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

Sometimes, when you stare at a blank page long enough, words seem to appear before you. (right!) September is still Summer so it's too early for Autumn colors (unless you're in the UP) and the regular weekly cruises are winding down. I guess the best thing to do is find a country road and let your Corvair stretch its legs. Some may object because of the price of gas, but our nimble cars are much better than the water pumping classics at getting the most miles out of a gallon. So even if the trees are still green, the road will be the same, and green is a pretty color. Just remember, our Corvairs run best when they are running frequently. This is also the time to think about running for a board position. There are a few members who have served multiple times and there's no reason why some of you can't fill a position. Remember, we'll be voting on a VP AND a President, so go ahead and kick me out of office. LOL See you in September. ■

Labor Day began in the late 19th century as a tribute to American workers and the labor movement. The first celebration took place in New York City in 1882, organized by the Central Labor Union. It became a national holiday in 1894 after growing support for recognizing workers' contributions to the country's strength and prosperity. Today, it marks both a day of rest and the unofficial end of summer. ■

Activities by Pete Koehler

We received an invitation to participate in the weekly Depot Town Cruise Night in Ypsilanti. The [Aug 6th](#) event was supposed to feature the Corvair, so we promoted the event and on a nice [Thursday](#) evening nine Corvairs showed up. Most of us gathered at the Ypsi Museum and awaited the signal to proceed over to Cross Street. The message was to park on the bridge at the far end of Depot Town. We complied and lined up our air-cooled beauties for all to see. Unfortunately, not too many folks walked all the way out to the bridge area to check them out. A few did and we enjoyed talking with those people, but the major activity was back at the other end of Town. Also gathered at the other end of Town was a group of Porsches. They parked right in front of the Sidetrack Restaurant for all to see. I guess we were to share featured marque status with them? At any rate we had a good time with our group. Since it was our youngest member's birthday (his very FIRST birthday!), we were very happy to have Tony and his proud parents Kim and Gary with us. They drove the Lakewood wagon, and it got rave reviews as the Komora's drove through the gathered cruisers to our spot on the bridge. Tony was announced as well since I gave the DJ a heads up before the event started.

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



DACC Membership Report for the September 2026 AIRCOOLER

Submitted August 17, 2026 by Lori Komora

Welcome to our new/renewed member: Bethany
Potter and Glen & Rita Rittenhouse
– many renewed

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:
Everyone who did.

WE HAVE 46 dropped due to non-payment

We have 121 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. ■



Activities continued from page 1.

All in all it was a fun evening. I miss the days when we
could meet at the **Wednesday** night Cruise at St.
Robert's. Seeing nine Corvairs all lined up was great.
We had just about everything Corvair in the line-up; a
1960 coupe driven over by new member Brooklyn
Gerth, the aforementioned Komora Lakewood, the
former Bill Johnson '62 convertible, a stunning '64
Spyder convertible with real Kelsey-Hayes knock-
off wire wheels displayed by Cecil Rollins, the O'Leary's
'65 convertible, the Fabulous Smith Brothers Mark and
Ian in Mark's late coupe, Lori's '66 coupe, Bob
Wittmann's '66 Corsa coupe and Ken Heberling's white
(primer, really?) late coupe.

At the end of the evening the "Cruiser of the Night"
winner was announced as the entire DACC display!
Thanks, guys! That was fitting since the Corvair was
very much a product of Ypsilanti with most of them
being built at the Willow Run plant just a few miles down
the road from Depot Town. As we were leaving, very
slight rain began to fall. I got home without getting wet
with Bill's convertible. Yes, the top stayed up all evening.
I wonder if I'll ever try to lower it down?

