I felt good about getting it out before the snow flies and there is salt on the roads.

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Haven Helps Heavy Hearts Have Happy Holidays Here's How!

It's that special time of year...time for us to help the many families of HAVEN experience the wonders and excitement of Christmas. For whatever reason, many single mothers find themselves in the same desperate position, especially at this time of the year when they are simply unable to provide for their children at Christmas. If the problem was alcohol or drugs, etc. there are programs to help. Not so for the true victims of the abuse, the innocent children. With our help, and the help of our communities, HAVEN has provided for hundreds of families and children and made Christmas special and unforgettable. Our generous donations are important to make the HAVEN GIVEAWAY a success. If you would like to join us again, please bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift to the DACC December Meeting. Gift cards from area merchants are also welcome. Haven serves all ages and all needs, and they need our help to continue. Suitable items include new warm clothing including coats, gloves also, toys, games, etc. Please no guns, water pistols or the like. Gift Cards for merchandise such as Meijer, Target, and Kohl's are most welcome. All items are sorted and organized and then presented as shopping trips to a Haven-qualified audience on a scheduled basis. Bring all unwrapped gifts, donations, and contributions to the DACC December meeting. All gifts, donations and contributions will be delivered to HAVEN for their annual GIFTAWAY. Haven considers the DACC as a loyal and generous supporter.

Judy O'Leary ■



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

This is the first in a series of articles aimed at getting you prepared for your summer road-trips. Let's consider what would be in a Corvair emergency road kit (besides a AAA card). With the National event being in Dayton Ohio this year, maybe many of us are thinking of making the trip. Time to get prepared!

That means it's time to talk about a potentially uncomfortable topic. Spark plugs.... if this spurs some active conversation, great! Some members are experts, and some are newbies. Most are somewhere in between. The Clark's catalog does a good job of breaking it down, but here are the basics.

Let's assume that the car we are driving is a 110hp with a manual transmission driven leisurely. The middle of the road spark plugs for such a car would be a good NOS set of AC 44FF. Maybe we don't have access to these so what are the modern alternatives?

Champion: C10922, Bosch: C3927, NGK: 1236E
(Info from Clark's)

Mind you, this is a pretty narrow focus, and there are lots of other options that may prove optimal for a particular car and driver. Many folks have their favorites. That's all valid. I'm talking about a road kit here. Let's look at my car Chucky for a moment. 80hp and a Powerglide transmission. (Yeah, it's slow) Let's say it burns a bit of oil and I take it on short trips where it's never really getting up to a good operating temperature for long. In this instance I may want to go with a hotter plug to help burn off the carbon deposits that are likely to form. We would want a plug that holds onto a little more heat instead of sending it off the head's cooling fins. A hotter plug may also be a good idea if you and your car do a lot of parades and spend a lot of time idling or at low RPMs.

On the other hand, a race car or one that's been tuned and is driven hard and often, would require a colder plug to help avoid overheating, detonation, and engine damage. We would want a plug that gets rid of heat faster.

We have all heard the terms "harder" and "softer" in reference to plugs. What does that mean?

Harder = colder plug = higher compression, hotter running engine

Softer = hotter plug = normal compression, cooler running engine

So, which is right for you? Start with what is currently in your engine. If it runs fine, get another set of what you already know works. Preset the gap before you pack them, so you know they are ready when called upon.

So, after all of this, you may be wondering what's in my car, (maybe not) so here it is.... I'm running Champion L86C plugs. Why? That's what my favorite local auto parts store stocks and their computer says they will work. So far that has proven correct. Is there something better suited? Probably. When I get to that point in my car's recuperation, I will invest the time into truly figuring it out. Until then. It's fine. See you all at the meetings!!

Tom Murray ■

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Next year I will do this more often and hope to do it with a Corvair (or two) if I can get some work done during the winter months.

I hope to make it to the December meeting/ **Christmas** gathering on the 4th. I did not make it last year due to not feeling well that day, something that hardly ever happens but it did for some reason. We will not have a lot of business to cover and focus on a nice social time with friends. Be sure to check out the electronic sign when you arrive and see what car or truck Gary and Kim picked from the collection. Remember to bring an unwrapped gift for Haven and a wrapped one for the exchange game that Lori has planned. If you have headed South or West for the winter or will not be there on the 4th. Have a Merry **Christmas** and a Happy New Year. Pete K. has some great ideas for meeting programs to keep us entertained during the winter meetings and beyond. There are plans being made for the May Dust Em Off events, Homecoming registration will be open soon and you will be able to book a room as soon as we get a booking code from the hotel. The national convention will be just a couple hundred miles away in Dayton, OH so watch the calendar of events and ask for the time off if you are still punching a clock and need to schedule time off in advance. ■



Don't forget to wear your Christmas outfit and bring table decorations for goodness sakes.



