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CORVAIR MUSEUM GRAND OPENING

A new Corvair museum just opened in Decatur, Illinois. The new museum is contained within the building housing the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum. The Corvair portion of this museum is maintained by the Corvair Preservation Foundation. Co-editor Kevin Clark attended the opening and has the report beginning on page 3.

JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held on Tuesday June 26, our normal 4th Tuesday, at our regular place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. If you are not the first one there the west side door should be open. If not, go through the lobby to the west side meeting room. Directions to the VJC are on the last page of the newsletter.

JUNE ACTIVITY

Our June activity was the Mid Ohio Meet which was held on Saturday June 16th. It did become hot in the afternoon, but the morning was nice and the humidity was not too bad earlier. It was dry for the event but some may have gotten wet on the way home as we did have some pop up showers develop. Based on registrations we had 49 in attendance. Roger Lochtfeld and his wife drove down from Ft Recovery in their 63 Monza Convertible. It is nice to know that there are some Corvairs hiding out in the small towns of Ohio. A really pretty early Monza Spyder convertible showed up. This car was almost all white except for the dash pad and tonneau cover which were bright red. It was one of the award winners. I doubt that this combination was available from the factory, but it was pretty. Next month we will publish pictures and details of this event.



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MAY MEETING MINUTES



Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 5/22/2018 Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

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

Attendees: Joe Dranschak, Kevin McGillivray, Verle McGillivray, Kevin Clark, Ray Petty, Rob Petty, Sid Roth, Jim Stukenborg, Bernice Noll and Aggie Moyer. (I did not get the names of 3 guests we had).

Welcome: Verle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order about 6:35PM.

Vice President Comments: None.

Secretary: Joe read a summary of the minutes from the April newsletter and asked the minutes be approved as posted in the newsletter. Motion by Jim, seconded by Kevin Clark and approved.

Treasurer: We are still looking for a new secretary. Aggie does not want to retire but she thinks it is time for her to do so. Aggie reported we had income of \$300 from Dayton Dragon ticket sales, \$8 from the April 50/50 and \$8 from Larry Smith from his donation of his 50/50 winnings. This was a total of \$316 in income. Our expenses were \$50 for a check to D&D Classic as a donation for the tour we did April 21, a check to Verle McGillivray for \$104.91 for the pizza event at Marions Piazza March 27 and \$50 for a check to Ronald McDonald House in memory of Pauline Petty. This was a total of \$204.91 in expenses. This left us a balance on May 22, 2018 of \$1,782.98. Joe motioned we accept the report, seconded by Ray and so approved.

Activities: Kevin Clark reviewed a "To Do" list he created for the Mid Ohio Meet event scheduled for Saturday, June 16. Kevin went step-by-step through all the activities that needed to be performed and who would be responsible for each activity. We will review the list again, after the event, to see what improvements are needed. We also discussed the CORSA Convention in July. Jim mentioned he received a \$25 gift certificate from Rock Auto for our Club activities. We also discussed the opening of a new Corvair Museum May 19 at Decatur, IL

Newsletter: Jim had nothing new to report.

Membership: Greg was not present and we had no new information.

Other Business: Most of tonight's meeting was devoted to making sure we had everything discussed and assigned for the Mid Ohio Meet, so we did not spend much time on other activities. However, we did talk a little about the CORSA Convention July 23-28 in Pittsburgh, the 'Vair Affair August 25 at Kevin McGillivray's home, the WACO trip/tour on Sep 15 and the Tech Session with Gary Funkhouser on Oct 13. There will be more information in the coming newsletters about these and other Club events.

50/50: Ray Petty was the winner of \$6.

CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES	
6.26.2018	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
7.23-28.2018	CORSA Convention. Pittsburg, PA. http://corvairpittsburgh.com
7.24.2018	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
8.7.2018	National Night Out in Vandalia 6:30 - 8:30 PM
8.25.2018	Vair Affair at Kevin McGillivray's in New Carlisle
9.15.2018	Field Trip to WACO - Time TBD
9.23.2018	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
10.13.2018	Tech Session at Gary's Shop. Stay tuned for time
10.23.2018	Marion's Pizza, N. Dixie Dr. 6:30 PM & club meeting
11.2018 TBD	Field Trip to Airstream Factory in Jackson Center
12.8.2018	Club Christmas Party at Christy's in Huber Heights, 4:30 PM

CORVAIR MUSEUM GRAND OPENING

The Corvair museum finally has a new home. The Corvair Preservation Foundation were calling all Corvairs welcoming them to the grand opening May 19. Located inside the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur, Illinois, the Corvair museum has its own room adjoining with the main showroom consisting of Corvettes, Camaros and some noticable classic Chevys. Corvairs and vendors were occupying the parking lot attracting visitors.



Corvair car show during the day of the grand opening.

The new Corvair museum inside the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum.

The gathering at the host hotel began the day before. Corvairs were being washed, then getting rained on and washed again in preparation for the show. Some cars there were worthy of residing in the Corvair museum such as one 1965 Solar Cavalier and a yellow Devin C.



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The main show room inside the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum.



1965 Solar Cavalier



Devin C

CORVAIR MUSEUM GRAND OPENING...continued

The cars presented in the museum were not all ordinary Corvairs. It showcased a much wider variety. Some were in true stock form as GM intended and there were a mix of others considered to be custom that is practical. An average person who thinks he has "seen them all" would be pleasantly surprised to find the showroom has a lot to offer. At the center of attention was an FC prototype under wrap waiting to be revealed right after the ribbon cutting. More on that from Corsa, please!



1960 Super Monza built by GM styling department.

Among the cars were special experimental engines from the developmental era. One is a cut away engine built by the late Phil Trickey who once was a member Cincinnati Club of Cincinnati. You operate a hand crank to view the moving internal parts working together.

A large cutaway display of an early turbo engine and drivetrain can be viewed with all internal parts and suspension travel in motion with a push of a button.

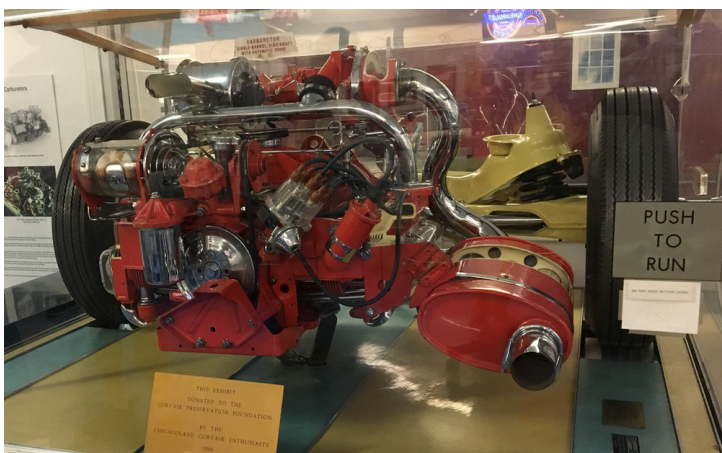
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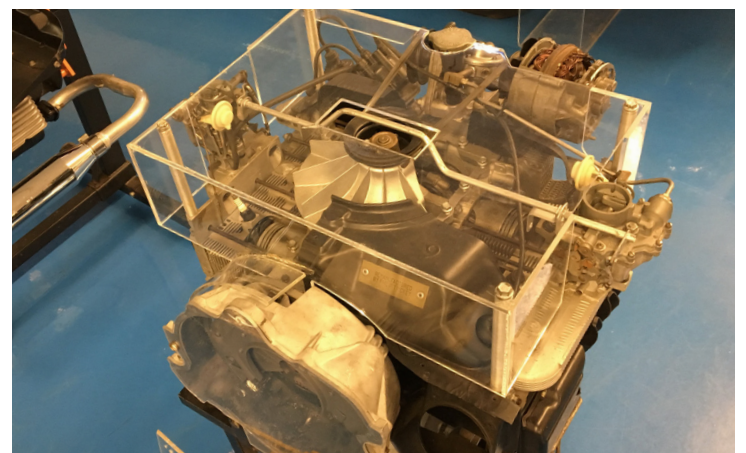
Prototype FC under wrap before the ribbon cutting.