Update!! Please include this as a /Update: Since Brenda
Dood missed the special **August 6th** Depot Town Cruise
night with the club she vowed to get to the next one.
And she did! In fact her purple power '63 Greenbrier
(PurpleBrier?) was selected as "Cruiser of the Week" at
the **August 13th** event. Two weeks in a row
Corvairs were recognized in Ypsi. We must be on a
roll!!? ■

**September is the month where summer exhales and fall
quietly steps in. ■**

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8/17/26 Treasury Report by Carol Hairsine

7/17/26 Balance \$16,459.54

Income : Membership \$760.00

50/50 \$140.00

HC late registration \$70.00

HC Garage Squad Pizza Donation \$672.00

Expenses:

Newsletter \$230.63

50/50 Payout \$70.00

Attendance \$10.00

Ken Pepke HC food \$1512.70

Carol Hairsine HC food \$66.00

Awards Inc Dash plaques \$206.25

Wyndham Gardens HC \$2070.58

Lori Komora HC misc. \$841.24

Ken Pepke HC Roaster liners for next year \$20.83

8/17/26 Balance \$13,063.36 ■

DACC August 2026 Meeting Minutes

New Attendees: There were 2 new attendees at the meeting. Larry Galloway (64 Monza Vert) and Paul Konkav (67 Corsa Vert).

A thank you card was sent around for signatures to thank Coca Cola for the donation of soft drinks and water at the Homecoming.

In early June, Bob Maciejewski passed away. The DACC made a donation in his name to the Capuchin Monastery of Detroit per his family's wishes. We sent a letter to the family and received a thank you note. The thank you note was sent around for people to read.

There were 12 Corvairs that were driven to the meeting.

Membership: We have 87 members that are past due. Several paid at the meeting. If we get everyone paid, we will have 164 members. If you are not paid by August 17th, you will be dropped from the roster.

Homecoming: Lori suggested that somebody write an article for the CORSA Communique regarding our annual Homecoming to try to get even better attendance. Adam M volunteered to head up this effort. Adam will be reaching out to people to get a few thoughts that he can then put together into an article. Pete C noted that there were quite a few on-site registrations at Homecoming which brought total attendance up to about 10 less than 2025. He is still crunching all of the numbers, and we expect an update will be coming soon.

Treasury: The balance is \$11,752.82 currently. There are still Homecoming costs to be covered. Also of note was that the Garage Squad covered the Pizza costs at Homecoming.

Board election nominations will be collected at the September meeting. The board election will be at October meeting. There is a minimum of 4 board positions that need to be filled. Don Scharich, current VP, is stepping down. Therefore, we will need nomination for both President, as well as VP. We will also need nominations for Treasurer and Secretary

as Carol, and I will not be running again. The board positions for Membership, Activities, and Newsletter will have current board members running again for these positions along with anyone else that would like to run.

Activities: Pete K listed many August activities, see the Facebook page for details. The activities later in August include Take-A-Part event at Gary K's house in Livonia, and a Golf party at Stewart Cavcey's house in Pickney. There is a proposed drag racing event at Darana Dragway (formerly Milan Dragway) on Wednesday 9/16/26. Several members have 1965 110 PG cars that would be great competition as well as any other cars that would like to attend.

Swap & Sell: Pete K – Shop Manuals \$5-\$10, 65 Monza with Buick V8 \$4K-\$5K, 62 Loadside \$25K (Rob's). Thomas - Misc 3D printed items, he also is designing a phone holder that mounts in the ashtray. Bill V - seat belts. Pete C – 64 4 Dr 500 \$2.5K, 69 Monza coupe \$3.5K, and an upcoming 63 Convertible from Royal Oak.

Attendance: There were 51 people in attendance. The \$10 attendance winner was Rocko Heath. The winner of the Facebook Picture was Kyle Hellner. Kyle will need to get his picture to Kerry Borgne for posting to the site.

50/50: A total of \$130 was brought in. The winner of \$65 was Pete Cimbala.

Remember, next meeting will be on the second Monday of September due to the Labor Day holiday on the first Monday of September.

Ken Heberling – Secretary ■

That Bald Headed Editor



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Pic on DACC Facebook by Kyle Hellner.



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

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

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September 2026 Car Events in Frankenmuth, MI

The 43rd Annual Frankenmuth Auto Fest will take place September 11–13, 2026, featuring thousands of classic cars, a Bavarian street party, and a full weekend of entertainment

Event Overview

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Frankenmuth Auto Fest is one of Michigan's largest classic car gatherings, held annually in the town of Little Bavaria. It's a non-profit fundraiser benefiting local organizations like the Frankenmuth Rotary Club, Lions Club,

American Legion, VFW, and the Michigan Heroes Museum  [Frankenmuth Auto Fest](#). The 2026 edition will draw over 2,500 vehicles from across the U.S. and Canada

Links to other Corvair club newsletters.

