



DAYTON Corvair



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JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday, January 23. Time is our usual 6:30 PM. The directions to the Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter.

The newsletter for the first seven months of this year will be centered more on the 2024 Convention that our club is hosting. If you haven't already gotten involved, go ahead and volunteer some of your time.

We hope all have had a joyous holiday experience and are looking forward to another year Corvairing and our Convention July 21-26.

JANUARY ACTIVITY

There is no special club activity planned for January. We have yet not had a planning activity for this year but expect we will probably have limited special activities until after the Convention.



DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party was held at the restaurant of Company 7 BBQ in Englewood with over 40 in attendance! How nice it was to see the banquet room so full! The menu consisted of buffet style: beef brisket, pulled chicken sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, green beans and drinks. Thank you to all who helped furnish the large assortment of desserts of cakes and cupcakes! Everything was so good!

After our lunch, we all enjoyed the traditional gift exchange presented by Shawn Funkhouser and Kevin Clark with everyone receiving a special gift.

The 50/50 for the afternoon totaled \$155.00 with Willa Smith winning \$77.00. She graciously gave back \$30.00 to the club!

Merry Christmas everyone!!

Respectfully submitted
Darcy Baker Secretary



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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2023

Our president Shawn Funkhouser greeted all in attendance to the regular Corvair meeting on November 28, 2023 with a large turnout paying the annual dues and Christmas party fees. Those in attendance included Greg Hanlin, Mike Bayman, Angie Chaffins, Wendall Pace, Verle McGillivray, Kevin Clark, Shawn Funkhouser, Kevin Funkhouser, Mike Gitzinger, Michael Gitzinger, Shaun Gitzinger, Pat Kirgan, Darrell Biddlestone, Jim Schmidt, Jim Stukenborg, Doug and Cindy Simon, Duane and Darcy Baker. Jennifer Kortinez joined us that evening due to her husband had passed away and she was enquiring how to sell his car.

Vice President - Verle McGillivray had nothing new to report.

Secretary - Darcy Baker asked that the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted per the newsletter.

Treasurer - Angie Chaffins gave her report: Old balance \$1331.30 receipt of dues and other monies. New balance \$ 2129.30. Thank you to all who have paid your dues promptly! If you haven't paid as of yet please send in your payment to Angie. Corsa member \$ 12.00, non member \$15.00.

Membership - Paul Huelscamp was not present.

Newsletter - Jim Stukenborg had nothing new to report

Activities - Kevin Clark announced we will probably have a planning meeting in January or February 2024. Sometime in the Spring of 2024, we'll plan a picnic at the Air Force Museum in the Squadron Memorial Park so we can check out this area better and possibly include a picnic lunch during the convention.

The 50/50 amounted to \$22.00 with Wendall winning! He gave back \$5.00 for the pizza fund.

Respectfully submitted
Darcy Baker Secretary

2024 CLUB DUES

The dues for 2024 is due. The dues are the same as last year, \$12 for CORSA members and \$15 for non members. If you have not renewed, please send your check made out to Dayton Corvair Club to our treasurer Angie at the following address:

Angie Chaffins
4800 Delba Dr.
Dayton, OH 45439

CORVAIRBORNE MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

Our Corvairborne meeting on December 12 included Jim Schmidt, Kevin Clark, Greg Hanlin, Craig Puthoff, Angie Chaffins, Darcy and Duane Baker, with those online for the zoom meeting: Shawn Funkhouser, Kevin Gallagher, Jim Stukenborg and Mike Bayman.

Shawn Funkhouser announced Forgeline will be the sponsor of the Spirit award. This award is for an individual that encompasses anything Corvair during the convention with enthusiasm, support for anyone competing in any event. Forgeline is the company owned by a well known Corvair racing participant Jim Schardt who unfortunately passed away in 2023. Shawn and Gary Funkhouser had the honor of knowing Jim and helping with his racing career.

We've learned that Eastwood and OPG-1 will be buying space for advertising. Duane B and Mike B have been talking to W Productions in Urbana about making a magnetic dash plaque for \$1.00 a piece.

Kevin Gallagher talked to Greg Clemmons regarding help in getting up to 500 goody bags. Mike Bayman is talking to Hagerty Insurance to see if they can help provide goody bags as well. We need to start thinking of what to put in the bags soon. We do have plenty of lanyards and signs from Corsa.

