



# DAYTON Corvair CHRONICLE



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## MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday, March 26th. Time is our usual 6:30PM. The directions to the Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter.

## MARCH ACTIVITY

Our March activity will be a meeting with pizza, but it will be at our regular meeting place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The entrance to the room is on the west side of the building. If you should happen to be the first person there, the door will be locked and you need to go in through main entrance on the east side of the building and then let everyone else in. The date is our regular 4th Tuesday March 26th.



## APRIL ACTIVITY

On Saturday April 13 we are going to do our yearly visit to D & D Classic Restorations in Covington, Ohio.

As in the past the tour will start at 10:00AM. If you would like to caravan to D & D, we will meet at north side of the parking lot of the Meijer store on RT-48 just south of I-70 in Englewood. Be there by 9AM and we'll leave around 9:15. If you go by yourself, D & D is located on Mote Road which runs in an arc



from route 48 on the south to route 41 on the east. From route 48, Mote Road is about the first road to the right. From route 41, Mote road is about the first road to the left when coming into Covington. D & D is close to route 41 on the west side of the street.

After the tour, at 11:30, we head to Buffalo Jacks restaurant which is on route 48 about a block and half north of the intersection of route 48 and 41 for delicious meal of buffalo, alligator, or beef.

## CONVENTION UPDATE

We have reached a major milestone when the schedule for the 2024 Convention was finally completed. I hope everyone is happy with our itinerary. We are ironing out a few details with each venue, so they stay on the same page when the convention begins to unfold.

The stage may be set but we still need people to help run the convention and we can start by assigning volunteers. Almost everyone who had signed up over a year ago are helping to fulfill the tasks required by their activity leader and it seems we still need more volunteers.

If your fellow club member is asking for help, please lend a hand or if you need help, ask, and I can send an email blast.

We've come a long way. We managed well with seventeen months to assemble our flight plan and we are down to seventeen weeks before convention time. We will continue to prepare for a convention to remember.

Kevin Clark  
Convention Chair



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**FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

*February 27, 2024*

Our President: Shawn Funkhouser greeted and thanked everyone in attendance for our regular club meeting. Those present were Glenda and Mike Bayman, Craig Puthoff, Gary Funkhouser and Bev Teaster, Kevin Clark, Shawn Funkhouser, Patrick Kirgan, Mark Corbin, Jim Stukenborg, Mike Gitzinger, Steve Schumann, Darcy and Duane Baker along with those online Ron Reitz, Jim Schmidt, Lori Komora and Mike Hall.

**Vice president:** Craig Puthoff urged us all to promote the fast approaching convention.

**Secretary:** Darcy Baker asked minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

**Treasurer:** Angie Chaffins was ill.

**Newsletter:** Jim Stukenborg had no corrections.

**Membership:** Paul Huelscamp was not present.

**Activities:** Kevin Clark announced he received an email from Mike Ison from D & D Classic in Covington, inviting us to tour their restoration shop. April 13 is the only weekend available and Kevin would confirm with Mike and accept the invitation. Kevin would also make reservation for lunch at Buffalo Jack's.

Also planned is attending a Dayton Dragons game in May, more info on this coming up.

The convention schedule of events is complete with the details in the Communique. We've replaced the convention car show with a Corvair Cruise In during the welcome party with the top 10 Corvairs awarded a plaque. ~~\*For this event you do not need to be a Corsa member to participate.~~ Concourse judging is to be held at Carillon Park. Each of our three clubs are donating money to help defray the cost of admission. There will be 6 Shriners cars parked at the front of the park. ~~\*correction-CORSA membership is required.~~

Mark Corbin stated he needed one more model car judge and then presented Kevin with a model of a Corvair modified with airplane wings. Mark thanked Kevin for his friendship as well as being the convention chairman.

A few guest speakers include Lee Grimes and Tom Espy.

Gary Funkhouser has gotten permission to have a food truck from 11 to 2pm during the Autocross at Kil-Kare.

Meeting ajourned - thank you everyone for your support.

Respectfully submitted  
Darcy Baker Secretary



**CORVAIRBORNE MEETING MINUTES**

*March 12, 2024*

Tonight Kevin Clark welcomed Mike Hall to our meeting along with Allison and Greg Hanlin, Glenda and Mike Bayman, Angie Chaffins, Craig Puthoff, Jim Stukenborg, Cindy Simon, Mike Gitzinger, Shaun Gitzinger, Patrick Kirgan, Tia Smith, Darcy and Duane Baker. Those on line included Patty and Mike Demeter, Kevin Gallagher, Lori Komora, Tom Berg, Jim Schmidt and Mark Corbin.