<https://www.sfbacorsa.com/>

<http://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter627/newsltr/Aug26PCC.pdf>

<http://www.vv.corvair.org/pipermail/chapters/attachments/20260804/28b0802b/attachment.pdf>

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Let's ask A.I.

The U.S. road system didn't just "appear" — its designations (Interstate, U.S. Route, State Route, County Route) come from **different eras, different agencies, and different purposes**. Here's a clear, structured breakdown of **how each system got its numbering and designation rules**, grounded in authoritative sources.



1. U.S. Numbered Highway System (U.S. Routes)

Created: 1926 **Authority:** AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) **Federal role:** Non-voting USDOT seat; states maintain the roads

Why it was created: Before 1926, roads were marked by private "auto trail" associations — Lincoln Highway, Dixie Highway, etc. The markings were inconsistent and confusing. In 1925, the Joint Board on Interstate Highways proposed a unified national numbering system.

Numbering rules:

- **Odd numbers** = north–south, increasing east → west
- **Even numbers** = east–west, increasing north → south
- Major cross-country routes end in **0** (east–west) or **1** (north–south)
- **Three-digit routes** are spurs or branches of a parent route (e.g., US-421 off US-21)

Who approves changes: AASHTO's Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering.

2. Interstate Highway System (I-nn)

Created: 1956 Federal-Aid Highway Act **Authority:** FHWA + AASHTO **Purpose:** National defense, high-speed mobility, and interregional commerce

Designation rules (legal framework): Interstate designation and numbering procedures are governed by **23 CFR Part 470**, which outlines how routes are added, modified, or classified.

Numbering rules:

- **Odd numbers = north–south**, increasing west → east
- **Even numbers = east–west**, increasing south → north
- Major transcontinental routes end in **0** or **5**
- **Three-digit Interstates** are loops/spurs off a parent Interstate (I-275 off I-75)

Who approves changes: FHWA (Federal Highway Administration), with AASHTO concurrence.

3. National Highway System (NHS)

Created: 1995 National Highway System Designation Act **Authority:** USDOT + Congress **Purpose:** Strategic national network including Interstates, U.S. Routes, major arterials, connectors to airports, ports, military bases, etc.

What qualifies a road for NHS designation: Federal law (23 USC §103) defines NHS routes as those serving:

- Major population centers
- International borders
- Ports, airports, intermodal hubs
- National defense needs
- Interstate/interregional commerce

How routes were chosen: USDOT worked with states, MPOs, and local officials; Congress approved the final network in 1995.

4. State Highway Systems (M-nn, SR-nn, etc.)

Created: Individually by each state (1910s–1930s) **Authority:** State DOTs

How states choose numbers: Every state has its own rules. Common patterns:

- Lower numbers for major cross-state corridors

- Higher numbers for shorter or local routes
- Some states group numbers by region
- Some states mirror U.S. Route or Interstate logic, but many do not

Michigan example: MDOT assigns M-numbers based on historical sequence and regional logic, not a strict grid.



5. County Roads (CR-nn)

Authority: County road commissions **Designation rules:** No national standard — each county chooses its own numbering or lettering system.



Why the systems look coordinated even though they aren't

Because the **Interstate**, **U.S. Route**, and **NHS** systems all use grid-based numbering and federal coordination, they appear unified. But **states own and maintain almost all roads**, and federal involvement is mostly in **funding and designation**, not day-to-day control.



Major September 2026 Cruises & Events (Metro Detroit)



Cars at the Station — Detroit (Corktown)

September 11–12, 2026 Location: Michigan Central Station & Roosevelt Park, Detroit A huge Detroit-based cars-and-culture event with **1,000+ registered cars**, live music, food trucks, tech demos, and family activities. Free to attend.



Macomb St. Clair Mega Cruise (formerly North Gratiot Cruise)

September 26, 2026 — 8 AM to 5 PM Location: 50500 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield Twp (23 Mile & Gratiot) One of Macomb County's biggest cruises: **25,000+ attendees**, full cruise route on Gratiot, car show, food trucks, live music, cornhole tournament, kids zone, and charity fundraising for veterans.

