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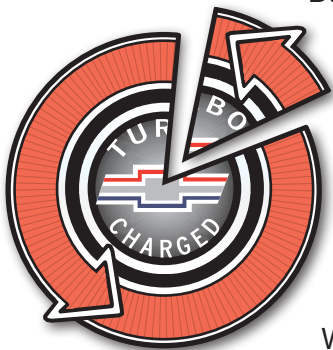
### FAREWELL SUMMER

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at Marion's Piazza at 3443 North Dixie Dr. in Dayton. The date is Tuesday

September 28, our regular 4th Tuesday. The time is our usual 6:30 PM. This is a family event so bring the kids or grand kids. As in the past the club pays for the pizza. Drinks and everything else are the individual's responsibility. We will start the meeting while

waiting for pizza. This location on North Dixie is just west of the Wagner Ford exit on I-75. Marion's is on the south bound side of North Dixie. This will also be our September activity.



### OCTOBER ACTIVITY

Our October activity will our yearly "Vair Affair". This year it will be held at the Funkhouser shop at 9452 Sheehan Rd. in Centerville. Sheehan runs west off Rt-48 at the south edge of Centerville, just past the McDonald's restaurant. The date is Saturday October 2. The "Affair" starts at 11:00 AM with lunch at noon. The club will furnish the meat and buns. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.



## Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile - [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org).

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## AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

**Minutes:** Dayton Corvair Club, 8/24/2021 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.



**Location:** The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler Meeting House/ Shelter Area, 336 East Alkaline Springs Road, Vandalia, OH 45477.

We received a call from the Vandalia Justice Center room coordinator that the building air conditioning was not working so we re-scheduled to the Historical Society.

**Attendees:** Shawn Funkhouser, Joe Dranschak, Jim Stukenborg, Ed Thornburg, Verle McGillivray, Buddy Chaffins, Angela Chaffins, Jim Schmidt, Duane Baker, Gary Funkhouser, Mike Bayman, Kevin Clark and Paul Huelskamp.

**Welcome:** President Shawn Funkhouser welcomed guests and regular attendees. We had a little discussion about a Corvair Spyder dash Shawn is working on and then Shawn reminded us we are still in need of a Club Vice President, if someone would like to volunteer. Shawn also mentioned the August 17 Dayton Dragons Game and we had a little discussion about the rain delay and the game.

**Secretary:** Joe explained how we review prior meeting minutes for our guests. This highlighted how the minutes are usually reviewed and asked to be approved as they appear in the most current Newsletter. After Joe reviewed some of the major points from the minutes and asked for Club approval, Verle motioned we accept the minutes, seconded by Gary and so approved.

**Treasurer:** Jennie had a conflict with her Basket Guild meeting, so Joe read her monthly report for the Club members. We had a balance on July 27, 2021 of \$2,042.15. We had income of \$9.00 from the 50/50 (\$4.50 our half and \$4.50 donated for pizza by Verle McGillivray), \$22.00 for Dragon tickets from Shawn Funkhouser and \$22.00 for Dragons tickets from Gary Funkhouser for a total of \$53.00 in income. We had expenses of \$87.28 for Marions Pizza paid to Joe Dranschak (for paying the Club bill). This left us a balance on August 24, 2021 of \$2,007.87. Motion to accept the report made by Jim Stukenborg, seconded by Paul and approved.

**Membership:** Paul received member applications from Ed Thornburg (\$15), and Angela and Buddy Chaffins (\$15) at the meeting. Paul will share the information with Jennie.

**Newsletter:** Jim had no new information.

**Activities:** We had a discussion about the Ann Arbor Homecoming 2021 event August 26-29. Kevin and Susan, Duane and Darcy plan on going, as they have been regulars. Gary mentioned that our Club was not mentioned at the Dragons game – probably because it was a make up for us. Paul paid Joe \$11 for a separate Dragons game ticket Joe previously purchased. The next event will be a Pizza Meeting at Marions at 6:30PM at Marions Piazza.

**Old Business:** We don't know if any members attended the Wheels & Wings Fly Over in Zanesville August 14, it appears not. Kevin has only one Club hat left (Gary bought one).

