



# DAYTON Corvair CHRONICLE



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## OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at the Vandalia Justice Center, our regular meeting place. The date is Tuesday October 26. The time is our normal 6:30 PM. If you are not the first one there the west side door should be open. If not, go through the lobby.

## OCTOBER ACTIVITY

There is no scheduled club activity for October other than the Vair Affair which had already taken place October 2.

## CLUB MEMBER PASSES AWAY

We were saddened to hear that Charles "Buddy" Chaffins passed away on September 30th. Buddy and his wife Angie just recently joined the club. Buddy's passing was quite unexpected. He and Angie came to the club's pizza meeting on September 28.

Buddy was an avid Harley rider and hot rod enthusiast in addition to his Corvair interest. He was retired from the city of Moraine. He also worked at the Family Market in Moraine. His funeral took place on Saturday October 16th. He is interred at the Dayton Memorial Park cemetery.

The Corvair club extends their condolences to Buddy's family.

## FAREWELL TO ROB PETTY

We wish Rob Petty, who is moving to Florida to be with his wife Loretta, all the best. We had a nice party for Rob at Marion's pizza meeting and surprised him with a cake. Rob had been a member since early 1980. Corvairs runs in his family, his late dad Ray had owned a Corvair too. Your webmaster Kevin and Rob passed each other driving their Corvairs and both turned around to meet up. Soon thereafter they both joined the club. Rob still owns his red and black Corvair. He bought it from Virgil Bays, a former member and president, in New Carlisle where Kevin lived at the time. Small world. The club wishes Rob many more miles in his journey in the south.



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## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

**Minutes:** Dayton Corvair Club, 9/28/2021, Pizza & Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.



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

**Attendees:** Shawn Funkhouser, Rob Petty, Joe & Jennie Dranschak, Jim Stukenborg, Jack Milliff, Verle McGillivray, Mary Ann Morris, Duane Baker, Darcy Baker, Mike Bayman, Tia & David Smith and son Shawn, Angela Chaffins, Buddy Chaffins, Jim Schmidt, Greg & Allison Hanlin, Gary Funkhouser, Kevin and Susan Clark.

**Welcome:** President Shawn Funkhouser welcomed all to the Pizza Meeting and shared a few agenda items, including a cake we have to wish Rob Petty well with his move to Florida. Shawn also informed us that Wes Bogner has COVID but is recuperating. Shawn said the agenda would be modified depending on when the pizza was ready for us to enjoy. Shawn also reminded us of the open Vice President position.

**Secretary:** Joe reviewed a few items from the August Meeting Minutes, that were highlights at that time, then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted in the September newsletter. Motion made by Verle, seconded by Mike Bayman and approved. The pizza was ready so we took a break from the meeting.

**Treasurer:** After we ate, Jennie reviewed the latest report and the report was accepted. However, after the meeting Jennie reviewed the report again and decided she wanted to review the most current Monroe Federal Checking Statement to make sure she in fact had all the current information for this report. Jennie will do this and report back to the Club at the October Club meeting.

**Membership:** Paul was not able to attend so we had no update. Our newest members Angela and Buddy Chaffins attended our pizza meeting.

**Newsletter:** Jim had no new information but complimented Kevin for continuing to create a very nice newsletter for the Club.

**Activities:** Before we got too involved with activities Kevin shared a few words about Rob Petty. Rob sold

both his father Ray's home and his own and will be moving to join his wife Loretta in Florida in two weeks. We had a half sheet cake for Rob that said "We Will Miss You." After we wished Rob well, Jennie and Allison Hanlin cut the cake and distributed it for our dessert. Kevin then reminded us of our 50-year anniversary in 2022 and Shawn said he will take care of the Caesar Creek reservation for the Mid Ohio Meet, that we will host. We also discussed the 'Vair Affair scheduled for October 2nd and asked everyone to bring a chair along with a dish to share.

**Old Business:** Kevin & Susan Clark, Duane & Darcy Baker and Greg Hanlin attended the Homecoming in Ann Arbor, Michigan August 26 through 28. They shared stories about the event with us. Joe & Jennie took care of arrangements for Marions Piazza.

**New Business:** Jennie did follow-up with Christys Catering for the Christmas Party. Jennie reviewed the menu again with members. Joe informed members there is a \$35 rental fee for the Historical Society Meeting House. Jennie needs to get a count of those planning to attend the dinner by December 4th. A motion was made by Jim Stukenborg, seconded by Verle McGillivray and approved to continue plans with Christys Catering and the Meeting House rental fee. Jennie also needed to get it posted in our Club minutes that we approve having Shawn Funkhouser and Paul Huelskamp replace Verle McGillivray and Greg Hanlin as authorized signers for our Monroe Federal checking account. A motion was so made by Joe Dranschak, seconded by Larry Smith and approved. Greg Hanlin told us how Allison used a bunch of his old/unused T-shirts to make a Corvair blanket. Allison offered to make one for a door prize for our 2022 Mid Ohio Meet. She is asking members to give her old/unused Corvair-related T-shirts for this project.

**50/50:** The amount was \$32.00 with \$16.00 going to winner Larry Smith, who donated it back to the Club for the next Pizza Meeting.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn and we did about 8:00 P.M.

## VICE-PRESIDENT STILL NEEDED

This Fall is election year. Almost all officers are again serving another term and we still need someone for Vice President. Are you ready to join us? Let any of the officers know if you want the job. It is the easiest job in the club.



HISTORY HAPPENS

At our February, 2016 Club meeting we decided we would add a history article to our newsletter under the heading "History Happens." The pictures alone are reason enough to spend some time looking at the link to this article. In Europe, the Corvair instigated the biggest design revolution of the modern era, one whose effects are still with us today.

