



DAYTON Corvair



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Welcome to the new year of 2020. We hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Last year the CORSA convention was not too far away in St Charles, Illinois, but this year it is in San Diego, California. A little far to drive, but an attractive location as an airline flight destination. Last year we had a chance to see Corvairs in competition at the Mid Ohio race course as part of the vintage races being run there. Former Daytonian, Jim Schardt, won the Corvair only race. Dayton Corvair club member Gary Funkhouser maintains the Schardt race car. Looks like Gary hasn't lost his touch with a Corvair race car. The Cincinnati club staged a nice Mid Ohio Meet at Buck Creek State Park. Those club members who attended our yearly Dragons game were treated to a double header as a game halted by rain in the second inning was completed before the regularly scheduled game took place.

There are still plenty of activities for our Corvairs this year. While the convention is on the west coast we have the Mid Ohio Meet and one of Kevin Clark's favorite meets, the Corvair Homecoming event in Plymouth, Michigan. A visit to the GM Heritage Museum in Detroit is usually a part of the Homecoming activities. We also have our own club activities planned.

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at our normal place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday January 28th our regular fourth Tuesday. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Directions to the center are on the last page of the newsletter.

JANUARY ACTIVITY

There is no special club activity for January other than the activity planning meeting that was held on Jan 19.

DECEMBER ACTIVITY

The club's December activity was the yearly Christmas party. The party was well attended and we had another good meal prepared by Christy's. As with many past years we had enough voluntary gifts that everyone who attended had a chance to receive one. Thanks to all who contributed. Kevin Clark took pictures that he will post in this newsletter. Joe Dranschak has some additional notes about the Christmas party in his minutes.



We did have a business meeting at the party and the details can be found in Joe Dranschak's meeting minutes. We had hoped that someone might volunteer to take the club president's job and that of the membership chair. That did not happen, so the positions are still waiting to be filled.



NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 11/26/2019 Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

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

Attendees: Verle McGillivray, Joe & Jennie Dranschak, Greg Hanlin, Jack Milliff, Jim Stukenborg, Kevin Clark, Jim Schmidt, Paul Huelkamp and Aggie Moyer.

Welcome: Verle started the meeting about 6:38PM.
Vice President Comments: Steve Kianka did not attend.

Secretary: Joe Dranschak reviewed a few items from the October meeting minutes then asked that the minutes be approved as posted in the November Club Newsletter. Motion by Jack Milliff, second by Paul Huelkamp and approved.

Treasurer: Jennie Dranschak reported a balance on October 23, 2019 of \$2,466.59. We had income of \$40 with \$15 from the 50/50 and \$15 donated by Jennifer Noll of her 50/50 winnings and \$10 donation from Steve Schuman. We had expenses of \$145.22 from \$19.28 for Jim Stukenborg for the 'Vair Affair and \$125.94 to Kevin Clark for the InDesign app he is using for our newsletter. This left us a balance on November 26, 2019 of \$2,361.37. Jennie will have more detailed information for the December Dinner Meeting and a year end report for the January meeting. Motion by Jack Milliff, second by Joe and approved.

Activities: We discussed the Planning Meeting and felt January 19, 2020 would be a good date for Marion's Piazza unless we picked something else at the December Dinner Meeting. We decided to get 20 tickets for May 19, 2020 as our first choice for the Dayton Dragons Baseball game. We discussed the possibility of a Club donation to a worthy cause if someone has a specific charity in mind when we have the Christmas Dinner.

Membership: Joe is getting the membership listing current and we will use his list to make additional changes at the Dinner Meeting.

Newsletter: Jim Stukenborg had no new information for the newsletter.

Old Business: We talked about a Club hat and Kevin will get some prices for us. We have not had any new Club purchases for some time and have several new members now.

New Business: We are still in need of a person to take over as Club President and we need a Membership Chair. We will be making some phone calls to members before the next meeting.

50/50 Drawing: Jack Milliff won \$5 and donated it towards the next pizza meeting.

Closing: We adjourned about 7:30 PM.

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 12/14/2019 Club Dinner and Meeting, 5:30 P.M.

Location: Christy's Catering, 6488 Chambersburg Road, Huber

Heights, Ohio 45424.

