



CHAPTER 454

DAYTON *Corvair* CHRONICLE



SEPTEMBER 2025



**2025 Bob Pool
Orphan Car Show**

SEPTEMBER MEETING - SEPT 23

The September meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday, September 23rd. 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. Reminder that this is 5 Tuesday month. Our meeting is the 4th Tuesday.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY

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

OCTOBER ACTIVITY - OCT 4

October activity is our yearly "Vair Affair". This year, as last year, it will be held at Shawn and Gary

Funkhouser's Corvair shop at the rear of 9452 Sheehan Road at the south edge of Centerville. It is also Shawn's residence.

Look for the parked Corvair on the south side of the road about 1/4-1/2 mile west of RT-48. The club will furnish the meat, buns, and condiments. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Also bring tableware, drinks, and your folding chair.

Drive your Corvair. The date is Saturday October 4th. The "Affair" starts at 11:00 AM with lunch at noon and last until around 3:00 PM.

What new stuff will Gary and Shawn have at the garage? If we have time, Gary will put a Corvair on his hoist and demonstrate how they wrap the transmission control cable to stop that annoying fluid leak.



Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile - www.corvair.org.

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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES



The Corvair meeting was held on August 26, 2025.

President - Duane Baker welcomed all in attendance and thanked the many who came out to the Young's Dairy Orphan Car Show. We had a total of 15 Corvairs! Congratulations to our winners.

Vice President - Craig Puthoff was not present.

Secretary - Darcy Baker asked the previous meeting minutes be approved. Motion made and second by Gary and Shawn Funkhouser.

Treasurer - Kevin Funkhouser reimbursed Kevin Clark for taking care of the Website fees. Our ending balance is \$5782.88

Membership - Angie Chaffins announced we still have 15 members who have not paid the annual fees to the club. Corsa membership is \$12.00, non Corsa \$15.00. Please see Angie to take care of this matter.

Newsletter - Jim Stukenborg has done a nice job with his profiles. Up next will be Craig Puthoff and Mike, Michael and Shaun Gitzinger.

Activities - Kevin Clark mentioned several car shows or cars and coffee events coming up. September 26 Tipp City hosts the Mum Festival. October 4th is our Vair Affair at the Funkhouser shop in Centerville from 11-3pm. Meat will be provided along with table service, please bring a dish to share with the group and bring your own drinks. There will be a tech session as well.

New Business - John Hubler suggested the aluminum license plate he showed us could be used as an award during the Tri-Meet in 2026.

Angie made a motion to make Gary Funkhouser an honorary life member of our club second by Shawn Funkhouser. The motion passed: Gary was one of 3 founders of our club! Thank you Gary for your many years of dedication!

The 50/50 drawing was won by Shawn F for \$13.50.

Thank you Angie for bringing cookies and candy for all to enjoy!

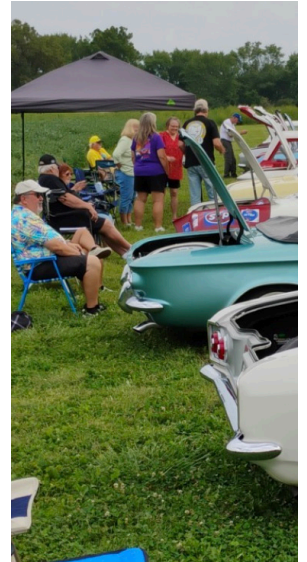
Thank you to Shawn, Kevin and Gary Funkhouser, Mike, Michael and Shaun Gitzinger, Mike Bayman,

John Hubler, Norbert Bir, Patrick Kirgan, Darrell Biddlestone, Kevin Clark, Ed Wolf, Jim Stukenborg, Steve Schumer, Jim Schmidt, Cindy Simon, Angie Chaffins, Karl and Ryan Lochtefeld, Duane and Darcy Baker for your attendance tonight!