Experimental and educational engines on display.



Early turbo cut away engine and drive train.



Cut away engine remanufactured by Phil Trickey.

CORVAIR MUSEUM GRAND OPENING...continued

Additional collection of artifacts were hung on the walls and display cases throughout the museum. The following pictures will tell their stories.



A collection of oil filters from different manufacturers made specifically for the Corvaair.



#5999 is the last known Corvaair in existence. 6000 Corvaairs were built in 1969.



Corvaair XXXXXX was built after #6000 but never assembled or titled. This is the way it is completed after leaving the Fisher Body plant before final assembly at a GM plant.



1965 is the last year Greenbriers were built such as this eight door deluxe sports wagon.



A prototype engine fan shown here is made of Delrin plastic, much lighter than the steel fan. GM engineers were studying ways to overcome the tendencies of fan belts flipping during sudden speed changes. They also discovered the Delrin plastic, when exposed to sulphuric acid from an over charged battery produces formaldehyde gas so a magnesium version was used beginning with the 1964 model year.

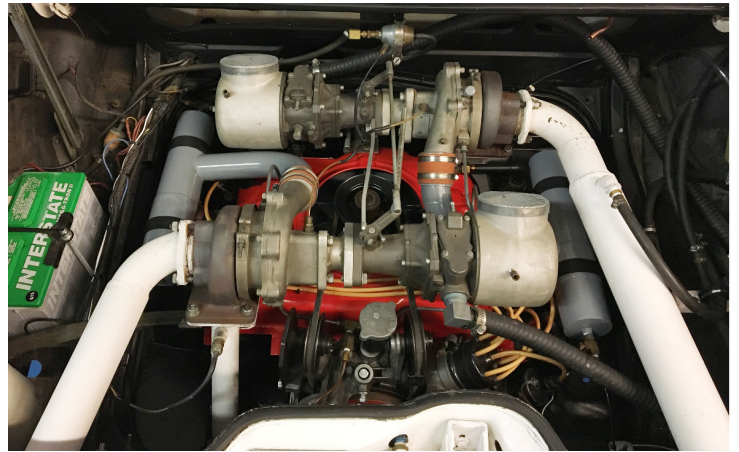


A Rampside in stock form is so unique with the side door ramp is a must have for any museum.

CORVAIR MUSEUM GRAND OPENING...continued



Clean Air Corvair is a 1965 Monza powered by propane. It has twin turbochargers with water injection. The 176 ci engine is rated at 400+ hp. With 3.08 gears it averaged 173 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats in 1974.



1966 Corsa with a land speed record averaging 139.2 mph set at the Bonneville Salt Flats in 1973. The engine is 180 ci with special modified cylinder heads and 46 mm Weber carburetors.



1967 Yenka Stinger built under Chevrolet's COPO program has and is reportedly being used at track events. Owned by Bob and Linda Dunahugh.



No display sign was available for this scale model. It appears to be a Greenbrier during the development stage. Note the slim belt line and tear drop tail light housing.



First Corvair "muscle car" is a 1960 500 race prepped by Chevrolet and raced by Bill Thomas. They both developed 4 carbs / big valves heads and turbocharging the Corvair. Doug Roe later bought and campaigned in major road races.

CORVAIR MUSEUM GRAND OPENING...continued



Corvair Club of Cincinnati club member Don Filkins stands next to his stretched Corvair Limo. Don donated the Corvair to the Corvair Preservation Foundation. It resides with a nice collection of Corvairs in the museum.