Attendees: We had a very nice turnout of about 32 Club members. Club President, Verle McGillivray, welcomed everyone to the annual Christmas Dinner. It is becoming a tradition for Larry Smith's wife Willa to share a prayer of thanks for us to gather and share an evening of friendship and to thank the staff from Christy's Catering for preparing and providing a wonderful meal. Thanks Willa!

Meeting Discussion: After dinner, Verle thanked the staff and we began the business part of the meeting. Verle reminded us that he has enjoyed his time as President but he is ready to turn the duties over to someone new. Verle asked that we take a few minutes to introduce ourselves, which gave everyone a chance to share Christmas and New Year wishes. Joe informed us we did not have a nomination for President or for the Membership Chair positions. However, as is specified in our Bylaws, we did need to approve the officers for the coming year (at least the positions we had nominations for). Joe indicated Steve Kianka will continue as Vice-President, Joe Dranschak as Secretary, Jennie Dranschak as Treasurer and Kevin Clark as Activities Chair. Dennis Kugler motioned we accept these officers, seconded by Gary Funkhouser and approved. We will discuss the President and Membership Chair positions further at the Club Planning Meeting. Jim Stukenborg will continue to research and work on the Club Newsletter.

Treasurer: Jennie reported a balance of \$2,361.37 from the November Club meeting. She will be working on the December and Year-end reports for the Dinner Meeting and the Club January 2020 meeting.

Secretary: Joe is updating the Club membership list and will be using the information from the Dinner Meeting to help get an up-to-date listing for the January Planning Meeting and regular January Club meeting. Joe also reminded members of the annual January Planning Meeting on January 19, 2020 at 2PM at Marion's Piazza on Dixie Drive.

Activities: Joe reminded Club members that we have previously discussed the possible purchase of a Club hat or some other article, since we have several new Club members since the last time we ordered anything. The hat seemed to be a good idea and Kevin will do more checking on a price for these. Verle suggested we pick a date for the 2020 Annual Dinner and after some discussion we decided on Saturday, December 12th at 4:30PM with dinner at 5:30PM for Christmas Dinner at Christy's.

50/50: Jennie asked if everyone got tickets for the 50/50 drawing then April and Devon Sadowski's daughter drew the \$40 winning ticket, which just happened to belong to Jennie, who donated the money to the Club pizza fund.

Fun Time: With general business items completed, Verle turned the meeting over to Aggie for door prize activities with Joe and Verle helping distribute items. After a fun door prize distribution, we concluded the evening with everyone wishing each other a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We adjourned about 7:30PM.



CALENDAR

A small group of club members made it to the meeting to review activities for our club. Joe Dranschak made it easy because he had a typed outline as a starting point. Some of these are things that we do every year. Several are new. One is old, but unaccomplished. That is the Lebanon train ride that we have been working on for years. So long that Al Ruwe passed away while we were trying to get "on board". This was Al's favorite activity suggestion. We came close some years ago, but the train had a problem and did not run. We had to settle for a stop at the ice cream shop in Lebanon. Not really a bad alternate activity. A train ride and dinner at the Golden Lamb. What do you think. The activity is a tentative list and subject to change should the club members wish to do something different. We are open to suggestions.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Nominating Committee is still working on finding a new Club President and Membership Chairperson. The Board Officer

positions are filled for all other positions. Below are the duties, described in our Club Bylaws, for the two open positions we need to fill. The term of office is for two years. If you are interested please call Secretary Joe Dranschak at 937-898-6689 or Email him at jdrans01@aol.com

President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.

Membership Chairperson - The Membership Chairperson shall be in charge of maintaining an up to date membership roster and be in charge of notifying members when they owe membership dues and also maintain a supply of Club membership applications and a file of member information.

Please see if you can help the Club by volunteering to serve in one of these positions.

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 Corvaair Club, the editor, or the author assume any liability.

