



DAYTON Corvair



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AUGUST MEETING

We will **NOT** be having our regular 4th Tuesday meeting in August. An August meeting of the club was conducted at the "Vair Affair" outing on August 15th. Our next regular meeting will be held in September. This newsletter will be shorter than usual since there is no August meeting upcoming. The July meeting minutes are included in this newsletter.



VAIR AFFAIR

The Vair Affair took place just last weekend. We will have full coverage and more photos in the next newsletter.

RAY PETTY

Funeral services for long time club member Ray Petty were held on Thursday August 6th at St. Peter Catholic Church in Huber Heights. Ray was interred at the Willowview Cemetary on Wagner Ford Rd. The burial services were held with full military honors including a 21 gun salute.

Ray served his country in the Korean war and later in the US Air Force. After his service time he spent over 25 years at NCR working in graphic design. Ray was introduced to a Corvair by one of his NCR fellow workers and became a fan of the Corvair. Ray used to like talking about when we had deep snows his Corvair

was a reliable way to get around when other people were not able to get out of their driveway. Ray had a number of them over the years and parted out more and ended up with a lot of Corvair parts filling his attic, a lot



of which are now filling his son's garage. His son Robert and wife live across the street from Ray so it wasn't a long haul. At least one of Ray's 110 HP engines is flying around in a home built air plane. Other club members are also beneficiaries of some of Ray's parts. Ray was an active member of the Dayton Corvair club and was always in attendance at the meetings. As co-editor he took charge in sending out the newsletter for a number of years when we were still mailing them.

At the church service we heard that Ray and his wife Pauline, before her death, enjoyed sitting in front of their garage and watch their neighbors walk and drive by. Another favorite pastime of theirs was taking a junket to Las Vegas to do a little gambling. According to Ray these trips were almost free, financed by their winnings.

A donation to the Corvair Preservation Society was made in Ray's name.

The club would like to express its deepest sympathy to Ray's family, and especially his son, club member Robert and wife Loretta.



JULY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 7/28/2020 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

Location: The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler Meeting House Shelter Area, 336 East Alkaline Springs Road, Vandalia, OH 45377

Attendees: Shawn Funkhouser, Gary Funkhouser, Verle McGillivray, Jennie & Joe Dranschak, Jim Stukenborg, Kevin Clark, Jim Schmidt, Aggie Moyer, Bernice Noll and Paul Huelskamp.

Welcome: President Shawn Funkhouser welcomed all to another picnic shelter meeting at the Historical Society of Vandalia Butler. The weather was pleasant with a little breeze. Shawn reminded us we are still uncertain about a pizza meeting and we need to verify when we can get back into the Vandalia Justice Center for regular Club meetings. We do not need to be there in August, as we will have our meeting at the 'Vair Affair event. Shawn also informed us that long time Club member Ray Petty passed away.

Secretary: Joe reviewed the June 23rd meeting minutes and asked for approval as posted in the July Club Newsletter. Motion by Joe, second by Paul and approved.

Treasurer: Jennie reported a balance on June 23rd of 2,122.06 with income of dues from Gary Williams of \$30 for 2020 and 2021 and 50/50 income of \$6 and Verle donated his \$6 winnings from the 50/50 for total income of \$42. We had expenses of \$133.54 for postage and design fees for the newsletter app Kevin uses, \$35 for CORSA 2020 Club dues, \$441.31 for 24 Club Hats and \$50 for a memorial donation in memory of Mary Ann Kianka for total expenses of \$659.85. This resulted in a July 28th, 2020 balance of \$1,504.21. Motion to accept the report by Verle, second by Jim and approved.

Membership: Paul reported he received information about Gary and Sharon Williams dues for 2020 and 2021.

Newsletter: Jim Stukenborg had no new information but Joe mentioned how he used the Youtube Rampside video by Jay Leno, that Shawn mentioned at the June meeting, for a History Happens article for our Newsletter.

Activities: Kevin shared plans for a visit to the Mustang Museum in Brandt for November 14th and this will be verified with the Museum Staff. Jennie shared information about the Christy's staff catering the Club Christmas Dinner on December 12th at The Historical Society of

Vandalia Butler. Joe mentioned the Society is considered a commercial property and has rental rules that do not allow alcohol but the members present were okay with that. We had a good discussion about the 'Vair Affair and decided we do want to go forward with the event and just practice COVID-19 guidelines for a group event. Kevin will send an email to all members about bringing their own food and drinks and utensils. Verle will purchase corn on the cob and prepare it on the open grill and Verle will have a gas grill available for members, who want to use the grill for food they will bring to cook. Kevin will also include driving directions to Verle's home.



