



DAYTON Corvair



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JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at our normal place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday June 25th, our regular fourth Tuesday. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Directions to the center are on the last page of the newsletter. Drive the Corvair.

JULY ACTIVITY

There is no planned club activity for July. Our next planned club activity is "Vair Affair" on August 10th. For anyone wishing for Corvair activity in July, there is the CORSA convention in St. Charles, Illinois at the Pheasant Run resort on July 23rd through 27th. St. Charles is 25 or so miles west of Chicago.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Russell Carolus and his wife Natalie of Lebanon, OH - 1965 Corsa Convertible, wife Natalie's baby - Russell is helping her restore it to drivable condition. It needs some engine love along with body and paint work.

Duane Baker and his wife Darcy of Urbana, OH - 1961 Lakewood, 1961 Corvan, 1966 Corsa Convertible, 1966 Monza Coupe.

MID OHIO MEET REVIEW

Our apologies to all who arrived at the Meadow View campsite at the dam site only to find out it was being held at the the Hickory Knolls site at Buck Creek State Park. We hope no one missed the event due to this misinformation in the newsletter. There were signs posted, but they were over looked by the Dayton group.

For those who attended the event we had a very pleasant day. A little windy, but once things were weighted down, that was not a big problem. There was a rain scare near the end of the event that had the convertible owners scurrying to raise their tops. In the end, not enough rain fell to wet the roads back to Dayton. Those attending from the Dayton club included: Verle McGillivray and Maryann Morris, Joe and Jenny Dranschak, Kevin Clark, Steve Kianka, Jack Milliff, Randy Kuntz and his wife Denise, Greg, Allison, and Ethan Hanlin, Jim Stukenborg and new member Duane and Darcy Baker. The Cincinnati club had a well organized outing and had lots of door prizes to give away. The final prizes were \$25, \$25, \$100. As always food was tasty and plentiful. No beanbag tourney this year, but a tough name this Corvair part contest. Your editor was ready for the used oil cooler seals, ...Continue on page 5



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MAY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 5/27/2019 Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

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

Attendees: Verle McGillivray, Jennie & Joe Dranschak, Jim Schmidt, Jack Milliff, Paul Huelskamp, Jim Stukenborg, Kevin Clark, Bernice Noll, Aggie Moyer, Steve Kianka and Randy Kuntz.

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

Vice President Comments: Steve had no updates since the April meeting.

Treasurer: Jennie reported a beginning balance of \$2,231.73 with new income of \$8 from the 50/50, Dragon tickets for Joe Dranschak of \$30, Greg Hanlin of \$30, Don Bigler of \$60 and David Smith of \$45. Also dues of \$12 from new member Duane Baker of \$12 for total income of \$185. We had an expense of \$117.31 to Verle McGillivray for the Marion's Pizza meeting on March 26. This left us a balance on May 28, 2019 of \$2,299.42. Jim motioned we accept the report, seconded by Steve and approved.

Secretary: Joe reviewed a summary of the April D&D Classic tour and the lunch and meeting at Buffalo Jacks. Joe also highlighted some of the other items from the minutes then asked for approval of the minutes as posted in the May newsletter. Paul motioned for acceptance, seconded by Jim and approved.

Activities: Kevin Clark provided current information about the Mid Ohio Meet hosted by the Cincinnati Corvair Club on June 8 at Buck Creek State Park. Kevin will also email reminders as the date gets closer.

Newsletter: Jim had no updates.

Membership: Greg was not present but Jennie did get a new member application from Duane Baker.

Old Business: We talked a little about the May 21st Dayton Dragons game and those who stayed around for the second game of the double header, which were Kevin Clark, Paul Huelskamp, Aggie Moyer and Bernice Noll, The Dragons lost the first game 8-1 to the Lake County Captains but won the second 7-3. The second game did not start until 9:41PM. The Dragons collected a season-high 13 hits in the second game. There was additional discussion about the D&D tour.