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THE AIRCOOLER

September General Meeting

September 4, 2001 at

the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, at 7:30 PM.

September Board Meeting

September 11, 2001

Location to be announced, but usually starts about 7:30 PM

Miss You ... Guess Where We Are



President Report

Pete Cimballa

By the time you read this I will be sleeping better knowing that Homecoming weekend is here and we are all having fun. All the planning and all the last minute details will have paid off, and our out of town friends will have had another great "trip home" and maybe tell others how much fun one can have here. After we all calm down next month maybe we can try the drive in movie night again, or go to a cruise night while the weather is still nice. I hate to think that summer is almost over, there are far too many projects that never got started and a few that need to get done. I am keeping this short this month so Bob can get the Aircooler out, and still do all the registration work. See you in September.

9/01

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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 Stephensons Hwy., just south of 14 Mile Road.

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* Not a Board Position

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Swap & Sell and More

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**Treasurer's Report for August, 2001**

Jean King

Beginning balance	\$2436.15
Income	1720.00
Sub-total	4156.15
Expenses	1106.43
Ending balance TOTAL	\$3049.72

September chip dip will be \$60.00 9/01**National Corvair Day - October 2**

Dr. Robert Hill

Central Division Director - CORSA and President, North Alabama Corvair Club:

It's official - well not actually but we are trying anyway!! We are aiming to have October 2 as "Drive Your Corvair Today" day all across the US and Canada. The object is to get as many Corvair's out that day as possible and get them in front of folks and show them off. I would like to encourage our chapters to real get behind this by encouraging your members to participate. Any event that will get attention is good (as long as it is legal!). Try a cruise-in that night or a local gathering at the mall. Try to get your members to drive their Corvair to work, the mall or anywhere they may be going that day. I would also like the chapters try to get some media coverage so to get the word out about the Corvair. Also, take pictures of your events so we can share them with CORSA members via the Communique. If we try hard at this I think we can have a lot of fun and also get some great, well deserved PR for the Corvair. (This started as an idea on Virtual Vairs (the internet Corvair group) and has gotten a lot attention and interest so we are asking everyone to pass the word.)

Remember, October 2 - DRIVE YOUR CORVAIR. Mark your calendars and pass the word.

Bob (aka Pastor Bob)

Robert Hill

Central Division Director - CORSA

President, North Alabama Corvair Club

**Tech Tips**

Clark Hartzel

Tired of trying to put oil in your F.C. engine without spilling it?

The stock little trap door in the back just doesn't give you enough room to get it in the tube. I recently replaced the generator on mine with an alternator and gained the ability to put oil into a vertical tube same as the car. Of course to use it you have to remove the screws holding the engine cover down and adding a couple of hinges

to the lid helps greatly. Now I can get at the engine much easier and add oil without needing a funnel.

Best Newsletter Award

Forwarded from Pete Cimbala:

Hi Bob, I forgot to include in my mail last night that Bob Hill our new CORSA director would like to be on our mailing list for the Aircooler. He is going to come up with a "best newsletter" award and would like to keep up with all the news from clubs in his division. With your great work we should be on top of this and win this year!

Another Message from the President Pete Cimbala

Hi All,

Made it here late, lot's of construction and the usual stop and go traffic, sure glad I don't have to drive here everyday. Did not have power at home last night so I could not get online, or do laundry and pack, had to do it this morning. Got out of town at noon in the rain, it quit about Kzoo. Great view out of the 11th floor window, will send a picture later, lot's of nice cars and parts. Have to judge in the morning @ 6:30 when it is cool so we can be done early and have the rest of the day to buy parts and go to meetings. Everyone made it here fine only Harold and his two flats so far. May need a bigger truck for the return trip if Koehler keeps buying things like he did today. May go to the Super Chevy show at the Rt. 66 dragway on Saturday.

More later, Pete

DACC members at the 2001 National Convention.

Looks like several of the DACC contingent who attended the Chicago National Convention were in need of some rest out of the sun. From all the photo that were available at the August Membership meeting, I would say that the Convention was a success.

**Tech Tips**

Clark Hartzel

Horns on '60-'63 Corvair's
fail because dirt and water pack in there from the front tires.

