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DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB

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From The Dashboard of Your DACC President, Bill Vellner mr.bill0728@att.net

Now that you've built your valve cover racer, you need to get it to Homecoming intact and ready to race. In Part 3, I was emphasizing using CDs or DVDs for your wheels. Those aren't the only choices you have, but whatever wheels you use they must have a low rolling resistance on the painted track surface. If you do use CDs or DVDs there are two disadvantages to them. The first thing I learned from Clark Hartsel is that they don't hold up well in supporting the 4 1/2 # racer and will eventually distort from being round. The second thing I learned the hard way is that if pressed from the side they can crack or even break apart. If you look closely at the pictures of Snoopy in Part 2, you can see some cracking has occurred. While the cracks haven't gotten big enough to require immediate replacement, they will need replacement sometime in the future. "What can I do to protect my wheels?" I hear you ask. I'm glad you asked that question because the solution is relatively simple. First, you need to construct a support that will hold the racer with the wheels up and not touching the surface. I used scrap pieces of wood lying around and painted them grey to make them look better. That proved to be not enough as the wheels were damaged while bringing my racers to Homecoming. Clark's solution was to use an old toolbox, but since I had more than one racer, I found a suitably sized piece of 3/4" particle board and mounted the support to that. The first picture shows a bare support and one on a piece of particle board. The lone piece sticking up at the end opposite the main support on the board is to keep the racer from sliding back and losing its support (remember, most of the weight is at the rear of the racer).

The main support keeps the racer from sliding forward. You saw in Part 2 how Snoopy was held in place on his support. Now it's time to add a board for "Ze Red Baron". I happened to have two 3/4" particle boards measuring roughly 21" X 7 1/2" that were lying around in my garage. Everything I will be describing here is based mostly on what I had on hand. You may need to improvise something different to fit your circumstances, but this is what I had to work with. First, establish a centerline on your base board. Then place your racer on it's support so that it is centered on the board both left and right as well as front to back. Mark the front and back edges of the main support on the board. If your main support is screwed together like mine, figure where to put the screws to hold the support to the board that will miss those screws. Next, mark the position of the brace (remember that lone little piece opposite the main support?) so that it is up against inside the front of your racer. I used two screws to make sure that piece didn't rotate out of position. Drill and countersink all of the holes you marked. I used some 1 5/8" drywall screws that were in a bucket under my workbench (the previous owner left a LOT of hardware and scrap lumber behind when he moved out, LOL). Once you have done a test fitting of all the supports, you can take it apart and paint everything for a uniform appearance. When doing the final assembly, I used wood glue in addition to the screws for added strength. The final picture shows the support that protects the wheels from damage during transport. While I used wood for my supports, metal or rigid plastic could be substituted. Just as building your valve cover racer, your imagination can run free to use whatever is best for your circumstances. I hope to see a lot of valve cover racers at Homecoming and some close competition. If you haven't gotten started yet, don't procrastinate. It's April already and Homecoming is only three months away, so get started! ■

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Activities Report for April 2026

Well, it looks like it is still Winter here in the Motor City. [This morning](#) it was all 17 degrees with a high promised of 25. Wow! So what kind of Activities can we look forward to? How 'bout a monthly meeting at the Overtime Grille and Tap on the 6th? [2nd Saturday](#) Breakfast Club will try again on the 11th at Leo's Coney Island 41496 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Start time is 9 AM. If isn't snowing or gale force winds blowing, we might take a short ride to visit a local member. You gotta go to find out who. Garage Squad will be starting up soon so keep checking out Facebook page for details. Pete Koehler ■

From the Rear Deck of the DACC VP,
Don Scharich dscharich88@gmail.com

On **Sunday March 8, 2026**, at 2:00 am time, sprang ahead to 3:00 am. We lost an hour (some of us lost it in sleep time). ONE HOUR. Yet, let's think about what we have gained. 238 hours of longer daylight. Day by day one more hour of light. Evenings to enjoy, walks, picnics, outdoor concerts, events & longer rides. More time in nature with families, friends & new people to meet. Again, stories to hear & stories to share. Let's get ready; we have seven months & two weeks of one more hour of daylight per day. Is it worth the one hour of sleep we lost. YES. Don's thoughts written by little Sister. ■