Corvair tow truck obviously customized but very practical for light work. It has done its duties at the Corvair Olympics three day racing events pushing stranded racecars off the tracks.



GM experimental 3 barrel carburetors pulled 170 hp at 5600 rpm. If GM had approved for production, it would have replaced the turbocharger already in production. They are mounted on a mirror sitting behind Corvair #5999.



Artist conceptual rendering of a third generation Corvair that could have been?

HISTORY HAPPENS

The article below appeared in 2010 so it may or may not reflect current values but it is an interesting description of some of the most collectible Corvairs.

Which Corvair Models Are the Most Collectible?

The Chevrolet Corvair remains one of America's best car's to collect with over 100,000 still on the road in various states of condition. Chevrolet made over 1.5 million of them from 1960-69. Getting into classic cars is easy for the Corvair, just visit Ebay or Craigslist and enter Corvair in the search engine. The trick is finding one that, for the money spent, is a good value and one that has high resale value. A good place to start is the production numbers. For the early models, from 1960-64, the following are the rarest:

- 1960 Corvair Monza - 11,900 made
- 1962 Corvair Monza with a 150 hp or Turbocharged motor - 9,400 made
- 1962 Corvair Monza Convertible - 16,500 made
- 1963 Corvair 700 Coupe - 12,700 made
- 1963 Corvair Monza with 150 hp or Turbocharged motor - 19,000 made
- 1964 Corvair Spyder Convertible - only 4,761 made
- 1964 Corvair Spyder Coupe (Hardtop) - only 6,480 made.

The Corvair 500 and 700 series were the cheapest to buy with less than 20,000 produced from 60-64. The Monza Coupe was the highest produced, as almost 500,000 were built between 60-64. Most had engines with 95-110 hp. The early years also produced Corvair station wagons, trucks and vans, so those might be worth collecting also.

For the late models, from 1965-69, the following are the rarest:

- 1965 Corvair Corsa Convertible - 8,300 made
- 1966 Corvair Monza Convertible - 10,000 made
- 1966 Corvair Corsa Convertible - 3,100 made
- 1966 Corvair Corsa Coupe - 7,300 made
- 1967 Corvair Coupe - 9,700 made
- 1968 Monza Convertible - 1,400 made
- 1969 Corvair Monza Convertible - 521 made.
- 1969 500 or Monza Coupe - 2,700 made.

The Corsa was the top of the line Corvair and always had a 140hp or 180 hp engine. It was only made in 65 and 66. Any Corsa with a 180hp motor is hard to find as only 9,100 were made for the combined years. The Monza Coupe was the most produced in 65-66, with 112,000 made. It dramatically dropped to 9,700 in 1967 and 6,800 in 1968. Only 40,000 convertibles were made from 65-69. All of the late model Corvairs, whether a 500, Sedan (4-door) or Monzas had a 110 hp motor, unless the buyer wanted a 140 hp.

Of course, what you buy the car for, its condition, amount of work it needs and the costs need to be considered. But, from a production viewpoint, the above should be looked for.

Credits: <https://hubpages.com/autos/The-Chevrolet-Corvair-Which-Models-Are-the-Most-Collectible>

Co-editors note: Do you think another year/model should be included? Joe D.



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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.

FUEL GAUGE NOT WORKING PROPERLY

Here is how GM suggests trouble shooting the problem. (From Google)

[ED note:] First check to see if the ground wire at the sending unit is present and has a good ground to the body. If so, back to GM procedure.

Is it the gauge or the sender that is the problem? First check to see if you have 12 volts to the gauge with the key in the on position. If not, check the fuse.

Next, remove the sender wire to the gauge. The gauge should go to full.

Next, ground the sender wire. The gauge should go to empty.

If all of these happen the problem is in the sending unit.

Editors notes from here on.

