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From The Dashboard of Your DACC President,

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Time to Wrap up and Tuck In'. Rake the leaves & get ready for snow. Time to 'tuck in' our elder Corvairs with love & care. Special blankets, coverings & shelter. Nestled in for winter, warm & safe. Some of us owners drive our Corvairs all year, others only Spring, Summer & Fall. All deserve to be 'tucked in' at Winter Season. However, the chosen ones who brave the wet, cold, snow & ice with their owners bring joy to others on the road. Some who pass by, stop for a light or just sit alone parked in a lot; create smiles. Memories for on lookers begin to fall around like snowflakes. Even Santa winks as he begins to check his list again & pack his sleigh. Reindeers will look down at the chosen ones & the 'tucked in' ones & whisper, 'thank you.

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HAVEN GIVEAWAY

It's that special time of the year...the time for us to help the many families of HAVEN experience the wonders and excitement of Christmas. With our help, and the help of our communities, HAVEN has provided for hundreds of families and children and made Christmas special and <u>unforgettable</u> for many. Our generous donations are important to make the HAVEN GIFT GIVEAWAY a success.

If you would like to join us again, please bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift to the DACC December Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 1st. Gift cards from area merchants are also welcome. Haven serves all ages and all needs, and they need our help to continue.

All gifts, donations and contributions will be delivered to HAVEN for their annual GIFTAWAY.

Haven requests gifts of warm clothing, toys (please no guns, water pistols, etc.) or gift cards. Haven then sets up a Christmas shopping display where the pre-qualified parents or guardians of these innocent victims can participate in a "Gift Giveaway". This is a very well organized and executed event that tries to help fill the horrible gap left by a broken or abusive home at Christmas. At a time when innocent children find themselves in a horrible gap while courts, counselors, agencies all try to deal with the knowns, the children are left with the unknown. Life bombards us with choices but never do we get a choice of who will be our parents. Christmas is a special time. We try to do our share through Haven. Donations, volunteering and gifts help fill that need.

Judy O'Leary ■



ABOUT

HAVEN is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader that provides comprehensive programs to promote violence-free homes and communities. Serving survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault for over 50 years.

DACC October 2025 Meeting Minutes

New Members / Guests: There were two guests, Alan and his son Lucas. Alan has a red 63 Monza Convert. Treasury Report: Our current balance is \$10,658.48. **Membership:** We have 150 members currently. We had 5 Corvairs that made it to the meeting. Christmas Party update: We will hold our annual Christmas party at the 300 Bowl on December 1st. Bring unwrapped gifts/donations for Haven House. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange game, bring a wrapped gift (generally automotive theme, cost \$10 - \$15). Meeting Location: Lori reported that the DACC will need to start looking for a new location for our monthly meeting. The 300 Bowl likes us but is having difficulty staffing. Please look around for options and email Lori with any ideas or suggestions for a new location. Air Cooler: Adam needs articles!

Activities: Pete K noted that he will be filling in for his granddaughter, Kayleigh as she has decided to go to college. A 2nd Saturday breakfast is scheduled for Nov 8. There will be a visit to Al's to assemble his engine in Milford, information will be E-Blasted. Dec 13 there will be a viewing of lan Smith's V8 Beetle in Garden City. Another note is that the National Corvair Museum in IL, will be moving to Ypsilanti. Will need help and support once the museum is moved. DACC is largest club, so hopefully there will be volunteers to help support the museum.

Garage Squad: Pete K noted that the Garage Squad has a limit on how much they can do on a vehicle as well as a limit on how far they can go. Also, they don't tow vehicles. The Garage Squad will generate a list of "Can Do's" that they will share. Pete spoke about the work that has been done and the large donations that have been made to the Ypsilanti Museum.

Swap & Sell: There were four 13" tires that have never been on the road, make a donation to Ypsilanti Museum and they are yours. There are DACC plates for \$5. There was a free late model bra from the Dexter farm. Brian Grainger had free 13" hubcaps for early Monza.

