



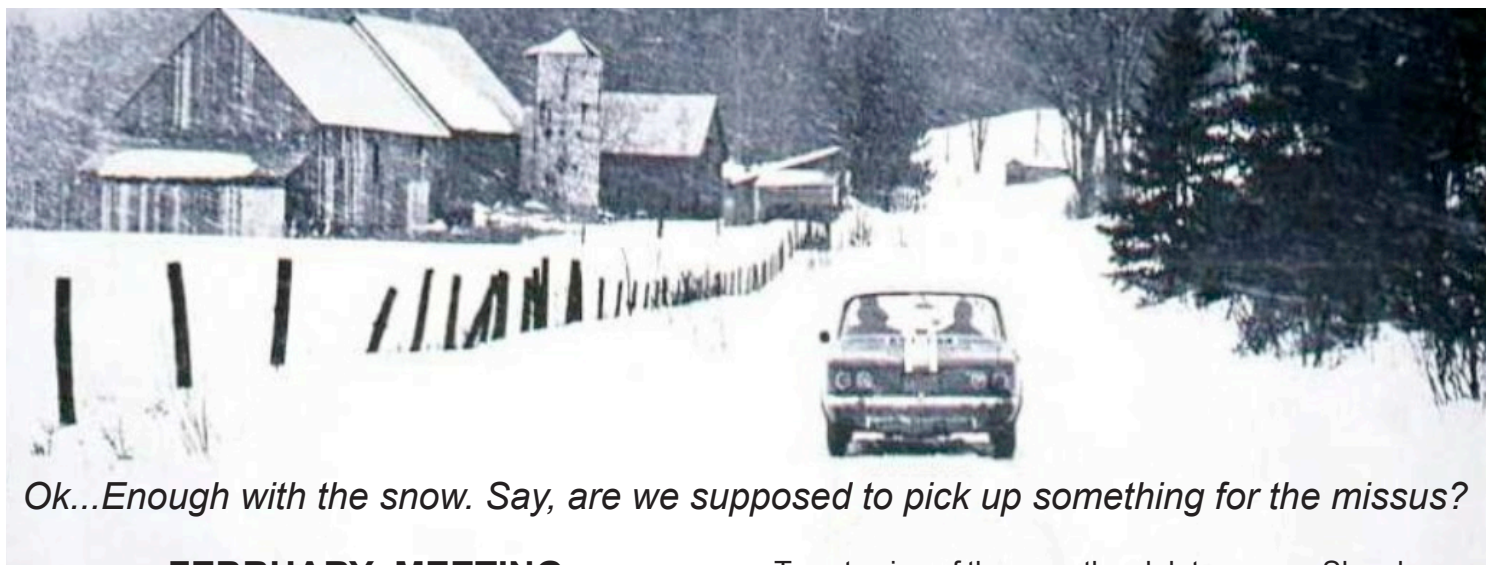
DAYTON Corvair



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Ok...Enough with the snow. Say, are we supposed to pick up something for the missus?

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at the Vandalia Justice Center, our old regular place before the Covid-19 virus came on the scene. The meeting will take place on Tuesday Feb 23 at our usual time of 6:30 PM. If you are not the first one there the west side door should be open. First one there has to come in through the lobby. The directions to the Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter.

AGGIE MOYER

With a heavy heart we have to announce that our dear member is no longer with us. Aggie passed away at Hospice of Dayton on Monday February 15. Aggie attended the club meetings this past summer that were held at the Vandalia Historical Society but this fall her health took a turn for the worse and she ended up in a nursing home up until about two weeks ago when she was transferred to Hospice of Dayton. All of our long time members are aware of the amount of time and effort that Aggie put into the club for more than 30 years.

Twenty nine of those as the club treasurer. She also was the Christmas party organizer, driving to the Vandalia area early in the new year to secure our favorite Metro Park shelter for the summer "Vair Affair", staffing the registration table at our events that required that, running the 50/50 drawings at every meeting and many events. Her meticulous handing of the club financial records kept the banking organization on it's toes less they make a mistake in our account. *Continued on page 4*



CLUB DUES RENEWAL

This is a second reminder to renew your dues. If you haven't already, please make the check out to Dayton Corvair Club. Dues for CORSA members is \$12 and for non CORSA members \$15. The reason for the difference is the CORSA charge to each club. This charge covers the insurance that CORSA has to cover accidents that may occur during club events.

Send the dues check to: Jenny Dranschak, 1328 Cornish Dr. Vandalia, OH 45377. Make sure you make the check out to DAYTON CORVAIR CLUB, not to Jenny.

Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile.

To join visit: www.corvair.org.





JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 1/26/2021 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

Location: Internet meeting using Skype

Attendees: Shawn Funkhouser, Gary Funkhouser, Jennie & Joe Dranschak, Jim Stukenborg, Kevin & Susan Clark, Dennis & Betty Kugler, Greg Hanlin and Valerie Norman.

Welcome: President Shawn Funkhouser welcomed all to the meeting. We had some conversation about Aggie Moyer and her health and where she is staying. Greg said his wife Allison is doing some COVID help at nursing homes and Aggie was getting around with a wheel chair. Shawn also shared that CORSA has information about some improvements in membership benefits. Shawn also referenced a Corvair Basics book that we need to get more information about the exact title. CORSA may have it available for purchase. It was also mentioned that we are still in need of a Club Vice President. Our Vice President does not have to attend every meeting. Please consider offering to fill this Club position.

Secretary: Joe did not have any new minutes to report on.

Treasurer: Jennie reported information for the period since October and had information about the year-end summary but wanted to put more detail to all this information so this will be brought up to date at the February meeting.

Membership: Paul was not on the Skype meeting so we had no new information.

Newsletter: Jim did not have any newsletter updates.

Activities and General Business: We had several items for discussion.

Joe mentioned about having a reminder in the next newsletter about membership dues. Normally we have many members that renew their membership at the annual Christmas Dinner but that was canceled. It was decided we would remind members in the newsletter about mailing their 2021 dues to the Treasurer.

Kevin informed us he gave a \$50 bill for the Mustang Tour (this was previously approved by the Club).

The Columbus 'Vair Force Club informed us they are planning the 2021 Mid-Ohio Meet for June 12th. More information to come.

Joe was informed that the Vandalia Justice Center is

available and reserved for our Club meeting Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30PM.



We had some discussion about the Club Facebook account and we think that Loretta Petty is still the administrator for the account. Shawn will verify this.

Valerie Norman, of the Friends of Corvair Club in Akron/Canton, shared that the Zanesville Airport will celebrate a 50-year "Wings & Wheels" event August 14th and they want to feature a Corvair-engine Airplane at the event.

Joe mentioned he thought he saw a Corvair in a recent television commercial about the "American Pickers" series.

Greg mentioned he thought Jim might be the oldest member of the Corvair Center Forum.

Greg suggested we consider having a Tech Session at Gary's Barn sometime in the next few months just to get members out and active again.

50/50: We did not have a 50/50.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Shawn, seconded by Joe and we did about 7:45PM.

FROM THE E-MAIL BOX

Club member Dale Thompson sent an email attaching a page out of a catalog from Replicarz. Replicarz sells small scale cars and one of them is a 1/43 scale Corvan.





HISTORY HAPPENS

At our February, 2016 Club meeting we decided we would add a history article to our newsletter under the heading "History Happens." This article is from a "Motorious" website and we can't include the actual copyright video but you can check it out with the link at the bottom of the Credits.

IS THE CORVAIR REALLY UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED?

For many Americans, and even those living abroad, the Chevrolet Corvair still represents a dangerous, irresponsible vehicle. The unique rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive car that hails from the US of A has been thoroughly villainized and many blame Ralph Nader's book "Unsafe At Any Speed" for what they claim is a mischaracterization. That's what makes the video attached to this article so interesting, because it shows GM testing out the Corvair's handling in the early 60s.

Many people still believe the Chevy Corvair is a death trap. It's like they think General Motors didn't bother testing the car out at all before unleashing it on an unsuspecting public. The belief is that the fundamental design of the Corvair is faulty, even though GM purposely patterned it after European competitors in a bid to woo shoppers, who might consider something German or British instead of an American car.

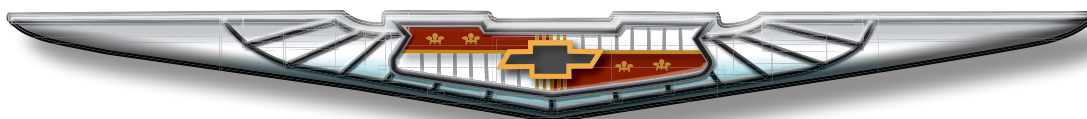
Almost nobody seems to know that in 1972 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concluded, after an investigation, that the rear suspension on 1960-1963 Chevrolet Corvairs didn't substantially lead to a loss of control for drivers, even though the claim was that it did.

The other big tale about the Corvair was that it was more likely to roll than other vehicles during emergency maneuvering. You can see this tested out by GM in the video, well before the claims, and come to your own conclusions. However, NHTSA's investigation found the rollover risk in the Corvair was no greater than in other cars.

For Corvair enthusiasts, the fact their beloved car has been unrightfully demonized is just too much. That's why they organized a "Corvair Vindication Day," which seemingly didn't happen in July of 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The gathering of Corvair enthusiasts and supporters was supposed to take place at the "American Museum of Tort Law" in Winsted, Connecticut.

