



DAYTON Corvair



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MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday, March 24th. Time is our usual 6:30 PM. We will have pizza at the meeting. The directions to the Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter. The west side door should be open unless you are the first person there. If not, go in through the main entrance door on the east side of the building. By the way this is a five Tuesday month. Be sure you come on a fourth Tuesday.



APRIL ACTIVITY - D&D TOUR 4.18.26

Once again we will have another tour at D&D Classic Restoration in Covington (Ohio). Mike Ison is still there and will lead us through the shop. This is a popular tour as we see many cars going through various stages of restoration. Some cars we've seen from last year undergoing restoration may be nearing completion. It will be interesting to see how they turn out. We meet at a different location. The location is 1600 Mote Drive which is in the far back west building. They no longer have the front building. We plan to meet there at 10:00am. We will have lunch at Buffalo Jacks following the tour.

LUNCH AT BUFFALO JACKS - 4.18.26

After the D&D Classic Restoration tour in Covington, we will go down the street to Buffalo Jacks for lunch. We have reserved a party room with plenty of seatings. If you can't make the D&D tour, you are still welcome to join us for lunch. We plan to be there by 11:45am. The address is 137 S High Street, Covington, OH 45318.

DAYTON DRAGONS TICKETS

Anyone attending the March pizza meeting will have a chance to sign up to attend the Dayton Dragons baseball game. Kevin Clark had purchased fifteen tickets and the game is May 12. Anyone driving their Corvairs will get VIP parking on the plaza and that means free parking and just a short hop to the front gate. Last year we had eight Corvairs and it was a fun event before the game. If you can't see the ball game, you are still welcome to show off your Corvair in the plaza. The Corvairs should be arriving by 5:30PM before the crowd arrives. The game starts at 7:05PM. You may stay with your Corvair however long you want, and you may leave early anytime you want. There will be security monitoring the cars while we watch the game.

Tickets are \$10 each with one dollar going back to the club. You can contact Kevin for tickets. His contact information is in the back of this newsletter.



Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile.

To join visit: www.corvair.org.





FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

It was nice to have a meeting after the weather that forced the cancellation of the January Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Duane Baker on February 24. In attendance was Duane Baker, Mike Magee, John Hubler, Mike Bayman, Verle McGillivray, Norbert Bir, Angie Bannerman, Cindy Simon, Kevin Funkouser, Ryan Lochtefeld, Gary Funkhouser Shawn Funkhouser, Darrel Biddestone, Ron Reitz, Craig Puthoff, Kevin Clark, and Gary somebody we could not read his last name.

President - Duane Baker made a motion to have the minutes accepted in the January Newsletter to be accepted as published which was approved.

Treasurer - Kevin Funkhouser announced that the fee was paid for the Tri Meet this year. The current balance of the club account is \$4999.83 and we are earning dividends from the bank. He also noted that Corvair Club hats are available for sale at \$15 each. They are blue with the DCC logo embroidered.

Newsletter Editor - Jim Stuckenborg is asking for new members that have not had a bio in the newsletter to contact him. Kevin Clark suggested that officers have pictures included with their information in the newsletter.

Activities - Kevin Clark has confirmation a trip to D&D Classic Restoration in Covington Ohio is scheduled for 10am on April 18 followed by lunch at Buffalo Jacks.

A discussion was made about a return trip to the Dayton Dragons Game and a date of May 12 was proposed as a home game stand. A total of 15 tickets may be purchased with more available as required.

Discussion was had concerning a possible visit to the British Transportation Museum in Dayton. The museum representative would be contacted for a proposed visit on June 6th at 10am.

Other possible trips presented were the MVP Dairy north of Celina, OH and the Egyptian paint shop in Dayton as well as the Packard Museum. One final possibility of a club activity was to the Horsepower Farm in Middletown.