**New Business:** We had a good discussion of the Mid Ohio Meet for 2022 (we will host our 50th anniversary). We want to reach out to past members and have some activities for the day. We talked about Buck Creek and Caesars Creek with Caesars Creek more desirable. Shawn will check about the reservation availability and we all are to continue thinking about activities. Jennie got information about Christy's Catering providing the meal for our December 11 Christmas Dinner Meeting. We plan on having the event at the Historical Society. Jennie will share the information with Shawn to see if Gary can compare the service/cost to the caterer Gary has for the Performance Workshop. We also discussed the Performance Workshop more with additional information to be provided in a separate newsletter article.

**50/50:** The amount was \$17.00 with Gary winning \$8.50 and donating it for Club pizza.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn and we did about 7:45 P.M.

## VICE-PRESIDENT STILL NEEDED

This Fall is election year. Almost all officers are again serving another term and we still need someone for Vice President. Let any of the officers know if you want the job. It is the easiest job in the club.



### 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 need to give credit for this article to CNNMoney.com. It is not a very long article, and it does not really tell us much that we have not read or heard many times before, but if you check the Credit link you can read about several other GM vehicles (including the Chevrolet Vega, Cadillac Cimarron, EV1, Pontiac Aztek, Saturn L-series and Hummer H2 that the article author reviews.

### GM'S JUNK HEAP

By Peter Valdes-Dapena, CNNMoney.com senior writer

Over its history General Motors has made its share of bad products. Some were poorly built, some were badly executed and others suffered from lousy timing.

Brought out in the early 1960s, the Corvair was designed to compete against sporty European cars that were making inroads with American drivers. Its innovative rear-engined design was supposed to give it sporty handling.

In early versions, though, the Corvair's rear suspension design seemed unsuited to the job. The car had dangerously dicey handling in turns.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader featured the Corvair in part of his famous book "Unsafe at Any Speed." which pilloried the U.S. auto industry for emphasizing design over safety.

GM ultimately improved the Corvair's suspension design, which was a good move. What wasn't so good was hiring private investigators to dig up dirt on Nader. Nader noticed the stalkers, of course, forcing GM executives to publicly apologize and making GM look all the worse.



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AZTEK

CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES	
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. 11am-3pm. 9452 Sheehan Rd. in Centerville
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 - Historical Society - Saturday at 4:30pm

**HOMECOMING WEEK**

The Detroit Area Corvair Club hosted their annual Homecoming in Ann Arbor, Michigan August 26 through 28. Club member Duane and Darcy Baker were there in their '66 Monza coupe, Greg Hanlin came in his '63 Greenbrier and so were the Clark's but they did not drive their '63 Corvan due to the heat. The region had been broiling in the low 90's all week. Not everyone drove their Corvair but at least 90 Corvairs were there putting on a good show.



The new location provided much needed parking spaces with room to spare even for trailers and RVs. The hospitality room served free lunch every day and is right next door to the indoor swap meet. An outdoor swap meet was just a step away. There also was an auditorium with movie theater seating making tech sessions and a movie really comfortable to attend. The valve cover race was nicely set up inside in a wide lounging area with a bar and pool nearby.

And of course they had the Drive-Thru Awards which went smoothly with no traffic jam. Kudos to the DACC for a great time and hosting the Homecoming.

**ULTIMATE AZTEK**

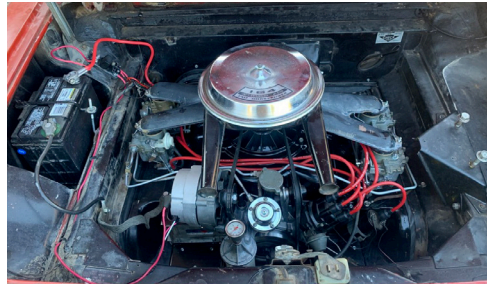
Joe's history article covered GM vehicles that have gotten a bad rap. Among them was the Pontiac Aztek. Here is an Aztek that has been customized. Who says you can't make a silk purse out of pig's ear.



