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From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Pete Cimbala Corvairkid1963@lentel.com; (9)

Time sure has been flying by fast the past few months, it's hard to believe that I am writing something for the July Aircooler and it's the middle of June. Where did the past few weeks go? Some time ago the Garage Squad pulled the 61 80hp and 4 speed out of my barn find 64 and also pulled a correct 64 95hp and Powerglide out of one of the Brady bunch cars. I was able to get both of them running while still in the respective cars and they ran quite well with old spark plugs and wires, points and generators. I removed the oil pan and replaced it with a cleaned up used pan and new gasket, refilled with new oil and filter, Pete K. rebuilt the original car carbs, I removed the top tin and cleaned up 49 years of mouse nest and droppings. The original fuel pumped worked with a line going to a boat tank with fresh Rec 90 fuel and did not leak like the new Chinese ones that are now being produced. The donner engine had [sat](#) for about 12? years, it started without rebuilding the carbs or changing the oil pan. I just wanted to see if it would run and after a while it cleared up and runs well. That engine and trans now sits on the shop floor and will be installed soon as I have been busy getting things ready for the BttB Promo Tour and going on said tour for 6 days. One rainy day I replaced the rear and center brake lines, rubber hoses, fuel line front to back and removed the 4-speed shifter and shift rod as it is going to be going back to an automatic set up as it came out of the factory. Someone years ago, converted it to a 4 speed.

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FB Marketplace is My Nemesis!

By Pete Koehler

Yes, I tend to spend an inordinate amount of time scanning car ads on Facebook Marketplace. I don't know why. I have enough project cars to keep me busy 'till I can't play with project cars anymore. I have no more room in the driveway to park cars that can't move on their own. All of the garage spaces are currently occupied with other project cars. So let me tell you about my most recent Marketplace purchase!

One of the search criteria that I use when checking Marketplace is "1960 Corvair". No surprise there? Over the past two or three weeks the same silver and white '60 700 sedan kept showing up. At first the poster was asking the group what the car might be worth. Then the first ad for it appeared with a \$10,500 ask. Not surprisingly it didn't get any takers at that price point. What happened next was just a little strange. Ad after ad was posted. Asking prices were falling with rapid succession. At one point the price went up... for a day or hour or two followed by another ad with an even lower price. All this time I was thinking the car looked familiar. It was. It was another Corvair "Formerly owned by Pete"! I bought this car back around 2014 or so from a guy over in St. Joseph. The car was complete, but the engine was out and in a thousand pieces. I hauled it back home and re-assembled the engine and got it running and driving. Then I had it painted by my buds up at Maaco in Burton, MI. The crowning touch was the wide whitewall tires and of course the fender skirts. The give-away on the Marketplace ad was the red wheels. Don't know why I painted them red, but they looked cool. This had to be my old car.

I messaged the seller and even sent him some pics of the car the way it looked when I first saw it. Secretly I was hoping someone else would buy it but the ads kept coming and the prices kept falling. The final ad set the price at just below \$5k. I had to do something.

So, I did. Bought it. Flat towed it home with my trusty tow-bar that I've had for 56 years. No problems. Once home I replaced the carbs and ran it long enough for the lifting clickers to quiet down. 12 Volt Bob (Bob Wittmann) came over and we checked the dwell and the timing. It has an exhaust leak that I will check into in a day or three. Only thing left to do is put the skirts back on and annoy all you peeps who don't like skirts. Sorry, Clark! ■



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**Make checks payable to.
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From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP, Tom Murray
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Should be
back next
month.

GO TO

**YOUR HOMECOMING TO
CELEBRATE 50 YEARS.**

President's article continued from page 1.