Duane Baker announced that 2 shelters at Cesar Creek Park have been reserved for the Tri Meet. Duane also announced that he is looking for a part to be added to the Tri Meet traveling trophy. An agreement to charge \$10 per car to attend the Tri Meet and to publish this as a CORSA event on their website. A brief discussion of the CORSA Corvair Convention at Gettysburg was held. The link to the Convention web page is; **2026corsaconvention.com** and a direct link to the hotel is;

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/gettysburg-pennsylvania/wyndham-gettysburg-hotel-and-conference-center/overview?checkInDate=06/21/2026&checkOutDate=06/27/2026&groupCode=062126COR_001

Kevin Clark provided back issues of the CORSA Communique as a means to promote membership in CORSA. Various membership plans are available at Corvair.org which is the CORSA website.

The half and half drawing was held at \$21 was won by Angie Bannerman.

A motion was entertained by Duane Baker at 7:38 to adjourn the meeting which was moved and seconded.



- MEMBER PROFILE - KEVIN CLARK



My dad was in the Air Force stationed on a tiny island in the Azores where I was born in December of 1961. I am the youngest with three sisters and one brother. After moving back to the States, we moved to Beavercreek when I was two. In 1967 my dad brought home a used 1966 Corsa turbo when I was five. It was practically brand new, but the entire front clip was replaced. It must have been in a wreck and he bought it cheap. That probably could explain why it had side marker lights. I remember when climbing into the back seat for the first time, I noticed I was able to plant my feet flat on the floor and still sit back. I didn't realize it was a Corvair at that time, but it felt cool.

My brother Michael bought and built a mid-engine Corvair using the Crown kit. I still didn't know the significant nor cared it was a Corvair. It was neat though. I learned later in life, he had installed a Z/28 engine. How did I miss that!

In 1974 at age 12 we moved to a farm in New Carlisle. We towed the Corsa and for the first time I got to "drive" the Corvair. It was a mere 15' while my brother and dad pushed the Corvair into our new garage. The Corvair wasn't running at the time, but it was fun.

At age 14 I took interest in the Corsa. I tried to work on it but didn't have a manual. I worked two summers at Fulton Farms between Tipp City and Troy picking corn and other vegetables before graduating from Meadowdale H.S. in Dayton in 1980.

At age 18 or so, my buddies and I were driving around town, and I was surprised to see a Corvair station wagon for the first time. I followed it home and met Virgle and Debbie Bays. Their next-door neighbor was also into Corvairs and they were John and Bobbie Matusz. They were members of the Dayton Corvair Club and New

Carlisle residence. From there I watched and learned from John on rebuilding a Corvair engine, and I joined the club soon thereafter.

I went to Clark Technical College, now Clark State in Springfield. I took Commercial Art in Business Technology/Visual Communication. While attending college I worked at Hilltop Party Supply in New Carlisle making pizza and co-managed the store. It helped pay for Cor-

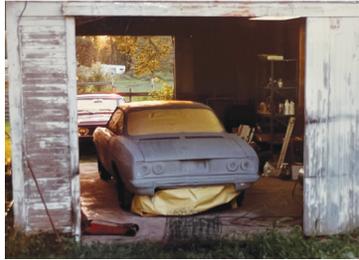


vair parts. That is when I finally got bitten by the Corvair bug. I got the Corsa running and I was so excited on how well the Corvair handled. I looked forward driving it all the time. Every day on my way home from school I would hit that 360-degree loop on St. Rt. 40 and 68 cloverleaf near Springfield, going faster every time. Then one day I saw sparks flying in my rear-view mirror when doing that loop and discovered I didn't have any rubber left on the tires. I was riding on cords!

I was actively involved in my early years with the club. I was newsletter editor for two years, and I have served as President and Vice President. It was 1983 when I bought a '66 Monza 140 coupe which needed a lot of work. At that time my brother got a job with NCR and had to move to Europe. He gave me his 1967 Corvair coupe which was in pieces. It had everything but the body shell. And how did I know it was a coupe? It came with a hardtop that was cut at the A and B pillar. So, I refurbished all the pieces that go under the car, and swapped them into my '66. Basically. ...continued on next page



the '66 is upgraded using a '67 collapsible steering column with emergency flasher, and dual master cylinder. The paint was supposed to be a GMC teal, but it came out too neon green so I named it Nader Invader.



