



# DAYTON Corvair



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## NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday, November 28. Time is our usual 6:30 PM. The directions to the Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter.

We do not do a newsletter in December. There may be new entries on Corvairborne though. Since this is the last newsletter for 2023 we would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

## DECEMBER ACTIVITY

In the past we have paid our club dues for the next year at the Christmas party. This year we will not be counting money at the Christmas party. We are letting our Treasurer Angie to enjoy the party. The dues are the same as last year, \$12 for CORSA members and \$15 for non members. Please make your checks out to Dayton Corvair Club and send your dues to our treasurer Angie at the following address or come to the next meeting.

Angie Chaffins  
4800 Delba Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45439

## DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our yearly club Christmas party will take place on Saturday December 9 at the Company 7 BBQ in Englewood. It will be a luncheon from 11 to 4pm rather than our evening supper event. We will have a separate party room for our event. The menu will consist of sandwiches of beef brisket or shredded chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and a soda. The cost is \$18 per person. We will have a gift exchange of something in the \$20 range. For more details read Darcy's minutes from the October meeting. Darcy needs to know who is coming by November 28. You will be paying for your own beer and alcohol at the restaurant.

The address to Company 7 BBQ is 1001 S Main St, Englewood, OH 45322. To RSVP for lunch, contact Darcy at 1120bakerd@gmail.com.

To pay for your lunch, write your check out to Dayton Corvair Club and either pay it at the meeting or send it to Angie.



## DAYTON CONVENTION MINUTE

Due to the focus on the 2024 convention, future newsletters will be concentrating on convention information and status. Expect to have fewer pictures and topics.

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## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Our meeting on October 24, 2023 held at Marion's Piazza started off hearing that our president Shawn and brother Kevin were on their way, but ended up having car trouble in Gary's Corvair. Unfortunately it looks like the engine blew. Thank goodness these guys know how to fix this and get that car back on the road soon!

Those in attendance included Angie Chaffins and her friend Doug, Pat Kirgan, Verle McGillivray and his friend Mary Ann, Gary Funkhouser, Greg Hanlin, Jim Schmidt, Jim Stukenborg, Cindy Simon, Lois and Don Bigler, Craig Puthoff, Susan and Kevin Clark, Marcia and Wendall Pace, Mike, Michael, Shawn Gitzinger and his son Nicholas, Denny Kugler, Jack Milliff, Mark Corbin, Glenda and Mike Bayman, Darcy and Duane Baker.

Our Vice President called the meeting to order, welcoming all in attendance.

**Secretary's Report-** Darcy moved the minutes be approved as written in the newsletter, second by Glenda Bayman.

**Treasurer's Report-** Angie gave previous balance \$1424.66. Two new members paid dues, as well as dues collected for 2 years from Sharon and Gary Williams during the Vair Affair. Tonight's pizza (which was delicious as usual) totaled \$128.00 with the new ending balance of \$1434.07

**Activities Director-** Kevin announced the Christmas party will be on December 9, 2023 at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood from 11-4pm. The menu will include a buffet style-Sandwiches of beef brisket or shredded chicken, macaroni and cheese and green beans and soda with the cost around \$15-\$18 per person. You may purchase

your own beverage from the bar.

We will be able to conduct our annual gift exchange and suggested \$20.00 range. We are able to bring in beer as an exchange gift, but please do not open them in the restaurant. We are allowed to bring our own dessert of cupcakes or cake only!

Please RSVP to Darcy by November 28, 2023. Most in attendance had signed up for the Christmas party and they are: Glenda and Mike Bayman, Jim Schmidt, Patrick Kirgan, Allison and Greg Hanlin, Angie Chaffins and Doug, Bev Teaster and Gary Funkhouser, Susan Galloway and Shawn Funkhouser, Kevin Funkhouser, Marcia and Wendell Pace, Mary Ann Morris and Verle McGillivray, Mike, Michael and Shawn Gitzinger, Denny Kugler, Lois and Don Bigler, Susan and Kevin Clark, Darcy and Duane Baker.

**2024 Club Dues-** It's that time again and in order for Angie to enjoy herself during the Christmas party and not be working, please send your annual dues to her by November 28, 2023. \$12.00 if you are a CORSA member and \$15.00 if you are a non-member.

Tonight's 50/50 winner of \$18.00 was Wendall. Angie had several koozie can coolers custom made and they were given away.

Another reminder that if you have a past Corvair convention tee shirt you'd like to donate to Allison Hanlin please do so. She's graciously accepted the task of making a quilt to raffle off during our convention next year.

Meeting closed with full tummies and ready for bed.