**TECH TOPICS YEARLY SUMMARY
2019**

JANUARY:	PREVIOUS THREE YEARS OF TECH TIPS	
FEBUARY:	MODERN BIG CAR FUSE	FROST ON THE WINDSHIED
MARCH:	STEERING BOX LUBE	WINDSHIELD TRIM SCREWS
APRIL:	HORN DOESN'T BLOW	REMOVE OLD WEATHERSTRIP ADHESIVE
MAY:	REMOVE TAIL & STOP BULBS	SWAPPING FRONT SEATS
JUNE:	CORVAIR MANUAL TRANS	TURBO PARTS & REBUILD SOURCE
JULY:	CORVAIR SPARK PLUGS	ANTISEIZE ON PLUGS THREADS?
AUGUST:	NONE	
SEPTEMBER:	CARB GAS LINE NUT	ADJUSTING STEERING BOX PLAY
OCTOBER:	WINDSHIELD CHIP REPAIR	SPARK PROBLEMS
NOVEMBER:	CORVAIR CHOKE SETTING	PLASTIC FUEL LINE FILTER



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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 information is from a 2009 Chicago Tribune article by Paul Duchene originally provided by Corvair Preservation Foundation historian Dave Newell and technical adviser Larry Claypool to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the Corvair. We will share this article in two parts between the January and February Club Newsletters. Part one is for items 1-12.

Twenty-Five Things You Didn't Know About The Corvair

1. The secret of the Corvair was leaked 18 months early, on April 11, 1958, when United Auto Workers official Dave Mann told the press that General Motors would build a small car at the Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti, Mich.
2. Motor Trend magazine's Car of the Year for 1960, Corvair had GM's first all-independent suspension. To use an existing manual transmission, the engine rotation had to be reversed so as not to have one low forward gear and four reverse.
3. Unibody construction with welded front fenders, a first for GM, meant that Fisher Body employees aligned the whole car.
4. Some 8,000 Corvairs were stockpiled at the GM's Milford, Mich., Proving Grounds in preparation for the October 1959 launch; 250 were "swimmers" (caught in a flood) but cleaned up, reupholstered and sold.
5. Oct. 2 was the official launch day and will be national Drive Your Corvair To Work Day this fall.
6. Initial Corvair models were 500 and 700 four-door sedans. The most basic 500 is known as the Caveman for its simplicity. Coupes followed in January 1960, then the Monza coupe with 4-speed on the floor in the spring.
7. Surviving early Corvairs are Nos. 375 and 428, both sporting original front fenders, which lasted only 500 cars into the production run.
8. Chevrolet dealers were dismayed by the initial price, which could climb to \$2,500 with Powerglide, heater and radio, only \$200 less than a full-size Biscayne.
9. Gas mileage could be as high at 26 m.p.g. highway, until the VW-style gasoline-powered heater was fired up at a loss of 6 to 8 m.p.g.
10. A boatload of 1960 Corvairs was sent to Cuba before the revolution. At last count, three survive; two reportedly running with front-mounted Russian motors.
11. Dick Doane Chevrolet in East Dundee and Chicago Tribune writers made two attempts to drive to Rio de Janeiro in three Corvairs, with a support truck and fuel truck. They got as far as Colombia in 1961, where one car remains in the jungle, according to a British Army photograph from 1972.
12. In 1961, the Corvan panel van, Greenbrier passenger van and Lakewood station wagon and Rampside pickup were introduced. Air conditioning was optional.

