



DAYTON *Corvair*



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CHRONICLE

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HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY MEETING - JULY 22

The July meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday, July 22. Time is our usual 6:30 PM. The directions to the Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter. The west side door should be open unless you are the first person there. This is a five Tuesday month. Our meeting is the fourth Tuesday.

JULY ACTIVITY

There is no separate club activity in July other than the regular meeting.

AUGUST ACTIVITY

There is no separate club activity in August other than the regular meeting.

MID OHIO MEET IN OUR REAR VIEW

The 2025 Mid-Ohio Meet at Buck Creek State Park had about a dozen Corvair cars, trucks, and a Corvair powered dune buggy in attendance for

a cook-out hosted by the Columbus Vair Force Corvair club. The Corvair Club of Cincinnati and Dayton Corvair Club joined in and enjoyed hot dogs



and brats provided by the host club. On top of that, many Corvair enthusiasts brought delicious side meals and sweet treats. Everyone seems to have a good time gathering around the cars and gawking over the door prizes. After the People's Choice ballots were cast, the winners ...continue on page 2



Corvair Society of America

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JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Dayton Corvair club met on June 24, 2025 with our President - Duane Baker greeting and thanking everyone for attending.



Vice President - Craig Puthoff had nothing new to report tonight. He will be reviewing the By-Laws and lead the meeting of any changes in the near future.

Secretary - Darcy Baker asked the previous minutes be approved. Motion made by Mike Bayman and Verle McGillivray.

Treasurer - Kevin Funkhouser has received the checks thru Wright Patterson Credit Union and has made sure everyone has been reimbursed. Our new balance is now \$ 6475.83.

Membership - Angie Chaffins was not present - but if you have not yet paid the club dues to please do so. Corsa members \$12.00 non Corsa - \$15.00

Activities - Kevin Clark gave dates of several upcoming car shows: June 28 Maria Stein, July 4 Urbana, July 10-13 annual Homecoming in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Young's Dairy Springfield August 23 - featured car is the Corvair. Our annual Vair Affair held at the Funkhouser shop in Centerville - sometime in October.

The National Corvair convention will be June 22-26, 2026 in Gettysburg, PA.

Our club will be in charge of the Tri Meet in 2026. Date and location TBA. A quick discussion included that we rent a couple Port-a-Johns. January 2, 2026 we will be calling to secure the location and date.

Newsletter - Jim Stukenborg was not present. Jim asked for 2 more volunteers to participate in his Bio section in the newsletter which will feature Mike Magee and Darrell Biddlestone. Jim, these Bio's have been very interesting - keep up the good work!

Old Business included Kevin C. sharing a letter of thanks for attending the *That Day in May* car show with Norbert Bir.

New Business - We now have a new Facebook page - Dayton Corvair group.

Mike Bayman announced he knew someone that could print out a Corvair key if you are in need.

Sadly there was no 50/50 for tonight's meeting.

Thank you to Mike Bayman, Gary Funkhouser, Kevin Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Mary Ann Morris, Verle McGillivray, Patrick Kirgan, Greg Hanlin, Cindy Simon, Kevin Clark, Jim Schmidt, Darrell Biddlestone, Ron Reitz, Norbert Bir, Steve Schumann, Mike Magee, Darcy and Duane Baker.. We were pleased to meet two visitors from Maria Stein - Ryan and Karl Lochtefeld. Maybe they'll come back soon.

Hope everyone had a nice July 4th celebration! See you July 22, 2025!



MID OHIO MEET ...continued

were announced and they are;

Early Open: Norbert Bir, '64 Monza convertible

Early Closed: Spence Duffy, '63 coupe

Late Open: Greg Hanlin, '65 Corsa convertible

Late Closed and Best of Show: Duane Baker, '69 coupe

Forward Control: Jeff Sandor, '63 Greenbrier

The winning ticket holder for the 50/50 cash prize of \$80 was won by MOVF member Craig Scott.

The weather was great without any rain. Shades can be found under the shelter and the trees. Since we were right along the lake next to the dam, a cool breeze would sweep through and keep us from getting too hot. It was a great day for a get together seeing everyone and their Corvair. The Vair Force crew should receive a commendation for a wonderful cookout and car show. Next year is the Dayton Corvair Clubs turn to locate and host the Mid Ohio Meet. Who knows what the club might add to the traveling trophy gas cans. To see more, there are numerous photos on pages 5 and 6.