Old Business: Shawn reminded us we still have an opening for our Vice President position and will continue to mention this in any email updates from Kevin to the Club and in our newsletter. Joe did not get anymore information from D&D Classic about a possible tour there in the remaining months of 2020. Verle did get a refund from Marion's for the March \$100 pizza meeting deposit for the event that was postponed & canceled.

New Business: Kevin had the new Club Hats at the meeting. We discussed the price for each hat with a motion by Gary, second by Verle and approved that we sell them for \$20 each. This is very close to the total cost for the hats, which was \$441.31 for 24. Kevin collected money for the hats and was going to record sales and send Jennie a list of the members who purchased and how much they paid. The Tech Session was tentatively scheduled for October 10th at 10AM. Kevin was informed of a Corvair in Springfield for sale and will have more information in the next newsletter. It was agreed and approved that we make a memorial donation of \$50 in memory of Ray Petty to the CORSA Preservation Foundation.

50/50: Shawn won \$8 and donated it back to the Club for pizza (Total 50/50 was \$16)

Adjourn: Joe will call the City of Vandalia to see when they will have the Justice Center community meeting room available to use. Motion to adjourn by Shawn, which we did about 7:45PM.

VICE-PRESIDENT NEEDED

With the passing of vice-president Steve Kianka the club is in need of someone to step into this role. Someone please raise their hand and volunteer. We had this notice in last month and the position is still open.



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 provides a little history about CORSA Publications. (Look at all the reading available for a CORSA member!)

The CORSA publications are available online to CORSA members, who can Log in with their Username and Password and see a link to the Publication Archives on the Website navigation menu.

1969-1970 - The Preliminary Newsletters - The history of CORSA publications began before CORSA was founded. When founder Richard Langworth was promoting interest in a national Corvair club in 1969-1970, Langworth and Jon Ramer composed mimeographed sheets that were simply called "Preliminary Newsletters". There were four issues mailed.

1970-1972 - CORSA Bulletin, CORSA News, and The Windmill - After CORSA was formed in 1970, the first true newsletters were published. The first three newsletters, after the preliminary newsletters, were published by Jon Ramer. The first two of these were titled CORSA Bulletin, the third CORSA News. The Windmill starts with the fourth issue. Which begins with the new editor, Allen LaDriere, thanking Jon Ramer for his service with the first three newsletters. The first 10 issues featured drawings, no photos, by primarily Robert C. Lichty, but other artists such as Rick Norris and Jim Newell were also featured. Beginning with the May-June 1972 issue of The Windmill, Mark Ellis became editor and photographs were introduced to the newsletter. They were double sheets of plain paper printed and folded, mailed monthly. Allen LaDriere served as Editor until April 1972 when Mark Ellis took over.

1971-1978 - The CORSA Quarterly - In 1971, another publication was created in addition to the monthly newsletters. It was a magazine with art and color published four times a year called the CORSA Quarterly. This contained feature material that was not timely, such as history articles and road test reprints. (The CORSA Communiqués was used for advertising, news stories, and Society business.) There were 28 issues published over seven years, always edited by Tony Fiore.

1972-1978 - The CORSA Communiqués - In November 1972, the monthly paper newsletter was renamed CORSA Communiqués. Mark Ellis continued as Editor. In June 1974, the Editor job was taken over by Ed Connolly and a few months later by Mrs. Scotty Smathers, who continued until 1978.

1978-Present - The CORSA Communique - By 1978, the Corvair Society of America had grown to 6,000 members and a six-figure annual budget. It was now possible to publish a monthly magazine and so both the Communiqués and the Quarterly were ended and replaced by a monthly magazine called the CORSA Communique. The first issue was September 1978 and it has been published in the same form ever since. Whereas previous publications were produced by volunteers who may have received some nominal compensation, in 1978, CORSA began to pay for management services and publishing by a professional outside vendor, Marcus Associated Services. Al Audleman served as Managing Editor, while Tony Fiore and Mrs. Scotty Smathers volunteered as Contributing Editors, for a while. Bob Helt was CORSA's Technical Editor through most of the 1970s and into the 1980s; Larry Claypool took over that job and has served ever since. Dave Newell worked as Corvair History Editor, officially and unofficially, throughout all the years of CORSA.

At the beginning of 1984 the management, as well as the publishing duties, were taken over by Association Management Center. The staff of volunteer Editors was unchanged.