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DACC November 2023 Meeting Minutes

We had 43 people in attendance tonight, and despite early predictions of rain during the day, we had 6 Corvairs in the parking lot! There were 4 white, and 2 red cars. (Needed Ken Pepke's new blue car to get the red, white, and blue color spectrum, maybe next month?).

The treasury report shows that we have \$8668.31 in the account. We do still owe for the Homecoming calendars though.

Membership report shows 147 paid members. There are 4 members owing dues before the end of the year or they will be dropped. Please see the Membership report for details. There were no new members in attendance tonight.

Activities update included the Fall Color Tour to Stahl's Museum with an indoor Trunk or Treat as well. Main color for the tour was Gray from the rain. Raven is looking for volunteers to organize monthly events in their area. The 2024 Spring Dust Off is targeted for May of 2024, details to follow next year. The American House event was attended by several DACC members, Lori showed a couple pictures from the event. Next year's American House event will be September 19, 2024.

The December 4th meeting will be at the 300 Bowl for our Christmas party. You can bring decorations for your table if you wish. There will be a representative from the Haven House in attendance again. **Bring unwrapped gifts/toys/clothing for the children who are the beneficiaries of our DACC support to the Haven House. We will also have the "Dice" gift exchange game. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped \$10 to \$15 automotive related gift to the party.**

The January 2024 DACC meeting will be held Monday January 8th due to the first Monday of January being the January 1st holiday.

The mileage contest was completed at the meeting. Don Scharich won the \$25 gift card (for gas!) by driving 4,302 miles thus far.

The 50/50 drawing drew in \$98 total, and gave \$49 to Mike H.

Attendance: Ruth won the \$10 attendance drawing. The second attendance ticket drawing winner was Kim who gets to have her choice of picture on the 300 Bowl marquee for December's meeting.

Swap and Sell – Tom has puzzles for sale at \$25 each.

Ken Pepke had a number of posters which he gave away.

Ken Heberling has a Genie electric garage door opener for sale – asking \$150.

Calendars are available from John Allesee now. All that registered for Homecoming will get 1 calendar. Extra calendars are available for \$10 each.

Ken Heberling – Secretary ■

Why is the 7th of December important?

Did you know that on this day in 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked? This surprise attack by the Japanese led the US to join World War II the following day.



11/17/23 Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

10/17/23 Balance \$8962.02

Income: Membership \$58.00 License plate \$5.00

Donation \$20.00 50/50 \$98.00

Expenses: Newsletter \$185.32 50/50 Payout \$49.00

Attendance \$10.00 Business Cards \$58.39 CPF - Memory

Lesley Schlaud \$50.00

Balance 11/17/23 \$8790.31 ■

The President needs Your Help

At the last DACC meeting our new President Pete Cimbala commented that he has not been able to tool around in a Corvair for some time. I think the Garage Squad could come to his rescue. While the best "demo" Corvair that he ever had was probably "Skirts", my 1960 700 coupe, his most recent loaner 'Vair is my 1969 Monza convertible. It is (of course) red... #1023 has a 4-speed and a 140-power plant. And that is where the problem lies. Back in 2022 Pete was cruising in style when the engine suffered a dreaded valve seat failure. He parked the car in his garage over in Swartz Creek and that is where it sits [today](#).

My plan for repair was to pull the heads and send them out for deep seats. Hopefully that will make the engine more reliable, and Pete can cruise to Corvair events in a cool Corvair again. I have a matched pair of 1965 140 heads that just came back from the machine shop with standard valve seats. What I would like to do is organize a work session at Pete's place and swap in the two rebuilt '65 heads. Then the '69 heads could be sent out to get deep seats, If the car was back up and running then the other shop could take the time needed to make a good upgrade.