Darcy Baker  
Secretary

## 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 SHIFTS HARD INTO 1ST GEAR

Is your 66-69 Corvair not shifting easily into first gear? One possible cause is the spring washer (also called a wavy washer) on the main shaft. This is item number 42 on Clark's catalog transmission parts breakdown. Not an easy job as the transmission has to be disassembled. A more likely cause would be a slack cable or a problem like a broken throw out fork preventing the pressure plate from fully releasing the clutch.

### CHANGING TO AUTO ADJUSTING BRAKES ON AN EARLY MODEL

Easy to do. All you need are the automatic adjusting parts. Shoes are the same from 1960 to 1964. Front and back shoes are the same. One difference is that the star wheel is in a different location so manual adjustment can't be done through the backing plate.



**NOVEMBER CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING MINUTES**

Kevin welcomed all in attendance and thanked those that came to the very long but informative CORSA meeting on Saturday November 11. Our Dayton club was well attended with a few from both Cincinnati and Columbus clubs. We all thank the seven from CORSA traveling from Illinois and Texas.

Those in attendance for tonight's Corvairborne meeting included: Kevin Clark, Jim Schmidt, Jim Stukenborg, Verle McGillivray, Mike Bayman, Duane and Darcy Baker. Those on-line included Shawn Funkhouser, Pat Kirgan, Doug and Cindy Simon, Lori Komora, Patti and Mike Demeter and Jeff Sandor. Kevin Gallegher could only stay for a short period of time.

The convention will now be a 4 day event. Sunday check in to the Marriott, early registration from 2-6. We've been told we will get bombarded and would love it if you could give an hour or more for this event, and as well as through the week.

Monday is the Car Display. We're coming up with a plan to find the winners of the top 10 and do a Detroit club Homecoming style drive thru to pick up their award. Also Monday night includes the Welcome Party, food details to come at a later time. The Valve Cover Races will take place after dinner. Kevin Gallagher may have a timing device to use for the valve cover track.

We learned that you would need to be a CORSA member to be able to display your car for peoples choice. You need to be a CORSA member to participate in the Concours, Road Rally, Economy Run and the Autocross. There may be a discount available from CORSA so that more will become a CORSA member.

Tuesday will be the Concours at Carillon Park. The details are still being worked out where to have the judging. At 5:30pm the doors will open for the night at the Air Force Museum for heavy hors d' oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar of beer or wine. We'll be displaying the Shriner cars in attendance close to the front door.

Wednesday will consist of the Economy Run and the Road Rally. The Impala club informed us they want to

have a cruise-in to Tipp City for dinner.

Thursday will be the Autocross held at Kil-Kare raceway. We will find a food truck to be on site. Our banquet will be held Thursday night with the many awards being given for the Concours, Economy run, Road Rally and Auto-Cross participants. A few special awards will be given during the banquet as well.

Friday could include a picnic at the Air Force Museum in the grass area beside the museum. Jim Stukenborg suggested we have someone who worked on the Electric Corvair do a presentation. We're still thinking of other activities to do on Friday for families to explore and enjoy our area.

As a reminder please remember to mail in your dues payment to our Treasurer - Angie Chaffins, or bring your payment to our next meeting on November 28, 2023 at the Justice Center in Vandalia starting at 6:30pm. This is our regular club meeting night.

I reached out to the Justice center to make sure we have our room available for our Corvairborne meetings the second Tuesday of the month for January 2024 - July 2024. I want to suggest if the weather is too bad or too cold to travel, that we have a zoom meeting and attend from our warm cozy homes.

Our Christmas party, on December 9, 2023 at the Company 7 BBQ restaurant in Englewood from 11-4 is approaching. So that Angie can relax and enjoy the party, please mail your payment of \$18.00 per person. We will have envelopes and a container to put the payment in and Angie will take care of the money later. We will be having the gift exchange after our lunch. Items could be in the \$20.00 range.

We have up to 37 members planning to attend. I hope to hear from many more! Our room is reserved for up to 100 people and we ordered enough food for 60.

Darcy Baker  
Secretary

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

November	
11.28.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM
December	
12.09.23	Christmas lunch and party at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood - 11AM-4PM
12.12.23	Convention committee meeting in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM





## CONVENTION UPDATE

On Friday November 10, the day before our all-day meeting with the CORSA convention planning committee, a tour was given showing the committee several sites for the 2024 convention and it went very well. The CORSA committee inspected the track at Kil-Kare Raceway. The race course had banked turns on the outer rim of the track. There are several stadium style seatings and the spectators would be able to see the entire race from above and from start to finish. There are facilities for restrooms and a concession stand. We are permitted to bring in a food truck if the concession stand will not be open. The SCCA will do all timing, scoring, set-up, the whole work, and provide a spread sheet with results. A digital sign showing the timed run would be available. Their insurance is very reasonable. We have an excellent racetrack purposely built for any autocross. We have reserved the autocross on a Thursday and so will be the banquet on the same night.

