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**WILL MARCH COME IN LIKE A LION OR LAMB?**

**March 2025**

## From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Tom Murray [guitar\\_mechanic@yahoo.com](mailto:guitar_mechanic@yahoo.com) (10)

Hi campers!

Here we are moving through February. I know the groundhog projected six more weeks of winter, so that puts warmer weather within reach at mid-march. Hang in there!

Homecoming is 5 months away and I would like you all to give the activities a good think. I have my valve cover cleaned up and ready to be made into the winning racer. Wanna beat me? Build a racer! I would hate to win via forfeit.

I don't want to sound like a broken record, but we need auction items and goodie bag giveaways.

Would it be cool if we kept the theater going all day so anyone could just go catch a movie between other events? Ford vs. Ferrari was a good movie. Yes, I know... there were no Corvairs in it, but it's automotive related. "The Bikeriders" (2023) had a Cor-van in the picnic scene. That was a cool movie. Any others?

Would anyone be up for a euchre tournament?

Does anyone have a good tech session idea?

Something that needs to be done anyway? Something we can all learn about.

What can you come up with? I'm going to ask at the next club meeting at the 300 Bowl. So please bring your ideas!

That's all for now. Again, give it a good think and don't be afraid to throw out an idea that you might enjoy.

Others may enjoy it too!

Cheers, Tom. ■

## Chucky Rides Again!

Chucky. He is a 1964 Monza 900 4-door sedan that was brought here to the Detroit area by our current President Tom Murray. After a trouble-free trip from Grand Rapids, he must have become agitated. At the sight of the sign for Telegraph Road off of I-696 he spit out a connecting rod. That's right, the con rod left its perch on the engine's crankshaft and landed in the block in such a way that the engine could still run albeit on just five cylinders. Somehow our hero Tom was able to nurse the car up to his residence only nine miles to the North. And then the "fun" started.



Chucky received a lot of attention from Tom and with help from the DACC Garage Squad. We did an engine swap at Tom's workplace over in Berkley.

That was nice

'cause it was cold outside, and the building was heated. That engine wasn't quite up to snuff but in the interim Tom met a fellow McDonalds customer in the drive through lane. Unfortunately, she was going the wrong way and wasn't paying attention. Chucky took it on the chin, so some select-used metal bits were grafted to his right front corner. We didn't try to do a professional finish to the repair. Some would say this gave him "character". Several other repair sessions were needed to make Chucky reliable enough for Tom to enjoy some drive time. Meanwhile he was building up a proper later model 110 engine for installation. The brilliant Chevy



Orange paint job on the new engine was the crowning touch. After that install a few additional tweaks were made including the conversion to an alternator. Finally, Chucky was ready for the road. Tom did get to drive him some. Life goes on so over

the next few months I will be prepping Chucky for some  
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**From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP,** Bill Vellner [mr.bill0728@att.net](mailto:mr.bill0728@att.net) (In charge of vice, naturally)

### Valve Cover Racers - Part 2

Here we are in March and though July feels a long way off, we should get started on our valve cover racers. Normally, you would begin with a bare, clean valve cover. However, the pictures I'm using are for a previously completed valve cover racer, "Snoopy WW1 Flying Ace" that needed repairs. One of the ball bearing "fenders" broke loose and I needed to repair



it. The "fender" post was made using brass tubing with a bolt epoxied to the top and a flanged ball bearing epoxied at the bottom. In this case, the epoxy for the bolt didn't hold



and I had to repair it. Knowing the force that a valve cover

racer experiences at the stop, I used Loctite on the bolt threads. Unfortunately, I used red Loctite instead of blue and the bolt had to be cut out. After epoxying



a new bolt to the tube, the "fender" tube is ready for installation. Here is the fender assembly back together and ready to be installed.

The next photos show how the wheels are positioned and that the majority of the weight added is at the rear of the racer (Remember the tip on weight placement in Part 1). This racer does not use flanged bearings for the wheels, so the wheel was placed on washers as illustrated to center the bearing in the wheel and hot glue was used to secure the bearing.