Kevin Clark will share the timeline with the chair people of their event to write up information to be shared in the Communique.

We are putting together those individuals who would be conducting tech sessions during the convention week. Still more planning and fine tuning to be done.

We now are at a little over 6 months away!! We'd appreciate all the support you can send our way!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

To those that have had or will be having any health issues taken care of this year - we wish you a full and speedy recovery!

Respectfully submitted
Darcy Baker





CONVENTION UPDATE

We now had our first article published in the CORSA Communique. Our Flight Plan is finally posted on our website under "2024 Convention" tab. Try this link if you haven't read it yet: https://www.daytoncorvairclub.com/gallery

Below is the preliminary line-up for articles that are to get published in the following month. I will be checking with everyone on their progress and be up to date. If you want to write an article about the activity you are chairing, let me know ahead of time. You can send them to me and we can let Tom Berg from Vair Force do the editing. We'll try keeping the storylines in chronological order but will move some topics or spread them around to another month if needed.

- 1-Jan/Feb (COMPLETED) - Intro, Hotel, location, date
2-Mar (COMPLETED) - Concours, USAF Dinner tour - teaser; welcome, car display
3-Apr (due Feb 15) - Welcome Party, Car Display, Valve Cover, Tipp City Cruise-In
4-May (due Mar 15) - Economy-Run, Rally, Autocross, Model Car Concours, Banquet
5-Jun (due Apr 15) - USAF Picnic, Packard, BTM, Hollywood Gaming, Dayton Dragons, Kings Island, any updates
6-July (due May 15) - Hawthorn Hill, Riverscape & micro brew, Booneshoft, Cox Arboretum, Esther Price, LaComedia, any updates

Mike Hall and I will be presenting the schedule and budget to the CORSA board February 6. There were a few loose ends needing attention and I have sent a list to the committee to look them over and am awaiting feedback from them.

The menu is finalized for the Monday evening Welcome Party. Having hamburgers and hotdogs was too expensive, we settled on pizza. A salad, dessert, and drinks are included and met our budget.

The gathering spot for the Welcome Party will be in a reserved parking lot #1, right next to the hotel (see

map page 6). Everyone is invited to the Welcome Party, but you must pre-register for the Welcome Party if you want to have pizza. The food may be served in the patio area near or inside the Tradewinds room.



You may bring your own chairs to lot #1 during the Welcome Party and sit around for a good time. In the same lot, the red, white, and blue Shriner Corvairs and the Shriner Monza Juniors will be on display. Also on display would be a half scale Wright B Flyer from the Wright B Flyer Museum and a Sunbeam Imp from the British Transportation Museum. You will be surprised the Sunbeam Imp borrowed a lot of styling cue from Chevrolet's early model Corvair. I am in contact with America's Packard Museum about loaning one of their cars to display at the Welcome Party. I felt they would be nice to have around to encourage our guest to visit these museums during their stay in Dayton.

On the same evening, we will have the Car Display in lot #2 which is right next to the Welcome Party. Everyone is invited to show their Corvairs. The Impala club will have their own convention at our host hotel and they will join us in the Car Display. They will have their own parking area in the same lot and their own award for their cars. With both clubs and everyone participating, this will be one big party.

If you want your Corvair to be judged for one of Top Ten award, you must pre-register for the Car Display. If feasible we might even have a Homecoming style drive-thru award ceremony.

The Valve Cover Race will take place in the same evening as well. Depending on the weather forecast, the valve cover racetrack will get set up in lot #1 or inside the Tradewinds room.

The activities in this arrangement for Monday will allow the Corvairs to be all shined up and ready for the Concours at Carillon Historical Park Tuesday morning. We will cover that and more in the next newsletter.

Kevin Clark, Convention Chair

CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Table with 2 columns: Date and Activity. Rows include January (01.23.24) and February (02.13.24, 02.27.24) meetings.



JANUARY / FEBRUARY CONVENTION ARTICLE IN THE COMMUNIQUE

In case those of you are not yet CORSA members, you can still get a chance to read what had been published about the convention. CORSA will offer a discount for e-members in the spring. Once the discount becomes available, it is important you become a member so you can enjoy the convention in July. Becoming an e-member will allow you full access to the CORSA website and receive a digital version of the monthly CORSA Communique (CC). Here is the article that ran in the January/February issue.