We also gave a tour at Carillon Historical Park. The committee were impressed with the setting for our Concours. There are 65 acres and up to 150 cars can enter the park. The park boasts multiple historical buildings and museums. There is also a small restaurant, large and small train offering rides, and the Wright Brothers National Museum housing the original 1905 Wright Flyer III. Most artifacts are inventions that are made in Dayton. There is plenty of shades from trees, gazebos and shelters. Everyone will find this park so unique, and it would be an enjoyable way to spend the day while viewing the Concours cars. There is opportunity for photo shoots next to the old Sunoco station and with the Wright Brothers National Museum as the backdrop.

We are working with the park to address the admission fees. They agree judges and exhibitors may be admitted without paying for admission, but CORSA feels the rest of our members should not have to pay our way into the park to view the Concours. We will need to find sponsors to help and make our Concours at Carillon Historical Park possible. I am proposing any major contributor(s) who will support the Concours allowing free admission for our members will have a full-page ad in our program. That same ad will be enlarged like a poster and printed on foam core, and it will be on display all week at the host hotel, and in public at Carillon Park during the Concours. It would be a shame if we have the Concours at the host hotel instead of Carillon Park.

A third location under review was the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The committee were very impressed with the museum and observed the area where we will have our dinner. The CORSA committee decided to select the next level up on the menu. We

will have heavy hors d'oeuvre with beer, wine, water and coffee, and two cash bars. The museum will be closed to the public and we will have the entire museum to ourselves from 5:30 to 10pm. We will get to eat anywhere and wander around through all four hangers while sipping on wine.

Finally, the fourth location to check were the gas stations as endpoint for the Economy Run. The one selected had large enough pavement to use as staging area for lining up the cars at the pump. We have an approval from the manager who is happy to assist us and will reserve the pump during the Economy Run.

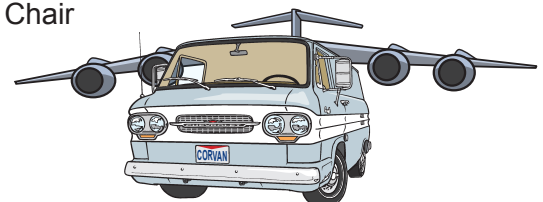
It is urgent we start looking for sponsors and I will need help. Some companies would be setting up their 2024 budget before the end of 2023 and I'm asking you to ask your company you work for if they would like to become a major sponsor. Try asking your friends who work for a large corporation, or any car dealership and insurance agencies near you, if they would like to help support our Corvair hobby.

Tell them any amount is good and if they want to become a major sponsor, they can have a full-page special recognition ad in our program. They would need to meet certain threshold with their contributions to qualify for a full-page ad. They might even qualify for a large poster size ad that can be displayed all week at the convention hotel and in public at the Concours at Carillon Park. Please let me know if you find anyone interested and I'll send you the pricing list.

I had acquired a PDF file for the Dells 2023 convention program. I'll get several printed where I work, and these programs can be useful. Using these programs to show to potential sponsors will help them understand what the Dayton convention programs might look like. It has our convention logo on the back cover.

Corvair vendors can advertise in the program as well. Pricing for a full-page, half page, quarter page, eighth page and business card size is in the work and they will get finalized very soon.

See you at the next meeting.  
Kevin Clark  
Convention Chair







The lobby area at Carillon Historical Park. A gift shop just right of billboard. Door at far right is one part of indoor museum and from front door entry way.



A view from inside hanger #2 at the USAF Museum. This is the area where dinner is served for the dinner tour.



Park ground outdoor area at Carillon Park. This area is ideal for Concours with parking on grass and possible photo shoot next to the Sunoco station.



An earlier photo taken last September during the Dayton Concours D' Elegance. The show cars are parked on a circular lawn in front of the entrance way (or exit from the museum).



Another earlier photo with the show cars at Dayton Concours D' Elegance at Carillon Park. The Wright Brothers National Museum is the building on the left.



An earlier photo from Kil-Kare Raceway. A very nice track designed for autocross type racing. Looks like an exciting time is ahead of us this summer.





**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. Bohanan 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.



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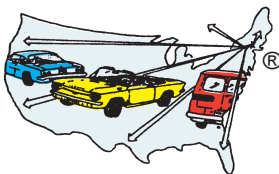
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