



DAYTON Corvair



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SPECIAL EDITION

BREAKING NEWS

2024 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN DAYTON!

CONTRACT FOR HOTEL IS ON ITS WAY TO BE SIGNED

The wait is over! It is confirmed Corsa president Mike Hall will be signing the contract and the Corsa International Convention will be in Dayton, Ohio in 2024. The deal to be signed once it reaches Mr. Halls desk has everything Corsa need in it. The long negotiation had concluded with better room rates than originally presented. After much anticipation and anxiety among the members of all area Corvair clubs, relief is finally in sight.

It occurred in January the 2024 convention in the Western Division fell through when San Diego Corvair Club were forced to withdraw. Their first two attempts at hosting the convention were cancelled when the Covid-19 pandemic struck in 2020 and again in 2021 when the world was not quite out of the woods yet. Sadly, they lost venues and could not find new replacements and higher hotel rates interrupted their third try for 2024. Corsa immediately reached out to the Eastern Division and received favorable proposals from the Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau.



A request from Mike Hall to help host the convention came as a surprise. The time frame for planning felt short and seeking volunteers became urgent. Despite 15 new members joining the Dayton club in the last one and a half years, the thought of not having enough manpower and experience persist. However, inputs from meetings with the Corvair Club of Cincinnati and Columbus Vair Force

Corvair club were very positive. All their members present were in favor to step up and answer the call to volunteer their help and time. 48 members had signed up to volunteer and more will be added from Circle City Corvairs and Detroit Area Corvair Club. They also had expressed willingness to help Corsa making the 2024 convention possible. An invitation to Friends of Corvair in Canton had been sent and they are welcome to take part.

The proposed date and location is July 21 thru 26 at Marriott at the University of Dayton. The Dayton Corvair Club February meeting will be livestream Tuesday February 28 at 6:30pm. Mike Hall will be present virtually to address the meeting. To join in the conversation copy this link; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/145041542219218>

There would not have been a convention in 2024 if we did not accept the offer to help Corsa. But we did and we'll be ready. San Diego, Dayton got your back.

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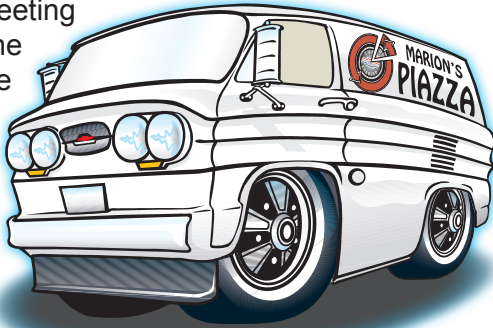
FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our regular meeting place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday February 28th. The time is our normal 6:30 PM.

The west side door should be open unless you are the first one there. Then you need to go in through the lobby on the east side of the building.

MARCH MEETING / ACTIVITY

Our March meeting will be one of our Pizza meetings. The meeting takes place at Marions on North Dixie Dr. in Dayton just west of the Wagner Ford exit on I-75. The date is Tuesday March 28th. Be there at 6:30 PM. We will start with the meeting while we wait on the pizza. We chose this one since it has a separate meeting room and is sort of equal distance for north and south members. As before, the club pays for the pizza and all else is on the individual. This is a family event so bring the kids and grandkids. The pizzeria is located on the southbound side of North Dixie. One needs to turn right and do a U-turn coming from Wagner Road off I-75.



the list. Want to do something else? Pass along your suggestion. The Cincinnati club has the Mid Ohio Meet this year. It will be at the same location as last year. See the calendar for the date.

TRIAL RUN

During the January meeting Duane took advantage of using the projector and screen that was available in our meeting room. He successfully livestream the meeting with three members from Cincinnati and Detroit participating in a discussion. The club will do this again for the February meeting and send out an invitation ahead of time.



ACTIVITY PLANNING MEETING

The club had a well attended meeting at the Funkhouser Corvair shop to go over activities for the club this coming year. Some of these are things we typical do. Look over



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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES



Our meeting was called to order by our President Shawn Funkhouser at 6:30pm at the Vandalia Justice Center. Those in attendance included: Mike Bayman, Duane Baker, Mary Liz Lamb,

Randy Lamb, Kevin Clark, Steve Deak, Angie Chaffins, Verle McGillivray, Gary Funkhouser, Craig Puthoff, Greg Hanlin, Jim Schmidt also Treasurer of Cincinnati club, Jim Stukenberg, Wendall Pace, Mike Gitzinger, Shawn Gitzinger, Cindy Simon and Doug Simon, Shawn Funkhouser and Darcy Baker. Shawn welcomed all our members and guests, facebook friends included Greg Croft and Rob Ernt from Cincinnati and Lori Komora from the Detroit Corvair club. He then introduced our club officers. For this meeting Duane Baker had a live feed for those who couldn't attend this meeting in person. With the possibility of having our club selected to help Corsa host the 2024 Corvair Convention, we had a lot to discuss.

