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From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, **Pete Cimbala** Corvairkid1963@lentel.com; (6)

Here we are in May with winter behind us and lots of things to do. We have enjoyed several weeks of nicer than normal temps and been able to drive cool cars and trucks and that is a good thing. Check out the Dust Em Off events in the Lansing area and Flint, Raven will share the info as we know it along with a few other fun things to do. If you know of events close to home, please share them with Raven and we can add them to the list. There is a good swap meet in Fowlerville at the Fairgrounds on Grand River just west of town on Sat. [May 4th](#). and Bearing Burners Swap Meet in Utica on 21 Mile Rd. east of Van Dyke on the 19th. if you don't come to Flint for the Dust Em Off at the Dort Financial Event Center on Lapeer Rd. just west of Center Rd. Lori and I are looking for help at the Homecoming this year, Pop & Water manager is open, and it's always a great experience to help Ken & Ruth in the World Class Hospitality Room. Send in your registrations and book your room at the Hotel so we can have some early numbers for ordering supplies. See Lori's article for more details. The Garage Squad will have completed a few projects by the time you read this, watch the Facebook page for pictures and comments. I mailed a check for my CORSA dues renewal for the 50th. year, there are other options, but I can never get on the CORSA web site no matter how many times I try. Changed login info, password, email address and it never works so I have to do it old school. We had a great turn out at the April meeting with the nice afternoon weather, but it started to rain when it was time to go home. I hope [May 6th](#). will be dry so we can have a good showing of different color Corvairs in the parking lot of the 300 Bowl. We will have a meeting program that will cover something interesting after the monthly business is covered, dinner at 6:00 pm. and the rod knocks at 7:00 pm. See you there. ■

Tire Sizes for Your Corvair

With the month of May, we should be ready for the Spring/Summer Corvair driving season. Are you ready? If you are planning to drive your Corvair on the Back Roads Promo Tour with Pete Cimbala or down to Dayton for the CORSA Convention or just over to Ann Arbor for our Homecoming you should have a good set of shoes on your ride. How old are the tires on your favorite Corvair? Some people (the guys trying to sell you new tires) say replace 'em after 5 years. I'm not sure that is absolutely necessary. If your tires are 30-40 years old and have obvious signs of dry rot or you can see cracks inside the like-new tread, then new tires should be on your to-do list.

So, what size tires should you buy? Can you still get the correct size tire for your Corvair? Late model owners have it better in that they can source 5-bolt wheels in 14", 15", 16" and so on. 13" tires are getting scarce. Early model owners can find larger diameter wheels in the 4-bolt version, but it is a hunt. To be completely stock, everyone started off with 13" wheels except for the FC crowd (14" diameter 5-bolt 5" width). Original Corvair tires were spec'd out by Chevrolet engineers as 6.50x13 bias ply. They were designed to go a wheel with a 5.5" width. Early coupes, sedans and convertibles got these 6.50's. When the Corvair station wagon came out a 7.00x13 tire was installed. Late models had these as well. Some specialty tire companies can still get you a 6.50 or a 7.00 bias ply. If cost is no concern and stock-ness is your goal, then this is the way to go. 13" radial tires are very popular for our Corvairs. Many sizes are out there. The two most common would be 175/80R13 and 185/80R13. Since you want to match the radial tires rolling size as close to the original bias tires as possible, the 175/80 matches up with the 6.50. The 185/80 is a good replacement for the 7.00 size. Yes, there are some stores that still have 175/70R13 and even 165 and 155 sizes. These would work well for a Vega or a Chevette, but this is a Corvair club and this a Corvair article. Also beware of tires designed only for trailer applications. These are not good for any car including our Corvairs. Some of these have the designation of "ST". Stay away from them. Now that you are tire smart, where do you get your new Corvair shoes? There are many on-line tire stores that will ship you a set of 13" tires. I just placed an order with Simple Tire (simpletire.com) and have 4 Maxxis MA-1 185/80R13 whitewall tires on their way to the Caveman Garage for under \$500 tax and shipping included. Once here they will need to be mounted and balanced and that will add to the cost, but it should be much less than an on the side of the road after a blow-out experience. Happy motoring! Pete K. ■

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From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP, Tom Murray
guitar_mechanic@yahoo.com

Zen and the art of breaking down in style.

Hi campers!

