



DAYTON Corvair



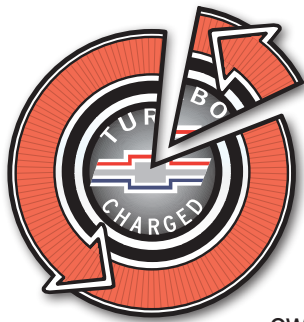
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OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at Marion's Piazza located at 3443 North Dixie Dr. in Dayton. This location is just west of the Wagner



Ford exit on I-75. North Dixie is a divided road with Marions located on the southbound side. Coming from I-75 one needs to make a right hand turn at North Dixie and then do a U-turn to get to Marion's. We meet at our regular 6:30 PM. The club will buy the pizza.

You are responsible for your own drinks and anything else. Our pizza meetings have been a family affair, so bring the kids and grand kids. Remember, this is a five Tuesday month. The meeting is Tuesday October 24, not the 31st.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITY

There is no special activity planned for November other than the convention meeting with CORSA on November 11 and the regular club meeting on November 28. Get ready for the Christmas party in early December.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our yearly club Christmas party will take place on Saturday December 9 at the Company 7 BBQ in Englewood. It will be a luncheon from 11-4 rather than our evening supper event. We will have a separate party room for our event. We need to decide on the menu, probably at the October club meeting, and Darcy need a head-count by the end of November. So save the date.

DAYTON CONVENTION MINUTE

Our meeting of the Corvair convention planning started off with those present: Kevin Clark, Verle McGillivray, Glenda and Mike Bayman, Allison and Greg Hanlin, Gary, Shawn and Kevin Funkhouser, Jim Stukenborg, Darcy and Duane Baker. On-line included Larry Claypool, Cindy Simon and Jim Schmidt. Thank you to all our attendees!!

Kevin, our convention chairman, started off by reading an email from Scott Severson from Wisconsin, titled:

Lessons Learned regarding the Wisconsin Dells convention. This email included how much the trophies cost. We have been told we need up to 130 trophies for the Concourse event, Car Display, Economy Run, Road Rally, Autocross, and so on. We discussed having a wooden shape of Ohio with lasered engraving, or a square wooden sign with a lasered shape of Ohio. The Cincinnati club is in charge of the trophies for the Car Display with plans for Top Five awards. A more elaborate trophy would be needed for Ed Cole, Bill Mitchell, Don Yenko, and Best of Show awards. Corsa takes care of Newsletter awards for top club newsletters and website.

Regarding registration, it is being indicated we do an early registration taking place on Sunday afternoon for up to 4 hours with 3 lines: Pre registered - no changes, on site, and Pre registered - with changes. A member of Corsa will be helping us through this process. Those helping from the Dayton club include, Darcy, Susan, Angie, Beverly, Glenda, and Mike.

The discussion of the model car display- placing the awards next to the car model. A team of 4-5 people will be put together to find sponsors. Each sponsor will have their logo in the program. The cost of a fly over 3 times during the Concourse event will cost \$1000.00. By sharing the host hotel with the Impala club, we'll be checking with them for their help in the cost.

Kevin is working with Eva McGuire, who's been in touch with owners of Corvair powered airplanes to fly in for a day. Hopefully we'll have some planes come fly to Wright Patterson Air Force Base at the AF Museum and anyone can have their pictures taken with their car's by the planes.

Other activities will possibly include attending a Dayton Dragons game or La Comedia showing The Wizard of Oz.

Kevin and Darcy will be working together writing 4-5 articles for the Communique inviting Corvair lovers to come to the convention. ...continue on page 2

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DAYTON CONVENTION MINUTE ...continued

On November 10, several Corsa members and directors will be arriving in Dayton at the host hotel. They will see where it has been decided to have the registration, car display, hospitality, banquet, indoor and outdoor vendors, meeting and tech sessions rooms. On November 11, at 8:30am all event leaders are to come and report the progress you've made.

Lastly, our Corvairborne meetings are for everyone to attend in person or on-line. Even if you are not a leader of an event, we still can listen to input. As they say "It takes a village" ..."All hands on deck"... you are all welcome! We are trying our best to keep our meetings to an hour.

Darcy Baker
Secretary

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The regular club meeting came to order by our President Shawn Funkhouser, welcoming all in attendance. Those present included: Shawn Funkhouser, Gary Funkhouser, Pat Kirgan, Greg Hanlin, Angie Chaffins, Verle McGillivray, Jim Stukenborg, Ron Reitz, Jim Schmidt, Craig Puthoff, Kevin Clark, Mike Gitzinger, Shawn Gitzinger and Darcy Baker. We were unable to have an on-line version tonight due to Duane Baker was working. Craig surprised us with pulled pork sandwiches to share. Thank you Craig!