<b>LET'S GO CRUISE-IN' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>	
Now thru Sep 25	<b>Saturday Night Kettering Cruise-In.</b> 5pm to dark. Dorothy Lane and Woodman Drive.
Now thru Oct 29	<b>Rip Rap Roadhouse Cruise-In.</b> Every Friday Night. 6024 Rip Rap Rd. 5pm to dark.
Now thru Sep 24	<b>Beavercreek Friday Night Cruise.</b> Every Friday 4-8pm Vineyard Church 4051 Indian Ripple Dr.
Now thru Sep 27	<b>Monday Night Cruise-In.</b> Every Monday 5-9pm New Carlisle Rt 235 (National Bank)
Now thru Oct 9	<b>Cars and Coffee.</b> Every Saturday 9-Noon COhatch South Fountain Ave. Springfield
Sept 25, 2021	<b>Cruise-In at St. Leonard.</b> 8200 Provincial Way Centerville. Food 50/50. 10AM-2PM
Sept 25, 2021	<b>Xenia Grace Chapel Car Show.</b> 100 Grace Dr. Swap Meet DJ Food Trucks Dash Plaques 50/50 Vendors. 10AM-2:30PM \$12
Sept 26 & Oct 24	<b>Kettering American Legion Cruise-In.</b> 5700 Kentshire Dr. 11AM-?? Free
Sept 26, 2021	<b>North Hill's 5th Car Show.</b> 2950 Moorefield Rd Springfield. 1-5PM. Prizes Food 50/50 Awards. \$10
Oct 2, 2021	<b>Dayton First Church Car Show.</b> 7031 N Main St Dayton. 10AM-3PM. Food drinks, \$10
Oct 16, 2021	<b>One Room School Car Show.</b> Young's Dairy Yellow Springs. 10-3:30PM. Music Food Games Awards. \$10

### '64 CORVAIR SAVED

The '65 140 HP heads that Jim Stukenborg had for sale ended up in Albuquerque, NM on a '64 convertible pictured below. The buyer Geoff acquired a disappointing "basket case". Literally unusable badly worn parts from the car came in baskets. Nearly giving it up to scrap the Corvair, Geoff was able to buy the parts he needed from members on Corvair Center. Geoff had made the Corvair road worthy again and he is happy to have saved a Corvair and is enjoying it. The Corsa dash Jim had ended up in Indianapolis, IN. He still has a red vinyl top cover for FREE if you need one. Call Jim at 937-429-2291.



### ONE CLUB CAP AVAILABLE

There is only one club cap remaining to be sold. It can be yours for \$20. See Kevin at any club meeting or email him at [daytoncorvairclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bakerdoh@gmail.com) - Urbana, OH



### 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 MANUAL TRANS AND DIFFERENTIAL LUBE

According to Corvair Center poster and lubricant expert Richard, this the best lube for a Corvair with a manual transmission where the same lubricant mixes between the transmission and the differential. Amsoil synthetic 75W-90 API-GL4. GL4 gives better shifting with a manual transmission. API-GL5 is easier to find and is good to use in the differential of a Corvair with an automatic transmission where the diff lube and the trans lube do not mix.

### STUCK DOOR REVISITED

The February 2020 newsletter discusses a late Corvair door that is stuck shut, probably by a small piece of plastic that breaks off and jams the latch. A recent post by Steve Goodman, a well known Corvair repair person in Golden Colorado uses a more gentle method than kicking the door. He has a second person push in the outside door button and pull on the door while Steve pulls up on the inside handle and pushes against the door with his shoulder. They do a little push/pull on the door and 3-4 of these usually opens the door. AZ Dave, another poster, says that after getting the door open and dislodging the piece of broken plastic the door will work fine without the plastic. With a little luck the piece may fall out on its own or maybe a little rapping on the door will cause it to fall out. It supposedly is there to keep the door from rattling.



**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:  
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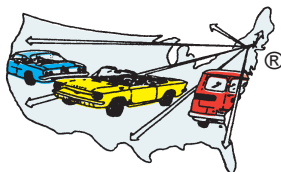
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