We've covered some pretty heavy topics up to now, that are intended to keep us prepared for anything that might prevent us from enjoying our Corvairs this summer. So let's say we are motoring along and something is happening that's concerning enough to make us pull over. This is not the moment to jump into action. Above all, don't panic. With any luck, we will have broken down across the street from a pub, or a good steakhouse. If that's not the case and we are in the middle of nowhere, now would be a good time to open the deck lid and bring out the tool roll. If you put a cigar in with your tools, now is the right time to light it and have a good think. Don't be in too much of a hurry. We think better when calm and the engine bay will need some time to cool down. We now have an opportunity to ask ourselves what changed that made us pull over? Also, don't get that stogie near the battery, the vapors from the battery could explode. What if the engine runs rough, is hard to start and stalls? Let's say it cranks really well but just won't start. These are symptoms of bad points and condenser. Take the top off of the distributor and check the condition of the points. If they are charred and pitted, the condenser is the culprit. The condenser acts like a temporary Rechargeable battery that stores energy when the points are open and releases it when they close. It's sort of like an electrical shock absorber. It keeps the points from arcing and transferring metal to each other which retards ignition timing. After disconnecting the battery and without turning the distributor, replace the parts. Use a 3/4" wrench to turn the engine over by hand just enough to check the point gap, reconnect the battery and distributor cap and see if it runs. Assuming the distributor was adjusted correctly to begin with, this should be simple. When home, we can check the timing with a timing light and a dwell meter. Was it coughing and sputtering? Did it have power surges and maybe even engine backfires? These are symptoms of fuel starvation. You are running out of gas. I know these symptoms well. Chuckie's fuel gage doesn't work. (It's on the list) I became an expert at walking to gas stations. By the way, put out the cigar. They don't mix well with fuel. Did it just keep getting dimmer and slower, then even dimmer and even slower yet? This would be a bad alternator or generator. (And a blown indicator lightbulb) As the battery discharges, it can't run the accessories and the spark too. Finally, your Corvair just grinds to a halt. If caught early enough, turn off the heater fan, radio, windshield wipers and headlights. You just might make it home. Then again, you might get pulled over. Don't ask me how I know. Did your Corvair just suddenly go dead, so you coasted to a stop? This could be an electrical problem. Is your Powerglide transmission not shifting right? Check the fluid and all the connections to vacuum lines. The point I'm trying to make here is that it's never joyful to break down but with a little prep, it doesn't have to be scary and expensive. The bright side of breaking down teaches us about a particular cars character. Remember the symptoms, sounds, sights and smells, add them to your mental library on the car and fixing it next time is a piece of cake. We're talking seat-of-the-pants diagnostics. No one knows your Corvair better than you. Oh, and don't smoke cigars. It's not good for your Corvair's resale value.

Cheers! Tom. ■

Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

3/17/24 Balance \$7800.63

Income:

Membership \$120.00

50/50 \$175.00

Plates \$10.00

Expenses:

Newsletter \$314.75

50/50 Payout \$87.00

Attendance \$10.00

Fish of Grand Blanc \$50.00 Memorial Jerry Light

4/17/24 Balance 7643.88 ■

2nd Saturday Breakfast Pic, look for the other pic.



**April Showers mean driving your
Corvair in May.**

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DACC April 2024 Meeting Minutes

We had 54 people in attendance for the April DACC meeting plus 9 Corvairs!

The treasury report shows that we have \$7750.13 in the account.

Activities: Second Saturday of April will be Leo's Coney in Waterford. Second Saturday of May (5/11) is the Spring Dust-off with the West Michigan guys (rain date is 5/18). The Dust-off will likely start in Fowlerville, and end in the Lansing area.

Aircooler update from Adam – An error occurred in the April Aircooler by the printer. The printer has made corrections and re-sent so you will get 2 Aircoolers for April. This was a printer error, but due to long relationship with the printer, the DACC board approved covering ½ of the mailing cost to resend the corrected newsletter (\$55). The printer is taking full responsibility for the error and is applying the \$55 to next month's charges.

DACC cards were sent around for Bill Vellner's mother, and for Jerry Light. The DACC has made a donation in Jerry's memory to the Light family's requested charity "FISH of Grand Blanc".

Homecoming update – Lori is assuming people will cover the same jobs as last year unless you cannot attend this year. There are 28 registrations thus far. Goody bag items are needed as well.

The membership report shows 157 paid members.

There were 4 new members in attendance.

Pete Koehler is planning another Garage Squad Take-A-Part party. This is still planned for 4/27/24 at this point in Schwartz Creek at 10 am.