Coloring Books: Brian Grainger discussed that he had 20 pages artwork that could be made into coloring books for Homecoming activity books. Looking for assistance in getting costs etc. Adam M and Raven H will investigate costs to make about 50 packets.

Calendars: John Allesee has calendars available. If you attended Homecoming, you get a calendar as part of your registration. Extra calendars are available for \$10 each.

Attendance: There were 48 attendees at the meeting. The \$10 winning ticket went to our new attendee Alan. The Marquee Picture winner was Pete Cimbala.

50/50: The 50/50 total was \$105, with \$52 going to Ken Heberling.

Ken Heberling - Secretary ■

DACC Membership Report for the December 2025 AIRCOOLER

Submitted November 17, 2025 by Lori Komora Welcome to our new/renewed member: Brian McAlpine and Allen Numerick

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

We have 150 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

<u>Lkomora1@yahoo.com</u> (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. ■



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From the desk of Bill Shuster "What's up with Stu Shuster's 1969 ragtop?"

The vitality with which Stu pursued his wide set of interests is stunning. We live in a time when "the internet" has provided a sorry, if not wholly inadequate and unsatisfying replacement for actual interests and hobbies. Good on us all to situate our interests in Corvairs, a worthy endeavor indeed. Unbeknownst to me at the time of my father's passing, my new part-time job, starting 2019, was and is to curate my father's interests in toy trains, photography, and Corvairs. It takes considerable effort to do this, and to maintain my own identity in the process.

Some of you may remember that Stu was the "go to guy" for all things historical-antique, and toy train, vintage automobiles, and photography. In this way, my father received literally tons of rummage from people at the Birmingham Men's Club, the various churches that he attended, Boy Scouts, our awesome Corvair club, and myriad other nice folks that he befriended or became acquainted with over the course of 57 years living in the Detroit area. In one particularly surprising event, a guy showed up at his door with a bunch of jumbled toy train stuff in a Goebel beer box. I was going to ask who drank the Goebel without me, but I was in Columbus OH by that time. This box contained the ultra-rare Carlisle and Finch trains that Dad eventually incorporated into a full-fledged train layout. Around 2016, I convinced Dad to share his train layouts with the rest of the world, and with considerable assistance, we moved the layouts to their present home at the Cincinnati Museum Center. One layout is majority Lionel, and reminiscent of the mid-1930s. The other is a crazy rare Carlisle and Finch layout from the early 1900s. Fast forward to now, and it is coming up on the 10th anniversary of Dad's layouts available to the public, and 7th year since he passed on. I will be traveling to Cincinnati this fall to re-dedicate the layouts and tell the good people of Cincinnati about his work. One important part of this effort is to also make sure that the volunteer train masters know the history. I was shocked to read over what they had been using for the last couple of years. I remember approving a list of facts about each of the two layouts back in 2016, but it literally mutated over the years. There is that old game "Operator" where a message is started on one side of the room, and then after it's been retold around the room, the final message often has nothing to do with the original message. Kids would now just text everyone else. This was what happened with the messages and facts about the train layouts. Some of the mutated facts had become sort of bizarre.

By way of long form, some of this could be true for our Cortez Silver 1969 ragtop. Not that I have had occasion to show it lately, but in recounting its unique history and novel provenance, it's difficult to communicate it all at once, and in a compact manner. I've come up with some handy signage to communicate this. We were down a car this last summer, so I was driving it to work (Wayne State U.). Nobody knows what it is. Pete K told me to never lock the door of a convertible, and I've taken to heart his sage guidance. As a certain level of protection against people being overly curious, when parked at Lot 40 (Athletic Complex), I follow this protocol: 1) lock glovebox, 2) pull the ground terminal on the battery, 3) engage the parking brake (of course...), 4) put the placard of Stu pictured in the 'Vair with the phrase "Buckle Up for Safety" in the driver side front seat, 5) place fact chart from the Concours d'Elegance 2019 show in the rear window, or passenger side top of the dashboard. I've watched form a distance to see how people respond to the car, and it's often funny. In the first place, they don't stand too close to it, but when they see Dad smiling back from the front seat, people categorically back

