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From The Dashboard of Your DACC President,

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With everyone posting about the Homecoming, I thought that I would share some thoughts I gave Pete Cimbala to pass along to an owner of a '66 convertible in Toledo concerning an oil leak that only appeared behind the oil pan when the engine was running. There are a number of sources for a run only leak at that location and they all center around the rear engine cover. The likelihood of any of these sources depends on the volume of the leak. Starting from the top in no particular level of likelihood are: 1) the oil filler cap is leaking from oil thrown off of the crankshaft slinger. 2) the oil pressure switch in front of your alternator pulley. These have been known to fail at the crimp between the main body and the insulator. 3) the gasket between the alternator adaptor and the rear cover. 4) the oil cooler seals and/or the oil cooler adaptor to the rear cover (most likely). 5) the rear crankshaft seal, but that would also show a line of oil across the underneath at the rear of your engine cover. 6) the oil pump cover bolts may have loosened, and finally 7) the oil pump idler shaft where it presses into the rear cover (a very frustrating source if you aren't looking for it). In any case, I recommend cleaning the rear cover area and look for the source after starting. I hope these suggestions are helpful and good luck. If any other club members have had a similar issue, I hope these suggestions are useful as well. ■

"If a Corvair isn't marking its spot, it's probably out of oil."

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A Special Message

Hi from Ruth and Ken, we would like to thank everybody who pitched in and helped this year, it was a lot of work, and you did such a wonderful job in getting our club members fed. I, Ruth, can't find words to express my appreciation of the efforts you all made for me as I started the Homecoming by going to the hospital. Thanks for all the prayers and support. They released me on Monday, and I am doing well. ■



Valve Cover Race Results

18 people entered the Valve Cover Races which is a record for attendance! Bill V. and Clark ran off for the final race with Bill taking the win. I'll have to make a larger ladder diagram for next year's race. Clark Hartzel ■

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

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Activities by Pete Koehler

August is the month with a lot of activities. The monthly meeting starts off on the 3rd at the Overtyme Grille in Waterford. Then a whole lot of Back to the Bricks events begin. Hopefully Pete C will fill you in at the meeting. Woodward Dream Cruise is scheduled for the 15th. Be a part of the largest one-day automotive event in the world just around the corner from your house! If all of those non-classic cruisers on Woodward are getting you down, then go to the Hines Cruise on the 23rd. Nothing built after 2001 allowed and even that seems too new for me. Just say 'in'. Here is an event that you don't want to miss: The weekly Depot Town Thursday Cruise night in Ypsilanti has selected the Corvair as the featured car for **August 6th**. We will have special parking spaces and special recognition for our air-cooled cuties. Please try to make it to Ypsi on the 6th to support their event. We should start marshaling around 4:00 to 4:30. Another special event this month is a two-part deal. I have too many donated Corvair parts that didn't find new homes at the Homecoming. My little black trailer is still full so here is the plan: On **August 22nd** the trailer will spill out onto Pete Cimbala's backyard in Swartz Creek. Everyone is invited to come and take what you want. Payment is up to you with all proceeds going to the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. Lunch will be served even if all you do is look and ponder and then just go for the free food! This will be repeated the next weekend (**August 29th**) at Gary Komora's place in Livonia. same deal - trailer is emptied and you can choose whatever floats your boat. Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch? At the conclusion of these two sales, whatever is left is given to Gary to either hoard it or scrap it and keep whatever they are paying by the pound at the recycler. Now I know you don't want perfectly good Corvair parts to get scrapped, so plan to attend one or both of these days and score some bargains! ■

7/17/26 Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

6/17/26 Balance \$10,460.25

Income: Membership \$1160.00 HC registration \$5034.00 HC Auction \$653.00 HC 50/50 \$746 Misc. cash \$50.00 Linda bought our extra hot dogs
Expenses HC 50/50 Payout only \$273.00 (\$100.00 was unclaimed) Newsletter \$232.07. Misc. cash \$50.00 to hotel wait staff Capuchin Monastery in memory of member Bob Maciejewski \$50.00 Bill Richard Pulled Pork \$130.55 50 lbs Gary Komora Water \$19.95 Bob Wittman office supplies \$33.60 Scott Kool - DJ \$800.00 Bill Vellner Ice & Broth \$23.49 Timothy Duve Grill Cleaning Supplies \$31.05 7/17/26
Balance \$16459.54 ■



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46th Homecoming!

Wow! What a great time was had by all! I was worried that with the International event 2 weeks before ours that our numbers were going to be really low.