Our Vice President Verle McGillivray reported that a 68 Corvair and lots of parts were for sale by Diane Timko. Gary and Shawn will take a look at what she has and get back to everyone. Verle unfortunately reported not much has changed with his car rebuild.

Secretary Darcy asked previous minutes be approved as per the newsletter.

Treasurer Angie Chaffins reported our previous balance was \$1418.63, not much activity this month with new balance of \$1424.66.

Membership Paul Huelskamp was not present but we are very pleased to have two new members!! Kevin Funkhouser and Darrell Biddlestone. You are welcomed and look forward to getting to know you and seeing your Corvair!

Newsletter Jim Stukenborg had no corrections to add to the newsletter.

At this time Shawn started the discussion on the nominating committee which will include Vice President Verle, Treasurer Angie and Mike Gitzinger. The new officers will be voted on at the Christmas party but for

now it is suggested, due to the upcoming convention that we should keep the officers as they are for one more year. VP Verle did announce he was resigning his office, but Craig Puthoff stated he was interested in this position.

Activities Kevin Clark reminded us of the Vair Affair on October 7, 2023 at the Funkhousers shop in Centerville from 11-3. Please check the website to see who is bringing what. We are to bring our own table service, drinks and a dish to share. Our club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers.

We then had a lengthy discussion of our Christmas party, whether to use Kohler Catering or try to find a location that might save us some \$\$\$. Thanks to Greg Hanlin for finding a room for up to 100 people at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood at no charge, but we would pay for a buffet style setting. After many phone calls with the manager at Company 7 and discussion between Shawn and Kevin, Darcy secured this room with a \$100.00 deposit for December 9, 2023 for a luncheon from 11-4. Price should be around \$10-\$15 per person. We need to decide on the menu and let Company 7 know soon. We will be able to bring our own dessert which will help keep the cost down. Hope we all keep this date available. We can enjoy each others company for lunch and if need be, do some Christmas shopping on our way home.

Angie is hoping we pay our dues prior to our Christmas party so she can enjoy her afternoon by not working.

Darcy had contacted Patty Demeter from the Cincinnati club about making a quilt to win at the convention. She graciously accepted!! Please bring any Corvair shirts you'd like to see used in this quilt. If you can bring them to the Vair Affair or any meeting Darcy will make sure Patty receives them. Also...Greg said his wife Allison would be making another quilt of past convention shirts only. Please look thru your stash of shirts and lets get them to these ladies to help them get started.

A huge THANK YOU to both Patty and Allison for your special talents, you both are appreciated for your hard work.

Our next Corvairborne meeting after the Vair Affair is October 10 at 6:30 pm at the Justice Center in Vandalia. All are welcome to attend these meetings! The next regular club meeting is October 24 at Marion's Piazza on N Dixie Drive at 6:30pm.

The 50/50 amount collected was \$25.00 with Shawn winning \$12.50. He graciously donated this \$\$ back to the club.

Respectfully submitted
Darcy Baker - Secretary



OCTOBER VAIR AFFAIR REVIEW

Our Vair Affair went off without a hitch on October 7, 2023. A huge thank you to Bev, and the Funkhouser trio of Gary, Shawn and Kevin – one of our newest members, for setting up their shop with tables and chairs and for their grilling skills! Even though the temperature was in the low 50's, we all shared delicious food and warm fellowship.

We had a really great turnout this year with those in attendance: Jim Stukenborg, Jim Schmidt, Cindy and Doug Simon, Angie Chaffins, Verle McGillivray and Mariann, Sharon and Gary Williams, Kevin Clark, Patti and Tom Hunt, Mike Gitzinger and his son Mike came a little later, Pat Kirgan, Craig Puthoff, Greg Toft, Debbie and Darrell Biddlestone – one of our newest

members, Mike Bayman, Gary Hawkins, a friend of Gary Funkhouser from his Delco years, Darcy and Duane Baker and a couple, Jennie and Steve Dragoo, from West Jefferson area who came to relive their Corvair memories. We missed those that were unable to attend this year, hopefully all our members will be able to come to our meetings and our upcoming Christmas party on December 9, 2023 at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood.

Everyone enjoyed browsing the lineup of beautiful cars displayed on the lawn. The Williams drove with their top down and Angie rode her motortrike – very brave souls! A few cars needed a little TLC from the drive, thank goodness Shawn and Gary could lend them their expertise to ensure a safe drive home.