The fun facts are that it was owned by Ned Nickles, a famed former GM Designer; 164 CID boxer engine with over-the-top 4 bbl carb and EICO intake manifold, extractor pipes. Pretty nutty. Camaro seats, 1969 Corvette steering wheel, 1970 GTO hood tachometer, custom striping and French flag door insignia. There is an oil leak from the center pan, so that's an issue that I need to look at (ideas?). The car performs well. It's always had an uneven acceleration curve. My son pointed out that it's better when your heel is right up against the bottom of the accelerator pedal. I tightened up the throttle linkage a bit, and it seemed to have helped, but still "meh" pickup. Of course, it is carbureted and exhausted for peak performance at 3200 rpm, which is not exactly where I live in day-to-day driving. It is true though that get up and go peaks around this range. The original paint has started to flake a bit more. There is bubbling in some areas, and I've fixed a few larger holes in tucked away areas (door jamb). Touch up paint is difficult to come by, but Automotive Color Supply on Groesbeck has been helpful. On one visit, I brought along an old bucket of the DuPont Cortez Silver from maybe 1972, which Dad and I had picked up at this same store in that same year. I had the receipt, too, but no one there was old enough to appreciate it. So that's the size of it. If anyone is up for a Lake St. Claire Shoreline Cruise, that's more my speed and geographic reach. Eddy's Drive In is closed, but maybe we can meet at the opening in Spring 2026. Always cross my fingers that they open each year. It's difficult to find servers who are also roller skaters.

Want more color, check your online Aircooler.

Pros and Cons of Removing a Corvair Engine with a Drive-on Lift by Aaron David Greer

Club members may have noticed this year that Tanja has been representing the Greers solo with her '65 Monza, as my '63 Rampside has been out of commission due to its penchant for devouring starter motor snouts. The culprit was determined to be a worn/misaligned torque converter, so an engine out job was scheduled for this fall. I am fortunate to have a drive-on lift in my garage with a tracked air jack, so I figured this would be a good opportunity to test out the set-up for removing a Corvair powertrain, vs the tried-and-true jackstand method.

Step 1: Preparation

The lift setup made preparatory work a breeze. Disconnecting the controls to the transmission, fuel line, starter motor, exhaust (we removed the entire power pack), were all done without once having to squirm around on my back. So, I will give the nod here to the lift.

Step 2: Removal

The standard DACC Garage Squad engine removal method involves disconnecting the engine from the transmission and removing just the engine by lowering the motor onto a wheeled motorcycle jack. This method works well but is not very ergonomic, as you need to get under the vehicle to separate the engine and transmission and install guide pins to protect the transaxle snout. For this removal, we dropped the engine and transmission as a single unit and swapped out the torque converter without ever splitting the power pack. We still utilized the motorcycle jack to hold the powertrain, which worked satisfactorily, but the ramps and rear of the lift limited our ability to maneuver the jack fully while the powerpack was still connected to the vehicle: the jack handle had to be removed to get the jack in position because it would not clear the lift's rear crossbeam. Also, the motorcycle jack's height was limited, a higher position would have made the job a little more comfortable. However, once positioned, we simply



lowered the whole vehicle onto the motorcycle jack, undid the engine mounts, and lifted the vehicle up to leave the powertrain on the jack, which could then be maneuvered into a comfortable position to install the 'new'



torque converter.
Success! I
would say this is
a draw between
the jackstands
and lift. The
jackstands
require more
wriggling, but the
lift prevented
easy access for
the jack to be
moved into the
correct position.

Step 3: Installation

This part was tricky for the lift. Due to the low height limit of the motorcycle jack, I was unable to get under the vehicle for this part of the operation. The transmission cross member mounts had to be attached while the powertrain was still on the motorcycle jack, but access to the crossmember was very limited due to the jack height restrictions and the drive-on lift rails. I wrenched my shoulders quite a bit reaching across the rails to get the bolts started but eventually was able to make it work. The lift was handy for moving the vehicle up and down to get the bolts aligned but was no easier than the jackstand method of simply moving the motor up and down on the motorcycle jack. The jackstands win on this one.

