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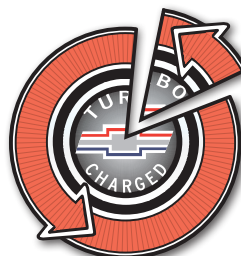
The world's largest Corvair boneyard, the Corvair Ranch, is on YouTube. Located in Gettysburg, PA, the video is shared by Eurotech, a family owned auto repair shop in Maryland. To find the video Google Corvair Ranch.

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at the Vandalia Justice Center, our regular place. The date is Tuesday August 24. The time is our usual 6:30 PM. If you are not the first one there the west side door should be open. If not, come in through the lobby. Directions to the Justice Center are on the last page. This is a five Tuesday month so don't come the last Tuesday of the month.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY

Our September activity will be a monthly meeting at Marion's Piazza at 3443 North Dixie Dr. in Dayton. The date is Tuesday September 28, our regular 4th Tuesday. The time is 6:30 PM. The Vair Affair was moved to



October so the pizza meeting was moved to September. This location is a block west of the Wagner Ford exit of I-75 on the south bound side of North Dixie Dr. This is a family affair so bring the kids or grand kids. Club pays for the pizza. Drinks and anything else is your responsibility.

Corvair Society of America

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

To join visit: www.corvair.org.





JULY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 7/29/2021 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

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



Attendees: Joe & Jennie Dranschak, Jim Stukenborg, Duane & Darcy Baker, Gary Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Jim Schmidt and Verle McGillivray.

Welcome: President Shawn Funkhouser welcomed all and we had a short discussion about some car activities before we got into the regular agenda. This time also gives us a chance to identify any topics we might want to talk about that maybe were not on the agenda.

Secretary: Joe had no previous minutes as we did not have enough officers in attendance in June for a quorum at the June meeting. Although, those that did attend the meeting stayed around and had their own sharing of news and Corvair related topics.

Treasurer: Jennie reported a balance on June 30 of \$1,903.09. We had income of Interest \$.06, Club hats \$120, donations \$33, Greg Leingang dues for 2020 & 2021 of \$30 and Dayton Dragon ticket sales of \$220 for a total income of \$403.06. Our expenses were \$264 for 24 Dayton Dragon tickets leaving us a balance on July 27, 2021 of \$2,042.15. The report was approved as presented.

Membership: No report given. Jennie and Paul are working on a CORSA member report.

Newsletter: Jim had a compliment for the quality of our Newsletters. Kevin does a real nice job of putting it all together.

Activities: After a good discussion of the 'Vair Affair Gary and Shawn suggested we schedule this event for Saturday, October 2. Since our activities Chair, Kevin, was not with us we began rearranging the activities for the rest of the year. We agreed to set the Dayton Dragons rescheduled baseball game for Tuesday August 17 at 7:05 P.M. Joe will confirm this with the Group Sales Office and get our new tickets sent to us. We will have a regular Club Meeting at the Vandalia Justice Center Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 P.M. With the 'Vair Affair

moving to October 2, we then figured it would be good to have the September Club Meeting at Marions Pizza so we scheduled that for Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 P.M. and we will have pizza and the Club meeting that night. Right now, we have November open for an activity but we have Tuesday, November 23 scheduled for a regular Club meeting at the Justice Center. Jennie is checking on arrangements for a Christmas dinner & Club meeting for December.

Old Business: We were reminded of the Wheels & Wings Fly Over in Zanesville August 14 but it was unsure of the Club participation.

New Business: We had a good discussion of the Performance Clinic that Gary and Shawn are planning for March 2022. There will be a lot more information about this so members can plan ahead. We also talked a little about planning for the Mid Ohio Meet for 2022 and making sure we get a location reserved. We will celebrate our Club 50-year anniversary at the event and we want to add a few special touches to it.

50/50: The amount was \$9.00 and once again Verle won for \$4.50 and once again he donated it to the Club for the next pizza party. The other \$4.50 went to the Club.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn and we did about 7:30 P.M.



PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

The Corvair performance workshop is back in Dayton, where it all started, for 2022. Save the date, Saturday March 5, 2022. The activity will take place at Shawn and Gary's Corvair shop in Centerville. More info about the event when we get closer to the date.