Move them inside the frame rail next to the trunk floor like Chevy did with the '64 Corvair's.



The DACC on Parade

Ken Pepke

Sept 3	Romeo Peach Festival
Sept 8	Saline Parade and Corn Roast
Sept 14	Romulus Festival of Lights Parade
Oct 6 & 7	Huron River Apple Fest
Oct 14	Armada Applefest

ROMEO PEACH FESTIVAL CORRECTION . . . I am very sorry to have to tell you I made a typo error in the directions when I sent it the information for the August issue. I don't know why I typed in 27 Mile Road when it should have been 33 Mile Road. I hope you will be able to pull me out of the fire.

SEPTEMBER PARADES.

Monday the 3rd, Labor Day [I am pretty sure] Please attend the ROMEO PEACH FESTIVAL. From the Detroit area go to Utica then proceed north on M-53 [aka Earl Memorial, VanDyke, Christopher Columbus X-way] to just north of **33 Mile Rd**, where it branches back to Old VanDyke, turn left and proceed to the staging area. I will not know our entry number till after the "Aircooler" is published, but the helpers will direct you. They ask please arrive by noon. It takes quite some time to get the parade underway but that gives us a chance to visit and perhaps meet the governor. Might be an idea to bring liquid refreshments and perhaps a snack. CB's are still fun also.

Saturday the 8th. The **SALINE PARADE & CORN ROAST**. From the Detroit area travel west on I-94 to the Michigan Ave\Saline exit, continue west towards Saline. [Today you can go all the way there without having to do the "Orange Barrel Polka," I don't know if it will be like that in September.] From the north take M-23 south to the Michigan Ave\Saline exit and go west to Saline. The staging area is on the left before downtown, between the funeral home and gas station. This usually has a good DACC turnout. Participants are invited to a hot dog and corn roast right after the parade! Please arrive before noon.

Further September parades will be in the September "Aircooler" as I have no information at this time. Call Ken Pepke if you need further information. *Call: [248] 696-3724 days, [810] 759-4865 evenings or Email: kenpepke@juno.com if you need information about any of the listed parades or if you know a parade that should be included.*

DACC Calendar of Events and Meetings

94	General Meeting - Royal Oak Seniors Center	11/13	Board Meeting - Location to be announced
9/11	Board Meeting - Location to be announced	12/4	DACC Christmas Party/Meeting
10/2	General Meeting - Royal Oak Seniors Center	1/1/02	No General Meeting - watch for more information
10/9	Board Meeting - Location to be announced		
11/6	General Meeting - Royal Oak Seniors Center		

Activities and Special Events - See articles monthly



Secretary's Report

GiGi Debbrecht

Meeting notes for the July 3, 2001 General Meeting.

Meeting called to order 7:55 PM by Pete Cimbala ... **Board Members** who were in attendance, gave their reports ... **Membership** report by Ken hand reported 180 members to date ... **National Convention Bid:** Ken also reported on the DACC bid for the National Convention in 2004. Our bid was declined, as submitted, due to the high rate of the hotel rooms. He will go back to the selected hotel for renegotiation. Our competition, Tulsa, was also declined. They also have until November to resubmit their bid ... **New member,** Jim Redwine attended his first meeting. **WELCOME JIM!** Jim owns a Red '63 Monza Convertible ... **Racing:** Bob Storc's Yanko took second place in the Saturday and Sunday race at the Waterford Hills Race Track ... **At the National,** Elaine Duerden's Greenbrier won first in the stock class at the Autocross ... **Treasurer's Report:** Gene King reported the details of the treasury and the balance as of the beginning of the August meeting ... **Editor,** Bob Greer requested that anyone with an article or ad, please send them to him by the 15th of each month for the publication ... **Homecoming:** Volunteers for Homecoming are still needed. Contact Pete Cimbala. The Saturday Tour may be at either Grosse Isle or Ypsilanti ... **Activities:** Roger asked for ideas for the Fall Color Tour in the West-erly direction ... **50/50** was won by Dave Monaco. He won \$72.00. **WOW!!!!** This was the record for a general meeting win ... **Chip Dip** of \$55.00 was won and lost by Art Quinn. He was not present. The **September Chip Dip** will be \$60.00.