If you use flanged bearings, they can be pushed up against the wheel and secured with super glue. Whatever ball bearings you use, the dust shields should be removed and the grease washed out with solvent. Then lubricate the bearings with a little light oil. They will spin much better if you do this. As you can see, unwanted CDs or DVDs can make ideal wheels since they provide low rolling resistance. There is an issue with them, however, which will be covered in Part 3. The center hole in a CD or DVD is 15mm so you'll need a source for bearings with that outside diameter. I found some flanged bearings on eBay <https://www.ebay.com/itm/371789716335> and I'm sure there are other sources as well. The center hole for the bearings I used was 6mm which is slightly smaller than a 5/8-16 bolt. Since I was using hardware already in my garage, I had to turn down a

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road trip duty once the weather gods smile on us. I think he wants to see the Straights of Mackinaw and he wants to traverse the Big Mac Bridge and become a temporary Yooper. Not sure when that will happen, but it should be a fun trip. I just hope he doesn't get indigent again and spit out another connecting rod along the way. ■



### 2/17/25 Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

1/17/25 Balance \$7419.44

**Income:** Membership \$20.00 50/50 \$115.00

**Expenses:** 50/50 Payout \$57.00 Attendance \$10.00

Newsletter \$208.12 HC Calendars \$812.51

2/17/25 Balance \$6466.81 ■

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## Swap & Sell



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

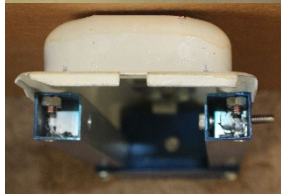
Late Model front bumper very good condition - chrome is nice - \$150

Late Model rear window - non tinted \$100

Contact: me @ [dixon5553@yahoo.com](mailto:dixon5553@yahoo.com)

### Valve Cover Racer continued page 2

portion of my bolts to fit the wheels. If you wish to skip that, metric hardware can be found in most hardware stores. Since the racer used in these illustrations was already built. You can see the method I used to locate the wheel axles. I used 1" aluminum square tubing with aluminum bar stock epoxied at each axle location for stability (No, I don't have stock in JB Weld, LOL).



Using JB Weld to epoxy various pieces in place is a good news/bad news situation. The good news is that JB Weld takes a while to set, so you can move

things around a bit to put them exactly where you want. The bad news is that you have to wait 24 hours before doing any drilling or other machine work. If you are using unwanted CDs or DVDs, placing the axle centerline approximately 1/4" below the valve cover edge should give you just under 3" of clearance (Another tip from Part 1). Snoopy was my first attempt at building a valve cover racer. I felt he should have a companion, so I built "Ze Red Baron", his nemesis. As you can see from the pictures, I used a slightly different construction method. Instead of the tubing, I used 1 3/8" X 5/8" aluminum angle stock. Once again



aluminum bar stock was epoxied in place at the wheel

locations. The square tubing and angle stock was obtained locally (I think it was Menards, but I'm sure Home Depot, Lowes or even a local hardware store



### Breaking news:

Announcing San Luis Obispo, California is the new location of the 2025 CORSA International Convention.

### Valve Cover Racer continued page

would have something you could use). The bar stock (1" X 1/2") was purchased through eBay.

Flanged ball bearings were used for the wheels on "Ze Red Baron", thus making it easier for them to roll without wobbling. Hopefully, you can see how that worked out from the pictures. Finally, one trick I tried was to mount a roller on ball bearings at the front of my valve cover racers. The idea was to help the racer move over the restraining bar on the track more easily and so get a better start. I'm not sure how effective that is, so I substituted a simple piece of aluminum sheet folded to help the racer ride over the end of the restraining bar on Snoopy. I left the roller on the Red Baron so I could compare how effective that was. As you can see from the pictures, there were no wheels on the Red Baron. They were damaged while bringing the racer to Homecoming and I had to replace them.



