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#### From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Pete Cimbala Corvairkid1963@lentel.com; (8)

This year has gone by really guick, and we are enjoying some very nice weather here in September and maybe into October? so get your car or truck out and put some miles on it while we can. Who knows what November and December will bring, enjoy it now before it changes. Since this will be the last meeting that I will be standing behind the table with a mic in my hand and rambling on about what happened since the last monthly meeting you really should show up and help the current VP build his staff. That being said we do have some openings including the Membership Director, Activities Director and the Vice President. You can nominate yourself or one of your friends, it's pretty easy to do any of these jobs other than being editor, that takes some time. Adam said he is willing to stay on and continue doing a fine job on the Aircooler, Carol is OK with the Treasurer job, and Ken with the Secretary duties for another year. Please consider helping new President Murray with his term at the top.

I have 5 Corvair projects going into the off season and will be keeping everyone in the loop with the progress or lack of it during the coming months. It has been fun being the President again and I hope you got some bit of enjoyment out of the monthly meetings; membership is up and attendance in the back room of the 300 Bowl has been good so I must have done something right the past 12 months.

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#### Waterford Hills club race 5/SCCA regional.

So, I still haven't finished my head gaskets on my truck and bought a new car (Shriner Corvair) that needed work. Someday soon I will finish it. That being said in race 4 I started to feel my clutch slipping. I had a small oil leak coming from what I assumed was the input seal. My dad didn't make/ wasn't coming this week, so I had him send me supplies. Friday, I get my car to the track, get it up on jack stands. The oil, it'll be alright, I didn't see enough leak for the effort of changing it at the track on Friday. I changed my "lowest point of contact bolts" sway bar bolts that had almost no heads left on them.

#### **Saturday morning Qualifying:**

I've been trying to start from the rear and give myself enough room to get a few good clean laps, that didn't really work out in my favor. The guys in front of me were so slow the front runners were a quarter track behind me. Time to boogie! I passed a couple cars and hit some clean track and put in the exact same qualifying time as my EP rival that drives an RX7. I also had an issue with sound and had a talking too, and the clutch was still slipping.

#### Post qualifying:

I have a good support team! My nephew, my buddy Rich, and Thomas. I pulled back in my spot after impounding and we decide to pull the engine and change the pilot bushing and input seals. Engine in and out, parts changed pretty fast. We definitely impressed a bunch of people. So, before the next race we have a worker break right before my next session. I decided to go out and test/ dry out the clutch (that wasn't wet). As I'm coming out of turn 2 the clutch is slipping worse than before, on top of that we get stuck on the back straight for 10 minutes while they pull a disabled car off the track from the session before. I got 4 full parade laps in. I knew the clutch was slipping but I figured I could make it work for the race.

#### Saturday afternoon race 1:

So, I come in from my parade laps and park my car in my grid spot. As I'm in my trailer changing, they call 5 minutes on grid. I put my gear on and hop in my car at the 3-minute mark. Thankfully our paddock is right next to the grid. I qualified 8th overall and that put me on the outside which I like normally. We do our warmup lap and grid up, green flag. I don't really watch the flag stand when I'm in the middle of the pack, I go when everyone around goes or tries to go.

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#### From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP, Tom Murray

quitar mechanic@yahoo.com

Hi campers!

Well, it's been a year, and wow what a year it's been. I've been to Homecoming, tons of take-a-part parties, a couple garage squad events and each meeting at the 300 bowl. There were a ton of cruises that, regretfully, I couldn't attend. I made it to breakfast at Leo's cony island WAY too early and I made it to Culver's once on a Tuesday WAY too late. I've written a bunch of tech articles for the Aircooler, and I've eaten my weight in Little Caesars pizza! All in good fun.

Chucky is running the best he's ever run during my ownership. This is, no doubt, due to the infinite patience of the garage squad members. You know who you are!

