



DAYTON *Corvair*



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Vandalia Justice Center is still not available for our use so we will be holding the meeting at the Vandalia Historical Society facility where we had the June and July meetings. The meeting date is September 22nd. This is a 5 Tuesday month. Our meeting is on the 4th Tuesday. The meeting will start at our usual time of 6:30 PM. The directions to the meeting place are on the last page of the newsletter. Wear your mask and social distance.

OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting is planned to be one of our pizza meetings at Marion's. Because of Covid-19 we are not sure if this will take place as planned. The date is October 27th so the next newsletter will be out before then to let everyone know where the meeting will be once we find out Marion's situation.

OCTOBER ACTIVITY

The club's October activity is a tech session at the Funkhouser's garage on Sheehan Rd. in Centerville. The date is Saturday October 10 at 10 AM. The address is 9452 Sheehan Road. Sheehan Rd. runs west off RT-48 at the south edge of Centerville businesses just past McDonalds restaurant. The session will be held in the big building at the rear of the property on the south side of the road. The driveway is on the left side of the house. Park back by the building. We are going to miss Steve

Kianka's presence. Steve always made this event. RIP Steve. You will probably be looking down on us.

VAIR AFFAIR

Joe Dranschak also covers the event in the meeting minutes. We had a nice day and a good turn out for this event. Since Verle's son Kevin moved to Michigan the event was back at Verle's house. We did not look at his Corsa convertible under restoration as Verle said the bare body is still hanging as it was several years ago. We did get to enjoy his new carport until the sun got a little higher and then we retreated to the tree line near the fire pit to maintain better social distancing.

One new family present this year was that of recent club members Wes and Penny Bogner and their two sons who arrived in their late model convertible. Also attending was Verle, Maryann Morris, Bernice Noll, Aggie Moyer, Joe and Jenny Dranschak, president Shawn Funkhouser, Gary Funkhouser and friend Beverly Teaster, Mike and Glenda Bayman, Colin Bayman and his girlfriend Olivia Arnett, Kevin Clark, Paul Huelskamp, Rob Petty, Sharon Williams and Jim Stukenborg. Duane and Darcy Baker showed up at the end for a photo shoot. There are a few more pictures on page 5 from the Vair Affair.

The buffet style covered dish lunch was not used this year and the chance for a number of food choices was missed since everyone brought their own. Begone virus. The corn from the fire pit was a nice addition to what everyone brought. Verle, thanks for your hospitality.



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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 8/15/2020 Club Meeting, 12:30 P.M.

Location: At the home of Verle McGillivray, 10942 Sigler Rd., New Carlisle.

Attendees: We had about 24 in attendance for this event and the weather was very nice.

Welcome: After we all arrived, from 10:30AM to Noon, Shawn welcomed everyone to one of our few events of the year. Shawn also thanked Verle for having us at his house again for this event. Verle had corn cooking on the fire pit, while we all visited. Verle also had the gas grill available for cooking and some members did bring their own meat to cook. This was a lot different event, as we all brought our own food, drinks, utensils and chairs. Usually we have a lot of family favorite dishes to share but the Corona-virus changed this. We moved our chairs around to follow the shade and little "sweat bees" (also called hover flies or syrphid flies) followed us around. They don't sting but were just a little annoying. We started the morning sitting in a circle by the new enclosed carport then moved to an open shady spot by the backyard treeline. After having lunch we stayed in the shade of the trees and had our meeting.

Vice President Comments: We are still looking for a Vice President so if you are interested just let one of the officers know.

Secretary: Joe motioned that the July minutes be approved as posted in the August Newsletter but then realized the newsletter had not been written yet. So, we tentatively approved the minutes but we will need to review these again once the newsletter is created and posted on our website.

Treasurer: Jennie reported we had a beginning balance of \$1,504.21 with 9 hats sold at \$20 each for \$180 and \$8 from the 50/50 and \$8 that Shawn donated for his half of the 50/50 for total income of \$196. Our expenses were none and the new balance on August 15, 2020 was \$1,700.21. Jennie also reported we made a \$50 donation, in memory of Mary Ann Kianka, to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Membership: Paul was present and indicated there was nothing new at this time.

Activities: Kevin brought the new Club hats to the 'Vair Affair and had them for sale. Joe said he contacted the City of Vandalia about the availability of the Justice Center meeting room. It is not available for August and we will need to check with them in September to see if we can meet there. A tour of D&D Classic is still on hold. It looks like we can request the \$300 payment back from the Dayton Dragons for the 20 tickets we bought. We talked about the Tech Session at Gary and Shawn's shop and more information will be included in the next newsletter.



Newsletter: We will have an August newsletter but it will be a shorter version.