After the engine and trans are back in, I will rebuild or replace the wheel cylinders. I may or may not get this one on the road, but it will be lot drive able soon. So, I am making some progress on Corvair projects this spring and early summer, and more next month. We all know that Homecoming weekend will be here before you know it, we have our insurance cert from CORSA, name tags and dash plaques will have been ordered by the time you read this, and our worker bees are starting to get lined up and assigned jobs. We can always use help in the World Class Hospitality Room so please consider spending some time on the "other side of the food line" The registration numbers seem to be down this year, maybe because of the National Convention being so close in Dayton, OH and the date being so close as well. As things cost so much more now maybe some people just can't do both I know I can't and with my aging Mother I really should not go that far out of town should something happen. Remember to bring things for the auction and your Valve Cover Racer, even if it is not very fast it still can go down the track for some entertainment value. The movie will have a Corvair in it and we will learn about my favorite breakfast food, come and watch it [Friday](#) evening in the indoor theater. If you are unable to attend the Homecoming this year watch the DACC Facebook page for pictures, videos and comments. There were two Corvairs on this year's BttB Promo Tour and other than a quick Carb cleaning in a Meijer parking lot both ran great for close to 800 or over 800 miles. No belts came off, no fuel pumps failed, and they both started every time. There were many cars on this year's tour that needed starter and alternator replacements and some wiring reworks, but none had to be towed home, even the 70 Mustang that had

the left rear wheel and tire come off the second day out. Think about joining us next year, I am sure Gary, Kim, Lori, Don and Gerry will tell you how much fun we had when you ask them.

Remember that we will NOT be having our usual meeting on the first Monday in July, See you at the Homecoming in Ann Arbor. ■

DACC Membership Report for the JULY 2024 AIRCOOLER

Submitted June 14, 2024 by Mike Hurt

Welcome to our new members: Gary Gruetzmacher, Dave Macklin, Scott Lowell

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: G.

Debbrecht, T Duve, J Fleischhauer, C Hairsine, K Heberling, O Hensley, A Houtman, M Hurt, E Karas, D Ketterer, G Komora, L Komora, T Murray, J O'Leary, D Scharich, E Szuch, L Tennant, J M Urbain, S Vadovich, B Vellner, J Wise We have 163 paid members and are mailing 2 complementary newsletters to Clark's and the Ypsilanti Museum. If you can't make it to the meeting or Homecoming, 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. Generally, unless you've paid ahead, YOUR DUES ARE UP AT THE END OF JUNE. The thought was that you could pay at Homecoming or by the end of July. ****

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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DACC June 2024 Meeting Minutes

There were 16 Corvairs and 48 people in attendance at the June meeting.

There were 2 DACC Get Well cards sent around for Clark Hartzel and Mike Harrison. Both have undergone surgery recently.

The Treasury report shows balance at \$8142 per Carol Hairsine.

Homecoming: Need volunteers. Need Goody Bag items. See Lori for these items. Need baked goods. The room block for better rate will be lifted on June 8th. SWAG items need to be ordered on-line by June 8th and will be delivered at Homecoming.

Membership: Currently we have 160 members. There will be a new setup for paying dues at Homecoming. The Aircooler needs articles submitted to Adam by June 15th. The Printer and Adam will be going on vacation, so we need to submit items sooner to meet the deadline for printing. Please check the on-line Aircooler for links to other clubs and pictures from the Spring Dust-Off.

Activities: Third Saturday of June (June 15th) will meet at the Mega Coney in Fenton at 9 am. After breakfast will then go to the Dexter Barn around 10 am. Raven will send out an E-Blast for this event. The Sloan Museum Auto Fair is the following weekend.

Swap & Sell: DACC license plates \$5. Marvin G brought an early dash from a Greenbriar, free for whoever wants it! Tom has a 66 Monza "Corsa Clone" for \$2500. Pete C. has Anco wiper blades for sale, he will have these at Homecoming.

50/50: A total of \$175 was collected in 50/50. \$87 was won by Kim Komora.

Attendance: There were 48 people in attendance. The \$10 attendance ticket winner was Raven Hand. The Marquee ticket winner was Bob Wittmann. There will be no July meeting. Effectively the Homecoming is our July meeting.

Ken Heberling – Secretary ■

6/17/24 Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine 5/17/24 Balance \$8404.13

Income:

50/50 \$175.00

Membership \$580.00

Homecoming \$885

Expenses:

Newsletter \$261.38

50/50 Payout \$87.00

Attendance \$10.00

6/17/24 Balance \$9685.75

**No Activities article by Raven this month.
Did she go fishing also? ■**

Swap & Sell

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

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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

done28@comcast.net

248-552-8030



For Sale: 5 3rd Gen Camaro Berlinetta 14X7" wheels. Some tires have good tread but all are over 10 years old and should be considered rollers only. Includes 4 fake knock-offs as shown. \$500 or best offer. Kenton Vellner
mr.bill0728@att.net

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67 Corvair RH Door, Good Shape, \$100 OBO

Steering Wheel Complete – the horn cap, \$20.00 OBO, fits late model Corvair & multiple vehicles.