We also had a visitor David Lyons who has 2 Corvairs. Hope you will join our club!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Darcy Baker / Secretary



Michael Bayman
Ampicar

Ryan Lochtefeld
1964 Monza convertible



John Hubler
Best of Show
1966 Corsa convertible



Patrick Kirgan
Corvair powered
Dune Buggy



- NEW MEMBER PROFILE -

Mike Gitzinger – Member since March 2022

My name is Mike Gitzinger. My sons, Michael and Shaun and I joined because we acquired a 1963 Corvair Convertible from my sister. The car has approximately 50 thousand miles on it and has been garaged for 50 plus years. The original color is bluish/green, with a black convertible top.

One of the reasons we joined the Dayton Corvair Club was to meet others with Corvairs and to get motivated to restore our Corvair. We also wanted to participate in the Dayton Corvair functions.

Along with the Corvair, son Michael has a '65 Impala Supersport, that we intend to restore. We also have a 1975 Pontiac Grand Prix. And hopefully, some day we will accomplish this feat.

We are enjoying being part of the Corvair family, and look forward to getting this Corvair up and running and joining the Meets.

Mike, the father, spent his career working at GM,

26 years at Inland and 10 years at Delco Moraine. Like his father, Michael worked at Inland for some time before going to Unison a division of GE Aviation. Shaun has been with Unison for most of his working career. Unison, who makes jet engine tubing, is located in the Beavercreek area in a big new building. It began as the old Elano Corp started by EJ Nutter.

Mike lives in New Carlisle. Son Michael lives in Dayton and son Shaun lives in Tipp city.



Shaun Gitzinger - Mike Gitzinger - Michael Gitzinger

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THUNDERCRUISE - CAR & BIKE MEET

Saturday, September 27, 2025 / 4:00PM to 8:00PM
1 South Main Street in Downtown Miamisburg.

No registration required. Downtown will be full of shops, restaurants, vendors and fun. Enjoy live DJ to set the tone for the night!



FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT CLASSIC CRUISE IN

Friday, October 3, 2025 / 4:00PM to 10:00PM on
Main Street in Uptown New Carlisle.

For schedule of events; <https://heritageofflight.com/schedule/>. The 3 day festival includes a parade of planes, live entertainment, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, concessions, vendors, carnival rides and games, cornhole tourney, bike run, and fireworks.

MUM FESTIVAL CRUISE IN

Friday, October 26, 2025 / 4:00PM to 10:00PM on
Main Street in Tipp City.

Two day festival featuring food trucks, sidewalk vendors, as well as sit down eating within Tipp City's famed restaurants. Cruise In trophy registration from 2:00PM to 6PM (\$10.00, corner of 3rd and main). Register on line at; <https://tippcitymumfestival.com/cruise-in/> and for list of activities.