Our Vice President Verle McGillivray said he didn't have anything new.

Secretary Report: Darcy asked the minutes of the November meeting and the December Christmas dinner be accepted as written in the newsletter. Approved by Verle and Gary.

Treasurer Report: Angie Chaffins included old balance of \$2227.19 with receipts from the Christmas dinner and dues, new balance is \$2413.58. A full breakdown is available. Please pay Angie your dues if you have not done so. Angie went ahead and drew the 50/50 and Mike Gitzinger won \$25.00!

Membership Report: Paul Huelscamp was not present.

Newsletter: Jim Stukenberg had a hip replacement in December and was doing very well. We're glad you're healing well!

Activities: Kevin Clark filled us in on some pretty exciting news. San Diego had backed out from hosting the 2024 convention and Corsa is looking at Dayton to fill the

void. Kevin reached out to the Columbus, Indianapolis and Cincinnati Corvair clubs to ask for help. Mike Hall President of Corsa is talking with the Marriott Hotel close to the University of Dayton for pricing. In addition of the price of rooms at an affordable price, rooms are needed to hold a banquet, valve cover races, hospitality and tech sessions with guest speakers, a craft room for ladies and kids in attendance, and possibility of an ice cream social. We also need to look for a place to hold the concourse show possibly at Carillon Park, the Auto Cross course possibly at Kil-Kare raceway.

Lots to consider with all this information. Knowing, in the 50 years of our club, Dayton has not hosted the National Corvair Convention and while it will be a challenge it feels like we can't pass this up. Hopefully we'll be hearing very soon if Dayton will be hosting. In the meantime put your thinking caps on and come up with a catchy theme and a design for the shirts to sell. Secretary Darcy has the list of volunteers.

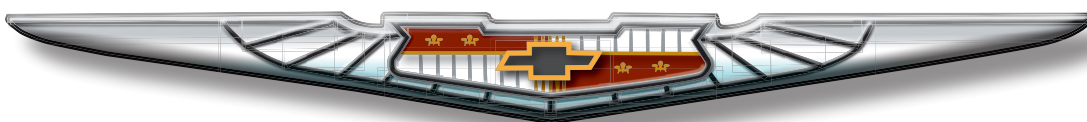
Old Business: Everyone who was able to attend the Christmas party had a very nice time, but we need to be looking for a bigger place and a new caterer. Kevin donated 4 of the clubs 50th year shirts and Angie will issue him a check. Duane sold his 3 remaining antenna flags.

New Business: The Mid Ohio meet hosted by the Cincinnati club will be held at the same location as last year at Caesars Creek on June 17, 2023.

Due to the lengthy discussion regarding the 2024 convention, we postponed hearing any input regarding activities for the club to do. A meeting is being planned at the Funkhouser's shop in Centerville. Date and time to be announced soon.

Shawn thanked everyone for attending the meeting in person and on line. We appreciate everyone's input and concerns.

Respectfully submitted
Darcy Baker
Secretary





HISTORY HAPPENS...From Joe's Archive

Joe had been a regular contributor to History Happens, filling our pages with histories and stories about the Corvair found on the internet. After his passing Joe's son David Dranschak had donated a box belonging to Joe with "Corvair Stuff" written on it. This is what we found.



Left photo: John and Bobbie Matusz on their way to Matamora for a train ride. John served as president in 1985-1986. Bobbie took care of the roster and was secretary in 1987.

Right photo: A Tug of War at Mid Ohio Meet. Date unknown (mid-80's) but you can see how young these guys are. Gary Funkhouser is at the far end of the rope and pulling just ahead of him is Bob Moyer (with cap). Virgil Bays is on the far right. Virgil served as president in 1987-1988.

Right: A copy of our newsletter from April 1977. It notes the dues had increased to \$15. A \$3 increase to cover the "national dues"? That could have been the case to cover the insurance from Corsa. Dues today is still \$15 for non-Corsa members.

Co-Editors note: Bobbie and John Matusz and Debbie and Virgil Bays were next door neighbors together in New Carlisle.