Swap & Sell: John Allesee has 2024 calendars for \$10. Pete K had a number of free trim pieces. Ken Hand has shifters and spring-loaded idlers. DACC plates are \$5. Puzzles are still available at \$25 ea or \$120 for 6 puzzles.

The attendance drawing for \$10 was won by Neal Kobylak. The marquee drawing was won by Harry. The 50/50 drawing drew in \$175 total, with Len Newill winning the \$87.

Ken Heberling – Secretary ■



Annual DACC and WMCC Dustoff.

For anyone wishing for breakfast we will be meeting at Leo's Coney Island at 11020 Highland Rd in Hartland for breakfast at 9 am on [May 11th](#). Plan to pull out of the parking lot by 1030 am. We will caravan down to Fowlerville Farms gas station at 941 South Grand Ave to fuel up and to meet up with anyone wishing to forgo breakfast, hoping to arrive by 11 am or a bit before. Arrival at Torre Miller's just before noon. **His address is 4903 Delta River Dr., Lansing, MI.** He will have a tent set up and Porta-Johns will be



onsite also. Plan to bring your own food, drinks, table service, lawn chairs, etc. Torre will have grills available.

As always water pumpers welcome

He has the opportunity to have a professional photographer on site, and a local artist that specializes in paintings of cars. (As in, if you have a picture of your car that you love, he'll make a painting for you. I think he's under \$100.00)

Old fashioned JARTS will be supplied by Raven and Chris as well as cornhole (bags) after as the past two years anyone who wishes to is welcome to continue the day at a local brewery (tbd) is welcome to join Chris and I and several WMCC members.

Raven Hand ■

DACC Membership Report for MAY 2024 AIRCOOLER

Submitted April 17, 2024 by Mike Hurt

Welcome to our new members: Al Ybarra

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

Robert Lehman, Robert Lindh, Jerry North, Jerome Yoscovits

We have 157 paid members and 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

****A note about dues renewal dates, on your Aircooler to the right of your address label is a date – that is your current date to renew your membership**.**

Questions about membership, change of address, email info 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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Dayton Here We Come!

The distance from here to there wasn't too much of a deal. The weather report for the chosen day was dismal. but... there was a Corvair and parts to be had! So the fabulous Smith Brothers and I, Ian and Mark piled into my trusty 176,000 mile Chevy Silverado pick-em-up truck and headed South. We first saw the car in an ad on FB Marketplace (of course!!!). It is a 1966 Monza coupe that was originally equipped with a 140, a 4-speed (Saginaw!)



and a wood steering wheel/ tele steering column. The seller just wanted to clear out the storage unit and stop the monthly rental charge. The 140 engine was already gone when we arrived. Pete, the seller just wanted the tele column system to cover his cost for the car and the transport and the storage. The deal was that if we cleared out the storage unit and



removed the tele parts and returned them to him, the car was FREE. And all of the parts left there were free as well. Now, from the pics you can tell that the car wasn't very good. Many of the parts weren't very good. But you must remember our mantra here at the DACC Garage Squad: "Free is better than Good." So we trucked on down to Dayton and loaded everything from the building into and on the trailer and the truck and even inside the car itself. The return trip was interesting with a huge rainstorm chasing us all the way. So [tomorrow](#) I will send the car and the trailer

up to Swartz Creek in anticipation of the [April 27th](#) event at Pete C's shop. I will try to publish a list of the bits and pieces that might interest some of you. Check out the club's FB page for details. Any excess \$\$\$ over the cost of the trip will be earmarked for a donation to the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. Who has more fun than us?

Pete Koehler ■

A promotional graphic for DACC Homecoming 2024. It features three people: a woman in a green tank top, a man in a blue t-shirt, and a woman in a pink shirt. They are standing in front of a Chevrolet truck. The graphic includes the text "Get Your DACC HOMEcoming 2024 SWAG Your Way!" and a URL: <https://dacc-swagorder.itemorder.com/>. It also mentions "To Shop, Select, Configure and Purchase your DACC Homecoming 2024 Swag, See:" and "Orders will be distributed at Homecoming Registration Desk. All orders must be received by June 6th."

Track your mileage.



Pete Koehler's "Where FC's go to Die! Pic.



Dexter's Farm was a good place for FC's to go to die, but the Garage Squad was able to find some candidates for restoration in the barns and barnyards. This is an Ultra-Rare 1962 Corvair Loadside pickup truck. One of only 369 produced. This one was purchased by Rob Amsler and hauled down to Florida along with another Loadside (1961). Rob says the '62 will be finished soon!