Lessons Learned:

With the prep-work completed in advance, we had the motor out by 10:00 AM and back in by 1:00 PM (and still had pizza in the middle), so the drive-on lift method is effective. With practice, I am sure we could shave further time off and save some achy backs in the process. To improve, we would certainly need to come up with a solution for accessing the transmission crossmember attaching points easier. Also, while the motorcycle jack worked fine, a better solution would be to lower the powertrain onto a proper machinist's table to increase stability and be higher off the ground than the limited lift-height of the motorcycle jack (this would have made the cross-member reattachment MUCH easier).

For those curious to see a demonstration, The YouTube Channel "Binks Coolvair Addiction" has an episode detailing how to use a drive-on lift for engine removal, "Pulling 63 Corvair Custom Motor." ■



Red Rover, Red Rover

This is the story of the really red 1960 Corvair 700 coupe that was driven all over the hobby by previous owner Robert Jennings. Yes, I recently repurchased this car from Robert. That's right. This is another "Boomerang Car" that I had owned, sold and then bought back.

This story begins way back in Gettysburg, PA at the Corvair Ranch. I was visiting Jeff Stonesifer at the Ranch with my dad and I asked Jeff where all of the '60's were? . He turned around and pointed to this little red coupe and said it had just been pulled out of a dairy barn in Maryland. It was in very sad shape and Jeff said he couldn't pay his guys to restore it and still turn a profit. So, he gave it to me! I gladly hauled it back to Altoona, PA where I was living at the time. The car needed an interior and a complete running gear. Pete Cimbala to the rescue! He found a black '60 Monza coupe somewhere in Mt. Morris that was so rusty the seats were falling to the ground below. Due to this feature, we named the car "Barney" 'cause every other rusted out crappie car gets the name of Fred as in Fred Flintstone. Could we make one out of two? A dairy barn reject and Barney Rubble's namesake? Sure! So, I hauled Barney back to Pennsylvania to join up with the red coupe and work began. Once the car was back up and running and had an interior I sold the car to Robert. I think the sales price was \$750. Over the years he put a lot more into it and had it painted and many other upgrades. The car made the rounds at numerous shows and events. There are many window decals from Back to the Bricks Promo Tours and several Frankenmuth Auto Fest stickers as well. So how did I get the chance to buy the car back again? It was a sad tale... The engine overheated and actually locked up! Somehow it managed to cool down and regain some degree of mobility, but it was hurt badly. We checked the compression, and the first two cylinders registered a big, fat zero! So, I had a rare 4-cylinder Corvair engine! There was a transmission fluid leak and a gas leak to make things even more interesting. We had our work cut out for us. Us meaning the famous DACC Garage Squad. I had a spare 1960





140 cid engine on a stand in the back of the Caveman Garage. I mean doesn't everyone have a spare engine or two at the ready. We removed the ailing powerplant and inserted the fresh new one. The gas leak was solved by Pete C. up at his shop before the car came down to Farmington for the engine operation. The trans leak was easy; the o-ring that was supposed to be sealing the shift cable to the trans case was missing in action. Oooops! With all of the problems solved I just had to clean up the wide whitewall tires and add a little polish to the red finish. The car looks pretty good again and it runs great. Will I keep it this time? Maybe.

Pete Koehler



11/17/25 Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine 10/17/25 Balance \$10,518.48

Income:

Membership \$160.00 50/50 \$105.00 License plates \$15.00

Expenses:

50/50 Payout \$52.00 Attendance \$10.00

11/17/25 Balance \$10,736.48





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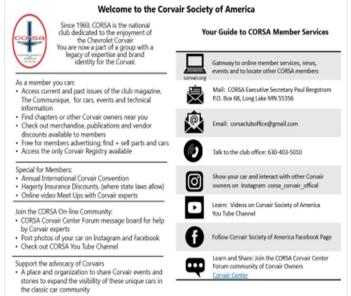
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From: Dave Watson (davemotohead@gmail.com)

Date: 10/24/25 13:17
To: "undisclosed-recipients:"

Subject: IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR DAVE WATSON.