Corvairborne! All Clear for Take-Off

The runway is clear. We are ready for your arrival, and we want to share the highlights for your upcoming trip. We want to leave you with a lasting memory of positive experiences here in Dayton. The host hotel is the Marriott at the University of Dayton, which has been entirely reserved for us and members of the National Impala Association, whose gathering will be concurrent with ours.

Hotel reservations can be made now with all the information available on the CORSA Website. Registration will open by late February with the link available on the website too.

The fun begins on Monday with the Car Display and Welcome Party with Valve Cover Racing on Monday evening at the Marriott. Here are highlights of Tuesday's events:

Concours

The Concours on Tuesday morning will be at Carillon Historical Park, less than a mile from the Marriott. The setting is unique and we know the exhibitors, judges, and spectators will enjoy the event even more than normal.

There'll be a special entrance for Concours-registered Corvairs (and Impalas). Near the display and judging site will be several red, white and blue Shriner Corvairs – the clue that you are in the right place. Concours cars will park in areas where there's plenty of shade. Other cars will use the main entrance to the park.

The park's spacious 65-acre outdoor museum features historic buildings and landmarks throughout. This is where Dayton keeps many of its technical artifacts and treasures that changed the world. The original 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world's first practical airplane, is one of them. It was restored under the personal direction of Orville Wright. In 1990, it was designated a National Historic Landmark, the first airplane to receive such a distinction.

If you are hungry and thirsty, you can try the Carillon Brewing Company and watch them make beer like they did in the 19th Century, or dine at Culp's Restaurant, featuring good food and beverages with tables set alongside, and inside, a restored 19th Century trolley. The park is just under a mile south from the hotel, and you can take advantage of the hotel's free shuttle service to get there.

USAF Museum Dinner Tour

Tuesday evening is the dinner tour at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. This is considered Ground Zero for where aviation began, from the Wright Brothers forward. It is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum with over 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles displayed on more than 19 acres of indoor exhibit space.

They range from the beginnings of military flight to modern stealth technology. See up close the B-17F "Memphis Belle," a batwing B-2 stealth bomber, a space shuttle exhibit, even a Titan IVB missile. There will be volunteer tour guides and they may share their stories of their time serving in the Air Force. With four large hangers to roam, the museum has several dozen electric scooters to help you get around.

That evening we'll have the entire museum to ourselves while we enjoy our food and drinks. Seeing everything would take an entire day or more, and you might want to return on Friday, after the convention has closed.

'Fast' Wednesday and Thursday

Some "fast" events comprise the Flight Plan for this stage of the Convention. Wednesday is the Rally and Econo-Run. Our team is working on the final details. Thursday is Track Day at Kil-Kare Raceway, which includes a 3/8-mile asphalt-oval Speedway and 1/4-mile Dragway. We will primarily use the flat portions of the Speedway between its banked ovals.

Thursday night banquet

The annual banquet at the Marriott will feature good food, conversation with Corvair friends, and of course announcement of the winners of the week's competitions. As with all CORSA conventions, this is the 2024 event's climax and will mark its close.

We shook things up a little bit with moving the Car Display, often held after the banquet, to Monday with the Welcome Party. This will enable more to participate, and you can stay rest of the week and enjoy the many attractions in the area. We will share more details on these events as we count down to July.

Be sure you have made reservation at the Marriott at the University of Dayton and get registered for a great week in Dayton.

2024 Convention Committee

MUSCLE CAR AND CORVETTE NATIONAL

Every year the weekend before Thanksgiving, Mecum sponsors a national car show in Rosemont, Illinois.

With the CORSA convention committee members coming a week before the show for a meeting to discuss the 2024 Dayton convention, Mike Hall asked if he could borrow my Corvan to take to a macabre car show. I was a little shocked thinking this might have something to do with Halloween on hangover. Looking on-line and checking the dictionary, I think his spell checker was probably correcting MCACN. It stands for Muscle Car and Corvette National. Mike offered to bring the Corvan back the following weekend after the show, but I suggested since he would be an hour away from the Corvair museum, why not keep the Corvan there for the winter. He agreed and having my Corvan in the museum gave me something to brag about.