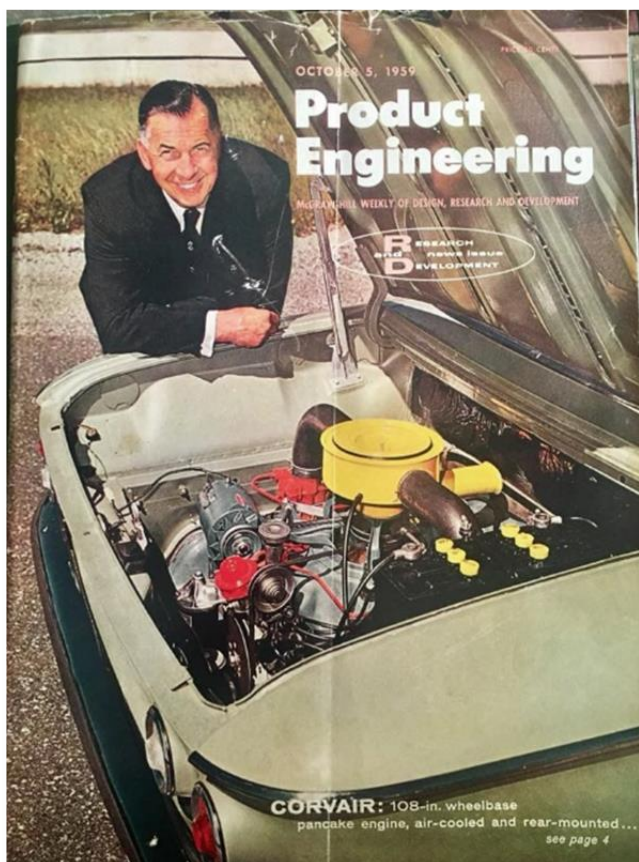
A set of four 15" American Racing Outlaw II aluminum wheels with tires, \$300 OBO.

Contact Shane Thomas @ 248-904-3260



2024's Cruise Dates:

- [\\$Wednesday, June 12th](#)
- [\\$Thursday, June 13th](#)
- [\\$Friday, June 14th](#)
- [\\$Saturday, June 15th](#)



The Saga of the only surviving Fuel Injected Prototype Corvair Engine

By Pete Koehler

Back in the early 1960's Chevrolet was experimenting with ways to improve the performance of the Corvair flat six cylinder engine. Fuel Injection was tried. Supercharging and turbocharging were also investigated. In the end turbocharging was the answer and the other ideas were dropped. The prototype fuel injection parts were also dropped, probably in a dumpster at or near the GM Tech Center in Warren, Michigan. This was around 1964-5 as some of the injectors had casting dates between 1962 and 1964.

Jumping ahead about ten years these same parts resurfaced in California. They were acquired by club members for a few hundred dollars (\$500?) and sat in boxes for almost another ten years. Larry Claypool of the Chicago club and I had the crazy idea to put together a fuel injected engine with these bits. The plan was to send the completed project to Michigan and the first-ever Corvair-only Museum display at the Sloan Museum in Flint. This was in 1986. The engine had complete internals, but the FI parts were just for show.

After the six-month run at the Sloan the engine went back into storage. I think it may have been part of an early Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) Museum attempt in Virginia.

That was a short-term arrangement with a local building owner.

The next time the FI engine surfaced it was to be part of a multi-city tour and displayed with other CPF artifacts in 2010. Before that started Clark Hartzel and I rebuilt the display making it lighter and easier to move around by gutting the block. It still looked like an engine but had no crank or cam or pistons and the heads were empty as well. Clark added new velocity stacks that were not true to the original design, but they were shiny!