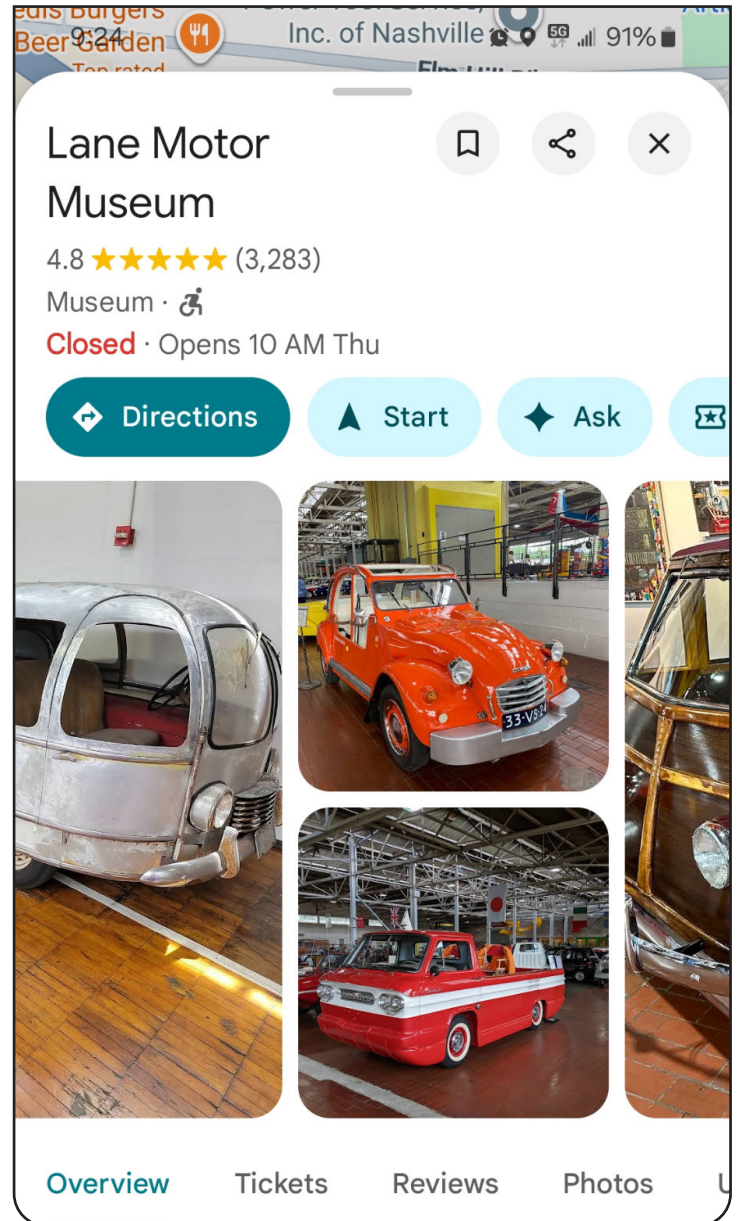
LANE MOTOR MUSEUM

Kevin and Susan and his niece were chatting about museums while in Louisville. His niece mentioned the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, where she and her family live. When his niece sent the location, Kevin noticed their website had a picture of a 1961 Corphibian, a Loadside that was transformed into a boat. The website also showcases a bunch of unique vehicles, including a 1962 Corvair Monza wagon. If you ever find yourself in Nashville, make sure to check out Lane Motor Museum. Kevin and Susan

plan to visit it next time they're in the area. It'll be awesome to see all those cool and unusual vehicles up close, including planes, bikes, and motorcycles.

CORVAIR SIGHTING

Norbert recently stumbled upon a 1962 Monza at Cars and Coffee in Springboro. It's owned by Steven Archangel. If we could find any Corvairs at such events, it would be wise to leave our Dayton Corvair Club (DCC) cards on their car seat. If you need more cards, Kevin should have them at every club meeting. Simply ask for them and pass them on whenever you spot a Corvair. They might genuinely appreciate them if they're new to Corvairs and have never heard of the Dayton Corvair Club.



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
Sept 26	Mum Festival Cruise-In Downtown Tipp City. 4pm-10pm.
Sept 27	ThunderCruise on Main St in Miamisburg. 4pm - 8pm. No registration.
Oct 3	Heritage of Flight Festival Classic Cruise In New Carlisle. On Main St. 4pm-10pm.



TECH TIPS

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FLYWHEEL GOOD OR BAD

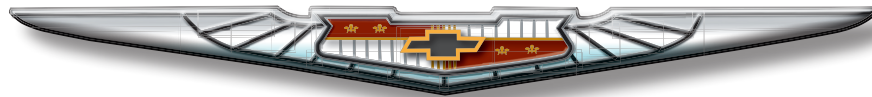
The engine flywheel coming apart has been a troublesome situation forever on Corvairs. The cause is usually blamed on GM using a cold rivet process to assemble the two component flywheel. Corvair Center poster "Davemotohead" says he no longer installs riveted flywheels on engines he builds. He has his flywheels bolted together. He even bolts new NOS flywheels. Dave has posted what he calls 'Corvair Flywheel 101 on Corvair Center. Some years ago a presentation on the development of the Corvair engine, it was stated that a solid flywheel caused an objectional noise. This doesn't seem to occur with a bolted flywheel.