Registrations were slow coming in and I was getting nervous. We ended up only down 10 registrations. I was very pleased to see all 11 kids under 18, some were even 3 generations. We are known to be a family event for fun and relaxation. I would like to express many thanks to all who volunteered and those who stepped up and helped without being asked. Who enjoyed that yummy pulled pork during lunch on [Friday](#) I know I did! Thank you, Bill Richards, for smoking and preparing that for us!! And I cannot forget all that came with bake goods to keep all those sweet tooths happy! It would be nice for next year to get more to participate in the Road Rally, Funkana and Valve Cover Races. In regard to Funkana the 1st place winner was Aaron Greer with the help from his boys guiding him on the passenger side of the vehicle, so we determined that we would have 2 1st place winners and the other with no assistance from anyone was Gene Miller. The one who had the most challenges doing the course was Chris Brown in the Ultra Van. But he did great and he was worried he got last place it was great to inform him that he did better than 2 cars. We did give him a little leeway for the parking being he was longer than the spot was. I think we will continue to have this at Homecoming. We were very fortunate this year Adam Glumm had a lead and was able to get 300 water bottles donated and the Coke pop products as well. Thank you, Adam!! We were doubly blessed by the Garage Squad paid for the pizza event this year as well. We have not signed the contract for next year yet. I am in communication with them and it looks like we most likely will be the same weekend next year unless someone can find us another hotel that has all the amenities that we currently have and have the ability to move back to August. Next year should be [July 8-11 2027](#). I would like to share that Corsa's International next year starts the day after we end on [July 12th](#), in Tennessee. Some have told me they are choosing our event over Corsa. Some have said sorry Corsa, some said we are going to do both. For me it probably will just be Homecoming due to having to get all of the afterwork completed and I have been to going to Corsa event since 2018 except for 2020. One of the many pluses is cost, our event to register is less and I get more, plus our hotel cost is a lot less as well and includes breakfast. I hope I didn't forget anyone or anything if I did sorry!! I look forward to seeing all of you next year! Have a vairy great year! Lori Komora

PS. I just learned that the lost in the lake ring has been found. Chris Heckle went back to the lake the following weekend, came armed with sifters and found the ring! I am very happy for Chris and Lacey Congratulations!! ■





Get out and enjoy life, just be safe.



Assorted Facebook Pics, check out all the Homecoming posts on your DACC Facebook Page.

Dues Update

I was hoping that at Homecoming more would have renewed their membership, so the following list would have been smaller. That was the goal with switching when everyone is due and including the envelope you received at Homecoming. At the current date of July 17th, we have 87 who owe dues. Please submit payment either at the meeting on August 3 or mail payment to Lori Komora at 38143 Richland St. Livonia, MI 48150 checks made out to DACC or Detroit Area Corvair Club. If payment isn't received by August 15, you will be dropped until payment is received. (I hope that doesn't happen) At that time we will be recreating a new e-mail list, mail list and e-blast list. ■

Ambrozy	Gerald	Gutherie	Chad	Murray	Stewart
Amsler	Rob	Hamman	Ray	Newill	Len
Angellotti	Tom	Harrison	Mike	Numerick	Allen
Anstine	Bill	Hartzel	Clark	O'Guinn	Phillip
Baker	Charlie	Heath	Rocko	Oostdyk	John
Bluhm	Ron	Hellner	Kyle	Pelham	Rusty
Bramble	Tim	Henk	Michael	Pepke	Ken
Brockman	Nick	Houtman	Al	Reyes	Harold
Burton	Trish	Hunter	Frank	Ronayne	John
Bussard	John	Hurt	Michael	Sanger	Dave
Carbary	Jim	Hutter	Thomas	Scharich	Don
Crawford	Jim			Schesky	Casey
Crawley	Rick	Jennings	Don	Schwartz	Steve
Cutter	Keith	Jennings	Robert	Seibert	Floyd
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Ehrhardt	Stuart	Mann	Jacob	Thomas	Shane
Eichstaedt	Don	Mann	Ron	Thompson	Dennis
Farley	Charles	McAlpine	Brian	Vadovich	Susan
Fish	Dwight	McKean	Randy	Vellner	Bill
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		Monk	John	Ybarra	Al
Greer	Tanja	Munaco	David		

August always seems to bring out the best cruising weather for Corvair owners, with warm evenings perfect for taking these classics out on the road. The late-summer car shows start popping up everywhere, giving Corvairs plenty of chances to shine. It's also the month when many of us finally tackle those lingering garage projects we swore, we'd finish back in spring. Whether it's tuning, polishing, or just enjoying the ride, August and Corvairs always seem to go hand in hand.