Hello, CORSA chapters, this is Dave Watson (AKA DaveMotohead) with some information from the CORSA BOD. We are initiating a massive membership drive campaign and information drive to recruit new members and retain existing ones. Included in this email is a letter of information I would like all CORSA chapters to share with your members.

My research has shown many chapters have numerous members but very few are actually members of CORSA, we need to fix that if CORSA is to survive.

CORSA membership is already below the critical tipping point at around 2700 members, 3000 is the break even point we have estimated.

My Goal is to increase membership to 4000 members this next year but want 6000. CORSA hovered around 5000-8000 members for many years. We are making many changes both in personnel and policy and have exciting new changes coming soon, but costs to operate especially to produce the Communique have gone up, we can only do this with a strong membership base!

So I am asking each CORSA chapter to share and distribute the information and letter included in this email from the BOD to all your members and encourage them to join! The E-Membership is the best value @ \$40 but we offer various membership types as posted on the Corsa website Corvair.org.

Please pass this info along to your members and encourage them to join CORSA!

Thank you, Dave Watson, Western director and Membership chair.

This is Dave Watson, your CORSA Membership Chair—many of you know me as Davemotohead.

As your Membership Chair, my primary mission is to recruit new members and retain our current ones, while supporting the growth and success of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Today, I'm reaching out to the entire Corvair community to ask for your support in keeping this great organization alive and thriving.

Since joining the CORSA Board of Directors last August 2024, I've been working closely with fellow board members to modernize operations and make improvements that reflect the needs and interests of today's Corvair community. But here's the hard truth: Over the past five years, CORSA membership has declined significantly—we are now at one of the lowest levels in our history. This trend must change, and we need your help to reverse it before we reach a critical tipping point.

CORSA was founded in 1969 to celebrate and preserve the legacy of the Chevrolet Corvair. For decades, it's been the heart of our hobby—supporting local clubs, hosting national events, publishing the Communique magazine, and offering resources that enrich the Corvair experience for everyone.

Without your membership dues, CORSA cannot survive. It's that simple. And I truly believe we cannot afford to let this historic organization fade away. Since 1969, CORSA has served you—the Corvair community—with pride and dedication. It's time for all of us to give back.

Here's just a glimpse of what your CORSA membership makes possible:

- * The National CORSA Convention
- * Support and insurance for local clubs and events like the Great Western Fanbelt Toss, Homecoming, Spring Fest, and more
- * The award-winning Communique magazine

- * Exclusive access to Corvair merchandise, apparel, technical guides, and books
- * Discounts on Hagerty insurance (in most states)
- * And many other member benefits and resources

The current board is working hard to bring CORSA into the modern era—upgrading the Corvair Center Forum, developing new merchandise, and planning exciting changes to the Communique. These include fewer board reports and more high-value content like tech articles, club spotlights, racing and off-road reports, EV updates, and member builds. We're also working on revamping the CORSA website to make it more user-friendly and engaging.

My goal is simple: put CORSA back at the top as the go-to hub for everything Corvair. We want CORSA to be the place where all Corvair enthusiasts feel welcomed, represented, and inspired. But we can't do it without YOU.

This is your club. We're simply the volunteers working on your behalf, and we want your ideas, input, and involvement to help shape the future of CORSA.

On a personal note: I've been part of the Corvair community since I was a kid. I've always tried to give back through videos, tech support, advice, parts, and tools—and now, as part of the CORSA leadership team, I'm more committed than ever.

But again, we need your support. Your membership matters. The more support CORSA receives, the more we can do to serve the community, your local chapters, and the Corvair hobby as a whole.

So, please—do me a favor.