New Business: Joe shared detailed information about the options for a Club outing on the Lebanon Train Ride. After significant discussion about the various choices, we decided this would be a topic for the 2020 Club Planning Meeting. At that time, we will try to pick a date and time for the ride and actually put it on the Club Calendar as a scheduled activity. Jim Stukenborg reported, after 53 years, the Greene County Antique Car Club is discontinuing the July 4th show indefinitely. Verle shared information about the Staley Mill Farm & Distillery in Miami County and what their business and tours are like.

50/50: Jack Miliff won \$6 and donated his winnings to the pizza fund. We adjourned about 7:45 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

This is a request to all of our members asking that you consider serving on the Board of Directors. It is very common to hear that clubs and organizations have trouble getting members to serve as an officer or chair a committee. Our Bylaws give us until September 30 to appoint a nominating committee but we are reminding everyone early that Verle is retiring as our President the end of 2019.

According to our Bylaws, our Board of Directors consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Chairperson and Membership Chairperson. Co-positions may exist for these positions following proper nomination and election procedures. Any member of the Board of Directors shall serve for an indefinite number of terms based on quorum vote of the membership. A term of office shall be 2 years.

Our Bylaws also specify how our elections are conducted. In the year of elections, no later than September 30, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three people to draw up a proposed slate of officers for the next year. This committee shall include the Vice-President and no more than one other officer. The nominating committee shall select nominees for all posts. Election of officers shall take place at the December meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club and new officers will begin duties on January first. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the President, subject to approval by a majority of the members present at the membership meeting following announcement in the newsletter of the selection of the appointee.



MID OHIO VINTAGE RACES

Vintage races on the calendar for this weekend, June 20-23. You will have a chance to park in a reserved corral and drive your Corvair on the sports car track and watch Corvairs on the track racing. According to the schedule the Corvairs will be racing each other on Sunday afternoon at 1:10 PM, right after lunch hour [12:10-1:10 PM] and a chance for all Corvairs to tour the track during lunch hour. There will also be a chance for the Corvairs to tour the track on Saturday at lunch hour [12:30-1:30 PM].

For more race schedule info and ticket prices, Google 2019 Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio. For directions, go to the Dayton Corvair Club's May newsletter and read the Vintage Race article. Several members of our club plan to spend the weekend there.

JULY 4th FIRECRACKER CAR SHOW

Newest club member Duane Baker announced his hometown in Urbana will have their annual 4th of July Firecracker Car, Truck and Bike Show. It will be their 22nd year and it takes place at 1300 N. Main St. Time is 8am to 4pm. Seventy five trophies will be awarded including a Best of Show and Veterans trophy, 300 dash

plaques, 150 goody bags, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, Driver's Pot and gas cards. Registration is \$10 for entered cars and spectators get in free. Here is a link: <https://thingstodo.dayton.com/event/champaign-cruisers-nd-annual-firecracker-car-truck-and-bike-show-aeia0ffw9g>

ULTRAVAN RALLY

Recently several UltraVans made themselves at home in Greenville, Ohio for their annual rally. The itinerary, during their stay, included visiting the Garst museum, the air force museum, a winery and a festival in the heart of Greenville. Corvair expert Ken Hand held a daily tech session to help keep the UltraVans road worthy. Kevin and Susan Clark came for a day, in their Corvan, and met with another Greenbrier with a wild flower power paint scheme. This van was used in a Chevy Ventura commercial and is owned by a couple from Indianapolis. That could be another story worth writing about later on.