The last time that the prototype Corvair FI engine was under our control was at the 2014 Back to the Bricks event in Flint. Famous drag racer Don Garlits from Ocala, Florida was paid to be a feature at the event. He brought one of his original slingshot dragsters for display. At the end of the event the Corvair FI engine was loaded into his trailer and headed South. What happened after that is a matter that not everyone is in agreement with. We thought we were loaning the engine to Don for display in his museum since we didn't have a museum of our own at that time. Proper paperwork wasn't completed and without it ownership is being questioned. At least the engine is on display and the story can be told and seen by the general public. It would be nice to get it back and proudly put it on display in the CPF Museum in Illinois. Unfortunately, that might not happen in my lifetime Don Garlits is still active and at just north of 90 I say good for him! If he has a change of heart we might see our engine back in our hands. Whatever happens this story has a better ending than if the prototype parts were scrapped way back in 1964 as GM had intended. ■

Where FC's go to die!

This one didn't die (yet!). It is sitting in Mike Anstine's driveway. Should we help him get it running and driving?



Chevrolet Corvair's gone, but not forgotten

By David Fleet
Editor

Brandon Twp.—By today's standards, Ray Dubia's ride to work is minuscule compared to the behemoths that now cruise America roads. But what the Chevrolet Corvair lacks in size it makes up for in uniqueness and automobile history.

Dubia, is the owner of 1961 Model 700 Corvair he purchased from California about five years ago with about 40,000 miles on the odometer.

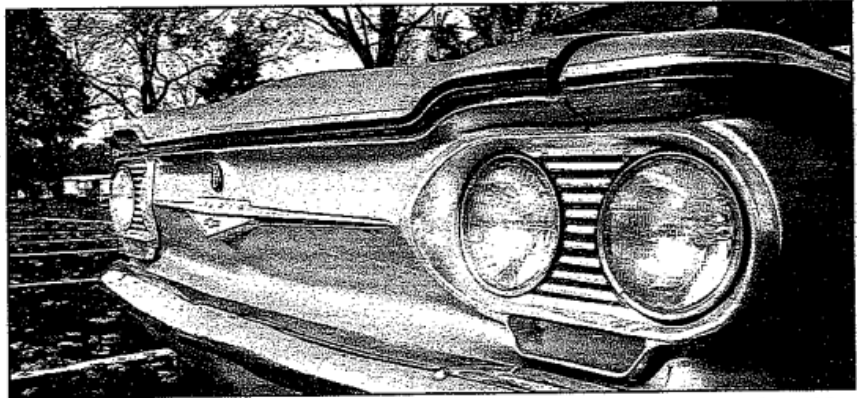
"There's no salt on the roads; so the rust was not a problem with the 60 year old car," said Dubia. "However, the sun really baked the interior so, that had to be replaced when it was restored."

The Corvair was very basic—powered by an 80 horsepower, 145 cubic inch six cylinder, two carburetor air cooled engine, and a two speed Powerglide automatic transmission. The four tube AM radio kicks out the tunes.

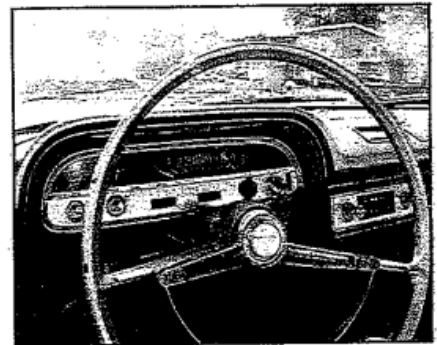
"The rear engine/trans-axle provides great traction until you get about 8 inches of snow," he said. "Then the bottom of the car drags you down. Still I drive it everyday and it draws plenty of looks from others."

Costing about \$2,000 new in the early 1960s, General Motors Corvair design took aim at the economy Ford Falcon, VW and Plymouth Valiant cars. To save on weight, in 1960 GM moved toward all aluminum heads and blocks, but added steel sleeves in the cylinders. With the rear engine design the front of the car is know as a "frunk," a much needed space due to the smaller interior.

"Actually, the backseat folds forward and creates some decent room," he said. "I've driven to Sault Ste. Marie and Texas with no problems cruising at 70 mph—I've even had the car up to 100 mph with no issues."

