



# DAYTON Corvair



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## RED, WHITE AND GREENBRIER

A patriotic photo shared by Jim Horman on Facebook. Taken July 4, 1970. Jim stated the three in the picture had painted the Greenbrier the night before. Check out those sideburn and bucket hat.

## JULY MEETING

The July meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at the Vandalia Justice Center, our regular place. The date is Tuesday July 27. 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.

## JULY ACTIVITY RAINED OUT

The club's Dragon's game was rained out after a 2 hour wait. We did not get to see a ball game but we did get to watch the grounds crew cover the infield. It was interesting to see just how the tarp is unfolded. They really hustle unfolding the tarp. After an hour and half the infield cover was rolled up and the grounds crew tried to

remove puddles from the outfield it was determined too wet to play safely.

If anyone watched the Cincy game on Friday night you could see what happens if one of the guys trips. He was covered by the tarp and had to crawl about 30 feet to get out from under it. The crew did not stop when he fell down. He came out pretty muddy as the field was wet before they decided to use the ...Continued on next page

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**JULY ACTIVITY RAINED OUT...Continued**

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When we can use those tickets hasn't been determined. August would be the logical month as we do not yet have a planned club activity for next month. We will discuss it at the July meeting. In the meantime keep Tuesday August 17 open as this looks like a possible makeup date.

**JUNE MEETING MINUTES**



We did not have a quorum at the June Club meeting so no official business took place and no minutes were created. Joe and Jennie Dranschak both apologize for not paying attention to their calendar and missing the meeting. We did have a little fun telling stories about some of the members Corvairs. Greg Hanlin was there with a guest.



**VICE-PRESIDENT NEEDED**

Didn't we run this before. Come on, someone hold up their hand and volunteer. Easiest job in the club.

**AUGUST ACTIVITY**

No activity is currently planned for August. We will see if we can do the rained out July Dragon's game. Does August 17 work for everyone who had a ticket for the July game?

**DETROIT CLUB HOMECOMING**

Some area Corvair enthusiasts will attest the Detroit Area Corvair Club host one of the best Corvair shows east of the Mississippi. After 40 years they continue to get bigger and better. The Homecoming consistently have over 100 Corvairs. The three and a half day event includes a visit to GM Heritage Center, a Corvair and Firehouse Museum, and to a Cruise-In on a Thursday. Friday is the valve cover races and they grill out hamburgers and hotdogs for dinner and a Movie Night. Saturday is a Road Rally, People's Choice, Model & Toy Show, Live Auction and a Pizza Party. Every day they have the Swap Meet, Tech Sessions, and the famous World Class Hospitality which serves lunch. No need to bring any food, they will feed you! They out-grew their

previous hotel location and will be at the new bigger location for the first time in many years. Plan on attending this event. It is August 26 to 29. A registration form is on page 9 or register online at <http://detroitcorvairs.com/Homecoming2021.html>. Club members Kevin and Susan, Duane and Darcy, and friends Arden and Kim will be attending again this year.

**CORSA USB FLASH DRIVE SALE**

If you are a member of CORSA check out their merchandise. They now offer all four volumes of Corvair Tech Guide on a late Corvair car USB flashdrive. A neat way to keep the guides. No need to label them. The guides come in a red USB Corvair and you can order blue USB Corvair blanks to store your personal files. It does not say how much storage capacity they have on the blanks. Owning a Tech Guide is one great reason to become a member.

Tech Guide Volumes 1-4. Flash Drive Only (RED) \$60. \$10 more you get a blank blue one or just a blank blue flash drive and no Tech Guides is \$15 each.

**Corvair Technical Guide Volumes 1 thru 4**  
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**WINGS AND WHEELS REMINDER**

On Saturday August 14 the Parr airport (42i) in Zanesville, Ohio is planning a plane and car show. They were trying to get a Corvair powered aircraft to attend since the Corvair is the featured car. For info call 740-683-7498. Their address is 1200 Fairview Rd. 43701. We have shown pictures of the Corvair engine set up for aircraft use. They are really beautiful without all the shrouding.



**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 was passed on from one of our members. We are not sure about the copyright so we need to reference portions of the article and provide proper credits.

***THE MONZA GT AND SS PROVE THAT THE SECOND-GEN CORVAIR WAS REVOLUTIONARY LONG BEFORE IT WAS REAL.*** By Craig Fitzgerald, 05 July 2021

The article explains how revolutionary the Corvair was, even in its production form. In the 1980s and 1990s, all U.S. manufacturers wanted to do was build an American version of a European sports sedan. However, GM had accomplished just that in 1960 with the Corvair and the second-gen cars would refine the recipe even further. Before that second-generation arrived Chevrolet whetted the public’s appetite with two shockingly beautiful concept cars, the Corvair Monza GT and the Corvair Monza SS.