DACC March 2026 Meeting Minutes

Membership report: We have 158 members currently.
Treasurer report: Current balance is \$8286.23
Homecoming update: We are encouraged to reserve rooms at the hotel. You can register on-line or use the paper registration that comes in your copy of the Aircooler. Donations are needed. Pop, water, etc. Also need door prizes, and goodie bag items.
Aircooler Editor: Need more articles!
There was one Corvair at the meeting, Chris/Raven Hand's 1960.
Swap and Sell: Stuart Wittman has 63 Monza 3 speed. Make offer, 25% will be donated to Garage Squad and 75% will be donated to the Ypsi museum. DACC license plates are available for \$5 each. 2026 Calendars are \$10, see John Allesee.
Activities report: Second Saturday for March 14th is Ram's Horn in Fraser. Pete has the following planned activities for the monthly meeting: March – History of the Power Glide, April – History of the Monza, May – Corvair Toys, June – Parking Lot Car Beauty Contest with Prizes, July – Homecoming preview. April will include Helen, GA and Corvair Swap Meet in Bath PA. In July there is Gettysburg and our own DACC Homecoming. Pete K gave some historical details on the Power Glide: Originally the Corvair was to be 100% P.G. Manual trans was less costly though. Corvair P.G. is aluminum for weight savings. The 60 manual transmission was also made of aluminum for weight savings. No park gear, the case was not big enough to fit park gear. Can reverse start a P.G. The P.G. is air cooled – no trans cooler.
Attendance: There were 55 members in attendance. The \$10 ticket winner was Lucas. The second ticket for the Facebook picture was Ray Dubia's ticket (need to get picture to Kerry Borgne). The 50/50 brought in \$135 total. The winner of \$68 was Ann Baldwin.
Ken Heberling – Secretary ■

“April is the month your Corvair whispers, ‘Let’s go—before Michigan changes its mind.’”

DACC Membership Report for the April 2026 AIRCOOLER

Submitted Mach 17, 2026 by Lori Komora

Welcome to our new/renewed member: Robert Lehman

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

We have 160 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 (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. ■

3/17/26 Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

2/17/26 Balance \$8529.63

Income: Membership \$40.00

50/50 \$144.00

Expenses:

Newsletter \$243.40

50/50 Payout \$72.00

Attendance \$10.00

3/17/26 Balance \$8388.23 ■

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My 2025 Racing Season Wrap Up by Chris Hand (Final article)

Aftermath of Barber:

At this point getting home I have less than a month before surgery. I got the engine pulled and found that I had sheared the flywheel bolts off. They were stock bolts. My driving style needs to change; this is the second time I've found the weak link in the flywheel. The engine needs to come apart to change the crank gear at very least, and it would be a good time to tear it all the way down and do a refresher, it has been a great engine for 2 years with two EP championships an awesome run at the Ozarks, and well, a showing at Barber. I will be working on a few things during this off season when I can get back out the garage. Things to fix before next season (I know I won't get it all done): Refresh engine and move up to 3/8ths bolt on the flywheel, Hopefully I can repair my beautiful, damaged aluminum flywheel, Go through trans and diff, replace second gear synchro (again), Move throttle pedal back a few inches to hopefully help with heel/toe shifting, I have all my body panels off, I was looking for someone to prep them. No hits so far, I'll likely be putting them back on as they are. Front sway bar needs reworked so I can start running the larger front tires to match the rears and hopefully stop breaking hiem joints, Install my new Willwood front calipers, Steering gear box, quick arms, new steering shaft, and wheel, Acquire some matching lightweight 15x7 wheels (let me know if you have some), Install my new tubular upper control arms, Work on my front air dam, the more I look at pictures, the more it looks like it needs some love, Alignment, Brake ducts to front wheels, Remove dash, Re-wire car (this is a running joke, apparently it's needed to be done for the last 20 years), Brace front frame and build lifting points into the cage, I'm asked all the time about temps and pressures, to be honest I don't have time to look while I'm driving, all year long my oil temp gauge hasn't worked and I've never trusted my head temp gauge. That being said, I would love to add some sort of data acquisition. Add a really expensive oil filter [Clear View Filtration 400-115-B Clear View Filtration Screw-On See Through Oil Filters | Summit Racing](#) If you've made it this far, you know it is an impossible list, but because it's written down, I'll have to do it someday. Pick up another race car and repeat I haven't publicly said anything, but after watching the runoffs this year, I want to try in a couple years if life allows it. They were mostly classic cars in a dying production class. If you haven't read the SCCA GCR in a while, there is one really cool thing that they changed for all production cars. In SCCA we are now allowed to use throttle body style fuel injection legally. The intake bores must be the same size as carburetors specified for the Corvair, which means there is three different styles we can do. My choice will be the Webber style so I can have an injector for each cylinder. Thank you, Barry, for keeping this going and sorry I dumped all this at you at the end of the year. Hopefully it can be some good filler for the winter months. When Rick started this IDK when, (I'm not even sure the internet was created yet LOL) we had a whole