On cars you will need to drain the tank to remove the sending unit. Do this outside so you don't burn down the house if the gas catches fire. Do not do this with a regular bulb in your extension light. Use a CFL. With the tank empty remove the sending unit and check the float. If the float is bad replace it. If the float is OK you probably will need to replace the whole sending unit.

BRASS FLOATS

Plastic floats have a bad reputation for becoming gas logged. Brass floats can develop a hole and fill with gas. Squeeze the plastic float and look for bubbles or gas oozing out. Will it float in water? Put the brass float in a pan, heat on the stove and look for air bubbles coming out of the float as the air inside expands. A good source for a replacement brass float that will work on the Corvair is Ford part number COAZ-9202-B. This info was extracted from several discussions on the Corvair Center Forum.

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

Apr 20 - Sep 28	Beavercreek Friday Night Cruise-In. 5pm to dark. Lofinos Beaver Valley Shopping Center. Seajay Dr. Beavercreek. Same site as last year.
Apr 27 - Sep 14	Kettering Friday Night Cruise-In. 5pm to dark. Kettering Towne Center at Dorothy Lane and Woodman Drive.
First Sunday Cruise-In	May 6 thru September. Noon-4pm. Springfield Antique Center, 1735 Titus Rd., Springfield. DJ, food.
Third Friday Cruise-In	May 18 thru September. AM-VETS Post 1789, 715 Market St., Brookville. Door prizes, music, food, beverages, 50/50. No coolers. 937-231-4641.
Jun 22	Inaugural TAC Cruise-In. 5-9pm. 2160 Old Selma Rd., Springfield. DJ, dash plaques, music, raffles, Kay's Kitchen food truck.
July 4	52nd Annual 4th of July Car Show & Swap Meet. Registration 8am-Noon. 122 Fairgrounds Rd. Xenia. \$10 entry per show car. Dash plaques, awards.
July 4	21st Annual Champaign Cruisers Firecracker Car, Truck & Bike Show. Registration 9am - 1pm. Skelley Lumber, 1300 N Main St. Urbana. \$10/car. Drivers Pot, dash plaques, food, door prizes, 50/50.
July 13	Voss Hoss Cruise-In. 5pm-9pm. 99 Loop Rd., Centerville. Door prizes, 50/50, music, food trucks. Free or \$10 for judging and dash plaque to benefit AIM for the handicapped.



CLUB OFFICER HELP STILL NEEDED

We are still looking for someone to fill the president's spot and the treasurer's spot. Verle McGillivary has had the job for 4 years and thinks it is time to turn it over to someone else. Aggie Moyer who has been the club treasurer thinks it is time to groom someone else. That said, we need someone to step up. Ask Verle and Aggie what the job entails if you have any interest in volunteering. HELP. We are still waiting for someone to step up. The grapevine reported that Jenny Dranschak was a book keeper in her earlier life. Sounds like Jenny is definitely qualified for treasurer.

MISSING BOOKS

Co-editor Jim Stukenborg can't find his copies of "THE COMPLEAT HISTORY OF CORVAIR FOR THE COMPLEAT CORVAIR NUT" by JOHN WIPFF. VOL 1 AND 2. Is it possible that Jim loaned these out and they did not come back? Contact Jim if you have them.

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 150 HP turbocharger and most hardware include carburetor, chrome air-cleaner, intake manifold, exhaust with bracket, lines, gas pump, fuel filter and other odd and ends. Part #3840830. Serial #30753. The turbine turn freely. Make a serious offer. Dave - go47f@fuse.net. St. Bernard in northern Cincinnati.



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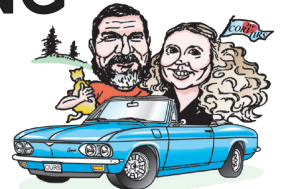
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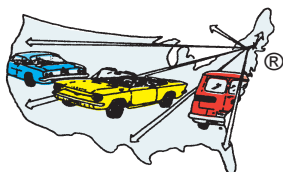


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Directions to the club meeting

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. Bohanon 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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