Old Business: We discussed the December Christmas Dinner and we are still planning on renting the Historical Society for the evening and have it catered, Jennie did get information from Christy's Catering about the menu and the cost. We will review this one more time at the September Club meeting in case any other locations become available.

New Business: Shawn motioned we start the 'Vair Affair next year at 11AM instead of 10 or 10:30. Second by Joe and approved. We also talked about having the 'Vair Affair at Gary and Shawn's storage building.

50/50: Aggie won \$20 and we adjourned about 2PM.



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 newsletter and the position is still open. Someone please fill this position so we can take it out of the newsletter.





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 information about "Autopedia, the free auto encyclopedia." See credits below for this website link.

The Chevrolet Corvair is an automobile that was produced by the Chevrolet division of General Motors for the 1960–1969 model years. The Corvair features a rear-mounted, air-cooled, horizontally-opposed six-cylinder aluminum engine.



The first Corvair engine produced 80 hp (60 kW), but later versions developed as much as 180 hp (134 kW). It was offered in a wide range of body styles, including two-door coupes and

convertibles, four-door sedans, and four-door station wagons. The Corvair, like the Ford Falcon and the Plymouth Valiant, was one of the first entries of a new compact car class. These were offered in response to the small, fuel-efficient automobiles being imported from Europe by Volkswagen, Renault and others.

Initially marketed as a family economy sedan, with the mid-1960 introduction of the Monza Coupe, the Corvair found a new sporty-car niche and influenced Ford to introduce the Mustang in 1964. The Corvair Monza Spyder and later Corsa models were one of the first American cars to offer a turbocharged engine. The nameplate was also offered as a passenger compact van called the Greenbrier, and commercial vehicles were also initially offered; the "Corvan 95" panel van and two versions of a two-door pickup truck. A proposed Pontiac version, the Polaris, was never built; the more-conventional Tempest was selected, instead.



Additional contents of the article include sections, with pictures, of the initial history, 1961, 1962-1963, 1964, 1965, 1966-1969, engineering, production notes and modifications. The article also contains a link to another article titled "Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-In Dangers of the American Automobile" by Ralph Nader, published in 1965.

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1964 MONZA CORVAIR FOR SALE

The red 1964 Monza convertible featured in last months newsletter had been sold. The seller (son) states his mother who owns the Corvair is very happy the Corvair was sold to the right person who plan to take good care of it. So here is another '64 convertible. A different son selling for his mother. The Corvair is in Springfield but the son lives east of Columbus. Kevin is trying to coordinate a time to meet with him so he can take more photos and gather details on its current condition. The photo you see here was taken about ten years ago. It has been parked in the garage since it was restored in the 80's. The yellow convertible has black interior and is a three speed. With only 48k miles the seller did mention he notice a few rust spots and a scratch on the rear panel when detailing the Corvair around the time he took this picture. Maybe for next month Kevin will have pictures in its current condition and list this Corvair in the newsletter if he is able to meet the seller.

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

Last month we related that the new mid engine Corvette was having an issue with the front trunk (frunk) opening while the car was under way. While still calling it driver error, Chevrolet has announced that they are reprogramming the key fob to prevent this from happening. Instead of two pushes of the fob button it will now require a push and hold to prevent the trunk from opening while the Corvette is moving. If it were mine I would have something to restrain the hood from opening more than six inches should it open unexpectedly even with this new fix. Think of this situation. Your fob is in your pocket and you are autocrossing. You are in a hard turn, your body is pushed up against the seat bolster and pressing against the fob, and the trunk opens. Could it still happen with the new program? Guess we will find out.

CLUB CAPS AVAILABLE

The Dayton Corvair Club caps are available. Kevin will have the caps at the September meeting and they are \$20 each. Get yours before they are gone.



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.

RPM'S DON'T ALWAYS RETURN TO IDLE

One of the posters on Corvair Center (Sura) was having trouble with his Corvair not always returning to a normal idle. He looked at a number of things like accelerator linkage hangup, worn throttle shafts letting in air, and the accelerating pump spring. None of the things done to these helped. He finally found the problem. Turns out that the distributor vacuum advance arm was interfering with the dust cover inside the distributor. He reported that Clark's catalog mentions that their dust cover cannot be used with some distributor caps.

WANT TO MOVE THE SPARE TIRE TO THE TRUNK?

The parts to secure the tire to the trunk floor or back wall are available. National Parts Depot is one place that has the bracket and bolts. Your local auto parts store may also have the hardware needed. Don't drill a hole in the gas tank.

VAIR AFFAIR IN OUR REAR VIEW MIRROR



CORVAIRE 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 at Vandalia Butler Historical Society Meeting House 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 at Vandalia Butler Meeting House



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.

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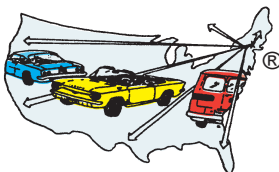
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