bunch of people racing on the regular. Times have changed and us second gen racers are doing our best to keep our parents and Corvair racing idols proud. I mean really what is the average age of our racing group when I'm one of the young guys at soon to be fifty. The call to Barber was very early in the year and we only got 2 Corvairs on track. I get it like I said earlier, but our age is hurting our participation. We've been around long enough to know we aren't going to live forever, and the racer reunions of the past will likely never happen again.



I got into the game a few years too late. Barry put together a mileage chart for all of us and there is not a track that works for everyone distance wise, but I think Indy is a special enough place that it is worth the drive. Can we start early talks for another run at IMS? One last thing, with the talk about aging out of racing, what is your exit strategy? With the baby boomer generation getting smaller, these cars and all classic cars are going to plummet in price, not every car will end up in a museum and your child/loved ones that show no interest don't want your prized possessions. 99.9% of the US population have no idea what a Yenke Stinger is, or that Corvairs have a place in racing. We need to feed the few younger generation kids and have them carry on our passion. Do you know a young (20/30s) guy that wants to do cool stuff, hook them up with young people pricing, help them out and relay your lessons that you've learned over the years. Please note, personally I'm not looking for a handout, I'm looking for more competitors! Racing vintage cars is expensive and we do it for the love of driving a Corvair, we need to embrace the kids that want to do it with us. ■



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Hi everybody,
This email goes out to the members and special friends of the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club, Philadelphia Corvair Association and New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts. Fred's Scherzer's son, Jeff, informed me that Fred would like to sell his 1965 Corvair convertible. For Sale: 1965 Corvair Monza Convertible. 110 / Powerglide. Evening Orchid with white interior. 61,000 miles. Meticulously maintained by LVCC Member Fred Scherzer. Location: Perkiomenville, PA. Asking \$18,000. Contact: Jeff Scherzer. (484) 948-5140 or jscherzer02@gmail.com

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46th DACC Homecoming

July 10-12th 2026

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A complete up to date schedule will be in your registration packet

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- EVERYDAY - Registration, Swap Meet, & Hospitality room
- THURSDAY - Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum Lunch
- FRIDAY - Road Rally, Tech Sessions, Funkana
- Women's Activities as posted
- Cook Out / Picnic and Movie
- SATURDAY - People's Choice Car Show, Model & Toy Show
- Tech Session, Valve Cover Races, Auction
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Make sure if booking online that you go to the Wyndham website not a 3rd party booking company.

Write your check out to "DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB"

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Did you drive your Corvair here? Yes / No --- If yes how many miles _____ OR will you be trailering your car? Yes / No

REGISTRATION COST: SINGLE \$50.00 FAMILY \$80.00 (family consists of 2 adults & children under 18) \$ _____

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

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

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 (1st calendar is included) How many extra calendars _____ \$ _____

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

Will you be participating in: Road Rally? Yes / No Valve Cover Races? Yes / No Funkana? Yes / No

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Check out this site and expand your Knowledge of the Corvair.