Meeting notes for the July 14, 2001 Board Meeting.

Ten members assembled at the home of Bob and Wilma Greer, to stuff the Homecoming packets and discuss additional homecoming business. Discussions included, how to handle the TOP 25 winners and the Best of Show winners. Pete will send art work to maker of the awards. Planning for Homecoming areas and events followed. Meeting ended at about 10:45 PM.

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Activity Report

Roger Niewolak

Our featured activity for the year is once again upon us ... yes the Detroit Area Corvair Club's annual Homecoming, will be held at the Double Tree Hotel by Detroit Metropolitan Airport the weekend of August 25th. This new venue will be a refreshing change of pace for all who attend, it promises to be a nice time as always only at a larger site. The 17th Annual Milford Car show will be held on September 17th at Milford Michigan of course. Call for further details to: Jeff Saunders 248-685-9854

I am seeking ideas for a) Where the club would like to run our fall color tour this year.....and b) What type-of event would you like for mid-September.....I will post any ideas you may have on the activities page...and we can discuss it at the September meeting....

Roger 810-286-1190.....www.hometown.aol.com/corvairsarecool/

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DACC's bid for the International Convention

We are back from the convention and all that went had a good time. If you have never been to a convention then you missed the perfect opportunity in St. Charles.

I did the proposal to the Board of Directors and I got the Official word the other day, "the bid was not accepted as proposed". The reason was room rates which I knew ahead of time, But I have went to the hotels and told them and I am working on better rates. So far I have a \$99 a night rate which I think might be acceptable. So, we are not dead in the water yet!

The only other Central club to put a bid in was Tulsa, OK. And this is for 2004. They don't go to conventions and have a small club, so I am told. Some of our people go to conventions and we have a rather large club and we do the Homecoming every year, which are all plus's in our favor.

As soon as I get the revised hotel rates I will resubmit the proposal and we will see. If we get the bid we will have to get into HIGH gear and be on top of the game instead of behind it.

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Homecoming 2001

Bob Greer

Please write and tell us what you thought of the Homecoming 2001. We would like your opinion of the overall activity. But, when you tell us, please be specific and explain what you liked or disliked.

As I am writing this, the Homecoming 2001 is a little over a week away and I am positive that it will be a success, as has been the homecoming's in the past. I have already heard some feed back that the old hotel was the perfect place and why are we moving? Well, this isn't the first time we have moved to a new location and each time, it has been for the better. The other times, we had adverse comments for the first function at the new location, but give it a chance and I am sure this location will be even better than any of the hotels in the past. For those who have received their Aircooler here at the Homecoming 2001 event, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you. I also would you stop by the Registration Room to say hello. I plan to spend most of my time there to answer any questions you might have. But if I can't, don't get upset. I will try to find someone who knows more then me.... and that won't be difficult. Hey Pete, Clark, Ken, Harold, Ken, John, Jerry, Abe, Auhhhhhhhh??? Oh yes, the other Pete, if you are here. (Now I did it. I know there are so many more who can help, but I have brain fade and don't remember the rest.)

Have a GREAT time here, this DACC Homecoming 2001 week end.



Director's Update for August

Dr. Robert Hill

As I promised earlier, I want to keep all the chapters in my division up-to-date in activities within CORSA. Below is my update for August. I would like to get this to as many of your members as possible and if feasible, printed in your newsletter. Thanks

Bob

Robert Hill

Central Division Director

Corvair Society of America

The 2001 Convention is now history but what a week it was. We could not have asked for better weather and the events were well organized and had many participants in each event. As you probably already know the 2002 Convention will be held in Flagstaff, AZ and the CORSA Board has conditionally awarded the 2003 Convention to be held in Carlisle, PA.

One of the topics which the Board discussed this year was the membership status of CORSA. As you probably read in my column in the August Communiqué, our membership is declining. The rate may not be as rapid as in the past but any decrease is a threat to CORSA's future. Due to the membership situation I have proposed a few items to the Board for consideration - both to gain new members and to award those who have been faithful to CORSA. Here is a summary of my proposal.