The article says the Monza GT was the first to arrive on the show stage, but its story goes back much further than 1962. Like VW and the Beetle, and more importantly, the Karmann Ghia, Chevrolet was in cahoots with many design houses, rebodging early-model Corvairs as a means of building interest not only here but also in Europe. As early as 1960, Pininfarina was displaying its Corvair Speciale, mere months after Chevrolet’s car went on sale.



***Corvair Monza GT***

The article describes the Speciale as a four-seat coupe, a slightly sexier body wrapped around the existing interior. The unibody floorpan was shortened from a 1963 Monza 900 and the wheelbase was trimmed to 94 inches. Most literature on the

Corvair Monza GT focuses on its exterior but there’s a lot going on under the skin that’s worth examining. The Monza GT’s fully adjustable, double-wishbone arrangement allowed the maximum amount of tire contact throughout the range of movement and the Monza GT’s brakes were four-wheel discs.



***Corvair Monza SS***

The article says when Larry Shinoda and Tony Lapine began work on their own Corvair concept car they took some styling direction from the Speciale. They trimmed even more out of a Corvair coupe’s unibody resulting in the Monza GT’s 92-inch wheelbase. They used a standard 102-hp Corvair Turbo Air-6 with twin Rochester carburetors and they flipped the engine so it sat ahead of the transaxle, giving the

concept a mid-engine layout. Their design also utilized the flip-forward canopy from the Speciale. The cutlines extended into the door openings, allowing easier access to the passenger cabin. The seats were fixed but the pedals could be adjusted for driver preference. The rear engine cover was a massive hatch that pivoted rearward, with ample venting for the air-cooled engine underneath. The hatch stretched from the very back of the car all the way to the trailing edge of the doors and twin exhaust outlets protruded from blisters in the rear fenders. The nose somewhat foreshadowed that of the ’68 Corvette. *...Continued on next page*

**HISTORY HAPPENS...continued**

The headlamps were concealed behind two electrically operated clamshell doors which, when opened, revealed European-style composite lamps—unlike anything that would be legal on American roads. The wheels were magnesium four-hole, Halibrand-style knockoffs. The rear cowl of the Monza GT was really the only thing that made it to production, finding a home on the late-model ('65–69) Corvair.

The article notes the Monza GT made its debut in June of 1962 at Elkhart Lake. From there, it was shipped to the New York International Auto Show in March of '63, where it was joined by another Corvair concept car, the Monza SS. In a way, the Monza SS was a less-radical engineering exercise, because its engine was conventionally mounted. As a result, there's

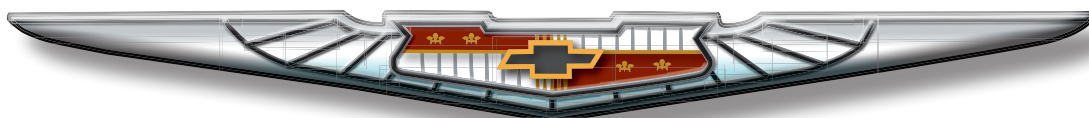
a lot more car behind the rear wheels. Without concern for headroom, the windscreen was cut to the barest minimum on the Monza SS and it flowed beautifully into the side glass. Where the Monza GT's doors were integrated into the flip-forward canopy, the Monza SS had conventional, front-hinged units. The passengers were protected by an integrated roll bar. Instead of a massive flip-up engine hatch comprising the entire back third of the car, the Monza SS had fixed fenders and a more



conventional decklid, that hid the rear-mounted powerplant. The earliest concept had the same hidden headlamps as the Monza GT, while the car that arrived in New York had fixed European headlamps, protected behind Lexan covers integrated into the shark-like nose. The wheels were turbine-style alloys with knockoffs, similar to those worn by a contemporary C2 Corvette.

While neither of these cars went into production, Chevrolet did produce wildly popular miniature versions for sale. Both of these cars were low, mean, knife-edged designs that had undeniable influence across the Atlantic. Compare either of these cars, which made the rounds in 1962 and 1963, to the Lamborghini Miura (1966–73) and the Alfa Romeo Montreal (1970–77). American manufacturers might have taken their cues from European designs in the latter years of the 20th century, but the Monza GT and SS suggest that, in the early '60s, influence flowed the other way, too.