<https://www.corvair.org/>

Updated the CORSA Club Office address

CORSA Club Office
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The **2026 CORSA Convention** is scheduled for **June 22 - June 26, 2026**, at the **Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel & Conference Center** in Gettysburg, PA. This event is a significant gathering for Corvair enthusiasts, offering a variety of activities and events.

For more information and to register, visit the official CORSA website or the Wyndham Gettysburg hotel's website. Don't miss the chance to participate in this exciting event and enjoy the Corvair community's spirit. ■

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DACC MEMBER RUNNING FOR CORSA INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**OUR OWN DACC MEMBER KEN HAND IS RUNNING FOR
- CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR -
HE HAS BEEN A CORSAs BOARD MEMBER TWICE BEFORE**

PLEASE GIVE KEN YOUR VOTE

Belonging to CORSAs, and voting for Ken, might give you the best of two worlds. Being able to get the international information first hand, from a very competent and loyal member, and belonging to the great organization which the DACC is a charter member. A profile of each candidate and a ballot will be included in the next issue of the CORSAs Communique. These will also be included in each issue until the International Convention. The convention takes place in Chicago in July, 2001.



KEN HAND (Central Division Director)

NEW LOCATION for the 2001 HOMECOMING
DoubleTree Hotel - Detroit Metro Airport, 31500 Wick Road,
Romulus, MI. (734) 467-8000. Bigger, better location. Same low
rate if you mention "Corvairst" or "Detroit Area Corvairst Club."

Spring Warm-Up Meet

Roger Niewolak

Our first event will be a "Spring Warm-Up Meet," on Saturday, May 5th, at 2:30pm. We will have 'good eats' and hope to see you there. For details, see page 3 in this issue.

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The Detroit Area Corvair Club is a chapter of the Corvair Society of America.

Regular monthly meetings for the DACC are held on the FIRST Tuesday of every month, at 7:30 PM. The meeting place is the **Royal Oak Senior Community Center**, located on Marais, (between N. Main & Crooks) north of 13 Mile Road in Royal Oak, MI. Members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome. Dinner before the meeting can be had at Samuel Hoffman's Authentic New York Deli, 1213 W. 14 Mile Road, at 6:00 PM. The Meeting after the Meeting is held at Bennigan's on Stephenson's Hwy., just south of 14 Mile Road. **Meeting location may change in the near future. Watch for information and location.**

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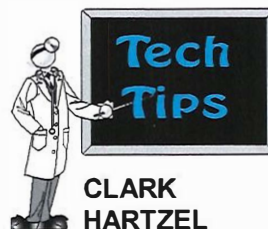
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Bruce Covert

A note from the Editor

Bob Greer

The Aircooler Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of each month
Contact Bob Greer to run articles, ads and or photos.



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Less Mess . . .

When changing your oil filter, cut the bottom off a plastic jug and slip it under the filter to catch oil drippings. It is easier than trying to wipe up the spills later. Remember any oil spills stink up your heater and put a slimy scum on your windshield when using the defroster. Pre fill the new oil filter with oil so your engine doesn't have to run for a while to fill it up on the car. Any oil being pumped into an empty filter is oil not being used to lubricate the engine.