The car and the rebuilt heads are ready and waiting at Pete's place. The weather might be the only issue. How about if we watch the weatherman and pick a [Saturday](#) or other day to make the trek North and fix Pete's demo? It might take more than one session if the temperature is a factor. What do you think?

Pete Koehler ■



DACC History 1996 by Clark Hartzel

Continued from last month

July Aircooler:

Guest speaker will be Don Arner talking about his experience as a railroad engineer. July 6th is the Cass City parade; July 20th is the Leonard Strawberry Festival parade; Also July 20th is the Marlette parade. We have been invited to attend the Marlette Parade but most members will go to the Leonard parade. Member Cathy Ives Rutherford bid us a farewell as she, husband and daughter are moving to Gatlinburg Tennessee. Her father Ab Ives will remain in Windsor and continue to bring coffee and donuts to our meetings. Our speaker last month was Joe McAuliffe a former Flint police officer. Treasury report \$3,713.75. Membership report 142. A Homecoming Friday tour to Yesterday's Collection having Auto memorabilia and most important an ice cream parlor! A silent auction for all new items and a road rally by the Hartzels. A Sunday luncheon Will be in Blissfield at the Hathaway House, a Michigan Historical Site.

August Aircooler:

Bob and Adele Kirkman are vacationing (driving) in Alaska and saw a couple of Corvairs on islands. Bob complained that they were paying \$1.95 for gas! The club had a tune up session at Ed Kriewall's shop. Norm King did the checking and tuning. Ed showed several cars he is restoring. A hot dog roast followed. Wally Wheeler brought his Corphibian to the meeting. It will go 15 MPH in water and then drive right up on land and drive like a normal FC truck. The room rate for the Homecoming is \$52.00. There were 19 Corvairs at the Sloan Museum on Sunday June 23rd. There was an interesting picture in the newsletter about an event at the GM Tech Center on July 12th, 1961, where there were 52 Corvair Monza's shown lined up at the pond. There was a Detroit Monza Club back then.

September Aircooler:

The Romeo Peach Festival parade is September 2nd. This is a nice event that we have gone to for many years. There is an arts and crafts show after the parade. The Homecoming road rally was won by current members of the club: 1st place John Allessee and Karen Sterzic; 2nd place Jeff and Jerry Shreve; 3rd place was Ray and Carol Fallot of Friends of Corvair in Ohio. Too many show awards to list here. Long distance award in a Corvair to the Homecoming was Earl Jones from Zebulon, North Carolina. Chris Trapp resigned as editor and John Allessee stepped up and said he would take over. Treasury at \$4,083.77. Membership 144 members.

October Aircooler:

October 12th will be a road tour in Canada starting at McDonalds restaurant at end of Ambassador bridge and ending at Sombra where we will take the Marine City Ferry back to the U.S.

The Christmas party will be at the Rochester Country Club. CORSA has settled on a \$20.00 fee for chapters that are not 100% members. This covers insurance for our

meetings and events. Only 3 Corvairs made it to the Cass City parade. 4 Corvairs came to the Leonard parade. Membership is 137. Treasury is \$5,696.20. Marilyn Westervelt provided a recipe for the Homecoming chili. The Buick Club of America is having a swap meet at MacGillivray Buick in Flint on October 27. The Irish Hills Region of AACA is having a swap meet October 20th in Adrian Fairgrounds.

November Aircooler:

A lengthy article on what happened to 1969 Corvair 6000 took up two and half pages. Historian Dave Newell talked to everyone at GM that might know but nobody admitted they knew. The car was ordered by Bill Harrah for his museum, but it never got there. Reports of it being scrapped have some truth but nobody would admit where and how. Some say it went to Dollie Cole but that can't be confirmed. It is still a mystery!

The club Christmas party will be at the Rochester Hills golf club. Sam Christ presented club President Norm King with a chrome plated connecting rod to be used as a gavel. Pete Cimbala showed a video of a Corvair going to a scrap yard. The car was full of bees! Clark Hartzel talked about our road tour to Canada. Bob Kirkman talked about a Corvair not running right and the problem was the coil wires were placed improperly. The distributor wire was on the + terminal instead of the negative. Once the wires were reversed the car ran fine.

December Aircooler:

12 Corvairs and 2 water pumpers showed up for the Canada tour. Norm King talked about replacing axle bearings on an early. You must put the pressing ring on first and there is another spacer which locates the bearing properly. The brake drum will rub the backing plate if the ring is missing. December is a Corvair parked month so not much happening to write about.