NOTE: Corvair Vindication Day - The rally itself is an attempt to get Nader's "American Museum of Tort Law," which is a real thing, to forfeit ownership of a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair, or at least include the NHTSA's correction to its display. The movement is the brainchild of Nick Gigante, whose grandfather Frank Winchell reportedly led Chevy's R&D team while the company was trying to defend the vehicle, according to AutoBlog. For him, it's a personal fight, as well as an ideological one. After calling the museum's Corvair a "prisoner," Gigante said, "I haven't made peace with Nader, I haven't buried the hatchet. I can't let that go." Balancing his ethos with a healthy dose of logos, he also stated that the car shouldn't be housed in Nader's Tort Museum, because " a tort has to be for a faulty product that hurts somebody, but there's no actual tort on the Corvair."

Credits: <https://www.motorious.com/articles/news/chevy-corvair-handling-footage/>



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES	
2/23/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
6/12/21	Mid-Ohio Meet - Vairforce hosting - More info to follow

AGGIE MOYER ...continued

According to Clara, Aggie's younger sister, Aggie grew up a little south of Dayton in the Kings Mills area where Kings Island is located. Kings Mills was the company town for the King Powder Company, a manufacturer of cartridges and used a lot of gunpowder. Their dad ran a general store in that area and the family all helped to run the store which also had gas pumps out front.

Aggie became a member of the club because of her husband Bob had a Corvair. She was working at WPAFB when she met Bob at a roller rink. When the club was looking for someone to take over the treasurer's job Bob said "well Aggie can do it". Aggie was too nice to say no.

name and Aggie responded with "and he had those big biceps". As Reds fan know Ted always wore his baseball shirts with the sleeves cut off.



Bob and Aggie wedding picture from Feb 11, 1956

Clara, who is seven years younger than Aggie, said that Aggie was a big fan of Ted Kluzuski of the Cincinnati Reds and baseball in general. Clara said that near the end when she was visiting Aggie at hospice and Aggie was not remembering much Clara mentioned Ted's



Aggie at the Planning Meeting at Marion's Jan, 2019



Aggie at Christmas Party and Dayton Dragons game 2019



Aggie and younger sister Clara

KC VAIRBRUSH WEBSITE TO CLOSE

The website your webmaster had used to store images of his work is closing down. Most of Kevin's images are Corvair related designs printed on T-shirts and awards. There are numerous portfolios on the website and his work of art are done in silkscreen, airbrush, and computer aided graphics for sublimation. The hosting website Picture Trail will close February 28. You can view Kevin's work here: <http://www.picturetrail.com/kcvairbrush>



TECH TIPS

Tech Tips are to be used as a guide only. No guarantee is implied that the tech tips will work correctly, nor does the Dayton Corvair Club, the editor, or the author assume any liability.

COPPER OR STEEL FOR CORVAIR HEAD GASKETS (?)

There was a discussion on Corvair Center about which head gaskets to use for Corvair engines. If you are not familiar these are individual round rings that fit down in the cylinder pocket in the head. Poster, Dave "Motohead", who has made a lot of U-Tube videos on Corvair work says that he has never seen a copper gasket fail but has seen lots of steel gasket failures. Ken Hand who does Corvair work says he does not use copper. So I checked with our own resident expert Gary Funkhouser. Gary says he uses copper for racing and steel for street cars. One reason Gary uses copper for racing is the gasket can be reused after annealing, since tightening down the head, work hardens the copper. The steel gasket is a folded item that once it is compressed it can't be reused.

As a side note Clark's says to place the flat side of a steel gasket against the the head. [ED note] This will spread the surface over a larger area of the aluminum head. If you have torn down a Corvair engine you know that the steel gasket tends to leave an indentation on the softer aluminum surface. If you do not have this sealing area resurfaced a copper gasket is more likely to seal against the indented surface.



DASH GAUGE GROUND STRAP

If one has a dash gauge problem the first recommendation is to check the dash ground. The ground for the gauges is through a strap that is held in place with one of the dash mounting screws.

The accompanying picture is of a Corsa dash but the Monza strap is at the same location. The location is the first screw to the left of the steering column at the bottom of the dash. Note that it is held to the dash by a couple of plastic fingers. Make sure you have a clean screw and no rust on the structure to which the dash is attached.



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.

*We are on the web! To join the Dayton Corvair Club and CORSA visit:
<http://daytoncorvairclub.wix.com/daytoncorvairclub>*



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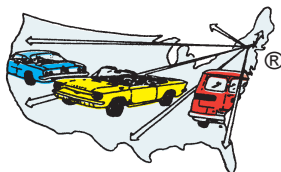
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