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DACC's bid for the International Convention

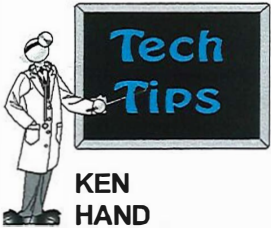
Several chairs have been filled for our bid for the International Convention, but we still need co-chair and some chair people. In order to keep from having to do a lot of catch up later, I still need a show co-chair person and would like to fill that position soon. The list of chair people are as follows;

Show Chairperson	Ken Hand	Banquet Chair	Open
Show Co-Chairperson	Open	Hospitality Chair	Ken Pepke
Registration Chairperson	Open	Tours Chair	Open
Concours Chair	Roger Niewolak	Advertising & Publicity	Tom Gillingham
Car Display Chair	Tim Duve		Mike Steams
Autocross Chair	Patrick Caherty		Victor Torres
Rally Chair	Open	Tech Meeting Chair	Open
Econo Run Chair	Open	Treasurer	Jack Naber
Model Car Chair	Jeff Shreve	Trophy Chair	Marvin Granger
Indoor Vending Chair	Allan Dollaway	Door Prize Chair	Elaine Duerden
Swap Meet Chair	Allan Ullery		
	Ray Dubia		

If you have an interest in co-chairing any position or chair any open position, please contact me.

All chair people and those interested in becoming a chair or co-chair person, please plan on attending the board meeting on April 10, 2001. The board meeting will be held at the Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI. **In order to get the meeting room free, it is required that each person attending, have dinner here. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and should cost between \$20.00-25.00 each.**

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Too-Early . . .

Come spring, a lot of people wonder what I do to drive my car. It might be too-early now, but soon. First, connect the battery that was disconnected in the late fall. Then turn the engine over without trying to start. Listen for any odd noises. If all sounds normal for your car, then go ahead and try to start it is the normal way you usually do. Do not

race the engine, but let it run at the fast idle for a couple of minutes. Then move the car to a safe place to let it run for another couple of minutes. Now take it out for a short drive. Be sure to test the brakes first. On your drive, test all the equipment to see if it needs fixing. Now is the time to do it, rather than when you want to go on a trip. Happy Corvairing.



President's Report

Pete Cimbala

DACC White house reports . . .

Things are changing fast in this new administration here at the CORVAIR white house. We are looking into a possible new location for the homecoming with more room both outside in the show area and inside for our world class hospitality room. We will have more information at the April meeting and in next months Aircooler about this and other exciting news about the national convention bid that Ken is working on. We will be back at the seniors center again this month and we got so carried away with all the new business that we forgot to plan a meeting program, so please show up and buy some 50/50 tickets and enjoy an evening out with your friends. Roger has some good ideas on events this year and remember the big Chevy club swap meet on April 29 has moved to Monroe this year, and the Tri-State meet in Bryan, Ohio is Saturday, April 28th. Think Spring!

NEW LOCATION for the 2001 HOMECOMING.

DoubleTree Hotel - Detroit Metro Airport, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus, MI. (734) 467-8000. Bigger, better location. Same low rate if you mention "Corvair" or "Detroit Area Corvair Club." BIG WEEK END!

U.P. Report

--Kim Carless

Selling 50/50 tickets is a lot easier than taking notes at the meetings.

Membership Information: If you have an address, phone number or Email address change, please notify the Membership Chairperson.

Activities Report

Roger Niewolak

As your new Activities Director, I have a strong desire to see more members take an active role in the club. I mean "active" by making the time to attend some club functions. I know work schedules, family, graduations etc. leaves little time for Corvairing, so I am open to any suggestions you may have for events. All you have to do is contact me by Email or call me and I will do what I can to put them into action.

Our first event will be a "Spring Warm-Up Meet." On Saturday, May 5th, at 2:30pm, we will meet at Erma's Frozen Custard Stand, 6451 Auburn Road, Utica, MI., (located about 1 mile west of downtown Utica), for a Frozen Custard. Then we will drive about 4 miles to Fuddrucker's for a burger or something you favor. Fuddrucker's is located on the corner of 18 Mile and Van Dyke, in Sterling Heights. We plan to be there at 4-4:30pm for dinner. There will be plenty of parking, and room to eat.

If we get enough interest, I would like to plan something like this at least every other month, in different parts of the metropolitan area. Any ideas for activities would be greatly appreciated. I hope to see you at our first activity this spring



Secretary's Report

GiGi Debbrecht

Meeting notes for the March 6, 2001 General Meeting.

