



DAYTON Corvair



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YESTERYEAR... September 2010. The DCC hosted the Ronald McDonald House of Dayton Cruise-In. Club members and other volunteers are greeted by Heater the Dayton Dragon macot.

pizza meetings. The date is Tuesday March 26. The activity/meeting will take place at Marion's Piazza on North Dixie Dr. at 6:30 PM.

APRIL ACTIVITY

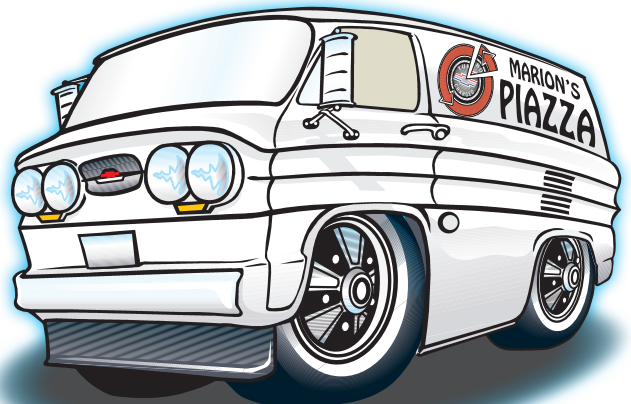
The club activity for April takes place on Saturday April 27 with our yearly tour of D & D Classic Restorations in Covington, Ohio. We plan to start the tour at 10:00 AM. After the tour of D & D we will head to Buffalo Jack's in Covington for lunch. We plan to be at lunch at 11:45. We usually gather at the Meijer's store on Rt-48 just south of I-70 and caravan to D & D leaving at 9:15AM. It's fun if we have some Corvairs in the group. Hope the weather is good. We will do that again unless there is no interest. Check the next newsletter.

MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at Marion's Piazza at 3443 North Dixie Dr. in Dayton. The meeting takes place on Tuesday March 26th. Time is 6:30 PM. The club will pick up the cost of the pizza. Drinks and anything else are the individual's responsibility. We will order the pizza, start the meeting, take a pizza break, and then finish the meeting. This is a family affair so bring the kids or grand kids. Lets get them interested in Corvairs. The Marion's location on N. Dixie is just west of the Wagner Ford exit of I-75 on the south bound side of N. Dixie.

MARCH ACTIVITY

Our March activity is one of our club



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To join contact Jim for an application at 937-429-2291 or jlstuk@juno.com.



FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES



Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 2/26/2019 Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

Location: Vandalia Justice Center, 245 Bohanan Memorial Drive, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Attendees: Verle McGillivray, Jennie & Joe Dranschak, Greg Leingang, Jim & Christina Schmidt, Jack Milliff, Jim Stukenborg, Kevin Clark, Bernice Noll, Aggie Moyer, Steve Kianka and new member Randy Koons.

Welcome: Verle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order about 6:35PM.

Vice President Comments: Steve shared that he is spending his first winter in Ohio in 17 years – we did not ask how much fun he was having.

Treasurer: This was Jennie’s first meeting as our new Treasurer. The reporting period covered January 29, 2019 to January 31, 2019 and January 31, 2019 to February 26, 2019. The January 31, 2019 beginning balance, deposited to the new Monroe Federal Savings & Loan account at the Vandalia office, was \$2,443.72. We had income of \$69 for dues, \$5 as a pizza donation and \$39 for two Christmas dinners for a total income of \$113. Our expenses were \$39.11 to Joe Dranschak for pizza at the Planning Meeting on January 27 and \$112.87 to Verle McGillivray for the Pizza Meeting on October 23, 2018 at Marion’s Piazza for a total expense of \$151.98. The balance on February 26, 2019 was \$2,404.74. Jim motioned we accept the report, seconded by Joe and approved.

Secretary: Joe reviewed a summary of the January Planning Meeting Minutes included in the Club’s February Newsletter. The planning meeting was also the Club meeting for January and the attendance included 12 members. The main topic was open discussion of events and meetings for the Club Calendar. Several activities needed follow up and members offered to get the needed information. Joe motioned for acceptance, as posted in the February newsletter, seconded by Jim and approved.

Activities: Kevin Clark provided an update on the status of our website and other website options we might consider. Current software, social media and newer technology were part of the conversation and Kevin offered to get more details on cost and feasibility for future meetings. Joe provided an update on several of the events assigned for follow up at the January planning meeting and Kevin said this information would be included in the newsletter Club Calendar. Kevin will update the newsletter with the address of our Treasurer for Club correspondence. We selected Sep 7 for the Tech Session with Gary Funkhouser and August 10 for the ‘Vair Affair at Verle’s home.

Newsletter: Jim had no updates.

Membership: Greg was not present and we had no updates.