Pete Koehler's "Where FC's go to Die! Pic. Go to your meeting for details.



The Gas Card Winner

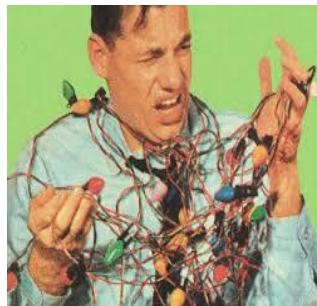
Good morning this is Don from the Corvair meeting. I'm not good at email. So, here's my story for the Aircooler. My first Corvair was in September 1971. Just turned 16. Dad got a 63 Mazda convertible. I don't know why he got a Corvair, but it was cool. Now 52 years later never thought I would have one this nice. I found this one on Facebook, Carol was selling it. It was a beauty, and the sound of that flat six air cooled motor got me hooked.



I had forgotten how great the sound of that engine was. Caroline, and I struck a deal and I drove it home. And at 13,346 mi when I bought it 18 months ago. She asked what my intentions were, I told her to drive it and show it and enjoy it.



Whenever the weather is good, you'll see me driving, shifting through all those three speeds. Every time I take it out shopping to get gas or just a cruise, somebody will always stop and ask to look at it. Everybody at least needs to ride once in a Corvair, they will know what we're talking about. I'm glad I joined the group last year I really enjoy it. Thank you for the gas card, all \$25 are going to get burned through the Corvair. Do you have any questions? Let me know, thanks again.



DACC Membership Report for DECEMBER 2023 AIRCOOLER

Submitted November 17, 2023 by Mike Hurt

Welcome to our New Members: Patrick Laus

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

Tom Burgess, Gerald Ambrozy

Due in November: Bill Richards

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

We have 149 paid members and 1 due this month.

*****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. **Interesting facts about Christmas**

- 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. each year.
- Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.
- It takes about 15 years to grow the average Christmas tree.
- Alabama was the first state to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.

From the Editor

Donna and I was in the process of checking the Christmas lights, looking online how to fix them, when we came across "when do you take your lights down". This is when we learned about "Three Kings Day" and the 12 days of Christmas, which made me ask? I thought the 12 days was prior, not after, never heard of Three Kings Day. The things you learn on the internet even at the age of 66, Happy Holidayze to All.

What is the meaning of the 12 days of Christmas?

What are the 12 days of Christmas? The 12 days of Christmas is the period in Christian theology that marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men. It begins on December 25 (Christmas) and runs through January 6 (the Epiphany, sometimes also called Three Kings' Day).

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NEWS FROM HAVEN



HAVEN Stands with Survivors

Thank you to all who helped raise awareness and support during October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Intimate partner violence and sexual assault affects every community across the globe. Our mission is to support survivors while advocating for long-lasting change.

October was a very busy month for our team! HAVEN was invited to partner with some outstanding community partners, including Jeep Babes Michigan, Temple Kol Ami, Southfield Police Department and so many others that invited the HAVEN team to speak, accept donations, or to support other domestic violence awareness activities.

If you or your organization would like HAVEN to speak, please complete our interest form [here](#).

Gift Giveaway 2023

Unlike any other holiday giveaway or "adopt-a-family" program, Gift Giveaway empowers survivors, who have utilized HAVEN's services within the last 12 months, to "shop" for free. Last season, the support of caring community members, like you, made the holidays special for 755 HAVEN survivors!

We need your support once again this holiday season:

1. Volunteer-4 hour shifts
2. Give a gift via [Amazon](#) or the [HAVEN Wishlist](#)
3. Provide food for volunteers

Gift Giveaway 2023 will be from [December 10-16](#) from 9am to 7pm. For more information click [here](#).



Support HAVEN and Realize Tax Benefits

Charitable giving can help you give meaning to your wealth. It gives an opportunity to express yourself, support the issues you care about, like HAVEN, and impact the world around you. As we approach the end of the year and prepare for tax season now is the time to evaluate options for making tax-free gifts to HAVEN while realizing the benefits.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) offer eligible older Americans a great way to give to HAVEN before the end of the year. For those who are at least 72, QCDs count toward the IRA

owner's required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

How To Set Up A QCD:

1. Contact your IRA trustee soon so they have time to complete the transaction before the end of the year

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