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 about being involved with something when you were young that you thought you lost forever but found later in life. We are not sure about the copyright so we need to reference portions of the article and provide proper credits.

THE SAGA OF A CORVAIR DUNE BUGGY BY RICK NORRIS (CORVAIR ALLEY.COM)

Rick Norris is a long time Corvair enthusiast. He was one of the original members of The Corvair Society of America, or CORSA. He was a member of the first Board of Directors and was elected the first National President in 1971. He also attended the first National Convention in Chicago.

His article describes a buggy originally built by some kids in Nitro, West Virginia. The body was a copy of a Meyers Manx done by a guy in St. Albans by the name of George Smolens. It originally had a turbo motor from a 1963 Corvair Spyder without the turbo and the dash was also used. Rick's old friend Mike Stone found the buggy for sale and bought it. He immediately disassembled the buggy and began reengineering, redesigning and reassembling it. Rick took the engine home and swapped the turbo heads, added some headers and began autocrossing it.

The buggy eventually went to Charlotte, NC, when Rick moved there, and came back to Charleston, WV, when Rick moved back three years later. After moving back to West Virginia, Rick put a '65 coupe autocrosser engine in the buggy. Later on, Mike and Rick sold the buggy to another autocrosser who sold it to some kids and it disappeared and Rick never thought he would see it again.



In September 1993, Rick was at the annual Golden Oldies Labor Day Car Show at the state Capitol in Charleston. After getting set up at the car show, Rick asked his wife to watch the car so he could walk around and look at the other cars. He happened to see a red dune buggy and getting closer he thought, "This is like the one Mike and I had." He saw it had a Corvair front suspension and engine but was looking for something that would positively identify it, which was a piece of aluminum sheet metal over the oil cooler and a fuel pump boss plug he had made from a bolt and an old pump. Rick found his old dune buggy! Rick went to get his camera and when he came back to take photos he found Mike Stone at the buggy. They remembered the good times they had with the buggy and were glad to see it had survived the years and was still appreciated and looked after. The buggy was all Corvair, except for the gas tank, which is from a Volkswagen, the flip up gas cap, which is from a Corvette, and the tail lights from a '65 Mustang.

A little later, the current owner, Mark Hicks, joined Rick and Mike. Rick told him about the history of the buggy. Rick promised Mark pictures, gave him his card and told him if he ever wanted to sell it, he wanted first refusal. Who knows, it may come home yet. Rick is still waiting to hear from Mark.

Credits: <http://corvairalley.com/dunebuggy.html>



'66 STRETCHED LIMO

An ad found for this 1966 Corvair limo doesn't say much except it was a father son project. It is completed with hot rod flat black with black interior. Seats six with matching seats but no other photos to prove it. However it does run, needs nothing and as a bonus it has "racing" stripes. The price was pretty steep. If you remember Don Filkin from the Cincinnati club, he had a white limo and donated it to the Corvair museum.

CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

8/24/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
9/28/21	Club meeting at Marion's Piazza - Tuesday at 6:30pm - N Dixie Drive
10/02/21	Vair Affair at Shawn & Gary Funkhouser Barn
10/26/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
11/??/21	Event TBD
11/23/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
12/11/21	Club Christmas Dinner and Meeting - Saturday at 4:30pm - Location TBD

