



# DAYTON *Corvair*



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## APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at Buffalo Jack's in Covington, Ohio after our tour of D & D classic Restorations. We plan to be at the restaurant at around 11:45 AM. The date is Saturday April 21st. Look for us in the side room just past the "native Americans". Be thinking about what we have to do for the upcoming Mid Ohio Meet in June.

## APRIL ACTIVITY / MEETING

On Saturday April 21 the club will make its annual trek to D & D classic restorations in Covington, Ohio to view the latest goings on there. If you wish to caravan together we will meet at the Meijer's store on Rt-48 just south of I-70. Assemble at the north end of the lot. Be there around 9:00 AM. We will leave at 9:15 and head north on Rt-48 through Englewood to Covington. D & D is on Mote Rd. in Covington. Mote Rd. runs to the right just inside the city limits and curves around and comes out at Rt-41. D & D is on the west side of Mote just a little distance from RT-41. For those who want to go directly there, plan to be there by 10:00 AM. You can take Rt-41 from I-75 if you wish.

After the tour we will head to Buffalo Jack's for lunch and the meeting. We plan to be at the restaurant at 11:45 and usually are set up in the side room.



## MAY ACTIVITY

The club's activity for May is a visit to Fifth-Third field to watch the Dayton Dragon's play a little baseball. Tickets are \$15 each and this includes a hat and a \$5 food voucher. We only have 20 tickets total and 11 have already been spoken for so don't wait too long to contact Aggie Moyer at 937-252 7137. If we are lucky the Dragon's new million dollar pitcher, Hunter Greene will be on the mound. In his first outing Hunter loaded the bases through 2 walks and an error and then proceeded to strike out the side. He was throwing fastballs approaching 100 MPH and beyond. He ended up getting the win for the game. Aggie will have the tickets with her at the D & D Restorations tour and meeting on April 21.

## PAULINE PETTY

The club members would like to extend their condolences to the Ray Petty family for the death of Ray's wife Pauline on April 2. Ray, Pauline, and son Rob have been long time members of the Dayton Corvair Club.



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MARCH MEETING MINUTES



Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 3/27/2018 Club Pizza Meeting, 6:30 PM

Location: Marion's Piazza, 3443 N. Dixie Drive, Dayton, Ohio.

Attendees: We had a very nice turnout of about 22 members, guests and family and had the party room to ourselves for the meeting. Club President Verle McGillivray welcomed everyone and this time we already had the pizza order placed. By the time we got drinks, plates, napkins and talked a little the food was ready so we ate. Verle began the business meeting about 7:20PM. He welcomed guests and new members and asked each of us to introduce ourselves to the Club. Verle also informed all that both Ray Petty and his wife Pauline were not doing well and to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Vice President Comments: Steve Kianka is still in Florida so we did not have a report from him.

Secretary: Joe reviewed the February meeting minutes and asked they be accepted as posted in the March newsletter. Motion by Dennis Kugler, second by Jennie Dranschak and approved to accept the minutes. Joe also had some info about two tours to share later.

Treasurer: Aggie reported we had income of \$30 for membership dues from Jim Schmidt and Sharon Williams and \$5.50 from the 50/50 and another \$5.50 donated by Joe Dranschak from his 50/50 winnings for the pizza fund. The total income was \$41. We had expenses of \$114.61 to Verle for the Marion's Piazza reservation and our last pizza party, \$50 donation in memory of Verle's wife Jane, and \$300 for 20 Dayton Dragon tickets we will sell to the Club members. We had total expenses of \$464.61. This left us a balance of \$1,639.89 on March 27, 2018. A motion by Jack Milliff, second by Jim Stukenborg and approved to accept the report.

Activities: Kevin reminded us of the Mid Ohio Meet June 16. Registration will be \$7 for an individual and \$10 for a family. Also, Jim Stukenborg will check on the cost for burgers, brats and hot dogs. Kevin has the traveling memento and will add something to it for the event. We will decide if we want to use Club funds for door prizes at the April Club meeting.