Darcy Baker - Secretary



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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| 10.24.23 | Club meeting at Marion's in Dayton - 3443 N. Dixie Drive - 6:30PM |
| November | |
| 11.11.23 | Committee meeting with Corsa at Marriott at U of D - 1414 S. Patterson Blvd. - 8:30AM |
| 11.14.23 | Convention committee meeting in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM |
| 11.28.23 | Club meeting in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM |
| December | |
| 12.09.23 | Christmas dinner at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood - 11AM-4PM |
| 12.12.23 | Convention committee meeting in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM |



CONVENTION UPDATE

We really thought we had it all together with a four-day convention week format. It was a very well thought out plan. It was efficient and it fits just right when following the results from the survey taken after the 2023 convention in Dells, Wisconsin. And what didn't we catch? The results of the survey took place after the contract had been signed. We are checking with the hotel if they would allow an adjustment in the contract for a shorter week.

Going back to the preliminary five-day convention plan, the banquet is moved from Thursday to Friday night, and this left a huge hole to fill. We needed to get creative so everyone would stay one day longer. We may have come up with an answer to that.

Nearly all requirements are met making it possible for an aviation event. We now are inviting the Vairplanes to come. I've been calling the Corvair powered airplanes that. They can land and be on display at the Air Force Museum and only Corvairs would be permitted to park with the Vairplanes and get their pictures taken. This event would occur on Friday the day of the banquet. We are hoping at least three would be interested in coming and there are still details that need to be ironed out. The OshKosh Fly-In event is the same week of our convention and chances are slim we get as many to come here instead.

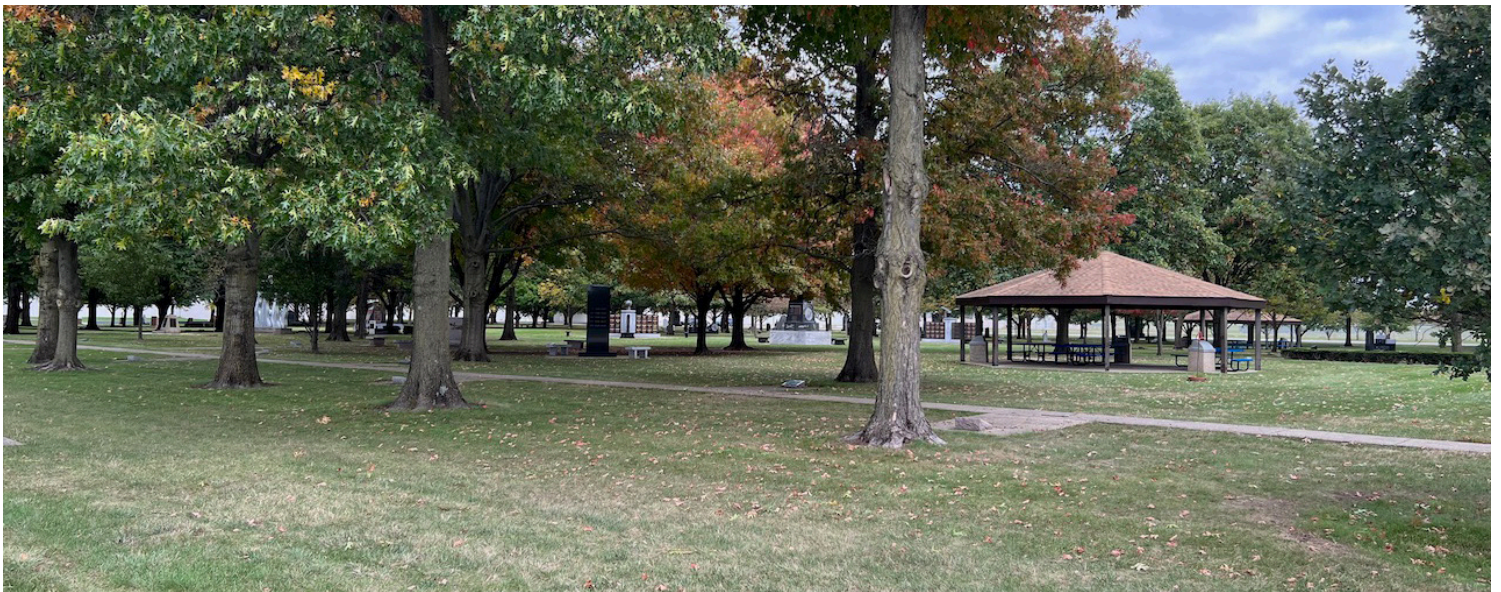
If none of the Vairplanes accept our invitation, we can still gather at the Air Force Museum with a picnic. There is plenty of shades and several shelters and you are surrounded by monuments. This picnic will give you a

chance to catch up where you left off from the Air Force Museum dinner tour from earlier in the week. Their world class gift shop, the Imax Theater, and the flight simulators would be open. These are attractions you might want to accomplish on your bucket list before your trip home.

The Dayton Dragons baseball game is another choice in our line-up. The Dragons will be playing home game all week from Tuesday through Sunday. We can get group tickets and a bus for 56 passengers. We have Corsas blessing, and it is up to us to make it an official event.