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

Now thru Sep 25	Saturday Night Kettering Cruise-In. 5pm to dark. Dorothy Lane and Woodman Drive.
Now thru Oct 29	Rip Rap Roadhouse Cruise-In. Every Friday Night. 6024 Rip Rap Rd. 5pm to dark.
Now thru Sep 24	Beavercreek Friday Night Cruise. Every Friday 4-8pm Vineyard Church 4051 Indian Ripple Dr.
Now thru Sep 27	Monday Night Cruise-In. Every Monday 5-9pm New Carlisle Rt 235 (National Bank)
Now thru Oct 9	Cars and Coffee. Every Saturday 9-Noon COhatch South Fountain Ave. Springfield
Now thru Oct 24	Kettering American Legion Cruise-In. 5700 Kentshire Dr. 11AM-?? 7/25 8/22 9/26 10/24
Aug 28, 2021	SCP Automotive Cruise-In. 2275 W. . Free Hot Dogs Music Ice Cream 12-4PM.
Aug 28, 2021	Bob Pool Orphan Car Show. 10-3PM. Young's Dairy Yellow Springs. \$5
Aug 28, 2021	Bellbrook Lions Club Festival. 60 E South St. Bellbrook. Food Games Rides Beer Garden Dash Plaques Prizes. 3-6:30PM. Parade at 4PM. Top 30 Awards at 7:30PM. \$10
Aug 29, 2021	14th Culp Lake Car Show. 1830 E Home Rd Springfield. Reg 9-Noon. Awards at 3PM. \$10
Aug 29, 2021	Pickhead's Car Bike Show. 3616 Needmore Rd at Dayton Firefighter's Activity Center. Reg 9:30-11AM. Awards at 4PM. DJ 50/50 Food Merchandise. \$10
Aug 29, 2021	Antioch Shrine Car Show. 107 E First St. Dayton. Dash Plaques Prizes Food. 1-4PM. \$10
Sept 18, 2021	Tawawa Park Cruise-In. 12 Tawawa Park Dr. Sidney OH. Noon-4PM. Food Prizes. Free
Sept 25, 2021	Cruise-In at St. Leonard. 8200 Provincial Way Centerville. Food 50/50. 10AM-2PM
Sept 25, 2021	Xenia Grace Chapel Car Show. 100 Grace Dr. Swap Meet DJ Food Trucks Dash Plaques 50/50 Vendors. 10AM-2:30PM \$12
Sept 26, 2021	North Hill's 5th Car Show. 2950 Moorefield Rd Springfield. 1-5PM. Prizes Food 50/50 Awards. \$10
Oct 16, 2021	One Room School Car Show. Young's Dairy Yellow Springs. 10-3:30PM. Music Food Games Awards. \$10

REAL OR PHOTOSHOPPED

Speaking of stretched, take a really good look at this six-wheeler. One would have to sit back and take a deep breath before passing along something that is seemingly real whatever you find on the internet. In this day and age of computers you've seen movies and commercials with unbelievable characters or impossible stunts. Judge for yourself if this half Greenbrier and half Corvan is morphed into one as a true craftsmanship or done with computer manipulation.



TWO CLUB CAPS AVAILABLE

There are two club caps remaining to be sold. They are \$20 each and get yours before they are gone. See Kevin at any club meeting or email him at daytoncorvairclub@gmail.com.



FOR SALE

I have for sale some sheet metal that I don't need any more. It is a floor pan from a 1967 coupe. I got this from Dave Motohead. Mojave desert metal, no rust. Both pieces \$300.00 Floor pan only is \$250.00. Duane Baker - bakerdoh@gmail.com - Urbana, OH

FOR SALE

1965 Corvair 140 HP heads, complete, in good condition, \$250; CORSA dash, complete, in good condition \$75. Also have an early model red convertible top cover that has been in the attic for a long time. May or may not be usable as sections of it are a little stiff. . It is free for the asking. Jim Stukenborg 937-429-2291, leave message. We screen calls. If we are there we will pick up.



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.

EARLY MODEL CORVAIR A/C BLOWER NOT WORKING

Per Corvair Center poster, Craig Nicol, the early model Corvair air conditioner has an in line fuse in the gray wire running horizontally above the evaporator on a factory installation. It would be a non working A/C puzzle if one did not know about it. Factory A/C was not available on the Spyders.

ANOTHER TRICKY EARLY A/C NOTE

Per Corvair Center poster "Junkman" there is a yellow wire coming from the high beam switch that prevents the blower motor from going to full speed when the high beams are on. [Ed note] If so, a bad headlight switch could cause the A/C blower problem. Might want to question this one as no one denied or confirmed this post. A check of the early A/C wiring diagram shows a yellow wire but not the headlight switch.



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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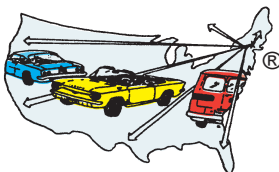
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