Membership: Greg Hanlin shared information about the Dayton Dragons ball game on Tuesday May 8 and we also welcomed new members. Aggie has the baseball tickets for sale for \$15 each.

Newsletter: Jim Stukenborg informed all that if they want to travel as a group to D&D then plan on meeting at Meijers on route 48 in Englewood around 9AM and plan on leaving by 9:15AM to arrive at D&D by 10AM for the tour.

Old Business: Kevin Clark still has Club Business Cards and some window decals. The D&D Classic tour is Sat. April 21 at 10AM. After the tour we can go to Buffalo Jacks for lunch and a short Club meeting. We have lunch reservations at 11:30AM.

New Business: Joe shared information about a tour of the Airstream factory but this is only a M-F daytime activity so we decided to leave this alone as far as a Club activity. We did discuss a tour of the WACO Air Museum & Aviation Learning Center. It is located at 1865 S. County Road 25A in Troy, OH. It is open during the weekdays and on weekends we can visit as a group between noon-5PM Sat or Sun. If we have 10 or more the cost is \$5 Adults, \$4 Military (with ID), \$2 Students and Under 6 is Free. Regular prices are \$1 more in each category except under 6 is still free. We will see if we can agree on a date & time at the April Club meeting.

50/50 Drawing: Lois Bigler won the 50/50 for \$16 and donated it towards the next pizza meeting. With no other action we adjourned about 8PM.





**PAULINE PETTY**

PETTY, Pauline M. Age 81 of Huber Heights, passed away surrounded by her family on April 2, 2018. She was born on May 8, 1936 in San Antonio, TX to the late Paul R. and Clara (Kopt) Knopp. She is survived by her loving husband, Raymond Petty; children, David (Pat) Petty, John (Diana) Petty and Rob (Loretta) Petty; grandchildren, Joel, Theresa, Johnny and Angela Petty; great-grandchildren, Bailey Nicole Petty and Bryley Petty; numerous step grandchildren; sister, Anges Collins; best friend of 51 years, Margie Huffman and many extended family and friends. Pauline was an avid bowler and was recognized by Ohio State Women's Bowling Association for her 25 consecutive years of play. A Memorial Mass will begin at 11 AM on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at St. Peter's Parish, 6161 Chambersburg Rd. Huber Heights, OH 45424 with Father Anthony Cutcher, Celebrant. Inturnment will follow the Mass at Willow View Cemetery. To leave a special message or memory for the family, please visit www.newcomerdayton.com.

**CLUB OFFICER HELP STILL NEEDED**

A number of officers have agreed to continue in their positions. However, we are looking for someone to fill the president's spot and the treasurer's spot. Verle McGillivray 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 forever says her next birthday on Feb 28 will be a four score and 5 year event and she thinks it is time to groom someone else. It was difficult for Aggie to make this decision. 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.

**JERRY FRITTS CORVAIR PARTS ONLINE**

Remember the parts Jerry Fritts gave to the club? They were detailed in the last two newsletters and now are online on our club website. Go to <http://daytoncorvairclub.wixsite.com/daytoncorvairclub> and click on Sales. Pick a part or two and make a donation to the club. Jim Stukenborg has the parts. Jim's number is 937-429-2291.

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

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| 4.21.2018    | D&D Classic Tour 10 AM. Meeting at Buffalo Jacks 11:45 AM  |
| 5.8.2018     | Dayton Dragons baseball game   |
| 5.22.2018    | Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM   |
| 6.16.2018    | 29th Mid-Ohio Meet at Buck Creek State Park. Dayton club is hosting                                      |
| 6.26.2018    | Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM   |
| 7.23-28.2018 | CORSA Convention. Pittsburg, PA. <a href="http://corvairpittsburgh.com">http://corvairpittsburgh.com</a> |
| 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 McGillivray's   |
| 9.2018 TBD   | Field Trip to WACO   |
| 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  |



HISTORY HAPPENS

A new Illinois museum honors the Chevrolet Corvair

In its struggle for post-production respect, America’s rear-engine, air-cooled Corvair has a new ally—the Corvair Museum, maintained by the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) and housed within the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur, Illinois. With 9,000 square feet of floor space, the Corvair Museum currently houses 14 vehicles, plus a range of automobilia that includes everything from experimental wheels through a forward-control Corvair scale model used for wind-tunnel testing. The models on display cover the gamut from the ordinary, like a 1960 Corvair 500 sedan and a 1962 Corvair Monza station wagon, to the truly bizarre, including a 1962 Rampside pickup converted into a tow truck, and a custom-built 1965 Corvair five-door limousine. High-performance production models are also represented, and the collection includes both a Fitch Sprint and a Yenko Stinger.