I started my real job at Beaver Creek Daily News in 1984. I worked in the darkroom and did some layouts for the newspaper. BDN was sold to Ohio Communications which owned Fairborn Daily Herald, so I worked there as a photo-mechanical assembler for four color process in the pre-press department. I accepted a job with Beerman News Tribune and worked in the darkroom and platemaking for the printing press. After a short stint with BNT, I worked for Creative Impressions as a darkroom/pre-press technician. In the advent of computer, the darkroom was no longer needed. I then became a graphic designer once I've gained computer skills using various Adobe graphic programs. I am still currently employed with Creative Impressions and have been since February 1989. I plan to retire by the end of 2028.

Around 1993 I started designing Corvair artwork and printed silkscreened T-shirts. I moved up to airbrushing and named my side job K C Vairbrush. I ended up using sublimation that allowed me to "heat transfer" my artwork onto many other items such as dash plaques, awards, and



so on. In 2005 I sold my Nader Invader and bought a 1963 Corvan to haul the equipment's and merchandise to car shows and conventions. It worked out great and was fun doing business.



I met Susan in 1998 and we married in 2018. We traveled to many Corvair shows and attended as many CORSA Corvair Convention we could selling our wares. 99.9% of the time our sales paid for our convention and travel expenses. We met many Corvair friends along the way.

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I now serve as Activity Chairperson and webmaster for the Dayton Corvair Club. I help put together the Dayton Corvair Chronicle newsletter.

Currently at work, I mostly work with a client who oversees providing travel and leisure programs for Executives and top sales people from Honda, Toyota, Acura, Subaru, Lexus, and Kia. It involves printing program of events, tickets, invitations, notecards, maps, etc. etc.

Now you know where I get my experience from and applied them when chairing the 2024 Dayton Corvair convention. Chairing the convention was the culmination for me as a member of this great club. I'm grateful for be-

coming an honorary member and getting to know many Corvair friends from across the country which tops it all.



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

March	
03.24.26	Club meeting with pizza in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
April	
04.18.26	D&D Classic Restoration Tour - Covington, OH - 10 AM to 11:30 AM
04.18.26	Buffalo Jacks after D&D Tour - Covington, OH - 11:45 AM
04.28.26	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
May	
05.12.26	Dayton Dragons game with Corvair show on the plaza -
05.26.26	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
June	
06.06.26	British Transportation Tour - 10 AM - ?
06.22-26.26	CORSA International Corvair Convention in Gettysburg, PA
06.23.26	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
July	
07.28.26	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
August	
08.01.26	Tri-club Mid Ohio Meet at Caesar Creek - Dayton Corvair Club hosting
08.25.26	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
September	
09.22.26	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
October	
10.27.26	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
November	
11.24.26	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30 PM
December	
	Club Christmas Party - TBD

DIE-CAST CORVAIRS BY OXFORD AUTOMOBILE COMPANY

Norbert Bir found an interesting Greenbrier while shopping BestBuy online. The '61 Greenbrier is die-cast 1:86 HO scale with metallic turquoise and cameo white stripe. His Greenbrier is about 2" long and comes in a display case. The brand name was labeled as Oxford Automobile Company. Looking it up online, the UK company has a wide range of die-cast models cars, more than you can think of. From trains, planes, tractors, and trailers in various scale, they have you covered. Select *Chevrolet* under Manufacturer and you will find several more Corvairs. They include a '63 coupe in three different colors, a mostly white and red Greenbrier ambulance, and a red Corvan fire truck. It can also be found on eBay and other locations for around \$25. Thanks go to Norbert for this neat find.



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.

NEW VEHICLE STORED DATA

This tip is for your daily driver, not your Corvair. It is a reminder from the GM Authority Daily Digest e-mail. "Modern vehicles are packed with technology and basically function like a big smartphone on wheels. That includes modern GM vehicles, which, like the rest of the industry, incorporate infotainment systems that can store paired phones, user profiles, navigation history, and various preferences, all of which are tied to individual drivers. As a result, anyone planning to sell or trade in a GM vehicle should take a few minutes to remove their personal information from the vehicle's systems before handing over the keys."