Currently, my tenure as VP is coming to a close. I was informed at the last meeting that I should have been looking for a replacement for myself. Yeah, that didn't happen. That said, if you know anyone that wants to fill in, get them enlisted!! "It's the easiest job!!" At least that's what I'm told.

All that said, I'm looking forward to stumbling through 12 months of being president. Fortunately, I've always had a way of making it up as I go along that (at least to me) feels graceful.

As long as we all get to meet and talk about our favorite quirky cars, it will all be worth it!

Cheers! And I'll see you all in October!! Tom.

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

9/17/24 Treasury Report 8/17/24 Balance \$8074.06

Income:

50/50 \$177.00 License plates \$10.00 Membership \$100.00

**Expenses:** 

Newsletter \$258.08 50/50 Payout \$88.00 Attendance \$10.00

9/17/24 Balance \$8004.98 ■

#### **DACC September 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Membership report: Mike Hurt was in the hospital, so there was no membership report. Carol Hairsine collected dues at the meeting. A card was distributed for signatures for Mike. Elections Status: Pete C reminded us that elections for officers will be held at the October meeting. Position nominees are as follows currently: President: Tom Murray ascends to this position. Vice President: Need nominations, Membership: Need nominations (Mike Hurt will not be running again due to recent health issue), Treasurer: Carol Hairsine + TBD, Newsletter Editor: Adam Morenski + TBD, Secretary: Ken Heberling + TBD, Activities: Need nominations (Raven is not running).

Treasury report: Carol's update is the balance is

\$8074.06. This does not include Calendar costs and the Newsletter expenses. Attendance: There were 44 people at the meeting. I counted 13 Corvairs in attendance as well. Aircooler: Adam needs articles. Adam indicated that Bill Vellner would be providing a series of articles on how to make a valve cover racer!

Activities: The American House Cruise will be September 19th. There's a Sloan Museum Golden Memories event September 14. There is a Dexter Farm get together on September 28th at 10 am. On Sunday September 29th there is the "Air Cooled on the Hill" event at Waterford to watch Chris Hand race. The Fall Color Tour is targeted for October 12th, with October 13th as a rain date. Likely will be going to Frankenmuth. Pete K noted that Clark Hartzel is back home. Clark would like to have visitors – call Joanne's phone to make arrangements. Mileage Challenge: Reminder to tally up your mileage from March to October to see who went the most miles this year.

Swap and Sell: Bill Vellner has EM clear windshield, 63 Spyder Convert, 93 Camaro Berlinetta wheels. Robert Jennins has EM fender skirts, EM engine lids and luggage rack, EM instrument panel (auto). Elaine Roerink has a 3 BR house in Mt Morris! Chris Hand has 1968 pop-up camper, 60 Coupe Auto 80 hp for sale soon. Attendance prize: There were 44 people. The \$10 prize was won by Ken Pepke. There were several items donated from Gerry Light's wife and brought in by Tim Duve. Adam Morenski won a grinder (donated to Homecoming for Auction), and Ken Heberling won a polisher. The Marque picture was won by Judy O'Leary.

The 50/50 took in \$177 total. The 50/50 winner of the \$88 was Don Scharich.

Pete C brought in a license plate found in the bottom of a used dresser bought in Marlette which had been signed by several members of the DACC sometime in the 1990's!

Ken Heberling – Secretary ■

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### President's report continued from page 1. Fall Color Tour

Plans are being made for another trip to Frankenmuth like we have done many times over the years. The date we tossed around at the Sept. meeting is Saturday Oct. 12th. with a rain date of Sunday, the 13th, and if it rains both days, we will try again the following weekend, watch the club Facebook page for updates and check your email inbox for Eblast announcements. The route will be M-15 to Vassar then over to Frankenmuth with lunch in the Z-Chef Cafe that is downstairs in Zehnder's Restaurant at or around noon. Find your way up M-15 from Clarkston and plan to stop in the parking lot in front of the Goodwill Store at 8175 S. State Rd. in Goodrich at 10:00 am This is across the street from Ross Customs Muscle Cars, a cool wood building that sells neat old cars. If you need a pit stop there is a Beacon and Bridge Gas station/mini mart just up the road on the left. Printed directions from this point North will be available at this stop and posted online (Facebook page) prior to the event.