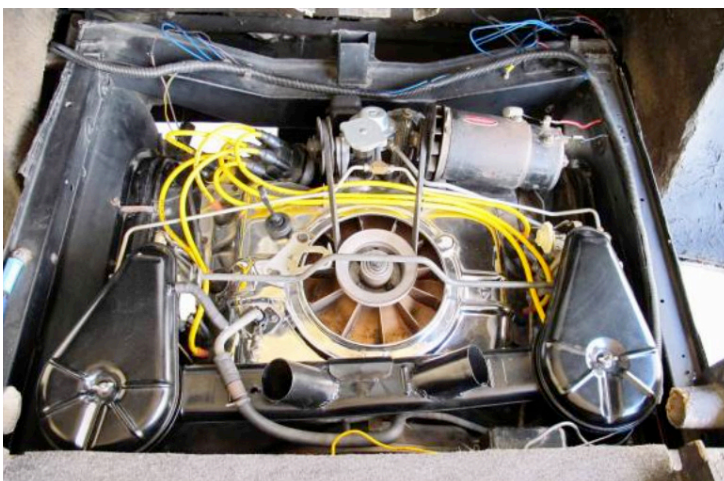
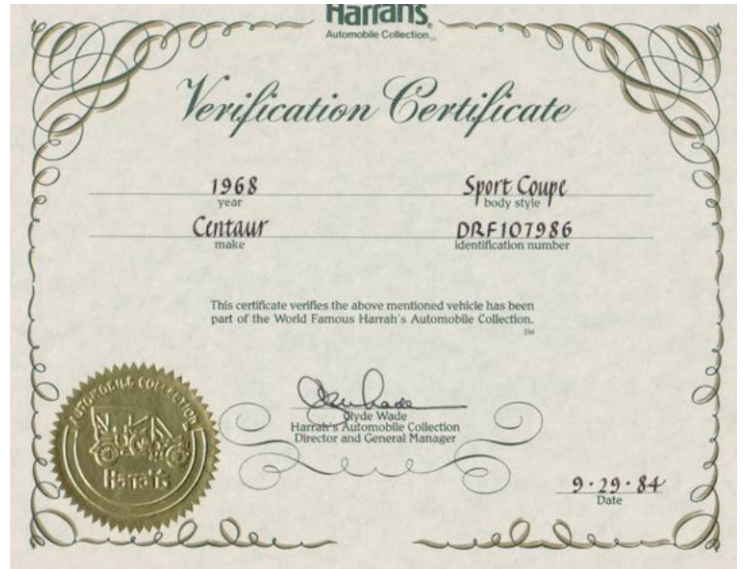


2019 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



1968 CENTAUR SPORT COUPE

For \$4600 you could have owned a piece of history. Recently on eBay an unusual Centaur Sport Coupe was listed for sale as a Corvair powered prototype. It was owned by Bill Harrah who showcased the car at his own National Auto Collection in Reno, Nevada. The ad says it was built between 1964-1968 with a four speed tranny and Corvair suspension and fiberglass body with only 1206 miles on it. It didn't mention who built it.





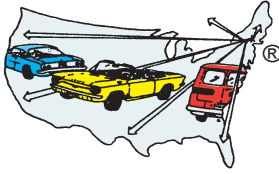
CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

01/19/20	Planning meeting at Marion's Piazza, N. Dixie 2:00 PM
01/28/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center
02/27/20	Dayton Auto Show, Dayton Convention Center – Spaghetti Warehouse after – Joe will get more info
02/25/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
03/24/20	Marion's Piazza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30PM, & Club meeting – Verle Reservation
04/25/20	Sat., D&D Classic, 10AM, Buffalo Jacks 11:45AM (Club meeting), 4/18 2nd choice, Joe will check with D&D on date
05/19/20	Tues. - Dayton Dragons Game, 20 tickets but we can get more - Jennie
05/26/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
06/??/20	Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad – train ride (pick date/time) – Jim Schmidt will get info on train & other Lebanon activities
06/23/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
07/06/20	50th CORSA Convention, San Diego Corvaire Club, July 6-11, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA. 92108 www.sandiegocorvaire.com/2020-convention.html – Kevin C.
07/18/20	Saturday - 31st Mid Ohio Meet, Columbus host at Buck Creek State Park – Kevin C.
07/28/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
08/15/20	'Vair Affair with Club meeting – celebrate our 48th anniversary (founded 1972) - All
09/20/20	Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park – Joe will get more info
09/22/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
10/10/20	Gary Funkhouser Tech Session – Jim Stukenborg will discuss date/time 10/3 or 10/10
10/27/20	Marion's Pizza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30PM, & Club meeting – Verle Reservation
11/??/20	Mustang Museum – Verle will get more info
11/24/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
12/12 /20	Club Christmas Dinner & Meeting, Cristy's in Huber Heights (Sat) 4:30 PM - Jennie



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Directions to the club meeting

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. Bohanan Dr. and Maple St. behind the bank and some street parking is available. The parking lot next to the justice center side door is short term during the day. We don't know about availability in the evening. 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.

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