1) Student Membership

a. Open to full-time students 15-25 years of age (my thoughts about the age 15 is to get them as they are starting to get into cars - this also assumes that the student's parents are not members of CORSA since they would already be covered under the family membership)

b. No pre-requisite to own a Corvair - just an interest in Corvair's

c. Membership dues would be \$24 per year - includes all membership privileges including Communiqué

d. Must present current Student ID card upon initial application as well as with each renewal

e. No 26 month membership available

f. Must join a local chapter (if one in area) within 6 months of joining CORSA or membership rate increases to current rate

g. Upon continuous membership (minimum of 3 years), first year after school completion or reaching age 26, membership dues would increase to \$30 for that year only and then increase to the standard membership rate thereafter. Also would receive some tangible gift (i.e. Tech Guide, etc.).

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2) Membership Drive for 2002

"I'll Get 2 in 2002" This will be a membership drive whereby each member is encouraged to sign up 2 new members in the year 2002. What we would need to determine is what reward the members get for actually getting two new members. I propose something like a free Tech Guide, Tech Guide Supplement, Beginner's Manual, Membership Roster or a 25% discount on any other CORSA merchandise (no combinations – just one of these) plus recognition in the Communiqué. I realize 2 new members each does not sound like much but when you multiply it by the number of members we currently have and take the average that only 10% of the members would actively participate (thus 530 members) that equals 1060 new members. Plus 2 members should not be that difficult to get – especially out of our local chapters. This is a goal that most folks would view as obtainable.

3) Regular Membership

I realize that some folks join CORSA without any interaction from current members and may not fall into one of the two above categories. So what do we do for them? I propose that anyone who is a new members (new being defined as non-renewal thus could be a returning member who let their membership lapse over the past years – there would need to be sufficient time lapsed however to qualify as a returning member – a couple of months would not be sufficient in my opinion.) that if the person signs up for the 26 month term that we offer them a Tech Manual, Supplement, Beginner's Manual or 25% discount on CORSA merchandise as a reward. This would hopefully motivate the person to sign up for 26 months verses the 12 month thus we get them for an extended period of time and hopefully will keep them.

4) Current Members

a. How do we recognize those who have been faithful members of CORSA for an extended period of time? I have some thoughts:

i. "10 year membership pin" – Small "hat type" pin that has the CORSA logo in the middle with 10 YEAR at the top and MEMBER the bottom. They could wear it on their jackets, hats, etc.

ii. "20 year membership pin" – same as 10 year, except 20 YEAR at the top. Member would also receive a nice wood plaque for their home or office (with room for additional year tabs for future years) and recognition in the Communiqué.

iii. Additional year membership pins at 25 years, 30 years, etc. Hat pin similar to above with the year of course changed, a 25 YEAR (or whatever the appropriate year) tab to add to their plaque, recognition in the Communiqué and their choice of any item of CORSA merchandise free of charge.



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The Board is still discussing these items and I am not sure if they will all pass or not but I feel that this will at least get us thinking of what we need to do to build/retain membership. If you have any ideas, feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the front of the communiqué each month.

Keep Driving the 'Vair,

Bob Hill

Central Division Director, CORSA

Membership Report:

Ken Hand

NOTICE:

To the following people; **THIS IS YOUR LAST AIRCOOLER!**
Walter & Marian Euesden, Rex & Sue Hamil, Joe & Andrea Kelava.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE NEXT;

Elaine Duerden, Craig & Lisa Freshwater, Henry Lannoo, Jerry Roberts, Bill Van Fleteren, Mark & Lea Wilson.

THESE PEOPLE STILL HAVEN'T RENEWED FROM JULY;

Mike & Joan Harrison, Jeff Logan, Dave Newell.

THE AUGUST LIST IS STILL LONG!

Arron, Geffre, Goodrich, Gruetzmacher, Hartman, Homer, Kendal, Kem, Koch, Lippert, McFarland, O'Connor, Parker, Ralph, Riddens, Spies, Spies, Woodland.

YOUR SEPTEMBER DUES CAN BE PAID NOW!

Adams, Anderson, Christ, Darnell, Dehonda, Dexter, Dollaway, Joyes, Kirkman, Luther, McKee, Stan Mucha, Parij.

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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. (248) 613-8586
Email: Vair Mech@aol.com Annual Membership dues are \$15.00