Automotive History: How The 1960 Corvair Started A Global Design Revolution by Paul Niedermeyer (first posted 8/5/2011. Updated and expanded 1/22/2019.)

The article describes how the Corvair was a revolutionary car, but in quite different ways on each side of the Atlantic (or Pacific). In the US, the Corvair was unprecedented for its rear-engine, the first American mass-production car to adopt a configuration common in Europe since the 1930s and even earlier. But its stylistic design didn't exactly set Americans agog; the "flying wing" roof had been seen across the 1959 GM line, and the rest of it was perhaps a bit too bland and aseptic for so many Americans weaned on chrome, fins and long front ends with bold grilles. Its very low height suggested a sporty car, even though the initial 1960 sedan had no real sporting aspirations; that would come a bit later, in the Monza coupe. And undoubtedly, its clean lines were attractive to many American import car buyers, which explains why it sold so well to that contingent.



The Corvair had no real lasting influence on American car styling. Meanwhile, the 1964 Mustang, Ford's response to the Monza, was largely the design antithesis of the Corvair, and we all know how Americans reacted to that. And its influence on the pony cars and sporty coupes was huge.

But the reaction in Europe was almost the polar opposite: the Corvair instigated the biggest design revolution of the modern era, one whose effects are still with us today. The rest of this article presents a large variety of vehicles – each with a short comment about the individual vehicle and how its design was influenced by the Corvair. See how many similarities you can pick out.

Credits:

https://www.curbsideclassic.com/automotive-histories/automotive-history-how-the-1960-corvair-started-a-global-design-revolution/



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

10/26/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
11/??/21	Event TBD
11/23/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
12/11/21	Club Christmas Dinner and Meeting - Historical Society - Saturday at 4:30pm



VAIR AFFAIR REPORT

We had a nice morning and early afternoon for the event on Saturday October 2. Rain did not show up until later in the afternoon. I hope that all made it home before the roads got wet. We had a turnout of 29 individuals and 10 Corvairs on display with two more inside the shop. Attending were hosts Gary and Shawn Funkhouser, Gary's sister Elaine, cousin Jeff Funkhouser, Joe and Jenny Dranschak, Verle McGillivray and Maryann Morris, Don and Lois Bigler, Mike Bayman and son Colin, Greg Hanlin, Jim Stukenborg. Sharon Williams, Kevin Clark, and Jack Milliff.



Shawn did a great job cooking hamburgers and hot dogs while the rest of us enjoyed the weather while just shooting the bull. There was a good number of covered dishes to compliment the burgers and dogs. No one went home hungry. In addition to the Corvairs, the Baymans brought a very nice modified '34 Dodge truck powered by a small block Chevy engine. Shawn had the cars line up along Sheehan Road for a photo shoot.

Gary and Shawn went through to a lot of trouble to set up tables in the barn but the weather was so nice that most of the attendees opted to eat in their chairs on the outside. Many thanks to Shawn and Gary for hosting the event.

LET'S GO <i>CRUISE-IN</i> ' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Now thru Oct 29	<b>Rip Rap Roadhouse Cruise-In.</b> Every Friday Night. 6024 Rip Rap Rd. 5pm to dark.
Oct 24, 2021	<b>Kettering American Legion Cruise-In.</b> 5700 Kentshire Dr. 11AM-?? Free

## LOADED 1966 CORVAIR SPOTTED

Spotted at one cruise-in is a very nice 1966 Monza convertible found to be loaded with rare options. Kevin promised to take close up pictures of all the options next time he sees it. Kevin remembered it had head rests, telescopic steering column, and it most likely has power top as that was one option available and this Corvair seems to have it all. The Corvair was bought from MA and resides in Bellbrook.



## LOADSIDE AUCTION

On Barn Finds recently, a '62 Loadside was up on auction in Richmond, MI. The rarest of all Corvairs from Stanley Paurazas Estate Collection, the Loadside was sold for \$5250 on the on-line only auction. A restored '65 Greenbrier was sold recently at Mecum for \$103,400. This Loadside would have been a good deal.

## 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.*

### CHANGING FAN BELT WITHOUT TOOLS

Suppose you are driving your Corvair and the fan belt breaks or comes off. What do you do if you don't have any tools. Most owners carry a spare belt should the belt break rather than just come off. Dave Motohead, a regular poster on Corvair Center, has a U-tube video that shows how easy it is to do without tools. Here are the steps:

Put the car in neutral.

Peel the belt off at the alternator by pulling on the belt towards you causing the engine to turn and the belt to move and work the belt off the alternator pulley. To replace the belt just pull on the belt and using your thumb push the belt on the alternator pulley while the belt is moving.

This procedure may not work that well if the belt is overly tight. Remember that overly tight belts are more likely to come off than loose belts. The belt is properly tight if you can hook a finger on an alternator fin and turn the alternator.

Make sure that the belt guard is not too close at the fan pulley.

### FRAGILE 1967 AND UP WEAK TURN SIGNAL ASSEMBLY

Well known Corvair mechanic Steve Goodman says that 1967 and up Corvair turn signals should not be hand canceled because that will cause a plastic signal part to break. He says the signal is designed to be canceled by the movement of the steering wheel. Hand canceling is a very common action when using the signal to make a lane change. Just do not move the signal lever so far when changing lanes that the signal will not come back on its own.



**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.

*We are on the web! To join the Dayton Corvair Club and CORSA visit:  
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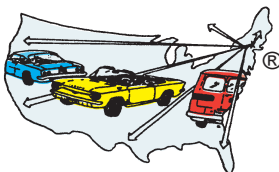
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