April 13, 1977

The Dayton Corvair Club will again meet at White-Allen Chevrolet in the upstairs conference room. The April meeting will be April 26, 1977 at 7:00 p.m.

At our last meeting, the vote was unanimous for a \$3.00 additional dues for the Dayton Club. Those renewing for May or before will pay \$15.00 for national and local dues. Those who pay later or renew later are assessed \$3.00, right now retroactive back to June last year.

Wayne Wolcott resigned as Vice-President because of health and work responsibilities. Vince Helping was elected to take Wayne's place. He will be working with Eloyd Milby, President, to develop future activities. Please help them with your suggestions and help.

The usual agenda will be followed this meeting.

Coming Events:

April 30 - May 1 - Tri-state swap meet, Bryan, Ohio. This is going to be a real good event based on past experience. Anyone desiring more information, call Dennis Kugler, 233-0542

May 27, 29 - Friends of Corvair Mini-Convention. I will have the events at the meeting or call me at home, 299-7123 or write Dorothy M. Youkel, 4185 Ridge Road, Medina, Ohio - 44256.

By the way, if you have Dorothy Lane Market sales tapes, please send them to help the treasury.

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Rick Mayton 971 Tristan Court West Carrollton, Ohio-45449 Phone: 866-8473

Included in this issue #1 of 4 sneets on 1965-69 Rust out Prevention and Leaks.

Best Wishes,

P.S. 30 was our March Attendance, "Thanks to everyone!"

HOWARD D. WATKINS Secretary-Treasurer 299-7123

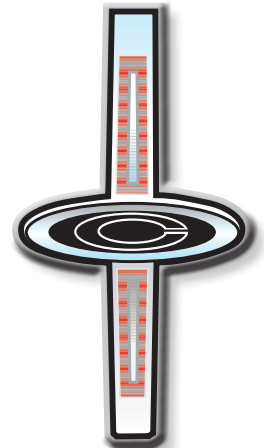


DUES ARE DUE

Club dues for 2023 are due. They are \$12 for CORSA members and \$15 for non CORSA members. The difference is due to a yearly charge to the club from CORSA that pays the insurance cost to cover all the clubs against lawsuits for

being involved in a club activity. Autocross and similiar activities need additional coverage. If you did not pay your dues at the Christmas dinner party, you can do it at the next meeting or send it to Angie Chaffins our treasurer at 4800 Delba Dr. Dayton, OH 45439

Name	CORSA (yes)	Membership 2023 (12.00/15.00)	Paid
Baker, Duane (Darcy)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Bayman, Colin	No	\$15.00	✓
Bayman, Michael (Glenda)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Bigler, Don (Lois)	No	\$15.00	✓
Bogner, Wes (Penny)			
Brush, Greg (Kym)			
Carolus, Russell (Natalie)			
Chaffins, Angie	No	\$15.00	✓
Clark, Kevin (Susan)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Deak, Steve (Julie)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Dranschak, Jenni (Joe)	No	\$15.00	✓
Funkhouser, Gary (Bev)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Funkhouser, Shawn (Susan)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Gitzinger, Michael	No	\$15.00	✓
Gitzinger, Mike	No	\$15.00	✓
Gitzinger, Shaun	No	\$15.00	✓
Gordon, Matt	No	\$15.00	✓
Hanlin, Greg (Allison)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Hawkins, John W. (Victoria)	No	\$15.00	✓
Huelskamp, Paul	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Kirgan, Patrick	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Kugler, Dennis (Betty)			
Lamb, Mary Liz (Randy)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Leingang, Greg			
McGillivray, Verle (MaryAnn)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
McGillivray, Kevin	No	\$15.00	✓
Milliff, Jack (Donna)			
Pace, Wendell (Marcia)	No	\$15.00	✓
Petty, Robert (Loretta)			
Puthoff, Craig (Elsie)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Reitz, Ron	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Rindler, Rob			
Roth, Sid			
Sadowski, April (Devon)			
Schmidt, Jim (Christina)	No	\$15.00	✓
Schumann, Steve (Debby)			
Scott, (Krista)			
Simon, Doug			
Smith, Craig (Donna)			
Smith, Daryl (Anita)	No	\$15.00	✓
Smith, David (Tia)	No	\$15.00	✓
Smith, Lawrence (Willia)	No	\$15.00	✓
Stemple, Scott (Kris)			
Stukenborg, James (Brenda)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Thornburg, Ed			
Walker, Jack L. (Fran K.)	Yes	\$12.00	✓
Williams, Gary (Sharon)	Yes	\$24.00 (2022 and 2023)	✓
Haybron, Douglas	No	\$15.00	✓





CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

January	
01.24.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
February	
02.28.22	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
March	
03.28.23	Club meeting at Marion's in Dayton - 3443 N. Dixie Drive - 6:30PM
April	
04.22.23	D&D Classic Restoration Tour in Covington - 10AM
04.22.23	Club meeting at Buffalo Jacks - 137 S. High St - Covington - 11:45AM
May	
TBD	Dayton Dragons game. Could be May 16th, 17th, or 18th
05.23.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
June	
06.17.23	Mid-Ohio Meet - Caesar Creek - Cincinnati hosting celebrating 50th year
06.19-24.23	Corsa Convention at Chula Vista Resort in Dells, WI
06.27.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
July	
07.04.23	Champaign Cruiser's Car Show - 8 AM-4 PM Skelley Lumber Co., 1300 N Main St. Urbana
07.25.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
August	
08.___.23	Road Rally / Poker Run
08.19.23	Cars & Coffee
08.22.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
September	
TBD	Cars & Coffee
	Search for Caterer and location for Christmas dinner party
09.26.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM / Appoint nominating committee
October	
10.07.23	Vair Affair at Shawn's Corvair Shop
10.25.23	Club meeting at Marion's in Dayton - 3443 N. Dixie Drive - 6:30PM
November	
11.28.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
December	
TBD	Christmas dinner / Election
Possible Activities	Air Force Museum Covered Bridge Tour Tech Sessions Parade



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH THE 2024 CORSA CONVENTION



Hello CORSA members:

The Corvair Society of America has been presented with an opportunity to hold the annual CORSA International Convention in Dayton, Ohio in 2024. As you may know, planning was underway to rotate the convention to the west coast. The San Diego club has worked hard to revise the convention plans that were in place for 2019 and 2020 and had to be canceled because of Covid. Unfortunately, the arrangements cannot be carried over. Prices have increased considerably and venues that meet our needs are not available. These changes have presented us with an opportunity to hold the convention in your area. And we are asking for your help!

The Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau is offering to work with us to create a great convention experience in their city in 2024. Currently, we are in need of some key individuals or clubs in the area to throw their hats in the ring and help CORSA create a convention in Dayton.

As lead of the convention planning team, I am coming to you, asking for your assistance in helping us create a convention for everyone to enjoy. The Dayton area is centrally located, affordable, and has interesting historical attractions for our members.

Members of the convention planning team are available to work with you. If you are interested, we will set up a call to review the details of convention planning. The planning documents are on our website for your review. We have a team of volunteers that know the convention routine. From experience, we also know that many hands make the job easier and more fun for all. Our need is for local clubs and members to be part of this effort. I hope you will consider undertaking this effort and joining us to continue the rich history of CORSA Conventions.

Please contact me if you're interested in helping.

Thank you,

Mike Hall, Corsa President
Central Division Director
Chair, Convention Planning

mrhvair@aol.com
217-494-7105

Doing service for those who do not have internet and receives only paper copies of the Chronicle, above is the "email blast" sent to all Corsa members. Received on January 18, Corsa finalized the deal with the host hotel February 22.

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.

CLEANING THE FAKE WOOD (PLASTIC) STEERING WHEEL

Poster John Johnson on Corvair Center says to start with non grit Go-Jo hand cleaner. Follow this with windex. If you also wish to have a gloss finish then follow up with Novas Plastic Polish.

[Ed note]: The reason it is called "Safe Wood" by the manufacturer is because in the event of a crash a 2 spoke real wood wheel would bend in half and splinter at the break and could cause a major injury to the driver.

STEERING WHEELS, COLUMNS, AND BOXES

There is a lot of interesting info on these topics by doing the following:

Google : Steering that Corvair- Skiblack.com

There is a good discussion on these subjects by well known Corvair persons Larry Claypool and Seth Emerson.



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2023 SUPPLEMENT- On our website or as a hard copy -many new repros & updates.

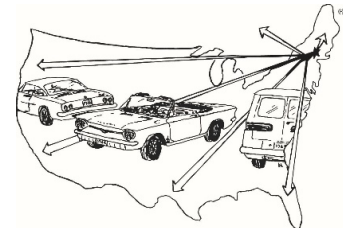
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Directions to the club meeting at:

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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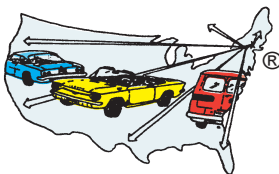
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