Flanged ball bearings were used for the wheels on "Ze Red Baron", thus making it easier for them to roll without wobbling. Hopefully, you can see how that worked out from the pictures. I will address

how to prevent damage to the wheels while in transit in Part 3. Also, you will notice the difference in the supports between Snoopy and the Red Baron. Now that you've seen my techniques for building a valve cover racer, borrow some of my ideas or use your own ideas and get those racers built. ■

### Activities by Raven Hand

It's time again for Chrome and Ice at Dort Financial Center at 3501 Lapeer rd. in Flint [February 7th](#) thru 9th. Chris and I will be there with the Corvair Race Car representing Waterford Hills Road Racing and Ken Hands Yenko Stinger will be there in the show as well. [Saturday](#) Breakfast meetup is planned for 8:30 am at Starlite Diner at 4125 East Court Street in Flint just down the road a mile or so from the show. After breakfast anyone wishing to attend can continue on to the Chrome and Ice Car show, Show starts at 10 am \* Raven ■

**March Second Saturday Breakfast Club Meeting**  
Hey Eastsiders (and everyone else), we are going to Utica for the March edition of SSBC on **March 8th**. The Sterling American Grill is the place. It is at 43727 Van Dyke Ave which is just south of M59. Start time is 9 AM. Once we are all fed, we can have a Garage Tour of Chris Murray's collection just up the road from the restaurant. Chris is brother to DACC member Stewart Murray. Back when the car was almost new Chris and Stewart's father put a new-at-the-time turbo engine in his 1960 Corvair club coupe. And Chris still has the car! There are other cool automotive things to check out as well at the garage. How about a car with too much horsepower? Is it possible to have too much horsepower? Hagerty thinks so and refused to insure the car (a Camaro) for Chris. So, plan on driving to Utica on the 8th and join us for food and fun with your friends at the DACC. ■

### **DACC Membership Report for the MARCH 2025 AIRCOOLER**

Submitted February 17, 2025 by Lori Komora

**Welcome to our new members:** Dennis Thompson

**Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:**

We have 145 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: Lori Komora – DACC. Address: 38143 Richland St., Livonia, MI 48150

**\*\*A NOTE ABOUT DUES RENEWAL DATES.**

**Everyone's due date is in June/July. If you haven't renewed by the August meeting you will be dropped in September.**

Questions about membership, change of address, email info can be sent to Lori Komora at [Lkomora1@yahoo.com](mailto:Lkomora1@yahoo.com) (734) 223-8943 and leave a message.

We have an **email blast list** to notify members of quickie tours or last-minute changes. If you would like to be on this list please send me your email address (and/or if it has changed) so we can keep this list up to date. ■

#### **Valve cover build event**

When is it? **March 15th** and Bill Vellner has agreed to host us. Where is it, 15770 Wormer Redford MI. But first as always, we will do a breakfast meetup at Red Wood Grill located at 25800 5-mile rd. Redford MI 48329. Bring a valve cover, bearings and all your whatnot for your build. If you have technical questions refer to Bills article that will appear in conjunction with this in March's Aircooler.

**ANOTHER NOTE, APRIL 2ND**

**SATURDAY BREAKFAST WILL BE APRIL**

**12 WITH A VISIT TO THE PONTIAC**

**TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM AFTER.**

**BREAKFAST LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. SEE YOU SOON RAVEN ■**

### **DACC February 2025 Meeting Minutes**

A DACC card was sent around for signatures for Patrick Skiver who passed recently. A \$50 donation to was approved by the board. Patrick's family requested the donation to go to the Heart Association.

Mike Anstine told about Patrick Skiver's Hot Wheels car. Patrick had submitted a drawing of a Corvan to be a Hot Wheels car. Mike had some pictures of the evolution of the car.

There were no new attendees at the meeting this month.

Valve Cover Racer – A build session will be held at Bill Vellner's garage in the near future.

Treasury – The balance is \$7211.32. Still waiting for Calendar bill, which will reduce the balance.

Activities – Breakfast planned for Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Starlight Burger & Coney in Burton. After breakfast, on to the Chrome & Ice Show in Flint.

Membership – There are 144 members currently.

Reminder that there is no July meeting due to the DACC Homecoming during the month of July. Can make dues payments at Homecoming.

DACC Roster – Lori plans to provide membership information including Name, Phone #, State, City. No street addresses will be provided. Intent is that if you breakdown, you can look for a Corvair person that is nearby that you could call for assistance. If you do not want your information to be shared, please contact Lori.

Homecoming – Need items for the auction. Need Door Prizes and Goodie Bags. Please contact Lori. Aircooler Newsletter – Please let Adam know if you are getting your emailed version of the Newsletter. He can get it corrected if you are supposed to get the emailed version but aren't.