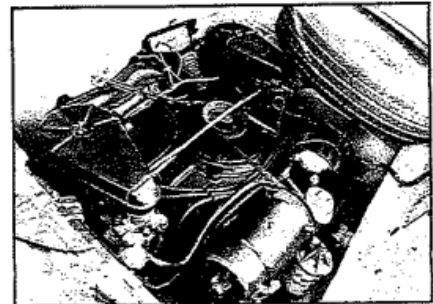


The 1960 Chevrolet Corvair cost about \$2,000 new. The car was produced for about a decade and was scrutinized by political activist Ralph Nader. Photo by Patrick McAbee.



Above, 4-tube AM radio. Below, 80 horsepower six cylinder rear engine. Left, Ray Dubia.

Still, safety concern of the Corvair and legal fallout lead to its demise in the late 1960s, just a decade after production started it ended. From beginning the car was scrutinized by political activist Ralph Nader. The first chapter of his 1965 book, "Unsafe at Any Speed," focused on the Corvair's rear suspension design, a swing-axle concept similar to the VW Beetle. Nader reported, the design could tuck the outside rear tire under hard cornering, causing the car to roll. Dubia said the 13-inch-by-5 inch wide tires require 31 pounds of pressure in the rear tires and 21 inch in the back.



"The tire pressure was key in the issues with the Corvair," he said. "I've never had any problems with the four Corvairs I've owned. It's a great car and a big piece of history."

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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



No monthly meeting for July due to The Homecoming.

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A Haggerty article you might like.

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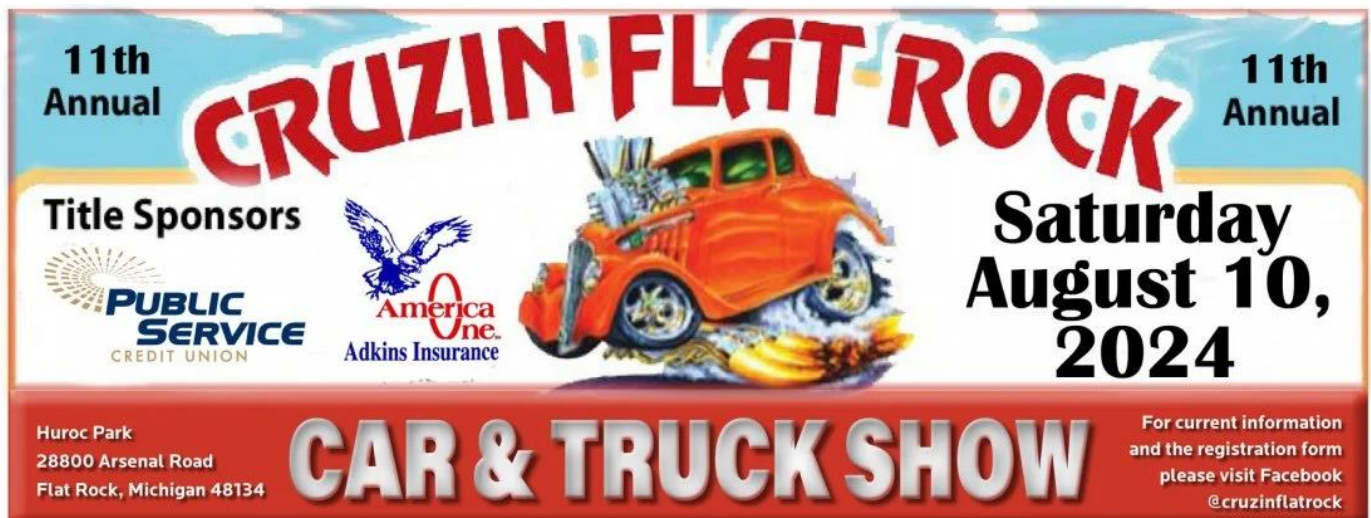
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July 21

Easy Rodders

Charity car show, swap meet and craft show, portion of proceeds benefit Bound Together and Vets Returning Home, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (awards at 2:30 p.m.), Packard Proving Grounds, 49965 Van Dyke Ave. in Shelby Township, packardprovinggrounds.org