Soon we should be soliciting for sponsors. I have created several full-page ads that would be printed in our program. What these pages need are logos from sponsors. Their support will help defray the cost for museum rental, catering, and other expenses associated with the convention activities. These full-page ads can also be enlarged and printed on a large foam core sign and be displayed throughout the convention week. Once we decide on how much to charge for ad placements, I can provide samples and order forms. There is a sample in one of the following pages.

Another great way to promote sponsorships is the use of "yard signs". I would like to let all Corvair club members know they have an opportunity to show their support by purchasing a yard sign. With their donations, their club logo gets printed on one of these yard signs and staked into the ground. All the signs can be displayed around the perimeter at our Welcome Party. Afterward they may choose to move and place their own sign with their group site and their cars. At the end of the convention, they may take their yard signs home with them.



A partial view of the outdoor picnic area at the Air Force Museum.

CONVENTION UPDATE...CONTINUED

We have two club members stepping up to take care of the banquet and they could use some volunteers. I am still looking for someone to be in charge of tech sessions and parking. Could that be you? Just drop me a line for details.

As a reminder, we have a very important meeting with the Corsa representatives. This is our only face to face meeting with them before the convention. All activity leaders are strongly encouraged to meet at the host hotel November 11 at 8:30AM. They are here to help each one of you. They will want to know how far along you are with your activity plan. They will guide you and set a planned task to complete so that we will be ready in time hosting the convention. Have a list of questions you may have

and a list of expected expense you may incur so they can set up a budget. Any volunteers are welcome to attend this meeting.

In case you have forgotten, the location is Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 South Patterson Blvd. Dayton 45409. Our meeting is in the Kettering Room. When you enter the hotel, turn immediately to the right. You will walk through the dining area. Go all the way through and you should see us in the room at the far end of the hall.

There is still so much to discuss but I'll take a break here. I'm way past my deadline getting this newsletter out to you.

Kevin Clark
Convention Chair



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LOWERING THE FRONT OF A LATE MODEL CORVAIR

Want to go with the current trend to lower the front of your car? According to Corvair Center poster and mechanic, "Dave Motohead", it is Ok to cut one coil from the spring. You can flatten the bottom some where it rests on the lower A frame of the suspension, if you wish. Make sure that you leave at least a 1/4 inch gap so the cut end does not contact the end of the spring pocket on the A frame or it can cause a squeak as the suspension moves.

Corvair Center poster "isucorvair" says that cutting 2 coils will lower the car too much unless you are going to race it, as he says it drags on a lot of things.

Note that shortening the spring will make it a little stiffer and may affect the ride.

CORVAIR OIL FILTERS

According to Corvair Center poster, Jim Brandberg, Clark's is out of Corvair filters. Wix filters have had a good reputation with a lot of car people. According to Jim, NAPA filters are made by Wix. The current cost of a Corvair filter at NAPA is \$13.39. One possible problem is that according to poster "irfgt", Wix has been sold to Mann. Hopefully, there will be no change in quality.

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Directions to the club meeting at:

Vandalia Justice Center -

Coming from the east the Justice Center is just down the side road from the Wendy's restaurant that is located on Rt-40 just west of the Vandalia exit from I-70. This side road at Wendy's is James Bohanan Dr. The street address of the justice center is 245 Bohanan Dr. From the west turn left at the BP station turn right on J.E. Bohanan Dr. The Justice Center door is on the east side of the building. Go in the side door and through the door to the dispatch center. The meeting room is to the left past the dispatcher. A public parking lot is available at the corner of James E. Bohanon Dr. and Maple St. behind the bank and some street parking is available. Note: The room is on the west side of the building. If some of the club members are already there you may be able to enter through the side door to the room. They can let you in or may have the door blocked open.

Vandalia Historical Society Meeting House/Shelter -

It is only 2 minutes from the Justice Center. It is located at 336 East Alkaline Springs Road. From the Justice Center (or I-75) drive west on National Road to the Dixie Drive Highway intersection. Turn left (south) onto Dixie Drive and continue on Dixie to the stoplight at Elva Court then continue on Dixie to the next street on your left (just past the Vandalia-Butler High School), and turn left (east) onto East Alkaline Springs Road. You will see the City Art Park on your right and just past the park is a long wood picket fence in front of the Society property. Turn right into the driveway and drive back around the barn to the parking area and the Meeting House / Shelter. There are restrooms in the Meeting House if needed. It would be a good idea to bring your mask for that additional step of protection.



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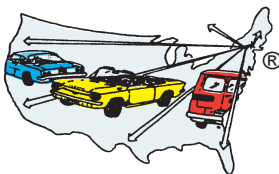
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