Swap & Sell – Calendars for sale, see John Allesee.

DACC License Plates are \$5. There was a Radio Noise Suppressor that was taken by Gary K.

Attendance – There were 39 people in attendance.

The \$10 ticket went to Kim Anstine. The picture on the marquee winner was Kim Komara. A \$20 Clark's gift certificate was won by Chris Karas.

50/50 – There was a total of \$115 in tickets. Pete Cimbala won \$57!

Ken Heberling – Secretary ■

### **FYI**

On the Corsa Join / Renew webpage it states;

**Act Now. Dues Increase Coming in June.**

In consideration of the increasing cost of doing business, the CORSA Board of Directors voted to raise membership dues for the first time in fifteen years. The new dues schedule, which is posted on our Headlines web page, will become effective June 1, 2025. Until then, you can extend your membership or join CORSA at the current rates.

Right click, open link for [CORSA Headlines](#) ■

# 45th DACC Homecoming

***July 10-13<sup>th</sup> 2025***

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](mailto:hcinfo@detroitcorvairs.com)

REGISTER ON-LINE [Detroitcorvairs.com](http://Detroitcorvairs.com)

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"Detroit Area Corvair Club"**

*Hotel location: Wyndham Garden  
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734-665-4444*

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|----------|--|
| EVERYDAY | - Registration, Swap Meet, & Hospitality room  |
| THURSDAY | - Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum Lunch   |
| FRIDAY   | - Women's Activities as posted<br>- Road Rally<br>- Tech Session<br>- Cook Out / Picnic<br>- Movie   |
| SATURDAY | - People's Choice Car Show, Model & Toy Show<br>- Tech Session<br>- Valve Cover Races<br>- Live Auction<br>- Pizza Party <b>See namebadge for seating time</b><br>- Calendar Winners "Drive Thru" Show<br>- Wine & Cheese Event (\$10 extra) Hotel guests only |

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***Make sure if booking online that you go to the Wyndham website not a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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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 \$45.00 FAMILY \$70.00 (family consists of 2 adults and children under 18) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***If you are a young adult (18-25) on a family registration with 2 adults additional cost of \$20***

How many will be attending? Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ YA \_\_\_\_\_ One Registration Pack **Individual** or **Family/Young Adult**

Additional cars \$5 each (1<sup>st</sup> car is included) How many cars \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Indoor swap space** Yes \$20 for each space No How many spaces needed \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Register & pay early for indoor swap spaces are limited*

Outdoor Swap space Yes \$10 for each space No How many spaces needed \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Must provide own tables for outdoor spaces*

Wine & Cheese Event Yes Cost is \$10 per person No How many tickets needed \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Calendar \$10 (1<sup>st</sup> calendar is included) How many extra calendars \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DACC reserve the right to reject applications at their discretion **Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Parts and Services.

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Updated the CORSA Club  
Office address

**CORSA Club Office**  
**PO Box 68**  
**Long Lake, MN 55356**



**The DACC meeting is on Monday,  
March 3rd.**

**Please arrive at 6pm for social and  
7pm for meeting  
At the 300 Bowl in Waterford.**

The Aircooler – Adam Morenski  
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# THE AIRCOOLER

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

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## MARCH MEETING    Thursday, March 6, 8:00 P.M.

Our meeting will be at Matthews-Hargreaves Chevrolet, 10 Mile and Main in Royal Oak. The main item of business is our annual election of officers. The candidates are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. The program feature will be a car show, presented through the courtesy of Matthews-Hargreaves and several of our members. Pete Theisen had occasion recently to park his '65 Monza 4-door next to a brand new Citation 4-door of nearly the same color and noticed some very interesting comparisons. So he asked Tom Allen of Matthews-Hargreaves to display a group of 1980 compacts and we'll park some Corvairs next to them. We can look forward to some interesting fun comparing for ourselves. And if you want yet another good reason to be there, the chip dip pot is up to \$45.00!!