- * If you're not a member of a local CORSA chapter, find one and join!
- * If you're in a local chapter but not yet a CORSA member, now is the time to join and get involved!
- * You do not need to be in a chapter to join, we provide fantastic online support.

Let us know what you need from CORSA—your feedback is welcome and encouraged. Together, we can build the best version of CORSA yet.

Visit Corvair.org and go to the sign up page to join, if you have any problems call the Club office listed on the web site for help.

We want you back! Sincerely, Dave Watson CORSA Membership Chair

Corvair Club Newsletter links from around Corvairland.

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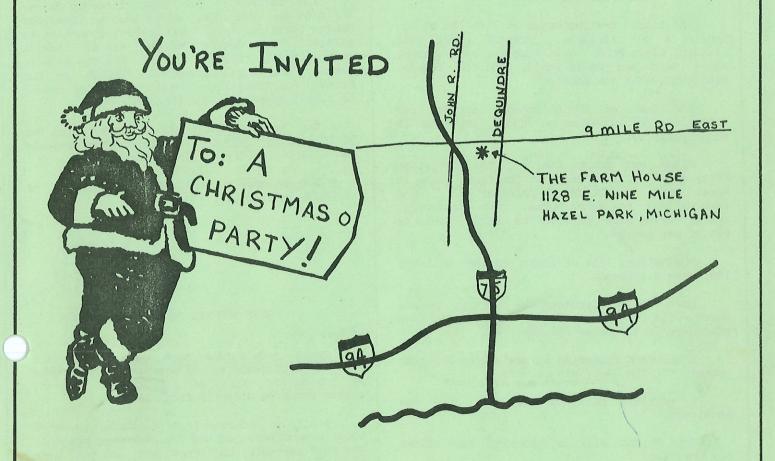
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NEWSLETTER OF THE DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

Volume 12, Number 12, December 1986 Pete Koehler, Editor CORSA Chapter 480



NEWS FLASH! There will not be a regular meeting of the Detroit Area Corvair Club this month. In lieu of a general membership meeting, we will have our annual Christmas Party on the regular meeting night, Tuesday December 2nd. The location of this gala event is the Farm House Restaurant on 9 Mile Road in Hazel Park. See the map above for directions.

If you wish to attend the party but didn't send in your reservation to Agnes Surma yet, you might be able to give her a call and confirm if we have any more places left. Her number is 524-4143. If she says sorry, we're all sold out, please don't get mad at her. Remember, the deadline was reported in the Aircooler as being November 15th!

A cash bar will open at 6:00 PM sharp with dinner following at 7:00 PM. After the meal we will have our gift exchange and the all important awarding of the RALPH trophies. Ken Pepke has been working hard on these for several months now and he promises that this year's awards are going to be great!

So hopefully we will see you at the DACC Christmas Party. Either way have a joyous holiday season. The next regular DACC meeting will be held at the GM Training Center in Warren on January 6th, 1987.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Agnes Surma

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board Meeting began at 7:45 PM at Stu Shuster's on 11/13/86. Present were Pete Cimbala, Linda Hand, Pete Koehler, Bob Kirkman, Agnes Surma and David Gould, and, of course, Fearless Leader Stu Shuster.

The tour of Tom Monaghan's antique car collection in Ann Arbor on Sunday, November 16 was discussed.

Plans are going well for the Christmas Party which will be held at The Farm House in Hazel Park on Tuesday, December 2. Send reservations to Agnes Surma, Club Treasurer, checks being made payable to DACC. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Nominations for officers of the DACC for 1987 were discussed.

Dave Gould discussed the Berkley Parade which will be held Saturday, December 6 (see elsewhere in Aircooler for map).

Linda Hand suggested a new source for club jackets for the DACC, via catalog.

A possible Mini Convention in June was mentioned.

Bob Kirkman will be ordering Tech Guides for the club.

Next scheduled Board Meeting will be at Ken and Linda Hand's on Thursday, December 11, 1986 at 7:30.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by KEN HAND

The following memberships expire in December: Albert Gilhuly, Waldemar Semrau and Richard Trippett.