Other Business: Aggie reminded us that Christy’s Restaurant did not ask us for a deposit for our dinner reservation for December 14. The past several years we gave a \$100 deposit then we deducted that from the final bill when we had the event. We welcomed new member Randy Koons, introduced ourselves then asked Randy to share information about himself and his Corvair interests. Greg Leingang informed us of a ‘63 Corvair he saw for sale on Route 41 in Springfield.

50/50: Steve Kianka won \$6 and donated his winnings to the pizza fund. Before we adjourned we sang “Happy Birthday” to Aggie, in honor of her birthday on February 28. Joe motioned to adjourn, which we did about 7:30 P.M.



CORVAIR PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP AGENDA UPDATED

This year the Performance Workshop will be held at the Corvair Museum in Decatur, Illinois. The event takes place on Friday and Saturday, April 5-6. All the details can be found at Corvair.org. According to the latest update a good list of presentations have been put together and a number of people have preregistered. By attending, one can also take visiting the Corvair museum off the bucket list.

The main presentations take place at the Corvair Museum on Saturday, but on Friday there is an open house at Mark Allen's Repair Shop from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Mark has 7 hot Corvairs to show off plus a tech session by John Lanning and Bob Depaolo showing and explaining the electric power steering system Bob installed on one of Mark Allen's V8 Corvairs. The 7 Corvairs include his Crown conversions and his tube frame track car.



FOREIGN VERSIONS OF THE CORVAIR

Back in the heydays of the Corvair, GM management wanted to create European interest in the Corvair so they sent several Corvair chassis to Europe to two of the well known Italian car designers and two finished cars came out of that work.

The first of these two is the Corvair Testudo designed by Giorgetto Giugiaro who was working at Bertone and



shown at the Geneva auto show in 1963. It never made it to production and did not influence later Corvairs as did the other Corvair prototype we are discussing here. The hinged top and the interior design were quite radical. The prototype was a running prototype and actually driven to the auto show. The car was

later restored and showcased at the 1996 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

The hinged top did show up on the GM Astro 1, a prototype car for the 1968 Corvette. It may have been a Corvette prototype, but it was powered by a single overhead cam experimental Corvair engine located behind the rear axle. The 240 HP engine also had 2 Weber triple throat carbs, one for each bank. Sadly, this is the engine Corvair might have gone to if it had stayed in production. It should be noted that this car never ran under its own power.

The second vehicle was designed at the same time. It was built by Pininfarina, an auto design and coach building firm. The car was actually designed by American born Tom Tjaarda who began his career at Ghia, but was working at Pininfarina at the time. Tjaarda was born in Detroit and went to



college at the U of Michigan. Interestingly, Tom's father, John, designed the 1935 Lincoln Zepher. Looking at this Pininfarina design one can see influences in the design of the second generation Corvair.



HISTORY HAPPENS

At our February, 2016 Club meeting we decided we would add a history article to our newsletter under the heading "History Happens." We share this proclamation here in case you would like to use it as a template for where you live.

May 14, 2015: Chevrolet Corvair Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, the citizens recognize that General Motors Corporation produced the Chevrolet Corvair car at the Willow Run Assembly Plant in Ypsilanti Township during model years 1960-1969. Approximately 1.8 million of these wonderful vehicles were produced with the vast majority being assembled at Willow Run; and,

WHEREAS, the Chevrolet Corvair is considered one of the most influential car designs and became a new benchmark in General Motors history revolutionizing the automotive industry with its new features of rear-mounted air-cooled aluminum engine, integrative transaxle, independent suspension, and unibody construction; and,

WHEREAS, we celebrate this day and recognize and honor all the dedicated hourly assembly and salary workers, GM car styler/designers, engineers, and; most importantly, Michigan Native Edward N. Cole, Father of the Corvair who helped make this unique vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, we honor the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum who work to preserve the legend of the Willow Run Assembly Plant which includes the Chevrolet Corvair history; and,

WHEREAS, we commemorate this day as it signifies the 46th anniversary of the last Corvair car produced at the Willow Run Assembly plant at 1:30 pm on May 14, 1969; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize all the Corvair car and truck owners who are proud to own these unique vehicles and keep these masterpieces on the road and in the public eye, and appreciate organizations like DACC (Detroit Area Corvair Club), CPF (Corvair Preservation Foundation), and CORSA (Corvair Society of America) who help to ensure the preservation of this one of a kind history making Air-Cooled Wonder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2015 as Chevrolet Corvair Appreciation Day in Michigan.

Credits: https://www.michigan.gov/formergovernors/0,4584,7-212-90815_59874_72854-353671--,00.html

NOTE: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 will be the 50th anniversary of the last Corvair car produced at the Willow Run Assembly plant at 1:30 pm on May 14, 1969.

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LET'S GO CRUISE-IN' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Table with 2 columns: Date and Activity. Rows include: Apr 28 Hollywood Car Show and Concert; May 24-26 Cars and Parts Car Show and Swap Meet; Aug 10 35th Franklin Ohio Downtown Saturday Night Car Show; Sep 15 13th annual Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park.