## MARCH ACTIVITY    Saturday, March 8; 11:00 A.M.    by Pete Cimbala

This should be a unique event. It will start with a tour of Sloan Museum in Flint at 11:00 A.M. At last count there were three (3) Corvairs in the museum: C.S. Mott's personal '69 Monza, the Super Spyder, and a '63 Monza with less than 2000 miles, and the cutaway powerteam that we had at the convention. And if any one is interested we can have lunch nearby. Only minutes away is Dort Highway, Flint's "Junk Yard Alley" where there are still a few good Corvairs to pick at. Just take I-75 north to I-475 then north until you get to Kersley St; turn right and the museum is about four blocks down on the left, parking in the rear. More details at March meeting.

## TECH SESSIONS

When Bob invited the club to his home for a tech session, he thought people would wander in and out during the 9 to 5 time, but 21 members and guests showed up at once. It was a little crowded, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. They assembled a '63 80 hp engine except for the distributor, which had a defective shaft. The next tech session will be on axles, probably in the end of April. If anyone else would like to put on a tech session, let us know.

## CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following members have been nominated for our Board of Directors for the coming year:

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| President:                      | Pete Cimbala   |
| Vice-President/President Elect: | Ken Pepke      |
| Secretary:                      | Jerry Moons    |
| Treasurer:                      | Larry Aikens   |
|                                 | Agnes Surma    |
| Activities Director:            | Marvin Cranger |
| Membership Director:            | Jim Westervelt |
|                                 | Pete Theisen   |
| Publication Director:           | Jo Allesee     |
| Parts and Service Director:     | Pat McCarthy   |

As you see, there are two candidates for Treasurer and Membership Director. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the March meeting. Under the terms of our new by-laws the elected board has been enlarged by the addition of four directors-at-large, each of whom is assigned a committee chairmanship as indicated above. The other change makes the vice-president the president-elect for the following year, so this is the last year we will be voting for a president. These changes are designed to provide more year-to-year continuity.



KIRKMAN'S KORNER      Membership News by Bob Kirkman

As of the February meeting we have a new high; 135 members! That is even without the addition of any new members for this month. The following members are due for renewal:

March: William Brandon, Dan Busen, Glen Gehrke, Victor Onofriciuk, Charles Schneider, Tim Shires, Pete Theisen, Denis Toth, Kirk Lee Vincent.

April: Joe Beaupied, Margaret Blank, Mark DeCesco, Al Miller, Eleanor Paton, Richard Pettijohn, Benedict Theisen.

New Address: Larry Willis, 6540 Burnly, Garden City 48135      422-5040

CORVAIRS IN THE U.P.!!!

Congratulations to CORSA's newest chapter, No. 1 Team Corvair, based at Vulcan, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula (thats over by Iron Mountain). Even there enough Corvair nuts abound to make a chapter! If you're planning to vacation up north this summer, write Tom and June Thomson, Rt. 1, Vulcan, MI 49892 and plan to drop in on one of their activities. They are starting with a four hour road rally. Good luck to our sister club.

REPORT OF FEBRUARY MEETING

Forty-seven people voted to accept our new by-laws. One, who shall remain anonymous, voted no. Ken Pepke reported that the Homecoming arrangements are well in hand. More details elsewhere in the newsletter. Pat McCarthy volunteered to chair the Parts and Service committee, replacing Debbie Cheney who deserves a round of applause for a job well done this past year. Pat, as some of you may know, has 10 years experience in a similar post with the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club. Al Miller won the 50/50 drawing and Ada & Jim Crago lost out on the chip-dip by not being present; it goes to \$45.00 for the March meeting, so you can't afford not to attend. Denis Toth's tales of "Racing the Yenke" kept the audience spellbound and a good time was had by all.

2ND ANNUAL CORVAIR HOMECOMING      May 31 - June 1

Ken Pepke reports that the Homecoming program is all firmed up and will include the following events: a two-day indoor swap meet in the service garage of Gene Hamilton Chevrolet; a roadkhana at G. M. Tech Center, a road rally, a buffet awards dinner on Saturday; a concours and a Corvair movie festival, both at G.M. Tech Center on Sunday. A brochure with full details and registration information will be distributed within the coming month. Set that weekend aside and plan to be there for a lot of Corvair fun.