Duane showed a sample of the magnetic dash plaques being done W Productions in Urbana for \$1.00 a piece.

Angie showed her samples of the craft event. This looks like a fun activity, one that we can display proudly in our homes.

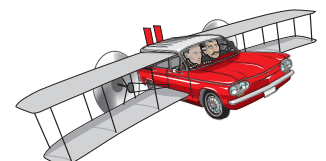
Mike Hall and Kevin Clark ran the Economy Run course on the way to the meeting put together by Rob Ernst.

Glenda Bayman has been designing the ribbons for the model car display winners. She'll be working closely with Mark Corbin to create these awards. Kevin showed a sample of a womans tee shirt with the convention logo, this will look very nice.

Even though the area at the Mariott hotel isn't a huge area, it's still a large area that having a few golf carts available would be helpful. We will be contacting a golf cart vendor to rent out 4 seater carts.

Regarding registration, Kevin has card stock for the name badges and Harry Jensen has the program. We hope to do a trial run early May and then be ready by end of June.

Respectfully submitted  
Darcy Baker Secretary





### 2024 CORSA CONVENTION HELP

Help is still needed for our July 21-25 convention. If you haven't gotten involved so far, we can use your help in several areas such as:

Sunday parking detail. CORSA has several out of town volunteers. They could use some more local help showing convention attendees where to park their cars, trailers, and vendor locations.

Hospitality can use a few more (contact Jim Stukenborg at 937-429-2291). Leave a message if no answer). Dayton has Monday as their day to staff the hospitality room. Thursday may also need some volunteers.

The Concours on Tuesday morning needs help with parking the entrants in their proper place.

Other areas such as the Econo Run, Rally, Valve Cover races, and the Autocross all will need extra people. Greg Hanlin needs 7 people to help with the Rally on Wednesday afternoon (contact Greg at 937-277-3268). To help at the convention one does not need to be a member of CORSA or pay a fee. Corsa though, would like non registered helpers to go to registration to get a name badge.

The Hospitality Room will have a silent auction, and door prize giveaways, and is looking for local free coupons for food and etc. If you have sources for any of these start collecting them for the convention.

### CONVENTION MERCHANDISE

Convention merchandise had been posted on our Dayton club website. You can order your polo shirts or T-shirts when you register for the convention on the CORSA website. If you need them in larger size not listed on the registration form, you can contact the appropriate person listed. The website is [www.DaytonCorvairClub.com](http://www.DaytonCorvairClub.com).



### 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.*

### LATE MODEL REAR WHEEL BEARING GREASE FITTING

These have been a concern for all late model Corvairs as the these cars are over 50 years old and wheel bearing grease does not last forever. One of the Corvair Center posters described the old grease on his car as being like stiff peanut butter. At one time the CORSA tech guide had an article about installing a grease fitting on the bearing housing. On a recent discussion on Corvair Center about using this method to lube the rear bearings the concenses was that doing this was more detremental than helpful and is not a good thing to do. The big job is the need for shimming the bearing properly, but this is difficult because the assembly is a press fit so one needs a turned down bearing shaft to set up the shims to get the desired clearance

### OIL ON TOP OF THE ENGINE

One poster on Corvair Center mention that his Corvair suddenly had oil on top of his engine. The first thought is that something broke inside the engine and blowby in the crankcase pushed oil out the dipstick. This would be the likely senario, but poster IRFGT pointed out that a bad fuel pump can cause all sorts of problems. Gas leaking into crankcase can cause overfilling and thinning of the oil leading to oil on top of the engine. Red Monza followed, posting that his old mechanic would check for gas in the oil by making a little puddle holding a match to it. He said if there was gas in the oil it would burn.



## APRIL CONVENTION ARTICLE IN THE COMMUNIQUE

In case you are not a CORSA member, here is the latest article to keep you up to date on the convention, Remember, to participate in the convention, you must be a CORSA member. To join CORSA, go to their website at [www.Corvair.org](http://www.Corvair.org). CORSA will be offering discounts to first time members. Search for it.

### Corvairborne! We Are on Schedule

We are excited the convention will soon be upon us. The schedule of events had been our road map for all our volunteers to follow. The host hotel has been filling up and it looks like everyone is looking forward to a great time. If you have not made your reservation with the Marriott, don't wait any longer. We won't want you missing out on a great convention we have had planned for you and your family.