In 1987, the production of the Communique was taken over by longtime CORSA members Mike McGowan and Harry Jensen. Mike had been the volunteer Feature Editor before that. Their commitment was to produce a Corvair magazine of the highest accuracy and quality. Relying on volunteer Editors and contributors, the Communique has been published that way for almost 25 years. It is a frequent recipient of the "Golden Quill Award" bestowed by Old Cars News & Marketplace, the newspaper of the old car hobby.

Credits: <https://www.corvair.org/index.php/publications/publication-history>



1964 MONZA CORVAIR FOR SALE

A gentleman contacted Kevin for help selling his mothers Corvair. It is a 1964 Monza convertible, automatic with red on red paint and like new black convertible top. The paint is not original but is in very good condition. They are asking \$5000. Located in Kenton, OH. For detailed pictures contact Kevin at DaytonCorvairClub@gmail.com and he will send them to you. They prefer only serious buyers to contact them. Kevin will send you their contact info if you are interested in the Corvair.



CLUB CAPS AVAILABLE

The Dayton Corvair Club caps are available. All pre-ordered caps had been accounted for and there are eight caps left. Kevin will have the caps at the September meeting and they are \$20 each. Get yours before they are gone.



DO YOU REALLY WANT TO OPEN YOUR TRUNK WITH A KEY FOB?

Be thankful that the Corvair trunk uses a key to open. It has been reported that the new mid engine Corvette with a front opening trunk has had a number of incidents where the trunk has popped open while the Vette is going down the road. No deaths have resulted so far but it has done substantial damage to the hood and maybe some windshields. GM says it is driver error. The drivers are saying they did not touch anything. No secondary latch? Stay tuned as this plays out.

CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

TBD	ON HOLD - Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad – train ride (date/time TBD)
09/20/20	CANCELED - Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park
09/22/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
10/10/20	Gary Funkhouser Tech Session - 10 AM
10/27/20	Marion's Pizza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30 PM, & Club meeting
11/14/20	Gale Halderman Mustang Museum – 10 AM
11/24/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
12/12 /20	UPDATED - Club Christmas Dinner & Meeting. Vandalia Butler Meeting House

STEAK 'N SHAKE REVIVES CARHOP SERVICE

In the Dayton Daily News Steak 'n Shake announced they will be bringing back carhop services. To help maintain social distancing during the pandemic, Steak 'n Shake at five area locations will offer car side services they once did in the '50's. Back then families, couples and teenagers would hang out on a Friday night at Steak 'n Shake and receive their food order while staying in their cars. Only difference this time is you will need to use their Steak 'n Shake app after you pull in to order your food. Will the waitress be serving your favorite burger and shakes on roller skates? Probably not but it would be fun to go out in your classic Corvair and enjoy an evening night out in this fashion at your favorite burger joint.

TEDHAM SPECIAL MOVIE CAR

While searching on the web this unusual car was found on a website Kijiji. It is similar to Craigs List. The ad doesn't say much about the car. It was built in 1990 by Tedham in Pheonix, Arizona. It is a tube frame with a



Corvair 140hp engine. With the futuristic fiberglass body the car was used in the Orion movie *Condor*. We will have to look that up and watch it. The ad also stated it is a stick shift and road worthy with 10,000 kilometers. It is believed to be located in Ontario, Canada and is for \$6000. Here is the link to the ad in Kijiji:

<https://www.kijiji.ca/v-classic-cars/markham-york-region/tedham-special-movie-car/1516289869?undefined>

ANOTHER MOVIE CAR

If you had looked up the Tedham special movie car in Kijiji, you might have noticed in the background the seller had amassed a collection of oddball cars. This car with an odd nose was one of them and it also happend to have a turbocharged Corvair engine. It is listed on Kijiji right under the Tedham Special Movie Car and is listed as *1970's Corvair Powered Custom* for \$5000.



It was on an episode of the TV show *Knight Rider*. To see it for yourself try this clip, there are a lot of other cool cars on there too;

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=rXt7RwGrMe4>



The seller states it has never been registered for the road but it does have all the lighting, windshield wiper, etc. to get it registered.



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.

We are on the web! To join the Dayton Corvair Club and CORSA visit:
<http://daytoncorvairclub.wix.com/daytoncorvairclub>



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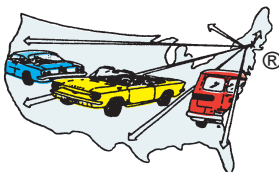
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