CORSA AND DACC GET FREE T.V. PLUG      by Pete Cimbala

Your favorite Activities Director went on a non-Corvair type activity but could not forget to mention his favorite subject. On February 18 I had my big chance at being a local T.V. star on Flint's Bowling for Dollars. Just before the show is taped, the host interviews all the contestants to find out how interesting they are and what they like to do in their free time. I told him about all the fun a Corvair owner has; when I was introduced he asked if anyone in the audience drove a Corvair, that I would buy it on the spot if the price is right. Then he asked, "How many Corvairs have you owned?" When I said "17 in the last 5 years", the crowd went "OH!!!". When asked what the club did, I went on to explain how much fun it is to have Road Rallies, Convoys and Parades. As for my bowling, I picked off 3 pins the first ball and 6 with the second for a prize of \$9.00. The show will air March 4 on Channel 12 in Flint.

SPECIAL INTEREST

SLOAN AUTO MUSEUM IN FLINT IS SELLING A "63 COUPE, VERY LOW MILEAGE, LESS THAN 5,000. SEALED BID ONLY. STARTING AT \$1,800.00. CONTACT SLOAN AUTO MUSEUM.



Thurs. March 6: Regular DACC Meeting, Matthews-Hargreaves.  
Sat. March 8: Sloan Museum and Junk Yard Tour, see article Page 1.  
e. March 11: DACC Board Meeting.  
Thur. April 3: Regular DACC Meeting  
Sat. - Sun. April 26, 27: Convoy to Tri-State Corvair Spring Meet, Bryan, Ohio.  
76 Truck Stop, I-75 and West Road. 8:00 A.M. April 26.  
Sun. May 3: DACC Mileage Road Tour. see article Page 3.  
Sat. - Sun. May 17 - 18: Convoy to Vacationland Corvair May Meet, Huron, Ohio.  
Same place and time as Bryan Convoy. Sat. May 17.  
Sun. May 18: Amvets Parade, 1:00 P.M. Details in April Newsletter.  
Sat. - Sun. May 31, June 1: DACC 2nd ANNUAL CORVAIR HOMECOMING, see article Page 2.  
Sat. - Sun. June 7 - 8: Cincinnati Corvair Revival VI.  
Sat. June 28: 5th Annual Straits Area Antique Auto Show, St. Ignace, Michigan.  
Fri. July 4: 4th of July Parades (to be announced)  
Wed. - Sat. July 30 - Aug. 2: CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION, ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
August: Farmington Parade, M.I.S. (hopefully)  
September: Convoy to Kalamazoo, Parade in Saline (more than two cars this year, please)  
October: Convoy to Frankenmuth.  
November: Open (suggestions, please)  
December: Award Banquet and Rochester Christmas Parade.

## DACC MILEAGE ROAD TOUR by Jim and Marilyn Westervelt

Our Mileage Road Tour will begin at Jerry Moons' home at 18555 Norwich, Livonia (map in April Aircooler) between 10:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 3. To avoid a traffic problem in a residential area, your odometer reading will be noted and you will be sent immediately on your way. The entire tour is on paved roads, and there is no time and speed involved, only the number of miles traveled and ability to notice landmarks and answer questions. The final checkpoint is not the final destination, therefore opening the envelope before reaching the final checkpoint will only disqualify you from tour participation, not the final destination enjoyment. To participate you must have a working odometer, pen or pencil, and an official State of Michigan road map. To enjoy our final destination you are asked to dress neatly but casually. You must note your odometer readings, names and answers to questions. Bring Aircooler with you, so you can refer to any information given you. The entire tour from start to final destination should take about two hours. The final destination is a nice restaurant where we have a room reserved under the Detroit Area Corvair Club name for 1:00 P.M. for their luncheon buffet. This luncheon buffet consists of four hot dishes (choice of 2 meats), assorted cold salads, relishes, rolls, coffee, hot tea, white milk and sherbet of the day. The cost, although subject to change, is \$4.50 per person plus 4% tax and 15% gratuity. Any of the alcoholic beverages desired will be additional on your bill. They honor all major credit cards. For those who arrive at the final destination prior to 1 P.M., please take time to enjoy the food shop inside the rear entrance of the restaurant and the unique gift shop in the barn off the rear parking lot. We have made tentative reservations for 15 to 20 people (the room can seat up to 26). If you are making definite plans to participate please give the Westervelts a call at 651-4317. It will aid us in planning for a larger room, if necessary.