### MONDAY, JULY 22

The Welcome Party on Monday night will include the Corvair Cruise In, Dinner (tickets required) and Valve Cover Racing. Be sure to register for each and purchase tickets for the dinner. The Welcome Party (without dinner tickets) and Corvair Cruise In comprise a combined event taking place in Lots #1 and #2. We will have the Valve Cover race in Lot #1 sharing spaces with the Shriner Corvairs and other significant Corvairs, plus special displays and games. There are maps on the convention website. It's at [www.daytoncorvairclub.com](http://www.daytoncorvairclub.com) and it'll show your way around.

### Corvair Cruise In

This inaugural event is designed around cars and fun. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening with the cars and each other's company. It is free if you register before June 24. Those registered for the event are eligible to win prizes and a People's Choice Top Ten Corvair award. There are no classes to sign up for. The only requirement is to be pre-registered and park in Lot #2 with the other Corvairs. This is separate from the Tuesday Concours and those who are registered for the Concours can participate but are not eligible to win People's Choice awards. The awards will be handed out at the show on Monday evening.

**Welcome Party Dinner:** To enjoy dinner, purchase tickets when registering. For those with dinner tickets, the Courtyard patio area will be accessible for food and seating. A cash bar will be available to everyone at the Welcome party.

**Australian C.K.D.** Assembled Right Hand Drive 1949-1970 CHEVROLET: Also on Monday evening in the Tradewinds room, Carl Kelsen, the Australian Corvair enthusiast, will give a presentation on General Motors' car production "down under." This will be a joint session with members of the National Impala group, who are holding their convention alongside ours.

### TUESDAY, JULY 23

The day-long Concours at Carillon Park, Dayton's finest outdoor open-air museum, is on the docket for Tuesday. The park is not far from the Marriott, with shuttle service to be available. That evening we have arranged an exclusive Dinner Under the Wings at the Museum of the United States Air Force. (Details for both events were in a previous article). Now, here are highlights of the Economy Run and Rally set for the following day...

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

**Economy Run** – Before the start of the run, be sure you have a full tank of gas. We will get everyone lined up in the staging area in Lot #2. The route will take you mainly through farmlands with a mix of divided highways and rural lanes through small towns and countryside. There are minor hills and dips; you likely will not find any place to do some coasting (sorry, folks!). You will see several points of interest along the way, so grab your camera and enjoy the scenery.

**Rally** – We will have a Continental Rally that's been fine-tuned after making several runs. Check your tires and speedometer the best you can because you want to have an accurate reading of your mileage in this rally. Take notes in case you need to answer some questions. You will be starting out from Lot #2 in the staging area. Again, be sure you have enough gas; we want you to come back.

### Camping

If you prefer camping to a hotel stay, there are quite a few campgrounds in the area to choose from. Information is available on the CORSA website in the Headlines section. The hotel has parking available for all types of trailers and limited space for RV's but they do not allow overnight stays in the RVs or camping.

We still have the autocross at Kil-Kare Raceway and the award banquet set for Thursday and will have full details on them in future issues. In the meantime, make your reservation with the Marriott before the rooms are taken. We hope to see you here in Dayton in just a few short months.