Aug. 3

Muscle & More @ the Museum

Car show includes dash plaques, cash prizes, drawings and awards, also food and DJ, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Royal Oak Historical Society Museum, 1411 Webster Road, (248) 439-1501, royaloakhistoricalsociety.com

Aug. 4

Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise

Starts at 8 a.m. with car show, other activities include cruise from 14 Mile Road to Wellington Crescent (north of Metropolitan Parkway), awards, DJ, games, family fun zone and pedal car race, ends at 5 p.m., ctgratiotcruise.com

Troy Traffic Jam

Automotive festival featuring antiques, classics, muscle cars and exotics, plus tech talks, kids Pedal Power 200 race and more, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Columbia Center on Big Beaver Road, troyhistoricvillage.org/troy-traffic-jam

Aug. 16-17

Woodward Dream Cruise

Events in Berkley, Birmingham, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac and Royal Oak, woodwarddreamcruise.com

Aug. 28

Shorewood Kiwanis Harper Charity Cruise

5-9 p.m., 8 1/2 Mile to 12 Mile roads on Harper Avenue in St. Clair Shores, facebook.com/HarperCharityCruise

Read the story: [Logo chosen for Harper Charity Cruise](#)

Ongoing

Center Line

Car shows, 4-8 p.m. Wednesdays, SandBaggers Sports Bar and Grill, 25615 Van Dyke Ave.

Chesterfield Township

Rockin' Roll In Cruise In, 4-7:30 p.m. select Thursdays until Aug. 29, Stahls Auto Museum, 56516 North Bay Drive, stahlsauto.com/events

Clawson

Car shows, 4-8 p.m. Mondays through October, Old Port Family Restaurant, 278 E. 14 Mile Road in Clawson, (248) 588-2660

Clinton Township

Sweet Treats and Sweet Rides, includes cars on display, music and in-store specials, 5-8 p.m. June 20, July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19, Sanders Chocolate and Ice Cream Shoppe, 23770 Hall Road, (586) 464-5372

Eastpointe

Cars and Coffee, also raffles and prizes, 10 a.m.-noon July 20 and Aug. 17, Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society Museum, 16600 Stephens Road, mimths.org

Harrison Township

Classic car meetups, 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays during summer, Eddie's Drive-In, 36111 Jefferson Ave., eddiesdrivein.com

Livonia

Cruise Nights, 6 p.m. Saturdays, Big Boy, 37123 Six Mile Road

Mount Clemens

Car shows, 4-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Louie's Towne Grill, 79 N. Main St.

Pontiac

Cars and Coffee, featuring antique, vintage and classic vehicles July 6, customs, hot rods and pro-touring vehicles Aug. 3, supercars and European vehicles Sept. 7, and MOPAR brands Oct. 12, also complimentary java, 8-11 a.m., M1 Concourse, 1 Concourse Drive, m1concourse.com

Roseville

Car shows featuring Twisted Axle Car Club, 7 p.m. Fridays, Gratiot Coney Island, 28560 Gratiot Ave.

St. Clair Shores

- Car shows, also raffles, DJ and food, 4-7:30 p.m. Fridays during summer, VFW Bruce Post #1146, 28404 Jefferson Ave., (586) 524-0449

- Cruise n' Classic Car Show, also food, DJ, 50-50, door prizes and awards, 4 p.m.-dusk Thursdays until Sept. 26, St. Margaret of Scotland, 21201 E. 13 Mile Road in St. Clair Shores, (586) 909-4700

Sterling Heights

Fun Time Cruzers features car shows, prizes, 50-50 and more, 4-8 p.m. every Monday through September, Lakeside Mall, 14000 Lakeside Circle, funtimecruzers.com

Troy

Car Cars & Classic Food, also music, 50-50, prizes and giveaways, 5-8 p.m. Thursdays during summer, Big Boy, 200 W. Maple Road, (248) 362-0840

Warren

- Car, truck and motorcycle shows, also music, 50-50, food and drinks, 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, (586) 757-8130
- Friday Night Flex car shows, 7 p.m. Fridays through late fall, Michigan Collegiate High School, 31300 Ryan Road, [Facebook](#)

Washington Township

Car show, 5-8 p.m. Thursdays until Labor Day, Culver's, 66227 Van Dyke Ave.