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## CHAMPAIGN CRUISERS FIRECRACKER SHOW

The Champaign Cruisers just had their 23rd annual Fourth of July Firecracker show at Skelley Lumber field in Urbana. A record breaking 677 cars, trucks and motorcycles were registered and scattered all over in the woods with plenty of shades everywhere. Deep in one corner of the woods five Corvairs claimed their spot naming it Corvair Corner. In attendance were Duane and Darcy Baker with their '61 Lakewood and '66 Monza coupe, Arden and Kim Robinette with their show winning '69 convertible, Michael Bayman and his son Colin with their '63 convertible and '67 Amphicar. The Amphicar has an engine in the rear where it belongs so it counts. And lastly Kevin Clark's '63 Corvan completes the pack. Later in the day Craig Scott from the Columbus Vairforce came walking along finding them there. Had he parked his early model sedan with them they would have had a diverse group of Corvairs missing only a Rampside.



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The weather was perfect. Plenty of food vendors, music and lots of door prizes were given away all day long. Over 70 awards were announced to top off the day.



### CLUB MEMBER CORVAN GETS NEWS EXPOSURE

The Corvan your webmaster drives landed on the Dayton Daily News online news. The section was a list of area car shows and Kevin's Corvan was gracing top of the page. Kevin was following signs to a garage sale and stumbled upon a cruise-in at Kettering American Legion. A photographer from the paper must have been there. The Kettering American Legion Post 598 host a monthly cruise-in during the summer and fall. See the calendar for the dates.



The screenshot shows the Dayton Daily News website interface. At the top, the weather is 77 degrees. The site title is "Dayton Daily News" with the tagline "Local. In-Depth. Always updated." and a "Log Out" button. A navigation menu includes: Local, Community Gems, Coronavirus, Business, Investigations, Opinion, Life, Food, Sports, Obituaries, Classifieds, and Legal Notices. A blue banner reads "Welcome back. Here's what is happening in Dayton today." Below this is a large image of a light green 1966 Corvan van parked on grass. To the left of the van is a white text box with the headline "Get ready for Thunder Burg in Miamisburg". At the bottom of the screenshot is a Windows taskbar with various application icons.

### ZOMBIE MASHER

Buy this "Monster Greenbrier" and you'll never need to worry about any Zombies. For sale was this 1964 Greenbrier mated to a 1965 Ford 150 4x4 frame. It's powered by a Chevy 350 engine and automatic transmission making this sort of a Frankenstein model. Comes with a top escape hatch and machine gun. Listed for \$9900 in Reno, NV.



**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](mailto:daytoncorvairclub@gmail.com).



**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.

**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.*

**STICKING FC THROTTLE CABLE**

A motorcycle lube tool was suggested on Corvair Center as a good way to lube a stiff FC throttle cable. A check of Google shows a number of U-Tube videos on how the motorcycle lube tool works. Basically the tool clamps on the end of the cable and has a port to inject cable cleaner or lube. See what lube they recommend in the video.

**STRIPPED VALVE COVER BOLTS**

Per Corvair Center there are a number of ways to tackle this problem:

The threaded hole in the head is deeper than the 3/4" stock 1/4-20 bolts. Try a one inch 1/4-20. Might have to use a washer under the head of the bolt on some holes.

Do what the racers do. Install a 1/4-20 x 1-1/2" all threaded stud and Loctite it in place (use Loctite liquid aluminum). You could also use red lock stud. Mount the valve cover to hold the stud in location until the Loctite or red Loctite sets. Then use a nut to hold the cover down.

Use a 1/4-20 helicoil.

Don't drill out the hole for a 5/16" bolt. If you do then you will have to enlarge the hole in the gasket.

Valve cover gasket tip: If you are using the blue rubber gaskets and the valve cover gasket surface is flat no silicone sealer is needed. If you don't need sealer you can use Syl-Glide so they don't stick if you have to remove them at a future date.



*CORVAIR DAZE*

**CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

7/27/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
8/14/21	Wings and Wheels at Parr Airport (42i) - 1200 Fairview Rd Zanesville 43701 - (740) 683-7498 for info
8/17/21 ?	Event TBD - Possible Dayton Dragon's Game
9/??/21	Vair Affair, Tech Session at Shawn & Gary Funkhouser Barn (Club Meeting?)
9/28/21	Maybe Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
10/??/21	Event TBD
10/26/21	Club meeting at Marion's Piazza - Tuesday at 6:00 or 6:30pm - N Dixie Drive
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