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SEPTEMBER

September 11-13, 2026 - [Frankenmuth Auto Fest 2026](#) - Frankenmuth, MI

OCTOBER

October 4, 2026 - [MOTORCITY MODIFIED AUTO CLUB 13th Annual Fall Color Tour](#)

October 17, 2026 - [Shiny Rust Hot Rod Spectacular 2 - Novi, MI](#)

August 1, 2026 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

[Jack Frost Museum Annual Charity Car Show](#)

Jack Frost Auto Museum
Washington, MI, United States

August 2, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Jack's Pub Car Show](#)

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August 3, 2026 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Fun Time Cruzers Monday Night Classic Car Cruise-In](#)

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Warren, MI, United States

August 5, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Downtown Mount Clemens Cruise Night](#)

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August 6, 2026 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Washington Township Culver's Weekly Classic Car Cruise](#)

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August 7, 2026 @ 6:00 pm [Make Gratiot Great Again! Volume 2](#)

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August 7, 2026 @ 7:00 pm [Every Friday Bike & Hotrod Meet](#)

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August 8, 2026 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

[St. Peter Macomb Holy Smokes Car Show](#)

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Macomb, MI, United States

August 9, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Jack's Pub Car Show](#)

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Warren, MI, United States

August 12, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Downtown Mount Clemens Cruise Night](#)

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Main Street
Mount Clemens, MI, United States

August 13, 2026 @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[Pomeroy Sterling Assisted 5th Annual Classic Car Show and Fundraiser](#)

Pomeroy Sterling Assisted
Sterling Heights, MI, United States

August 13, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm [Stahls Rockin' Roll In Cruise Nights](#)

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August 14, 2026 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Warren Old Village Cruise Night](#)

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August 15, 2026 @ 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

[Shelby Fruit Festival Antique & Classic Car Show](#)

Shelby Township Community Park
Shelby, MI, United States

August 16, 2026 @ 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

[9th Annual Monona County Veterans Memorial Car & Bike Show](#)

Romeo Community Center Parks & Recreation
Romeo, MI, United States

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Warren, MI, United States

August 18, 2026 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Petey's Pizzeria Classic Car Cruise-In](#)

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Warren, MI, United States

August 19, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Downtown Mount Clemens Cruise Night](#)

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August 20, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm [Cruise'n Classic Car Show](#)

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St Clair Shores, MI, United States

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August 21, 2026 @ 7:00 pm [Every Friday Bike & Hotrod Meet](#)

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August 24, 2026 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Fun Time Cruzers Monday Night Classic Car Cruise-In](#)

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August 26, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Downtown Mount Clemens Cruise Night](#)

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Utica, MI, United States

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Ask AI: The Secret Life of Michigan Mile Markers

Most of us drive past mile markers without a second glance — those little green signs quietly counting upward as we roll across Michigan. But behind those numbers is a surprisingly quirky history that shaped how we navigate the state today.



Before Mile Markers: Michigan's Road Chaos Era

In the early 1900s, Michigan roads were marked by **private auto clubs, trail associations, and local boosters**. A single post might have **a dozen different symbols** nailed to it. Early motorists had to follow directions like:

“Turn left at the pole with the red triangle, blue circle, and the white buffalo.”

It was confusing, inconsistent, and occasionally hilarious.



1919: Michigan Finally Gets Organized

When Michigan created its **state trunkline system** in 1919, the state finally had a unified way to measure and map roads. This is when mile-by-mile documentation began — the foundation for the mile markers we use today.



1920s: Mile-by-Mile Guides (Before Roadside Markers)

Early road guides didn't use roadside markers yet, but they did measure every route by the mile. Publishers like Mohawk Rubber and Hobbs produced detailed **mile-by-mile elevation and surface guides** for Michigan highways. These were the nerdy ancestors of modern mile markers.



1926: The Federal Highway System Makes Mileposts Official

When the U.S. adopted a national highway numbering system in 1926, Michigan followed federal standards for **uniform mileposts**.

Fun Michigan fact: The iconic U.S. highway shield was designed by **Fred Rogers of Michigan** — meaning Michigan literally helped shape the look of American highways.

This is when roadside mile markers became consistent statewide.

How Michigan Mile Markers Work Today

- Numbers increase **northbound** and **eastbound**
- Many state highways **reset at county lines**
- Interstates **reset at state borders**
- Fractional markers (like **12.5**) appear near interchanges
- They're essential for **911 dispatch**, **MDOT maintenance**, and **traffic engineering**

If you've ever heard a traffic report say "backup at mile marker 153," now you know why.

Michigan Mile Marker Trivia Box

- Michigan has **over 10,000 mile markers** statewide
- Rural markers are often placed using **GPS**, not physical measurement
- On I-75, the numbers tell you exactly how far you are from the **Ohio border**
- On US-2 in the U.P., mile markers help snowplow crews coordinate during blizzards
- The longest continuous stretch of mile markers in Michigan is on **I-75**, running 395 miles from Ohio to Sault Ste. Marie