Pete Cimbala called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.. **Treasurer report:** Jean King reported that she has switched banks to a more convenient location. The Corporate tax-free number was located... **Pete reported** that there were many blue DACC shirts and a few red shirts available. And will check with Bob Allessee to determine more white and red will be available... **The Romulus Parade of Lights** certificate was received. A discussion about other parades and swap meets in the area. Roger Niewolak to make a list of these activities... **Membership:** Ken Hand reported that we have 176 members, 10 of which are unpaid. New policy is that unpaid members will no longer receive the Aircooler... **Bid for 2004 International Convention:** Ken Hand reported that most promising site so far is the Troy Marriott, Somerset Inn, Airport Doubletree and the Hyatt Regency-Dearborn. Several chair and co-chair positions still open and need filling... **Ken Hand** is running for CORSA Board of Directors... **50/50** (\$38.00) won by Allan Ullery. The \$30.00 chip dip was won and lost by Mark Irons... **Notice:** Membership will be notified if meeting place changes to the G.M. Tech Center... **Meeting ended** shortly after 9:00 p.m.

Meeting notes for the March 13, 2001 Board Meeting.

At the home of Wilma and Bob Greer, Pete Cimbala called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.. **Pete reported:** John Allessee can get more hats and jackets. John is owed for calendars that were sold. Confirmation needed from Barb Adair as to quantity sold and quantity still on hand. Question brought up, if new calendar should be done again for the 2001 Homecoming. Homecoming Photo Booklet to be reinvestigated... **Linda Hand** to check if Pontiac school facilities are available for DACC monthly meetings... **Treasurer report:** Jean King transferred funds to Citizens Bank... **Parts & Service:** Ron Oldani will order more oil filters and spark plugs... **Editor:** Motion for Bob Greer to continue producing the Aircooler in color. Aircooler to contain no non-automotive and or non-club related ads. Ads to continue to be at no charge. Motion passed... **Motion** for 2001 Homecoming location to be changed, if details can be worked out. Ken Hand to pursue questions with manager of Airport Doubletree and commit in writing, if details are answered satisfactorily. Motion passed... **Various hotels** have committed for room rates for the 2004 International Convention bid... **Next DACC board meeting** to be at the Somerset Inn, April 10, 2001, to include chair and co-chair people for the bid for the 2004 International Convention Bid... **Concours judging** to be included at the 2001 Homecoming, in preparation of the 2004 Int. Conv. Bid. Hoist will be needed for tech and judge training... **Sloan Summer Fair:** Norm King to secure a flyer, for information to be included in the Aircooler... **Meeting adjourned** at 10:15 p.m.

Get Well Soon

Our best wishes go out to Jim McCook for a speedy recovery. Jim was in the hospital for over a month after slipping on the ice and breaking his hip. We look forward to seeing Jim again, at the monthly meetings.



Membership Report

Ken Hand

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! To those listed below, this is your **LAST** Aircooler! Come on people we would like to keep you in the club!

John Allessee
Clyde Anderson
James Angus
Laverne Bailey
Roy Cartwright

Ab Ives
Kieth Major
Jack Miller
Kathy Rutherford
Dave Sanger

Roland Schenke
Jerry Shreve
Evan Thomas
Richard Twardzik
Dave Vought

Memberships due in **March**... Now past due!

Craig Balow
Larry Cooper

Daniel Dunn
Charles Liewing

Memberships due in **April**. Please stay current and renew your membership.

Richard Becker
Harry Bruss
Kim Carless
Dave Guindon

Robert Kirkland
Jerry Kitchen
Ron Oldani
John Phillips

Ned Reed
Stu Shuster

NOTE:

Members who have not paid their dues after their membership is expired for 3 months will be dropped from the DACC Roster, and will no longer receive The Aircooler. Please see me at the meeting or send your membership dues to: DACC Membership, Ken Hand, 97 Peach, Pontiac, MI 48342. Annual Membership dues are \$15.00

Treasurer's Report

Jean King

Beginning balance	\$3212.03
Income	384.00
Sub-total	3596.03
Expenses	562.26
Ending balance TOTAL	\$3033.77