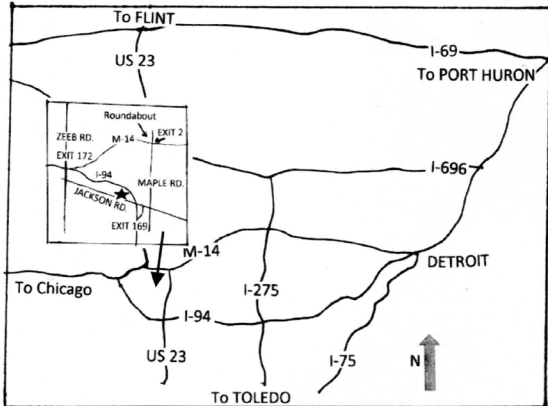
**LET'S GO CRUISE-IN' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Now thru Sep 25	<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
Now thru Oct 24	<b>Kettering American Legion Cruise-In.</b> 5700 Kentshire Dr. 11AM-?? 7/25 8/22 9/26 10/24
July 30, 2021	<b>Knights of Columbus Car Show.</b> 1246 N Main St. Urbana. Food Music 50/50 4-7PM. \$10
July 31, 2021	<b>AB Graham Center Cruise-In.</b> 8025 US Rt 36 Conover. Prizes 50/50 Food Reg 2-4PM. \$10
Aug 14, 2021	<b>Hot Summer Nights Cruise-In.</b> 6-9PM. Reg at Fair Grounds 2-5PM then parade to Downtown Bellefontaine at 5:15. Prizes Driver's Pool 50/50 \$1K Raffle 50+ Awards. \$20
Aug 28, 2021	<b>Bob Pool Orphan Car Show.</b> 10-3PM. Young's Dairy Yellow Springs. \$5
Aug 28, 2021	<b>Bellbrook Lions Club Festival.</b> 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	<b>14th Culp Lake Car Show.</b> 1830 E Home Rd Springfield. Reg 9-Noon. Awards at 3PM. \$10
Aug 29, 2021	<b>Pickhead's Car Bike Show.</b> 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	<b>Antioch Shrine Car Show.</b> 107 E First St. Dayton. Dash Plaques Prizes Food. 1-4PM. \$10
Sept 18, 2021	<b>Tawawa Park Cruise-In.</b> 12 Tawawa Park Dr. Sidney OH. Noon-4PM. Food Prizes. 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 16, 2021	<b>One Room School Car Show.</b> Young's Dairy Yellow Springs. 10-3:30PM. Music Food Games Awards. \$10





Come check out the new location



For additional information contact PETE CIMBALA 810-621-9866 or 810-241-8593 Email: hcinfo@detroitcorvairs.com

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Hotel location: Wyndham Garden 2900 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 734-665-4444

41st DACC Homecoming

Featuring GM Heritage Center August 26 - 29, 2021

- THURSDAY - Registration 2 - 6, Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room 2-6 with lunch, Corvair & Firehouse Museum, lunch and Cruise Swap Meet set up
FRIDAY - Registration 8 am - 6 pm, Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room, Women's Activities as posted, GM Heritage Center (\$10 extra), Valve Cover Races, Swap Meet // Tech Session, Cook Out / Picnic, Movie
SATURDAY - Registration 9 am - 2 pm, Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room, Road Rally, People's Choice Car Show, Model & Toy Show, Swap Meet // Tech Session, Live Auction, Pizza Party, Calendar Winners "Drive Thru" Show, Wine & Cheese Event (\$10 extra) Hotel guests only
SUNDAY - Leftovers, Farewell, Cruisin Hines Dr. - Classics Only (\$5 Entry)

A complete up to date schedule will be in your registration packet

Register online with this link. https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/gn/corvair-club-detroit-homecoming Or call to make your reservation, be sure to mention "CORVAIR 2021" to receive the special room rate of \$89 plus tax, per night. Book before Aug. 12th when block is removed and the price goes up.

PLEASE / PLEASE when writing your check put the full name "DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB"

Fill in the form below and mail with check: DACC c/o Bob Wittmann 2830 Treyburn Ln., West Bloomfield, MI 48234

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Name (for name tag) Additional Names

Address City State Zip

Phone ( ) E-mail

Car Year (s) and Model (s) 2 or 4 Door

Did you drive your Corvair here? Yes / No --- If yes how many miles

REGISTRATION COST: SINGLE \$40.00 FAMILY \$65.00 (family consists of 2 adults and children under 21) \$

How many will be attending? Adults Under 21 One Registration Pack per Individual or Family

Gm Heritage Center Yes \$10 per person No How many tickets needed \$

Additional cars \$5 each (1st car is included) How many cars \$

Swap space Yes \$10 for each space No How many spaces needed \$

Wine & Cheese Event Yes Cost is \$10 per person No How many tickets needed \$

Calendar \$10 (1st calendar is included) How many extra calendars \$

T-Shirts See attached sheet for cost and options MUST by paid by Aug 1st \$

If payment is received by August 3rd subtract \$5.00 from total for early registration discount

The Board of Directors for the DACC reserve the right to reject applications at their discretion Total Enclosed \$





**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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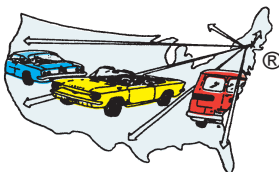
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