**TECH TIP** from Pete Cimbala

When changing plugs on my '63 last summer I found by chance that the small lip on the top of the rear body panel (the one that the rear edge of the deck lid sits on) is with original paint .035, the proper gap for AC 44FF plugs. Next month learn how to bleed the brakes while changing a muffler.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MARCH 17, 1980 PLEASE!



SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT by Pat McCarthy

Following are companies that I have dealt with for years with good results. I have contacted each of them.

Belle Tire Co. 1650 Maple, Troy, Michigan. 649-2250. ask for Johnny Bell. Any type tire, alignment or front end work. Club Discount.

Dexter Chevrolet Co., 20811 W. 8 Mile, Detroit. 534-1400. Ask for Chris in parts. Discount.

Farmington Auto Parts, 46550 S. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. 624-2692. ask for Harold. Loads of used parts, loves to bargain.

Grand Haggerty Auto Inc., 25000 Haggerty Road, Farmington. 474-3825. ask for Tom or Bill King. A great source of used parts.

Farley Transmission, 2201 E. 7 Mile Rd., Detroit. 891-4211. ask for Bob Farley. Gives good service and fair prices.

Al & Ski's Auto Trim City, 10022 Puritan Ave, Detroit. 431-9407. ask for Al. They specialize in Auto upholstery, carpets and convertible tops. Expert work and fair prices.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REPORT by Al Gilhuly

Mark your calander for Saturday June 28, 1980 for the 5th Annual Straits Area Antique Show, St. Ignace, Michigan. Pre-show cocktail parties, tour, hostesses, cookout, event covered by radio-TV-newspapers and automotive magazines - plus special show paper. No judging, beautiful wood plaques to all entries. Dozens of special trophies and custom plaques. All vehicles welcome 1900 - 1967. Pre-registration fee \$5.00, each additional entry \$2.00. Cookout per person \$2.50. The Detroit Area Corvair Club has been invited to attend. We will be represented by my 1964 Monza Coupe. In the last few years I have attended, I've seen approximately 150 autos per show. It is just a lot of fun with the parties and cookout. Drive up on Friday night, approximately a 5 hour drive. I have the pre-registration forms and will make all the arrangements. Enjoy our northern Michigan hospitality. Drop a note in the mail to me: Al Gilhuly, 650 Ann, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

TECH TIP by Jim Westervelt SECURE YOUR DECK LID

With batteries and spare tires becoming more expensive and therefore more prone to be "borrowed" from your Corvair, I have devised a simple method to secure the deck lid on late models. This will require a 7/32 drill, a 1/4-20 tap and a 1/4-20 x 1/2 inch cap screw. Start by removing the latch mechanism from the deck lid. Drill a 7/32 hole just to the right of the latch handle at an angle upward, as you would look at the latch mechanism from the rear of the car. There is just room between the handle and the lip of the latch body. Be sure to allow some room for the cap screw head. Now tap this hole at the same angle with the 1/4-20 tap. Reinstall the latch mechanism on the deck lid, and by using a T-handle allen wrench or a square drive universal tool, you may now install the cap screw in the tapped hole so that the latch mechanism cannot be operated. If a potential thief knows this trick also, he can simply remove the screw to get at your engine compartment, but I think most will be stopped. More later if I find how to secure the early models.

CORSA NEEDS CONCOURS JUDGES by Jerry Moons

We have a letter from Lance Reddick, Concours Chairman of the 1980 CORSA National Convention urgently requesting volunteers to judge the Concours cars at Atlanta. Seems he can't find people to help....boy, could we have predicted that, after seeing how many people could not take enough time off from writing gripe letters to CORSA Communique to get out and help make the '79 meet better. Let's show them Detroit cares, gang. I know a lot of you are going to Atlanta, and the new judging system makes it easy. Copy of letter on next page.