LET'S GO CRUISE-IN' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Now thru Sep 13	Friday Night Kettering Cuise-In. 5pm to dark. Dorothy Lane and Woodman Drive.
Now thru Sep 27	Friday Night Cuise-In at Lofino's. 5pm to dark. Lofinos Beaver Valley Shopping Center, Seajay Dr. Beavercreek.
Now thru Sep 27	Friday Night Cuise-In at Rip Rap Roadhouse. 4pm to dark. 6024 Rip Rap Rd.
Aug 10	35th Franklin Ohio Downtown Saturday Night Car Show. Downtown Franklin, 3-9:30PM. http://www.warrencountykustoms.com/
Sep 15	13th annual Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park. Preview Party Sat. evening September 14 at Carillon Historical Park. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the legendary Pontiac Trans-Am. http://www.daytonconcours.com/
Jun 22	Cruise-In at St. Leonard Franciscan Living Community. 8200 Provincial Way, Centerville. Free. 10am-3pm. Grilled food. 50/50. Awards. Benefits Alzheimer's Assoc.
Aug 24	Bob Pool Orphan Car Show. 10am-3pm. Across the street from Young's Jersey Dairy, Yellow Springs. Registration 10am-noon. \$5 per car.
Sep 7	West Carrolllton Pirate Robotics Car & Bike Show. West Carrolllton H.S. 10am-3pm. Auction, bake sale, door prizes, dash plaques. \$10 registration benefit WCHS Pirate Robotics Team.
Sep 22	Car show at WACO Air Field in Troy. 9:30am-4pm. Register by noon. Judging noon-3pm. 50/50, dash plaque, door prizes. \$15 reg include admittance to flight line and museum.

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 is a summary of an article written by Jacob Joseph November 20, 2012 for Classic Cars called “Turbocharging Pioneers: Chevrolet Corvair.”

The Classic Cars article explains how the Corvair blazed a trail in the area of turbocharging. The Corvair was the world’s first turbocharged production car, a fact often forgotten. In 1974, Porsche introduced a model with a turbocharged air-cooled flat-six mounted in the back, but Chevy had one in 1962.

Sales in the compact auto segment were increasing and by 1960 the Plymouth Valiant and Ford Falcon carried the compact banners for their respective companies. Chevy’s compact segment response was also for the 1960 model year, but was a radically different car than anything else from the Big Three. The Corvair 2.3-liter flat-six all aluminum engine produced 80 horsepower, but the car had a power-to-weight ratio that was actually quite good for the price at the time. Chevy realized Corvair buyers tended to be more attracted to the car’s sporty nature than they were to its attempts at economy. So, a new and more conventional compact car was created to go up against the Falcon and the Valiant, and the Corvair was given added sport emphasis.

The sport line of Corvairs was known as the Monza and it was introduced toward the end of 1960. By far, the Monza became the most popular of Corvair models, with some 80 percent of Corvairs sold in 1963 coming from the Monza line. In 1962, the Monza offered the option of a turbocharged engine. The base Monza engine was the same as the regular car, but it was tuned to produce 95 horsepower. There was also a optional Monza “Spider” engine, which was a 150-horsepower forced-induction version. There would eventually be another turbo engine, known as the “Corsa”, which produced 180-horsepower. The Corsa debuted as a special edition when the second generation Corvair bowed, in 1965. The Corsa was fitted with a 140hp engine (with four single barrel carbs.) If this wasn’t enough, Chevy offered an optional 180hp turbocharged engine with an optional four-speed manual transmission, when the turbocharged engine was selected. Sadly, the Corsa was short-lived, remaining in production for only two years. But a relatively short production run coupled with the most powerful engine for the model means it is a highly collectible model.

The Oldsmobile “Jetfire” was sometimes called the first production turbo car, but the Corvair was actually the first. The Corvair sporty image was good for sales, with sales peaking at 337,371 units in 1961 and staying strong through 1965. Motor Trend had named it Car of the Year in 1960, and the second-generation Corvair, which debuted in 1965, received a shower of praise from none other than David E. Davis Jr., then of Car and Driver. The undoing of the Corvair was the Ford Mustang. Debuting in mid-1964, the Mustang offered nearly 100 horsepower more than the top-end Corvair and for noticeably less money.



MID OHIO MEET REVIEW...Continued

but they were not included in the contest. These seals go in looking like a soft piece of rubber hose and come out looking like a hard piece of plastic with a molded flange, due to the hot oil running through them.