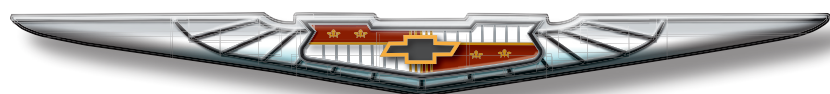
CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

03/26/19	Marion's Piazza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30 PM, & Club meeting
04/27/19	Sat - D&D Classic, 10AM, Buffalo Jacks 11:45AM (Club meeting)
05/21/19	Tues. - Dayton Dragons, 20 tickets will be available
05/28/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
06/??/19	30th Mid Ohio Meet, Cincinnati host at ???
06/25/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
07/23/19 07/27/19	48th CORSA Convention, Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL, Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts, www.ccecorvair.com
07/23/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
08/??/19	Vandalia National Night Out (8/6) or Train Ride
08/10/19	'Vair Affair with August Club meeting and celebration of our 46th anniversary
09/07/19	Gary Funkhouser Tech Session
09/24/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
10/22/19	Marion's Pizza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30 PM, & Club meeting
11/??/19	Event to be determined
11/26/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
12/14/19	Club Christmas Dinner & Meeting at Christy's in Huber Heights (Sat) 4:30 PM

At the planning meeting these events were marked for more information

- Train Ride - Lebanon
- Spectrum Brands Global Auto Care - Dayton International Airport
- British Transportation Museum - Dayton
- America's Packard Museum - Dayton
- Carrillon Historical Park - Dayton
- Bicycle Museum of America - New Bremen
- KitchenAid Experience - Greenville
- Honda Heritage Center - Marysville
- City of Dayton Water Supply tour - Dayton
- Mike Sells Potato Chip Company tour - Dayton
- The Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park - 9/15/2019
- Corvette Club Car Show, Brookville - 6/1/2019
- 35th British Car Day Dayton - 8/10/2019

More to come as we decide on other activities for this year.



CORVAIR SEMI TRUCK

Last month we featured an extended cab Corvair loadside. This month we are upping the ante with a tractor- trailer with the tractor being a modified Corvair pickup with a mid engine V8 for power. Club member Sid Roth should feel right at home driving this rig.



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.

SIMPLER STEERING BOX LUBE

In a previous tech tip we discussed making a blend of chassis grease and STP. More recently a poster on Corvair Center, "Vairchet", says one can just go to the nearest Tractor Supply and buy a tube of OO grease and use that in your Corvair steering box. It is cheap enough at \$5.29 for the tube.

WINDSHIELD TRIM CLIP SCREWS

These screws are use to mount the trim clips for the front and rear glass in a late model. Normally the clips are held by studs sticking up from the sheet metal around the window opening. When rust forms around the window it may be necessary to replace the metal the studs are mounted on or a stud may just break off. That is when these screws can be a substitute. Clarks has them for sale. A bag of ten is a little over \$3. Clarks part number is C1284X.



CORVAIR PARTS & SERVICE

FOR SALE: 1966 mid-engine Corvair 500-Canadian Mfg. Built 2010-2011. 1983 Camaro/Corvette LT-1 motor. (36k miles). Installed parts from Street & Performance Inc, Speedway, Hurst, Summit Racing, Howell Engineering. Most work done by Michael LeVeque. 3:27 Posi Powerglide by John Black. 15" wheels w/ new 215s & 195s Kokomo tires. Grant steering wheel. Parts included: MSD dist., new oil pan & gaskets, Corsa dash, spare computer, new gauges & senders, Seth Emerson gauge mounts. Need: Interior, headliner, door panels, carpet, engine cover, insulation, mirrors, e-brake need to be connected if wanted (trans has park gear), TLC. \$8000. Price is negotiable. Spencer Duffy / Cincinnati / saduffey@brecnet.com.



FOR SALE: Anyone looking for a pair of black 1969 front bucket seats with factory head rest that would need recovered? Contact Arden Robinette at justsaynotoh2o@gmail.com 419-722-6588 - Findlay

FOR SALE: 1963 Corvan. 4 speed. Less than 50k miles. A1 condition. \$9200. Negotiable. Spencer Duffy / Cincinnati / saduffey@brecnet.com.



Tons of parts and project vehicles. Doors, hoods, engines, drive trains, etc. etc. Call with needs. Sid Roth 937-596-5106 home or 937-622-0587 cell. Jackson Center, OH.

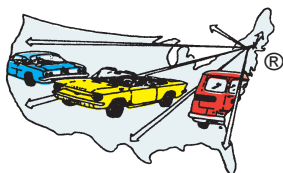
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Directions to the club meeting

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. The parking lot next to the justice center side door is short term during the day. We don't know about availability in the evening. 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.

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