# Corvair Society of America

Formed in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile

Marietta, Ga.  
February 10, 1980

## Corsa Chapter Presidents

Please contact the members of your chapter to see how many of them would like to assist with the Concours at the 1980 Corsa National Convention in Marietta, Ga. this summer. The Concours Committee will soon be ready to mail the "Unit Judging System" training packets. There is a problem.....We have only one volunteer so far. We are concerned that we will not have sufficient volunteers in time to carry out a training program. Conducting the training by mail is going to be a very time consuming process. This program must be underway by May 1, 1980. The call for judges will end at that time and the training packages will be mailed to the people who have been accepted as judge candidates. Naturally the concours must be planned around the number of judges that have been trained and not around the number of people who desire to enter.

The Corsa National Concours D'Elegance Rules, Revision 2, will be printed in the March Communique. Those rules will govern the Concours at the 1980 Convention. The actual judging will be performed in accordance with the Unit Judging Procedures developed by Roy Dieter and the San Diego group for use at the 1978 National Convention. These Procedures reduce the total amount of the vehicle that each judge must inspect. In fact, each judge will be looking at roughly 10% of the total vehicle. This "specialization" allows the judge to become very familiar with his part of the total judging effort. Training and expertise requirements are reduced substantially.

A special score sheet is provided for each judging unit which gives a detailed list of items to check and the point count for each item. Judging under these procedures will not require the kind of experience that is necessary when a judge must inspect the entire vehicle. The judges will not be required to make decisions concerning modifications or vehicle classification. They will inspect for quality and condition only.

Please use the fastest means at your disposal to get this urgent request to the members of your chapter. Ask them to respond directly to the Convention Concours Chairman, Lance Reddick, 3802 Edwards Terrace, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37412 with the following information. Name, Address, Telephone number, Judging experience if any, Restoration experience if any, Judging preference(early, late or FC) etc.

Point out to them that experience is not necessary as we are going to provide training. Ask that those who reply be reasonably sure that they are going to attend. For personal budget purposes, remind them to expect hi-test gas shortages and prices in the \$1.50 per gallon range by late July. Our motel rates will appear in the March issue of the Communique. Event rates and banquet prices will be in the April issue of the Communique. There will be NO mail out of pre-registration packages for the 1980 Convention. All information will be in the Communique.

There will be one acre of flea market space under some big southern oak trees. We want to encourage all chapters to consider setting up a booth here. We further suggest that all flea market operators pre-price their merchandise. Contact the convention chairman to reserve your shady spot.

Lance Reddick,  
Convention Concours Chairman



The Detroit Area Corvair Club is a Charter Chapter of the Corvair Society of America.  
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## FOR SALE

'65 Monza Convertible, 110 hp pg, red w/black top and interior, new BR70x13 R.W.L. Radials, dual magaphone exhaust, AM radio w/FM converter, baby moon hubcaps w/trim rings. Very good condition. \$2,800.00. Trades considered. Larry Aikens. 841-2292, 323-4688.  
'64 Rampside Pickup, 4 speed, radio, positraction, been licensed since purchased new in 1964 and driven daily. Cab inside like new. 52,000 actual miles. Best offer. Negotiable.  
Jay Suhonen, 62482 Klinger Lake Road, Centreville MI 49032. (616) 467-7259, (616)467-4085.

## WANTED

Set of 4 open wheel spiders. J. Crosby 544-3874  
'65 - '66 Convertible, 4 sp. Must be in show condition and A-1 mechanically. Will trade up a '65 Monza Convertible 4 sp., good to drive as is or excellent restoration project.  
Louie DeRocco, (313) 531-6689, 879-5319. 21505 Karl, Detroit, MI 48219  
'60 - '64 Rear lower control arms and '60 - '63 springs. Al Ellish, 624-4858  
Drivers Window, must be tinted. Also left rear trim piece for rear bezel around tail lights for '65 Corsa. Marvin Granger 971-2805.  
'64 front axel. Pat McCarthy 348-2639.  
'65 used wheel opening moulding, dents and rot OK. Used black or blue carpet, front and rear, fade or dirt OK. Black 500 glove box door with lock and catch. Dome light cover. Black rear seat bottom for '67 500 (that is not torn in 6 places). Pete Cimbala 732-2333.  
Flint, after 6:00 P.M.

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