After the meeting Larry Claypool hauled the Corvan to his shop and did a check over. He did some work on the carburetors, the starter drive, replaced the vacuum advance, the ball joints, and rebuilt the turn signal

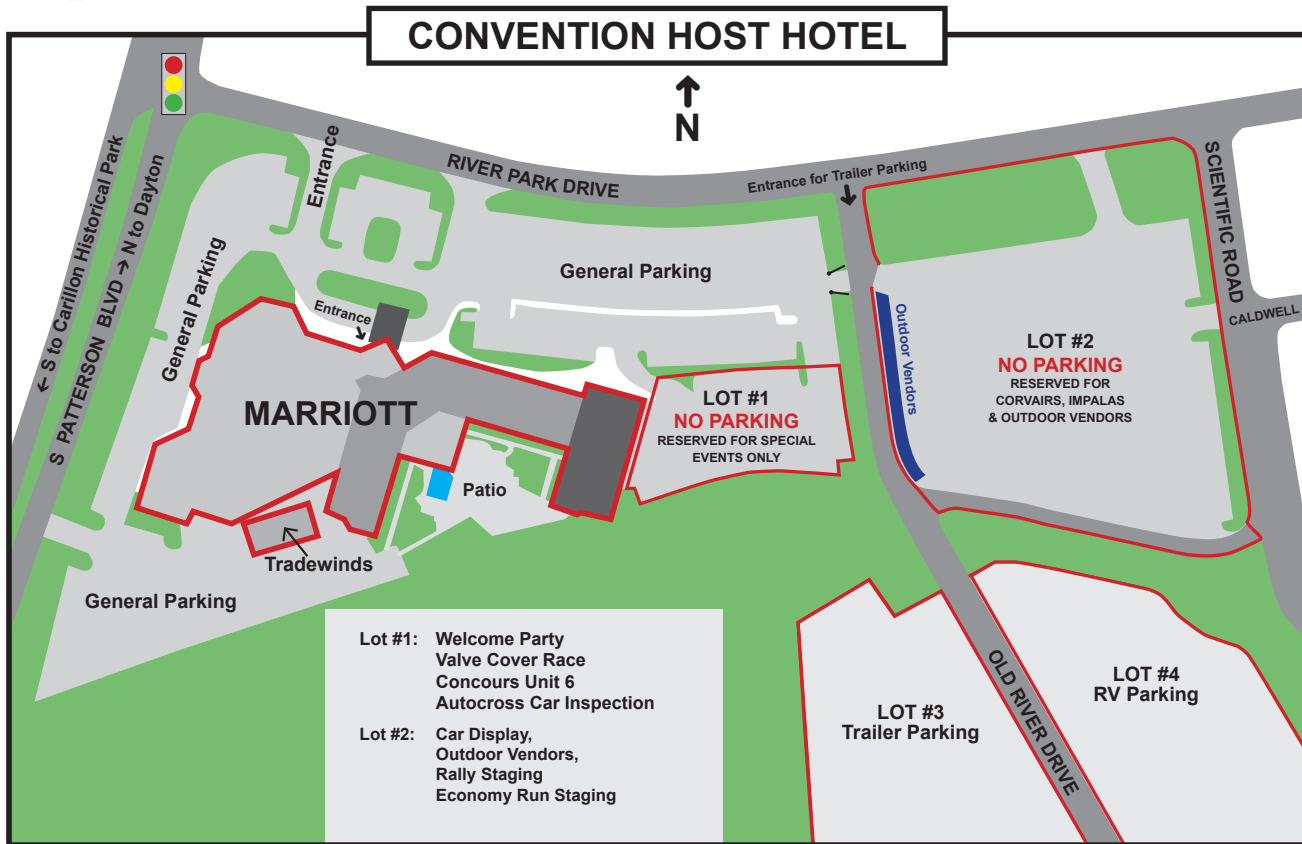
assembly. Surprisingly, the distributor was in a wrong position and is now corrected. Now I'm really looking forward getting Corvan back in the spring. It will be a new driving experience.

Susan and I attended the weekend show. We got to see them setting up. The convention center is huge, probably twenty-five time bigger than the Dayton Convention Center. It was interesting watching large semi-trucks unloading high end sports cars and classics and around four of them can do all that at the same time while inside the convention center. Some cars were stacked two high above each other inside enclosed trailers.