Leaving the Hickory Knolls site was as bad as getting there. A wrong turn led to a nice trip through the Buck Creek area. Finally a check of the compass reading said north. Whoa. I wanted to go south. Turned around and passed Kevin Clark headed in my old direction. Maybe he was also lost or just checking out the Park.

Winners in the Peoples Choice had their pictures taken of their Corvair for the awards. The winners are Tom Finnegan with his '64 Spyder convertible. Craig Scott easily won with his 1961 four door. Mike and Patty Demeters' '66 Corsa convertible won the late open category. Duane Baker captured a win for the Dayton club with his stunning 1966 Monza coupe. Don Filkins beautiful blue 'brier was the best in the FC class. Finally the Best of Show is a loadside owned by Ralph Gubser from Corvair Club of Cincinnati.

Next year the Columbus club Vairforce will host the meet.





THE VERSATILE CORVAIR ENGINE

The Corvair power plant has been used in all sorts of places. Some obvious and some not so obvious. With over 1.7 million engines produced during its ten year production, it is truly amazing the different uses it has seen. Some of the obvious places would be in automobiles other than actual Corvairs. A popular use of the Corvair engine is in Volkswagens. We've seen them in Beetles, vans and Karmann Ghias and the odd Porsche. We've seen them in dune buggies and sand rails. And, of course, another popular use has been in the various kit cars that have been on the market over the years. They can be seen in the occasional street rod and in racing cars. The Ultravan motor home is another place the Corvair power plant was used as well as one-off prototypes and show cars. Some of the not-so-obvious uses include airplanes, boats, air boats, military tracked vehicles, an articulated truck designed for military use, two-wheel motorcycles, three-wheel motorcycles and, believe it or not, a tire tester. Our list is by no means comprehensive, but it gives a nice cross-section of where our Corvair engines were and are used.

Credits: Tucson Corvair Association – July 2016

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Title: CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES. Rows include dates from 06/25/19 to 12/14/19 with corresponding event descriptions.

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 MANUAL TRANSMISSIONS

Per Corvair Center posters "66 Vairman" and Jim Brandberg all Corvair manual transmissions were made by Saginaw. The 66-69 were stronger than the earlier units. The 61-65 used 4 bolts to join the transmission to the differential while the 66-69 used 6 bolts. Also, per the "Junkyard Primer", the 61-65 4 speeds had an eight bolt stamped steel side cover. The 66-69 units have a 7 bolt cast side cover. The 66-69 three speeds are almost identical to the 66-69 4 speeds. The only difference is a Welsh plug on the bottom of the 4-speed trans. The 1960 Corvair had a three speed manual with an aluminum case. Some of the Corvair Center posters claim the 61-65 4-speed Saginaws shift easier.

CORVAIR TURBOCHARGER REBUILD

Wondering where to get your Corvair's Rajay turbocharger parts or get it rebuilt? Check out: TurboKits.com for parts. Parts kit--\$264 Turbokits.com turbo rebuild service. Rebuild--\$395



V8 CORVAIR FOR SALE

Speaking with Spencer Duffy at the Mid Ohio Meet, his V8 is still for sale. This is a mid engine late model Corvair coupe with a LT1 Chevy V8 in the back seat. It uses a big car power glide for a transmission hooked to a beefed up Corvair transaxle. The engine retains its computer controlled fuel injection. Spence says it is fast. Car is running but needs interior panels, seats installed, and an engine cover. With the big car transmission one has a Corvair automatic that can be put in the park position. Priced at \$8000 this is a good deal. Those who know Spence know that he always does things well. Extra parts are included. Contact Spence at 513-726-5100.



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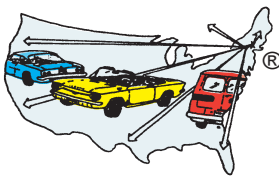


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Directions to the club meeting

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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