### Vintage DACC front license plate found at a yard sale

During one of this summer Back to the Bricks events I was talking with one of the sponsors, Todd Collins who owns Collins Auto Body in the Swartz Creek/Gaines area not far from my house. He and his wife were up in "the thumb" and stopped by a yard sale in Marlette (I forgot to ask when this was, but will find out) they bought a dresser, and when they got it home they pulled the drawers out to make it a little lighter to get into the house. Low and behold under one of the drawers was a red and white DACC steel plate, but this one was different than the others as it was signed by 40 people, most likely at a meeting.





It does say Happy Birthday and some reference to 38. I brought this to the Sept. meeting for show and tell and we are thinking somewhere between 1998 and 2001 Elaine looked at some old membership info on her phone and discovered that Evan & Arline Thomas lived in Marlette until January 2022 and now live in Florida so it could very well be them, they are in their early 80's now and may have sold the Corvair they had at the time.

Of the 40 people that signed it way back when 7 were at the meeting. Ken Pepke, Pete C, Elaine Roerink, John Allesee, Chris & Raven Hand, and Jim Dehering.

12 that are still with us, Bob Storc, Allan Dollaway, Kenneth Hand, Clark Hartzel, Jeff Shreve, Jeff Rysengia, Larry Cooper, Roy Cartwright, Rich Evans, Dave Sanger, Kim Carless, and Bob Maciejewski 19 (sadly) that are no longer with us, Harold Dexter, Jim McCook, George Browne, Mable Maciejewski, John & Mable Wolford, Ralph Nodwell, Frank Sheridan, John & Agnes Zelenak, Jerry Flinn, Ab Ives, Chuck Willard, Lou DeRocco, Norm & Jean King, Linda Hand, Sharon Pepke, Bob Riggs.

2 that I can't make out and am still thinking about who they are. ■

#### Waterford Hills race continued from page 1.

Waterford starts are sometimes pretty slow, and I know the way the 1st place guy likes to do them. I'm in first gear at 3800rpm thinking and hoping the clutch wouldn't slip in the drag race to the corner, while here comes an HP guy passing in the no passing zone and put us 3 wide going in to turn 1. I stayed in front of my EP buddy but fought with the HP guys slowing me down the whole race. Every time I thought I had room they slammed the door closed. The Spitfire went off track in turn 8 and came right back on and almost took out the other HP car, all I want to do is get away from these guys. A couple passes were made between the HP guys, and I finally got around the Festiva. I was working on the Spitfire when he drove off track again, I didn't give him the chance to do the same thing, I was gone. I knew I had a clean track, so I drove the wheels off my car and pulled away from them and put in my best lap time of the session. Oh, and BTW the clutch was slipping even worse now. I got my class win, that's all that matters

#### Post race 1 Saturday evening:

I'm not going to lie; I had thoughts of packing it in for the weekend. Points strategy plays a little part. There were supposed to be 4 EP cars this weekend, my dad couldn't make it, and the MR2 that was registered didn't show. That changes the points and how they're awarded. With 2 people 10 points goes to the winner, 4 to the other. If there is only 1 person in class, they get only 4 points for completing the race. With 4 people, the points go 12,8,4,2, with 3 it goes 12,7,2. Right now I'm in the lead and if I win this weekend. I should win the WHRRI club EP

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#### Swap & Sell

1963 Spyder convertible, wire wheel covers (not pictured), good top w/ clear back window, new boot, new visors, Retrosound radio (not installed), new weatherstripping. Located in Redford Township. \$4500.00 OBO



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1993 Camaro Berlinetta wheels (14 X7) Tires pictured are about 15 years old and should be considered rollers only. \$250.00 OBO Call Bill @ (313) 720- 9101

Fall will begin Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024 @ 8:44am EDT.