The following members renewed this past month: Mike Kulhanek, Bryce Flinn, Larry Rogers, Phil Ballantyne, Walt Mayer, Jerry Roberts, Louis DeRocco and Cal Brown.

A new member to report this month is: Tom Held, 427 Hamilton, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by AGNES SURMA

The balance in the DACC treasury as of 10/18/86 was \$1631.34. Since then we have had debits totaling \$477.87 and credits amounting to \$574.00. The debits included \$10.87 service charge on the checking account, \$77.00 to Pete Koehler for the Aircooler, \$360.00 to Bob Kirkman for CORSA Tech Guides and \$30.00 refund to a DACC member for the Christmas Party.

The credits consisted of \$22.00 from the 50/50 drawing, \$132.00 from membership renewals and \$420.00 for the Christmas Party.

The balance in the DACC Treasury as of 11/20/86 is \$1727.47.

PARTS AND SERVICE by Bob Kirkman

CORSA Tech Guides have been ordered for sale to DACC members. Please save a few bucks by buying your copy at our January meeting, rather ordering directly from CORSA.

I wish to add some facts to those presented about Greenbriers during the November meeting. The roof assembly, body front end, and body side panels that were made in Indianapolis and shipped to the assembly plants, were prepainted. All outside surfaces were in primer. The inside surfaces were finish painted in fawn, red, turquoise, etc. Since these panels were largely bolted in place, the small amount of welding at ends could be touched up. The underbody was painted at the assembly plant. When all the body was together, the outside was wiped clean and exterior was painted. No dip tanks. No interior painting. There were "tabs" with a hole in several places on the body front end and the body side panels. Bars with pins went into the tabs to establish the vertical position of the body front end before the roof was added and bolted.



EDITORIAL PRIVILEGE

by Pete Koehler

Do you read the ads in every issue of the Aircooler? Of course I read them. I also have to type them up so I have a very good opportunity to keep track of just what is being offered for sale to our club members. In the last issue we ran a short ad for a Greenbrier in Dryden. The name of the town was misspelled as "Driden". I didn't think much of it as it was your typical ad with little information and no indication as to what price the owner was expecting to get for it,

Since my last several weekends have been spent helping DACC member Pat Geyer with his pole barn project in rural Metamora, it wasn't too much farther to drive to check this vehicle out. Pat and I called the gentleman on the phone first to get directions. He was just eight miles away and no, he hadn't sold it yet.

We hopped into my new GMC half-ton pickup (you can't show up ANYWHERE in the country without a truck of some sort!) and went on over to see for ourselves just what kind of deal it was. Upon arrival at the location we found the 'Brier in an anchient barn. The owner, a Mr. Balvador, told us that the barn was erected in the early 1800's. Most of the joints were fashioned with pegs instead of nails. Of course Pat and I found great interest in this structure as we were deep in the middle of a barn project ourselves. But, we came to look at a Greenbrier so the tour diverted to a stall at one end of the barn.

There it was. A 1964 Corvair 95 Greenbrier Deluxe Sportwagon. The license plates read 1968 and that is where the story got interesting. It seems that Mr. Salvador retired from the GMC truck plant in Pontiac in 1966 after 44 years with the company (he was 70 years old then!). He bought the Corvair in August of that year from a used car lot. Just a few months after he retired he took up another job as a representative for a trucking firm. Since this job was also in Pontiac, his new boss thought Mr. Salvador should show up at his appointed rounds in a new Pontiac instead of the old "Chevrolet" that he owned. So the boss bought him a new Pontiac company car. The Greenbrier was then "retired" from active service.

Although he did purchase 1968 plates for the vehicle, it was seldom used anymore. When it ame time to renew for 1969, the 'Brier was already up on blocks in his garage. The odometer read just a little over 56,000 miles.