- NEW MEMBER PROFILE -

DARRELL BIDDLESTONE - MEMBER SINCE 2022

I joined the Club in 2022. My first car was 1962 Corvair Monza Coupe. My Father paid \$50.00 for it when I was a senior at Allen East high school in Lafayette Ohio. My nickname was Corvair Man. After graduation I enlisted in the Air Force and married my wife Debbie. After basic training I was stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro NC in 1972 and later went into the Air National Guard in Springfield, Ohio. While in the National Guard I worked at Shraders, Inc. retreading giant earth moving tires for ten years.



In 1981 my wife started a consignment store in Greenville, Ohio and I soon left the factory to work for her. We branched out into used furniture and appliances. Two years later branching out in another store selling new furniture.

While in the national guard, my neighbor had a 1965 Corsa Coupe 140hp 4 speed. I bought it for \$165.00 in 1976. After that the bug bit me. I bought a 1966 140 Monza, a 1964 Greenbrier van, 1967 Monza convertible and I didn't keep any of these except for parts.

In 2022 I bought my 1965 180 turbo Corsa 4speed at Mecum auction in Kissimmee, Florida. I went almost 40 years without owning a Corvair.

I am currently working on a 1966 Monza Coupe with a 140 hp automatic. The engine for my current project is out of my original 1965 Corsa 140. I sold the car in 1985 and the buyer did not want the 140 so I took it out and put it into my warehouse where it sat for 40 years. When Gary and Shawn Funkhouser get it finished it will go into my current project 1966 Monza.

Other cars in my collection are 1915 Ford Model T Brass Touring, 1917 Model T Speedster, 1923 Model T Doctors Coupe, 1930 Model A deluxe coupe and a 2002 Ford Thunderbird.

I consider all my cars everyday drivers and enjoy sharing them with the public. I have given several 100 year old people a birthday ride in a 100 year old car. I have been blessed to be able to share what I have with others and I have enjoyed being part of the Corvair family.



LET'S GO *CRUISE-IN*' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Now - Oct 4	Kettering Saturday Night Cruise-In 2250 E Stroop Rd. 4pm to dark.
7/5, 8/2, 8/30, 9/27, 10/25	Dayton Cars & Coffee Austin Landing north of Springboro. 8am-11am. 10050 Innovation Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342
Jul 26	Thunderfest Cruise-In Car Show Central Ave & Broad St in Middletown. 11am-4pm. Free
Aug 9	Pistons and Pinups - Oregon District Block Party Oregon District. 12-7pm.
Aug 16	Asphalt Outlaws Car & Bike Show 6700 Derby Rd. in Dayton. Reg 9am-12:30pm. \$20
Aug 23	Bob Pool Orphan Car Show Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs. Reg 10am-noon. \$5
Sep 14	Dayton Concours d'Elegance Carillon Historical Park. 10:30am - 4pm. \$25

- NEW MEMBER PROFILE -

MIKE MAGEE - MEMBER SINCE WHEN?

I would like to thank everyone in the club for allowing me to become a member again; I was briefly a member of this chapter in the early/mid 70s.

I spent my early childhood on my grandfather's farm in Miami County, went to high school in Miamisburg, college at WSU & UD and presently live in Huber Heights. I married my wife Susan who early in our 48 years together accommodated my serious addiction to cars (doesn't everyone have at least eight cars in their driveway?) and in particular my obsessive compulsive Corvair disorder (OCCD).

My work career was electronic/mechanical industrial maintenance with 39 yrs at GM then AK steel, Cargill and others including a year at Dayton Wire Wheel and yes the wheels there are still made by hand just like they were in 1917.



I was 17 in early 1966 when my older brother gave me his Corvair. It was a 62 convertible 4 spd 102. This was my first true love affair with a car and I really liked the way that rear engine car handled, but after a year I purchased a 1965 turbo to autocross and my passion for Corvairs exploded. Over the next ten years I bought/sold/parted & accumulated another 34 Corvairs. I had a wide variety but I was particularly enamored with the turbo cars. The concept of essentially free horsepower from turbocharging and its long development history was intriguing so much so that I spent months researching it for my senior year thesis. That Corvair life episode ended when the building I worked out of was sold and life in general precluded my OCCD for decades.