To read Dave's post go to the topic "Flywheel good or bad" by poster "bman4523" posted on Fri Sep 12, 2025 at 5:25 PM on Corvair Center Forum. Click on that and scrool down to Dave's following reply posted on Fri Sep 12, 2025, at 12:09PM (California time). You can also hear Dave do the old school "ring test" to test for good or bad. Dave had a "good ring" flywheel go bad shortly after it was installed, so as mentioned above, his now all get bolted.

FC STEERING BOX LASH ADJUSTMENT PROBLEM

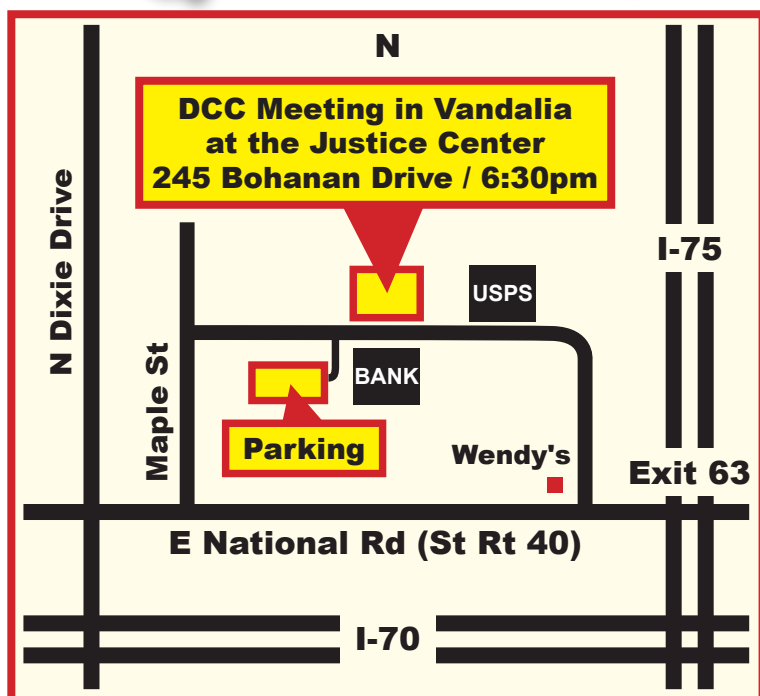
Having trouble trying to take some looseness out of the steering wheel? Corvair Center poster Ken Hand had a suggestion that if you are loosening the lock nut with a 5/8" wrench on top of the steering box and using a long screw driver to turn the lash adjusting screw to take up the lash and it doesn't help the reduce the loose feel in the steering wheel, it may be a reinforcing plate on the floor.

Ken says: "While you are down there look up past the gear box to the floor. You will see a triangle looking brace flat against the floor. Have someone turn the steering wheel with some force back and forth while you look at the triangle plate. The plate has a habit of the spot welds breaking at the floor seam. When that happens the gearbox will move slightly and you will see the plate move at the floor seam. What this all means is it may feel like the gear box lash is excessive, but it may be due to the loose plate".



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

September	
09.23.25	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
October	
10.04.25	Vair Affair - Shawn Funkhouser Corvair Barn in Centerville
10.28.25	Club meeting with pizza in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
November	
11.25.25	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
December	
12.06.25	Christmas Lunch at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood - 11AM to 3PM

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Address _____

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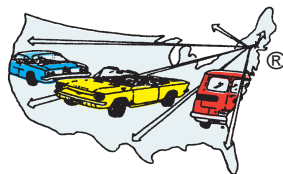
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