There are historically significant Corvairs in the collection as well, including the 1960 Corvair Super Monza, designed and built for Bill Mitchell and driven by his daughter, Lynn. The last Corvair convertible built, a 1969 model carrying serial number 5997, is displayed, as is a 1969 Corvair coupe with serial number 5999, thought to be the last-produced surviving example. While serial number 6000 is the last complete Corvair built, the Olympic Gold 1969 Monza coupe has been lost to history. Even this may not be the last Corvair body built, as the museum also owns the Corvair XXXXXXX body shell, assembled by Fisher but never finished by Chevrolet. An important piece of Corvair history, the museum identifies the shell as the only example of a complete, as-delivered-to-GM-but-never-assembled Fisher body known to exist, making it a unique bit of American automotive history.

Corvairs aren’t typically associated with land speed record attempts, but a heavily modified 1966 Corvair Corsa coupe on display was driven by Tom Schwabe to a G/production class record of 139.2 mph in 1973. Tom’s first record attempt at Bonneville, in 1968, used the Corvair’s stock 164-cu. in. engine, but his average speed of 119 mph wasn’t enough to best the 125-mph class record. By 1973, he’d upped displacement to 180-cu. in., adding strengthened internals, an Iskenderian camshaft, modified cylinder heads, and 46mm Weber carburetors to achieve his goal.

While some of the vehicles displayed, five to be precise, are owned by the CPF, the remainder are on loan from museum supporters. We asked Mike Hall, CPF president, if the museum had any specific vehicle requests, to which he replied, “a Corvair Ultravan motor home, and a Greenbrier with the camper option.” Of course, donations of any kind relating to Corvair history are always appreciated, and as with any museum (and most non-profits), cash donations are both needed and welcomed.

The museum opened its doors August 2017, though it’s yet to hold its grand opening. This is slated to take place, complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrity guests, a car show and Corvair product vendors from May 18-20, 2018. Monthly car shows will be held in warmer weather, likely promoting both the Corvair Museum and the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum. Visit the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) museum website at: <https://www.corvair.org/index.php/preservation-foundation/corvair-museum>.

Credits: <https://www.rkmotors.com/blog/New-Illinois-museum-honors-the-Chevrolet-Corvair>

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

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| Apr 20 - Sep 28 | <b>Beavercreek Friday Night Cruise-In.</b> 5pm to dark. Lofinos Beaver Valley Shopping Center. Seajay Dr. Beavercreek. Same site as last year.  |
| Apr 27 - Sep 14 | <b>Kettering Friday Night Cruise-In.</b> 5pm to dark. Kettering Towne Center at Dorothy Lane and Woodman Drive.   |
| Apr 22          | <b>2nd Annual Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway Cruise-In.</b> Noon-4pm. 777 Hollywood Blvd. Food, music, judging at 1pm. Trophys and big cash rewards.   |
| Jun 20-24       | <b>Eckler’s 5th State Rep Chevy Show.</b> Show, swap meet, BBQ. Holiday Inn/Fairborn 2800 Presidential Dr. Fairborn. To register; <a href="https://www.classicchevy.com/assets/showregistration/pdfs/SR-2018-form.pdf">https://www.classicchevy.com/assets/showregistration/pdfs/SR-2018-form.pdf</a> . For schedule; <a href="https://www.classicchevy.com/assets/showregistration/pdfs/SR-2018-schedule.pdf">https://www.classicchevy.com/assets/showregistration/pdfs/SR-2018-schedule.pdf</a> |

**1969 TRIPLE BLACK**

Corvair fanatic Arden Robinette revealed his latest project, a 1969 convertible. The factory paint code is black exterior, black top and black interior and with a 140 powerglide. His baby had been disassembled, media blasted and epoxy primed. Arden's future plan is to get a new top and be fitted with a '66 air conditioning system and cruise control. Arden, the basecoat/clearcoat sure brought out that mirror like shine! Don't forget the doors and hoods.