This subdermal disease has smoldered in me for a half century and finally has reemerged with impetus and I am on the hunt for my next Corvair. I spent ten days at this year's convention in California looking for that ideal affordable car to no avail. Surely my next Corvair is just around the corner however, as we all know Corvairs are like potato chips, you can't have just one.

CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

July	
07.22.25	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
August	
08.26.25	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
September	
09.23.25	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
TBD	Vair Affair in Sept or Oct - Shawn Funkhouser Corvair Barn in Centerville
October	
10.28.25	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
November	
11.25.25	Club meeting with pizza in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
December	
TBD	Christmas Lunch or Dinner - Location TBD

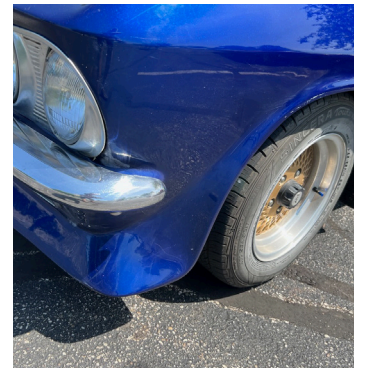
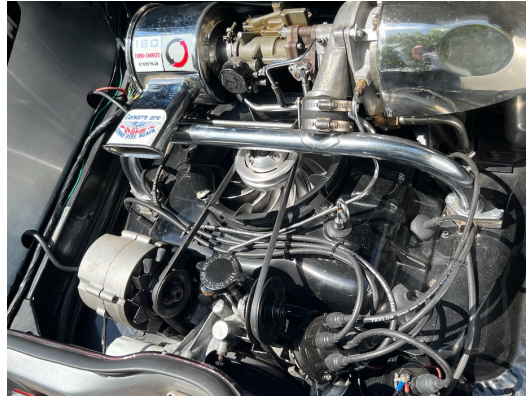


2025 MID-OHIO TRI CLUB MEET





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CLASH DAYTON AND NED PEPPERS PRESENTS

Pistons
and
Pin-Ups

AUGUST 9TH, 2025 AT NOON
CAR SHOW AND PIN-UP CONTEST
OREGON DISTRICT

Send email to ClashDayton@gmail.com if you would like to pre-register a vehicle. Cars will enter Jackson off of Wayne Ave. at 11am.



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.

CORVAIR FRESH AIR HEATER HOSE

Corvair Center poster Chris_12 has a bad fresh air hose on his 1965 turbo Corvair and says the manual isn't much help on how to replace it.

Poster Jim Brandenburg replies that it is difficult to feed the new hose through the firewall and that they tear easily and are expensive. He also mentions that on turbo cars the oval duct on the left side is riveted to the shroud unlike non turbo cars.

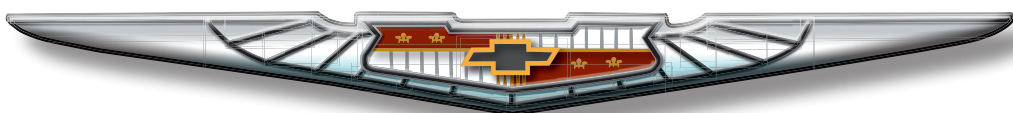
Well known poster and Corvair mechanic, Dave Motohead, says that he blocks off the duct on the shroud and the firewall and mounts a K&N air filter to the fresh air inlet to the heater. More importantly, Dave says that you don't want a bad fresh air hose as you will lose your cooling air over cylinder #5 and dropped valve seats are very common. Dave reiterates that blocking off the fresh air duct on the top shroud is good for any Corvair engine period. Dave says he does this to all the cars he works on.

Well know poster, Rex Johnson, says that he blocks off the fresh air vents on all his Corvairs. He does it by slipping the end of the hose at the shroud over several layers of aluminum foil. Rex says his heater always works well with the fresh air blocked off.



GAS LINE SEALER

Your editor had to replace the leaking fuel pump on his V-8 Corvair. The replacement pump was not an exact copy of the pump that was removed. This required some rework of the fuel lines. The connection at the pump and the other pieces were the tapered thread type and they kept leaking even though they were very tight. One suggestion was to use Teflon tape as one friend does. Another car friend does not like the Teflon idea as bits of the Teflon can come off and clog passage ways in the carburetor. He proposed using a gas resistant sealer that comes in a tube. The sealer in the tube was used with good success. The fittings are no longer leaking. The tube sealer is LEAK LOCK made by Highside Chemicals Inc. (www.highsidechem.com). It is available on Amazon in a 1.33 oz blue tube, Part No# HS10001. Use vinyl gloves as the only thing that will remove it from your fingers is acetone.