Homecoming is coming SOON!

Our 44th Homecoming will be here before we know it! It is on July 11-14. Just a few things to remind everyone.

When booking your room at the hotel either call direct and give code Corvair 2024 or online under group code area use 071024COR. The room block will be lifted on June 10th and then the cost of the rooms goes up.

Every name badge this year will have an A or B on it for pizza night. To help with the long lines and everyone getting hot pizza we will be placing an A or B for seating times. If you are someone who wants to eat at the A time (6:00) register for the event early. When the A spots are filled then we will switch to B's which will be 30 mins later.

We are a very fortunate club to have wonderful volunteers who step up every year without asking. It would be great to see a few new faces helping out. We can always use help in the hospitality room with prep work, serving and clean up. Please reach out to Ken and Ruth at the meeting and let them know when and how you can help. Mike Hurt for the last 2 years has helped us by going and buying pop and water for the event and kept an eye on making sure things were topped off during the weekend. He is unable to do this this year. If you could help with either getting the stuff and or keeping an eye on things, please let me know.

Need help unloading the trailer on Wed. July 10th about 3 PM

It would be great for someone to empty the garbage in the hospitality room before meals and after.

Looking for people to do tech sessions.

I NEED stuff for goodie bags. Please bring them to the May and June meeting so I can assemble the bags before the event. We need enough stuff for 120 bags. Be creative and reach out to a company or two.

This year set up time for the indoor swap area will be at 2pm on Thurs and doors open for sales to start will be at 3pm.

And a reminder that if you choose to partake with the consumption of beer from our keg you must be staying overnight at the hotel and PLEASE do not drink before any of the driving events.

I bet I am forgetting a thing or two, please help in any way you can. The more help the better the event and fun had by all.

Lori ■

44th DACC Homecoming

July 11-14th 2024

New **swag** options
see below

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

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

THURSDAY

- Registration 2 pm – 6 pm
- Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room 2-6
with lunch availability
- Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum Lunch
- 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 **See namebadge for seating time**
- 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 **071024COR** under special rates and put in code before entering date
<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 "**CORVAIR 2024**" to receive the special room rate of
\$99 to \$125 based on room type plus tax, per night. **Book before June 10th** when block is removed and the price goes up.
Make sure if booking online that you go to the Wyndham website not a 3rd party booking company.

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 Treyburn Ln., West Bloomfield, MI 48234

CUT HERE

Name (for name tag) _____ Additional Names _____

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 _____ \$ _____

Get your DACC swag **YOUR WAY** – Review choices and order at <https://dacc-swagorder.itemorder.com/>

The Board of Directors for the DACC reserve the right to reject applications at their discretion

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**May DACC
Monday
meeting
will be @
7pm on
May 6.
Please
Attend.
Social time
starts at
6pm.**

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Swap and Sell items

2 Sets of FC front doors (1 Sandblasted and Epoxy coated \$200, 1 original paint \$150)

2 Ramps – both are rusted at the lower body line (both are original paint \$75 each)

Tailgate – dented and has a rust hole at the bottom of it but has been sandblasted and epoxy coated. \$150

Late 63-65 Gas Tank \$100

FC long block core 80HP – pistons are frozen in jugs. \$50

FC floor shifter parts misc

If anyone has any questions I can be reached at (734) 233-7270 Gary

Subject: Garage Equipment- For Sale Ad

Skates - vehicle storage, 1500 lbs capacity, 1/4 inch steel, made in USA, 4pcs, \$100.00

Engine hoist - 1250 lbs. capacity, like new, comes apart for storage or transport, made in USA, \$200.00

“Porta Power” - hydraulic cylinder. and pump, used to repair and straighten body sheet metal, approx. 18 inches long, 2 ton force, (picture not my unit- typical) made in USA \$100.00

Tire Saver Ramps (MAXSA) for vehicle storage, 5-ton capacity, 21.5"L x 14.2"W x 3.38"H, set of 4, \$100.00

Engine stand, made in USA, \$80.00

Body cart - used while restoring a car, adjustable length and width. Made in USA, \$100.00

Ratchet Tie Downs - 2000 lbs capacity, new, 2 inch wide, approximately. 6 ft length, 2 pcs, \$40.00

Items located in Southfield, MI

Pictures available

Don Eichstaedt

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Spring Special for DACC members Corvair's; 4 wheel alignment for \$99 thru July 30, 2024 at Dixon Motorsports – Wixom, MI 248-308-9426. Get your Corvair ready for the 2024 season.