Hello,

This is Florence Wicklund. My husband, Noel, was a member of a Corvair club many years ago. He had a Corvair convertible for several years.

We have 2 manuals' here that are of no use to me. One, 1961, is quite large. The other, 1962, is smaller. Both are in good shape. I have no idea what they are worth, but someone might be interested in them. Would you please have them contact me. Wicklundf@hotmail.com

Thank you, Florence Wicklund

#### Waterford Hills race continued from page 3.

championship more math in my future. If I didn't race the Sunday races, he would only gain 2 points total on the weekend. Blah blah blah.... I'm not going out like that. Talking with my dad, he was going to be coming out to the track to drop off a customer car, so he agreed to get there earlier than he wanted. We pulled the engine for a second time. Got all the parts prepped and called it an evening.

Sunday morning:

The thought was that the clamping force on the 30vear-old racing pressure plate finally lost its clamping pressure. The disc looked okay, flywheel had a couple visible hot spots, with nothing to worry about. I did have a front main leaking, but that would not make it to the clutch surface to cause a slip. We changed it out anyways. Installed the clutch assembly with a rebuilt pressure plate and had the engine installed and ready for emergency practice at 10am. Apparently, there wasn't supposed to be any emergency practice but 4 of us had lined up. Usually we get 3 total laps, we only got 1 on a wet track. The guy in front of me didn't want to go that fast in the spots I needed, and the track was wet. I felt it slip once in a straight line, tires/ wet or clutch? I Decided to run it.

#### Race 2 Sunday morning:

I started in 7th place on the inside. Green flag drops and I have the HP Festiva guy next to me, we stayed side by side all the way around the track up until turn 7. My clutch was slipping worse than old people on ice! I had thoughts of packing it in if the Festiva got ahead of me, it was slipping so bad after the race he came over and commented on it thinking I'd back off. My thoughts were what's the worst damage I could do... I drove through it and took the spot. I've been chasing the 1:17 lap time all season, it was a goal of mine to hit that this year. I had a Miata in front of me that I knew was putting in the time I was chasing, so I set my goal on staying with him and trying to catch him, he wasn't that far ahead and with a slipping clutch I did just that! Coming in to the last lap I caught up to him and saw some lapped traffic ahead, I drove in to turn one and two a little heavier than I have before, and coming out of two the rear brakes free, I go full lock to lock save the car and keep it on track, but he had gained about 20 car lengths on me. I knew that my chance was gone. I looked in my mirror and no one was anywhere near, I decided to cruise around the track feeling very accomplished in catching him. Class win number two. I don't have coms in the car or people with sign boards. Maybe someday I'll get Raven out there in a bikini telling me lap times with a chalk board

(a). After weighing in and impound I finally get back to the trailer to change. Everyone is disappointed that the clutch was still slipping after having the engine out twice in the same weekend.

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#### Waterford Hills race continued from page 4.

We are not pulling it a third time! I pull my phone out to check lap times and I yell out "1:17.390, I got it!" I actually had 3 1:17s in that run proving that I need to stop being such a chicken and drive my car. It also shows I need a little more throttle control in my corners where my clutch is slipping. My new goal now is 1:16s.