NYLON PITMAN ARM BUSHING

Corvair Center poster "lisascorvair" replaced her pitman arm bushing with a nylon bushing and then said the arm was too tight and very hard to move. Noted Corvair mechanic Ken Hand responded that the hole in the bushing gets smaller when the bushing is pushed into the arm. Ken said that he reams/drills the hole to 9/16" and polishes the bolt. He also makes sure that the metal parts are not touching as most bushings are too short and have a rubber shoulder that is too thick.

64 CORVAIR REAR SPRINGS ARE DIFFERENT SIDE TO SIDE

In a Corvair Center poster's discussion about installing a 64 Corvair suspension into a 61 Corvair Lakewood station wagon, Ken Hand in response mentioned that the leaf spring in the 64 Corvair carries 40% of the car's rear weight so the coil springs are lighter. He also mentioned that the 64 rear coils are different from side to side and don't mix them up. Poster "blackspyder" responded that the left side is the longer one. Poster "junkman" said that his 64 coupe has Clark's springs all around and the left side sits considerably lower than the right. Another poster said that Clarks only listed one part number for the rear springs. [Editor's note: While we are on the subject of springs, my 66 V8 sat a little low in the rear so I switched to late model convertible springs. They are 2 inches longer than coupe springs. The coil diameter is the same so there is no change in ride. Car sits nicer now].



NEW DCC HATS

The club had ordered new club hats. They are blue baseball style cap with white trim. Our red and blue DCC logo with white background in embroidery contrast nicely against the blue cap. The new cap has adjustable Velcro tab on the back. They are \$15 each. See your club president Duane for them. He will have them at our monthly meeting. They were selling fast month and there are 14 left. To reserve one, you may contact Duane at; bakerdoh@gmail.com.



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- Check out merchandise, publications and vendor discounts available to members
- Free for members advertising; find + sell parts and cars
- Access the only Corvair Registry available

Special for Members:

- Annual International Corvair Convention
- Hagerty Insurance Discounts, (where state laws allow)
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Join the CORSA On-line Community:

- CORSA Corvair Center Forum message board for help by Corvair experts
- Post photos of your car on Instagram and Facebook
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Support the advocacy of Corvairs

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Gateway to online member services, news, events and to locate other CORSA members



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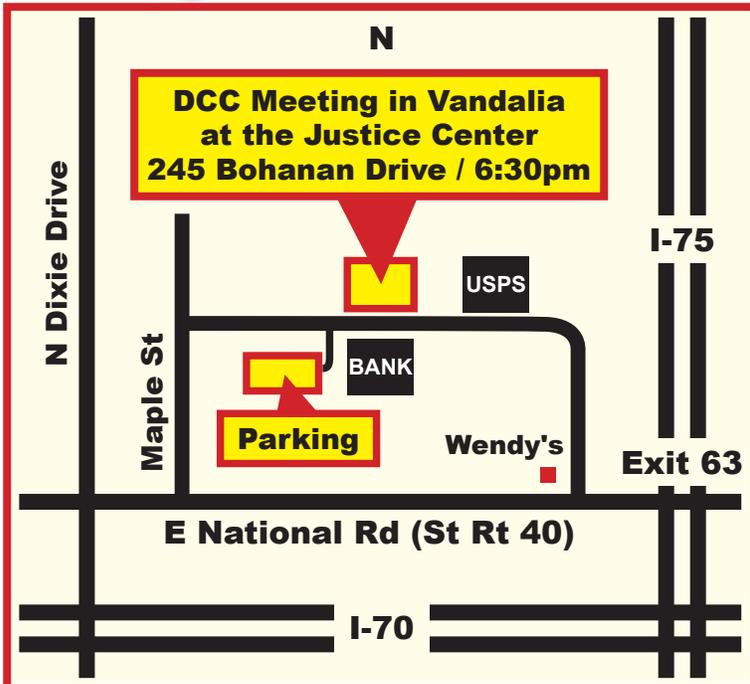
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