Several years later the Greenbrier was towed to the Dryden location where it has sat

ever since. The tires are flat and the engine is rusted up solid and won't turn over. The original turquoise paint is still pretty good. The interior looks fine. One of the three seats is not the same as the other two. All of the glass seems to be intact. This is a deluxe model as you can tell by the trim level of the interior. Also there is some chrome trim running around the windshield weather-strip and the unit equipped with two-speed wipers and a windshield washer. However, the bumpers are not chromed (as most of the deluxe 'Briers were) and this truck has the smaller hub caps (chromed) instead of the more common deluxe full wheel covers. Perhaps the first two years of its life saw some parts swapping by a previous owner.

After giving Mr. Salvador an honest appraisal of what costs might be involved in renovating the vehicle including mechanical and rust repair (it is not rust free - but it certainly isn't a lost cause either) we agreed on a price. Pat and I are now co-owners of this diamond in the rough Greenbrier. Our investment? Fifty bucks each.

We plan to do the mechanical repairs together and make the vehicle road-worthy once more. Mr. Salvador asked us to drive by his house when it was done and let him take it for a spin one last time. Of course we'll be proud to do this for him. While a total concours restoration is not on our agenda, some body repairs and perhaps some touching up of the paint wouldn't be out of the question.

So you see, you really ought to read the ads in the Aircooler. Every once in a while there really is a pristine Corvair resting a barn just waiting for some lucky Corvair enthusiast to rescue it and bring it back to health again. Happy hunting!

REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

by Pete Cimbala

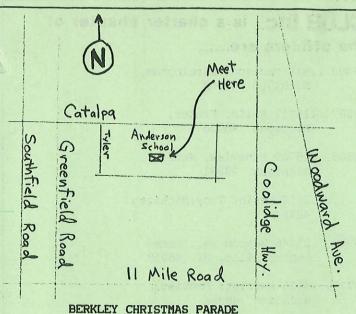
The Sloan Museum Summer Fair Committee, and this year's Fair Director, Brian Granger, have asked us to be a part of the most important part of the Fair. We have been invited to be on the Front Line Planning Committee.

The Fair is put on by local car clubs each year with one to three members working on the Planning Committee to run the show. The meetings are the first Wednesday evening each month at the Museum. Fair Committee members and the museum staff have been very pleased with our turn-out for the last two fairs and our recent museum display, and the traffic it generated. Anyone interested please call: Pete Cimbala after 5:00 PM @ 733-1558 or Brian Granger @ 233-5954.

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by Dave Gould

The city of Berkley has invited us to participate with them in their judged Christmas parade. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded to our Corvairs. Judging is not sanctioned.

Line up starts at Anderson School at 11:30 M (see map). Judging starts at 11:30 AM and lasts until approximately 12:30 PM. The parade will start at 1:00 PM.

If you have any questions, call Dave Gould at 872-3200 or 524-4143. There will be coffee and refreshments following the parade, at which time trophies and certificates of appreciation will be awarded.

SWAP AND SELL

FOR SALE 1964 150 turbo show Corvair motor (all chrome) with extras. best offer. also 1965 Corsa 140 - 4 speed, South Carolina car, and two 110 motors. call Scott or Todd @ 784-9682.

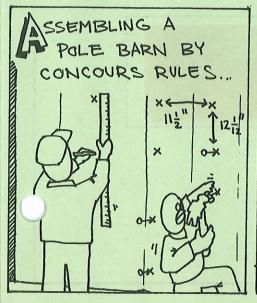
FOR SALE 1966 Monza Sport Sedan, 110 auto, marina blue with extra nice blue interior. pre-winter special at \$2000. Don Arner. 427-8205.

WANTED Anyone with experience or information on preparing a car for SCCA competition at Irish Hills, Waterford, MI. please call Bernie @ 775-5296. Also possibly interested in a prepared car.

WANTED Engine lower R.H. front shroud piece.
The one to which the heater hose
connects. Need two (2). I can repair
rust damaged parts. Bob Kirkman @
628-2431.

WANTED A Rampside project! Will buy or trade for another Corvair passenger car. What do you have? please call Pete Koehler @ 478-0906 after 6:00 PM.

The continuing Saga of Rod Knoch by Jay Shuster







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