22nd Annual

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Outlaws

CAR & BIKE SHOW



When:
AUGUST 16th

Location:
**6700 DERBY ROAD
DAYTON, OH 45417**

Registration:
\$20 9AM to 12:30pm

BOB POOL "ORPHAN" CAR SHOW

14th Year at this Location

August 23rd, 2025



The *Tri-State Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club* and the *Wright Brothers Region Packard Auto Classics*

will co-host the 28th Annual

Bob Pool "Orphan" vehicle show

August 23rd, 2025, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

at the *Young's Jersey Dairy, Yellow Springs, Ohio.*

The show will feature cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles and specialty vehicles from *Independent*

Manufacturers that are no longer in business and

"Big Three Orphans" such as Edsel, DeSoto, Corvair, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Plymouth, etc.

Every American and Foreign make from Auburn to Yugo are welcome to attend and be displayed.



This year we are having a "Feature Car" class and have selected Corvairs for our Feature Class. So bring your Corvair and join us on August 23rd.

Registration: 10 a.m. - Noon

Food will be available at:

Donation per vehicle: \$ 5.00

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#1 for Family Fun - Yellow Springs, OH

Featured Orphan Car Class for 2025:



Young's Jersey Dairy features a restaurant, driving range, batting cages, miniature golf, farm animal displays, corn maze, and various other family activities. So come for the car show and enjoy the various other activities and Young's while you are there. Don't forget the homemade Ice Cream made right there. For additional information about Young's Jersey Dairy see their website at <http://youngsdairy.com/>

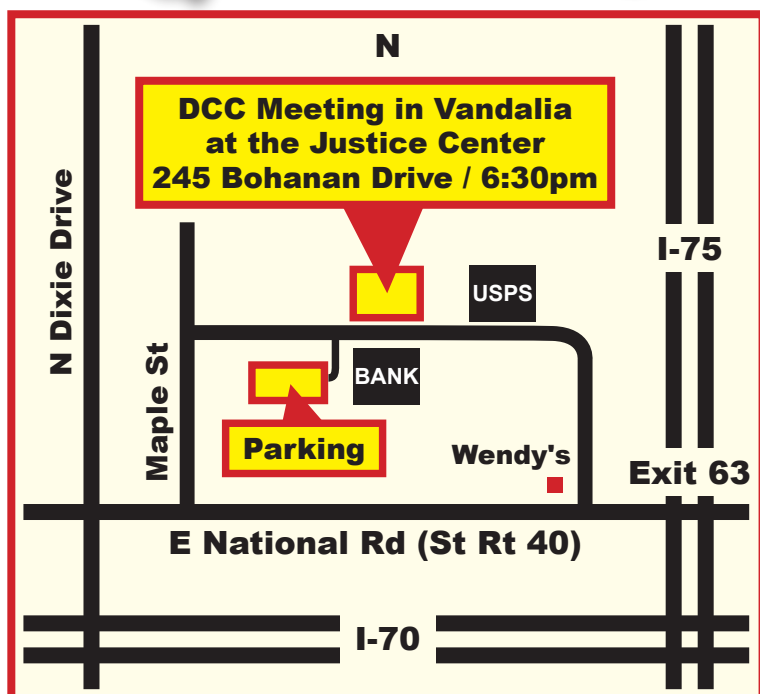
Young's Jersey Dairy is located at

6880 Springfield-Xenia Rd (State Rte 68), Yellow Springs, OH 45387

Awards are presented around 2:30pm - Participant Judging

Awards for 8 classes - 6 eras, All Modified, All Featured Class - Top 3 in each class

Please Note: This is a show for "Orphan" vehicles. Cars/trucks that don't qualify as an Orphan vehicle will not be eligible for awards. Decisions on a vehicles eligibility as an Orphan will be up to the event host clubs.

**DCC New Membership Application Form**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

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CORSA Member \$12 / Non-CORSA Member \$15
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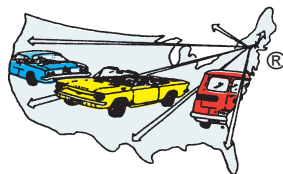
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