We had four Forward Controls in the show. A Rampside, another FC custom tow truck, my Corvan and a Greenbrier. A loadside would have been nice to add for a complete line of Corvair trucks. It was a great show, all indoor, and with vendors selling parts and memorabilia.

Last year CORSA had four wagons on display. I wonder what will CORSA have on display for next year?





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 NOISE WHILE IDLING

Well known Corvair racer and mechanic, Ken Hand, suggested on Corvair Center that a rattling noise while idling could have the following cause:

Noise goes away with light pressure on the clutch pedal---- likely loose flywheel rivets.

Noise gets worse with light pressure on the clutch pedal----possibly a bad throw out bearing, but this a rare occurrence.

One poster described the "rattling" noise as a tapping noise.

Ken also had an experience of a similar rattling noise caused by a bad fan idler bearing. He suggests running the engine briefly without the fan belt to check on this possibility.

OTHER NOISES

Squeal when you start to let out the clutch----bad pilot bushing. If the bushing is really bad, you will have a rumble when the clutch is fully depressed.

IS THAT CORVAIR FLYWHEEL GOOD?

You don't have to drop the flywheel on the floor as some suggest. Corvair enthusiast, Dave Motohead, has a video on U-tube showing the difference in sounds between a good and bad flywheel using a box end wrench. Tapping the face each flywheel the audio of the bad one is just a thud. The good one gives off a definite ring. The difference is very clear on the video. Dave calls this video Flywheel 101.

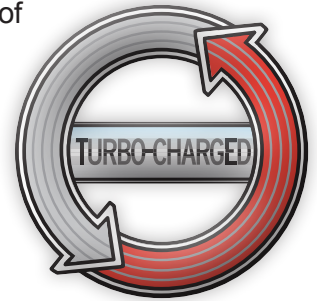
Dave also said he would never install a used flywheel again after one he used for a customer checked good but got noisy 3 weeks after the vehicle was back on the road.



NATIONAL CORVAIR MUSEUM

The National Corvair Museum is currently planning a fund raising campaign to build a permanent building for the museum. The current museum, which is part of the Corvair Preservation Foundation, is located in Glenarm, IL which is ten miles south of Springfield. The museum has had to move a number of times either because the building they were in was sold or the space they were using in The Chevy Hall of Fame or a building they were renting became too small for their growing collection of cars.

To see more about their plans, Google Corvair Center Forum and look for the museum topic at the top portion of the page.



Celebrating 35 Years in a Big Way!

THE CORVAIR PRESERVATION FOUNDATION IS CELEBRATING ITS 35TH YEAR OF COLLECTING AND PRESERVING THE CORVAIR.

BUILDING THE CORVAIR LEGACY



Our National Corvair Museum has physically existed for 29 years at various locations around the United States, but we have never been able to fully display all the Corvairs and specialty vehicles we have in our collection, much less display the entire collection of memorabilia and historical archives. It is time to launch the Building the Corvair Legacy Capital Campaign. This campaign will be conducted to raise funds to build our permanent home somewhere on the Mother Road, Route 66.

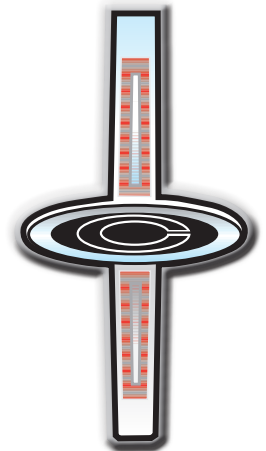
Join us in the Vendors Hall and at the CPF meeting on Wednesday at 4 PM to learn more about this Campaign and the future of our National Corvair Museum.



CORVAIR MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS

- Recognized as the National Corvair Museum by CORSA and General Motors
- Largest assemblage of Corvair memorabilia, exhibits and rare specialty vehicles
- Member of the National Association of Automobile Museums and the Route 66 Association
- Tour stop on the Mother Road Route 66

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE AND MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION ONLINE AT WWW.NATIONALCORVAIRMUSEUM.ORG





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.



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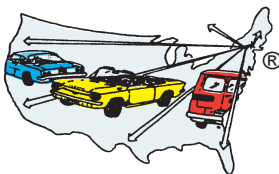
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