April chip dip will be \$35.00

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DACC Calendar of Events and Meetings

4/3	General Meeting - Royal Oak	7/8	Sauder Village Tour - See Clark Hartzel
4/10	Board Meeting - Somerset Inn	7/10	Board Meeting
5/1	General Meeting - Possible New Location	7/25-28	International Convoir Convention - Chicago
5/5	Spring Warm-up Meet - See page 3	8/7	General Meeting
5/8	Board Meeting	6/14	Board Meeting
6/5	General Meeting	8/18	Woodward Cruise - Info to come
6/12	Board Meeting	8/23-26	DACC Homecoming - Airport Doubletree Hotel
6/23-24	Sloan Summer Fair - BBQ Sunday	12/4	DACC Christmas Party
7/3	General Meeting	12/11	Board meeting

NEW LOCATION for the 2001 HOMECOMING

Let's Ask AI, remember, this is entertainment info, verify if interested.

A Michigan **Historic/Classic Vehicle plate** (often called a “Historic Plate”) offers meaningful benefits for collectors, but it also comes with real restrictions compared to a **standard Michigan plate**. The best choice depends on how often you drive the vehicle, how original it is, and whether you want the legal flexibility of a normal registration.

What a Michigan Historic Plate Is

Michigan’s historic registration applies to vehicles **25+ years old** that are **owned primarily as collector items**, not used for daily transportation. Owners must certify the vehicle is safe for the road.

Michigan recently relaxed some usage restrictions through **House Bill 4183**, giving vintage-car owners more freedom than before.

Advantages of a Michigan Historic Plate

- **Lower registration cost**
Historic plates are significantly cheaper than renewing a standard plate every year. They are often a one-time or long-term registration fee.
- **Collector recognition & authenticity**
The plate signals the vehicle’s historic status and can enhance its presentation at shows and events.
- **Reduced renewal hassle**
Historic plates typically do not require annual renewal like standard plates.
- **More flexible driving rules than before**
Michigan loosened restrictions on when historic vehicles can be driven, making them easier to enjoy while still maintaining their collector status.

Disadvantages of a Michigan Historic Plate

- **Usage restrictions still exist**
Even with relaxed rules, the vehicle **cannot be used as daily transportation**. It must be primarily for exhibitions, club activities, parades, and occasional pleasure driving.
- **Potential for enforcement issues**
If an officer believes you’re using the vehicle as a commuter car, you may be questioned or cited.
- **Insurance requirements may differ**
Many insurers require special “classic” or “collector” policies, which may limit mileage or require garage storage.
- **Not ideal for modified or heavily used classics**
If your classic is a regular driver or significantly modified, a standard plate may be more appropriate.

Advantages of a Standard Michigan Plate

- **Unlimited driving**
You can use the vehicle for commuting, errands, winter driving—anything.
- **No special certification**
No need to prove collector status or limited use.
- **No restrictions on modifications**
Heavily modified classics or restomods fit better under standard registration.

■ Disadvantages of a Standard Michigan Plate

- **Higher annual cost**
You pay normal registration fees every year.
- **No collector recognition**
The plate doesn't reflect the vehicle's historic nature.
- **More frequent renewals**
Standard plates require regular renewal and sticker updates.

📊 Quick Comparison Table

Feature	Historic Plate	Standard Plate
Cost	Low, long-term	Higher, annual
Driving Freedom	Limited (not daily use)	Unlimited
Collector Status	Recognized	Not recognized
Insurance	Often special policy	Standard auto insurance
Best For	Show cars, occasional drivers	Daily drivers, modified classics

🌀 How to Decide

Choose a **Historic Plate** if your vehicle is:

- A true collector car
- Driven occasionally
- Stored and maintained as a hobby vehicle
- Used for club events, parades, or pleasure drives

Choose a **Standard Plate** if your vehicle is:

- Driven regularly
- Used for commuting or errands
- Modified beyond "historic" standards
- Needed year-round without restrictions

House Bill 4183 is a Michigan law that expands when historic-plated vehicles are allowed to be driven, giving classic-car owners more freedom while still keeping the "not for daily transportation" rule. It changes the Michigan Vehicle Code by **expanding the permitted exhibition/pleasure-driving period from only August to the entire span between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.** It also broadens the general concept of "allowed driving time" for historic vehicles, giving owners more flexibility to participate in events and enjoy their cars.