#### Race 3 Sunday afternoon:

Same attitude, what's the worst that could happen, I got the points I needed in the last two races. I started 6th, I could get used to this moving forward thing, it's going to be a while before I get to the front, we have a FP guy doing 1:13 lap times and wins #1 overall almost every weekend. Start of the race, I started in first gear again. I didn't want to get run over, staved in position until about turn 3, I had the inside line, but the clutch slips so bad that first lap I let the Miata go that I chased down last race. I kind of knew I wasn't going to hit the 1:17s this race with the way the start went, and I wanted to finish the race. The HP Festiva caught me early and passed me, I didn't put up that much of a fight. The green HP was battling with my EP competition behind me, and I was just fine with that. I put some distance on both of them. I'm not sure if it's just me but if I'm not trying to catch the next guy in front of me, I get lazy and my times go down, I don't drive it in as deep and make silly mistakes. I even noticed a low flying seaplane and started wondering if it was going to land on the lake by the track. I was thinking that was a little distracting, and while I was thinking about it the green Triumph had caught back up to me. I wasn't going to let this guy pass me after the way he drove race 1. I played with him a bit; I would speed up in the areas where he thought he might be able to pass. He never even got beside me. Finished the race, and for the first time this weekend (for some reason they weren't doing checkered flag laps) My nephew Jaymee got to go in the car with a checkered flag. Win number three on the weekend.

Chris Hand ■

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

Hi everyone, this will be my last article as activities director, who's going to take the baton at elections at October meeting? As discussed, color tour will be October meeting color tour will be Saturday October 12th with October 13 as a rain date. Details will be eblasted and posted on FB closer to the date. And more details may be available at the October meeting. The destination will be Frankenmuth and lunch at Zehnder's. More than likely Pete Cimbala will be heading it up as Chris is racing in Missouri that weekend. It's been a pleasure serving as activities director and I look forward to attending planned events as a attendee without host responsibilities.

#### DACC Membership Report for the SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 AIRCOOLER

Submitted September 16, 2024 by Mike Hurt

Welcome to our new members: R Amsler, D Dean,
J Diell, C Farley, S Gebbony, D Jennings, S
Konieczki, B Norwalk, J Oostdyk, G Robertson, A
Robinette, P Smith

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date: G Ambrozy, J Booher, K Borgne, T Burton, J Bussard, S Cavcey, G DeHondt, Jim Dehring, Jeff Dehring, G DeMoss, S Ehrhardt, D Fish, B Granger, M Granger, M Guy, B Hart, R Heath, R Jennings, A Morenski, L Newill, J Nugent, B Richards, D Richards, D Ropp, B Ross, D Sanger, C Schesky, G & J Shreve, M Smith, R Tusek, B Vellner, L Williams,

R Wittmann, M Zuercher We have 175 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

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Questions about membership, change of address, email info can be sent to Mike Hurt at (248) 972-7188 or <a href="mailto:mdhurt821@gmail.com">mdhurt821@gmail.com</a> 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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Thanks to Pete Koehler for the pic.

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https://www.corvair.org/

Updated the CORSA Club Office address

CORSA Club Office PO Box 68 Long Lake, MN 55356



The DACC
October
meeting is on
Monday, the
7<sup>th</sup>.
As always,
social time
starts at 6pm,
meeting
starts at 7pm.
At the 300

Bowl in Waterford.

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Check out the couple events coming this weekend below. The info was on your DACC Facebook page, go there for all the up-to-date info your DACC is doing. As the season 2024 comes slowly to minimal events, keep yourself busy, attend a meeting, do the color tour, just enjoy life.

### Links to other Corvair Club newsletters.

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#### **Raven Persful Hand**

Top contributor

One of my favorite events is back!!! Next Sunday September 29th join me and others for Aircooled On the Hill, see flyer for details and be sure to stick around for the Pursuit Race (we've heard it's happening) this is always a good time!! And don't forget your cash to donate to be able to drive parade laps at lunch and get to feel what racers feel and see while on track!!!



Check this out from the DACC Facebook page. Do you remember the company. Scott has an interesting question to ask.

#### **Scott Olivier**

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Hi all! My '63 came with this Earl Scheib invoice from 1991. Does anyone recognize the gentleman whose name is at the top of the receipt? It looks like Paul Juktiwitz or something close, and he lived in Utica. Was he maybe a member of DACC at one point? I thought it might be neat to get some history on the car if Paul is known by someone here.