**DAN GURNEY**

Most people with a car connection knew of Dan Gurney the race car driver. Dan passed away on January 14, 2018 at the age of 86 as a result of complications from pneumonia. Probably most knew Dan as a result of his racing at the Indy 500 as a driver and as a car builder and his exposure with NASCAR. When NASCAR first started to race on road courses their drivers were not used to road courses. Dan was a sports car driver and as such had an advantage on a road course. He drove road courses for one of the regular NASCAR teams and won 5 races at Riverside raceway in 9 starts. At Indy he was second in 1968 and 1969 and third in 1970 as a driver. His All American Race Cars ran at Indy numerous times after that under various teams. He also teamed up with A.J. Foyt to win the 1967 Le Mans 24 hour race driving a GT-40 Ford.

What most people did not know is that Dan's favorite car for transportation in Europe was a 62 Corvair Spyder. He got it through Chevrolet who shipped to him. The interesting thing is this took place when he was driving race cars for Porsche. Dan's comments were the same as all of us who had one. You did not get much advantage from the turbo until you were at higher revs in third gear. His driving method was to keep the revs up. He said he usually upshifted at 4900 RPMS. Note that the red line was 5300 RPMS.



There is an interesting series of post on corvaiercenter.com from 2008 [Dan Gurney-Corvair Related by poster Detroit dude] concerning Dan wanting to buy an early turbo Corvair because that is his favorite car of all time and it is the car he drove when he courted his wife. Also in the posts it is mentioned that the Brooklands book by R.M. Clarke titled Corvair 1959-1969 has a three page article on Dan and his Corvair. Someone in

the club probably has this book. One is available on E-bay for \$110 plus shipping.

Another little Corvair/Gurney gem is that the GT-40 Ford that Gurney and Foyt raced to victory in 1967 at LeMans used taillights from a 1960 Corvair because they were the lightest taillights a parts gofer could find.

**TECH TIPS**

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**ALTERNATOR COOLING**

The fan that cools an alternator is a centrifugal fan which means it draws air in at the center and throws it out at the tips of the blades. This means the fan is meant to pull air through the alternator to cool it. Since Corvair engines rotate in the opposite direction of front engine cars the cooling fins of a Corvair alternator are reversed. If one is not careful the wrong alternator or the wrong cooling fan can end up on a Corvair. Look at your car's alternator. The fins should not be acting as air scoops. If they are the car has the wrong alternator on it.

**CRANK SHAFT AND BELL HOUSING SEALS**

A discussion on Corvair Center about using Viton seals for the crank shaft and bell housing had most people on the do not use Viton side of the discussion. Viton received a great name for push rod tube seals but a lot of Corvair repair people have had trouble using Viton for a dynamic seal situation. Most were in favor of using the GM OE seals which are probably butyl rubber. Your editor's personal experience with the GM OE push rod tube seals was that on the block end the seals remained pliable, but on the head end where they may have gotten much hotter, say 450 degrees, they became brittle. For crank shaft and bell housing applications the seal would not see the higher temps so Viton would not have any temperature advantage and a definite disadvantage if it does not work well against a moving surface.



**CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE**

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FOR SALE: 63, 64 Greenbriers, project vehicles. 63 Monza cpe, 900, auto. 64 Monza cpe, 4 spd. 65 turbo convert, low miles, rust free, project vehicle. Tons of parts. Sid Roth 937-596-5106 home or 937-622-0587 cell. Jackson Center, OH.



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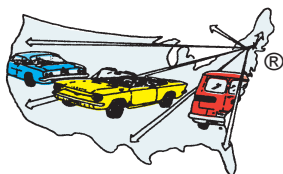


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**Directions to the club meeting**

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. Bohanan 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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