What House Bill 4183 Actually Does

- Expands the **historic vehicle exhibition period** from just August to **Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day**.
- Updates the law so historic-plated vehicles have **more flexible driving time**, making it easier to use them for club events, parades, tours, and occasional pleasure drives.
- Keeps the core rule that a historic vehicle must be **25+ years old** and **not used for general daily transportation**.

Advantages for Classic-Car Owners

- **Longer legal driving season**
Instead of one month (August), you now get roughly **three months of allowed seasonal driving**—from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. This makes summer cruising, club events, and meet-ups much easier.
- **More flexibility for events**
Owners can participate in more shows, parades, and club activities without worrying about violating the old narrow time window.
- **Better alignment with real car-culture season**
Michigan's car season is late spring through early fall. The new law matches how enthusiasts actually use their vehicles.
- **Less fear of being stopped**
With a broader legal window, there's less chance of being questioned for driving outside the old August-only rule.

Disadvantages or Limitations to Understand

- **Still not allowed for daily use**
Even with expanded driving time, the law still prohibits using a historic-plated vehicle for commuting, errands, or general transportation.
- **Seasonal freedom only**
The expanded window is still seasonal. Outside Memorial Day–Labor Day, the rules revert to the traditional “exhibitions, parades, club events, and occasional pleasure driving.”
- **Possible interpretation issues**
“Occasional pleasure driving” is still somewhat subjective. Enforcement can vary depending on the officer.
- **Insurance may still impose limits**
Many collector-car insurance policies have mileage caps or usage restrictions regardless of the law.

Simple Summary Table

Topic	Before HB 4183	After HB 4183
Allowed seasonal driving	August only	Memorial Day weekend → Labor Day
Daily driving	Not allowed	Still not allowed
Event participation	Limited by date	Much easier and more flexible
Enforcement risk	Higher	Lower during expanded season

What This Means for You

If you own a classic car with a historic plate, HB 4183 makes it **much easier to enjoy your car legally during Michigan's entire summer season**, but it does **not** turn the plate into a full-use registration. It's still meant for hobby use—not daily driving.

If you want, I can also compare **Historic Plates vs. Standard Plates vs. Authentic (Year-of-Manufacture) Plates** so you can decide which fits your vehicle best.

AI info you need to know.

Michigan **is** moving to automated radar-based speed enforcement in construction zones, and **yes** — **tickets will be mailed** beginning in the 2026 construction season. This is no longer a proposal; it is an active rollout authorized by state law.

What Michigan is implementing in 2026

Michigan is deploying **automated speed cameras** in active construction zones statewide. These systems use radar and camera technology to identify vehicles exceeding the posted work-zone limit and then issue warnings or citations by mail.

Key elements:

- **Cameras only operate when workers are present** in the construction zone.
- **Threshold:** Drivers going **10 mph or more over** the work-zone limit are subject to enforcement.
- **Penalty structure:**
 - First offense → **Warning notice** by mail
 - Second offense → **\$150 fine**
 - Third offense → **\$300 fine**
- **Statewide rollout begins in 2026**, with full implementation expected by 2027.

Why Michigan is doing this

The legislature approved automated enforcement to reduce crashes and protect road workers. The system is designed to operate only when crews are exposed and lanes are narrowed or shifted.

What this means for drivers in 2026

- You **can** receive a mailed warning or ticket if you exceed the work-zone limit by 10+ mph while workers are present.
- Enforcement will appear on major MDOT projects, including I-94, I-75, I-96, and other high-volume corridors.
- Expect signage before camera zones, but the enforcement itself is automated.

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