--Kevin Clark and the 2024 Convention Committee





2024 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CORVAIR CONVENTION - JULY 21 - 25	TIME	ROOM / LOT
<b>Sunday-21</b>		
Registration	2:00 PM—6:00 PM	Ballroom Foyer
CORSA Board meeting	7:00 PM—8:00 PM	TBD
<b>Monday-22</b>		
Hospitality	7:30 AM—5:00 PM	Tradewinds
Registration	8:00 AM—5:00 PM	Ballroom Foyer
Indoor Vendor Sales	8:30 AM—5:00 PM	Grand Ballroom
Outdoor Swap Meet	8:30 AM—5:00 PM	Lot #2
Concours Judges Check-in	11:00 AM—11:30 AM	Kettering Room
Concours Participants Meeting	11:30 AM—12:30 PM	Kettering Room
New Concours Judge Orientation	12:30 PM—1:15 PM	Kettering Room
Concours Operations & Classification	12:30 PM—3:30 PM	Lot #1
Model Car Setup	3:00 PM—4:00 PM	Ballroom Foyer
Stock Corvair Group Meeting	4:00 PM—5:00 PM	Oakwood
Newcomer Orientation	4:00 PM—4:30 PM	Kettering Room
Cole Participants Meeting	4:30 PM—5:00 PM	Kettering Room
Welcome Party	5:00 PM—9:00 PM	Lot #1 and Lot #2
Corvair Cruise In	5:00 PM—8:30 PM	Lot #2 - Turn in ballots by 8:30 PM
Valve Cover Races	7:00 PM—8:30 PM	Lot #1
Australian C.K.D. Assembled Right Hand Drive 1949-1970 CHEVROLET by Carl Kelsen	9:00 PM—10:30 PM	Tradewinds
<b>Tuesday-23</b>		
Concours Setup	6:30 AM—8:00 AM	Carillon Historical Park
Concours Judges Meeting	7:30 AM—8:00 AM	Carillon Historical Park
Registration	8:00 AM—5:00 PM	Ballroom Foyer
Hospitality	8:00 AM—5:00 PM	Tradewinds
Outdoor Swap Meet	8:30 AM—5:00 PM	Lot #2
Indoor Vendor Sales	8:30 AM—5:00 PM	Grand Ballroom
Concours d'Elegance	9:30 AM—3:00 PM	Carillon Historical Park
Crafter Event	1:00 PM—3:00 PM	Tradewinds
Tech Session: Model Car	2:00 PM—2:30 PM	Oakwood Room
Virtual Vairs Group Meeting	2:00 PM—3:00 PM	Kettering Room
Air Vairs Group Meeting	2:30 PM—4:00 PM	Oakwood Room
Meet a Maker - Lowell "Tommy" Espy	3:00 PM—3:45 PM	Kettering Room
Corvair Preservation Foundation Meeting	4:00 PM—4:30 PM	Oakwood Room
Caravan to USAF Museum	5:00 PM—5:15 PM	From Hotel to National Museum of the USAF
Dinner Under the Wings	5:30 PM—10:00 PM	National Museum of the USAF
<b>Wednesday-24</b>		
Hospitality	6:30 AM—5:00 PM	Tradewinds
Economy Run Participants Meeting	7:00 AM—7:30 AM	Kettering Room
Rally Participants Meeting	7:30 AM—8:00 AM	Oakwood Room
Economy Run	8:00 AM—NOON	Lot #2 (staging area)
Registration	8:00 AM—5:00 PM	Ballroom Foyer
Outdoor Swap Meet	8:30 AM—5:00 PM	Lot #2
Indoor Vendor Sales	8:30 AM—5:00 PM	Grand Ballroom
Rally	12:30 PM—4:30 PM	Lot #2 (staging area)
Banquet Table Assignments—Chapters	2:00 PM—2:30 PM	Ballroom Foyer
Banquet Table Assignments—Individuals	2:30 PM—4:00 PM	Ballroom Foyer
Yenko Stinger Group Meeting	2:00 PM—2:45 PM	Kettering Room
Tech Session - Koni Shocks	2:45 PM—3:45 PM	Kettering Room
Pre-Autocross Tech Inspection	3:30 PM—5:00 PM	Lot #1
CORSA Annual Town Hall	3:45 PM—4:30 PM	Oakwood Room
Cruise-in in Beavercreek	5:00 PM—5:15 PM	Lot #2 (staging area)
Chapter Editors, Webmasters, & Officers Meeting	8:00 PM—9:00 PM	Kettering Room
V-8 Registry Group Meeting	8:30 PM—9:30 PM	Oakwood Room
Corvanatics Group Meeting	9:00 PM—10:30 PM	Kettering Room
<b>Thursday-25</b>		
Autocross Tech Inspection	7:30 AM—8:30 AM	Kil-Kare Raceway
Hospitality Room	7:30 AM—NOON	Tradewinds
Registration	8:00 AM—NOON	Ballroom Foyer
Autocross Drivers Meeting	8:30 AM—9:00 AM	Kil-Kare Raceway
Outdoor Swap Meet	8:30 AM—5:00 PM	Lot #2
Autocross	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Kil-Kare Raceway
UltraVan Group Meeting	3:30 PM—4:30 PM	Kettering Room
Cocktail Social Hour	5:30 PM—6:30 PM	Ballroom Foyer
Banquet & Awards	6:30 PM—9:30 PM	Grand Ballroom



**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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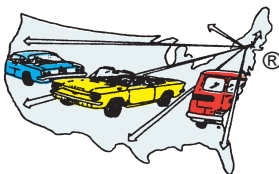
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