



DAYTON Corvair



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our regular place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday September 26th. The time is our regular 6:30 PM. Directions to the Center are on the last page of the newsletter.

There was no special club activity for the club in September. Some of you may have made it to the Cars and Coffee cruise-in at Carillon Park.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



This is our election year. We will be drawing up a proposed slate of officers for next year. According to our by laws, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three people to draw up a proposed slate of officers. We will have an election in December. The elected officers term will begin in January. If you want to serve and lead, tell any current officers your intention to run.

OCTOBER ACTIVITY

October activity is our yearly "Vair Affair". This year, as last year, it will be held at Shawn and Gary Funkhouser's Corvair repair garage at 9452 Sheehan Rd. at the south edge of Centerville. It is also Shawn's residence. Look for the parked Corvair in the south side of the road about 1-2 blocks west of RT-48. The club will furnish the meat, buns, and condiments. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Also bring tableware, drinks and your folding chair. Drive your Corvair. The date is Saturday October 7th. The "Affair" starts at 11:00 AM with lunch at noon and last until around 3:00 PM. What new stuff will Gary and Shawn have at the garage?

DETROIT AREA HOMECOMING

Some of our club members took in the Corvair Homecoming event in Plymouth, Michigan in August of this year. This is yearly event put on by the Detroit Area Corvair Club. Activities included the GM Heritage Center and Chrysler Museum tour, valve cover races, cookout, drive-in movie, DJ, and swap meet on Friday and on Saturday people's choice show, pizza party, auction, ladies activities. A lot of activities and nice ideas that we might use for our Dayton convention in 2024. Those taking part from the Dayton Corvair Club included Kevin and Susan Clark. Detroit area Homecoming volunteer Lori Komora has taken part in our convention meeting discussion via the internet and gave some nice suggestions to questions that have come up.

CORSA COMMITTEE MEETING NOV 11

On November 11 all Corvairborne committee and volunteers will be meeting with the CORSA convention committee at the host hotel, Marriott at UD. Corsa Board member Mike Hall, Jeanette Alberte, and Corsa convention committee Ray Morales (Concourse), Harry and Kathy Jensen, and Larry and Shelly Claypool will be reviewing the plans with every committee member. Meeting will begin at 8:30AM. It will be a working session in preparation for the convention.

DAYTON CONVENTION UPDATE

As I write this, new information keeps changing my subject. I am constantly updating every lead that ends up in my in-box. So much is in motion, it seems I might not know where to begin.

With another month gone by, a lot had happened. It was pretty certain the Autocross would not happen at UD arena across the river from the host hotel. We now have our sight set on Kil-Kare as the place to hold our Autocross. We have plan C in mind just in case. The SCCA had penciled us in their calendar for Thursday July 25th but will not have a complete and final agenda drawn up until October. It should not be a problem they said since our Autocross will occur on a weekday.

We had a Zoom meeting with some of the Corsa convention committee and Don Keefe, editor of Corsa

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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

This was to be our regular club meeting, both our President Shawn Funkhouser and Vice President Verle McGillivray were not present so the Secretary, Darcy welcomed all in attendance tonight.

Those present included: Pat Kirgan, Angie Chaffins, Greg Hanlin, Kevin Clark, Jim Schmidt, Paul Huelscamp, Jim Stukenborg, Duane and Darcy Baker.



Secretary- Darcy asked the previous minutes be approved per written in the newsletter. Motion carried by Angie and Jim

Treasurer- Angie reported dues collected from two new members, 50/50 amount from previous meeting was \$38.00. Craig Puthoff won \$19.50 and donated \$4.50 back to the club. Ending balance is \$1418.63

Newsletter- Jim didn't have anything new to report.

Activities- Kevin mentioned we need to be checking on a location for our Christmas party and to decide on a caterer or pot luck style. At the September meeting the nominating committee will be named. October is our Vair Affair at Shawn and Gary Funkhousers shop. Also in October is our pizza meeting on the 4th Tuesday. Regarding our Christmas party, Angie asked those attending to send all monies to her prior to the event so she can relax and enjoy the evening with everyone.

Our 50/50 winner tonight was Darcy, I don't know the amount, but it was donated back to the club.

The discussion went into Kevin, Susan, Duane and Darcy talking with the coordinator of the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport Wings and Wheels Cruise-In. In the hanger of a replica of the Wright Brothers plane also included a half scale Wright Brothers plane on a trailer that we're hoping can be displayed during the convention next year. Angie was able to go to a car and bike show after getting her car back! Greg and his son went to the Austin Landings Cars and Coffee. He said lots of cars were in attendance. September 16th Cars and Coffee will be at Carillon Park.

Convention- We need to discuss how the profit after the convention will be divided among Cincinnati, Columbus and our club. Corsa will get 50%.

Kevin will be in touch with the Wright-Patterson Officers Club to discuss serving alcohol during our night at the AF Museum. The concours event will be inside Carillon Park, no charge for this but a donation will be made to them.

Our next meeting will be September 12th at 6:30 at the Vandalia Justice Center. We are trying to keep our meetings to an hour. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted
Darcy Baker Secretary

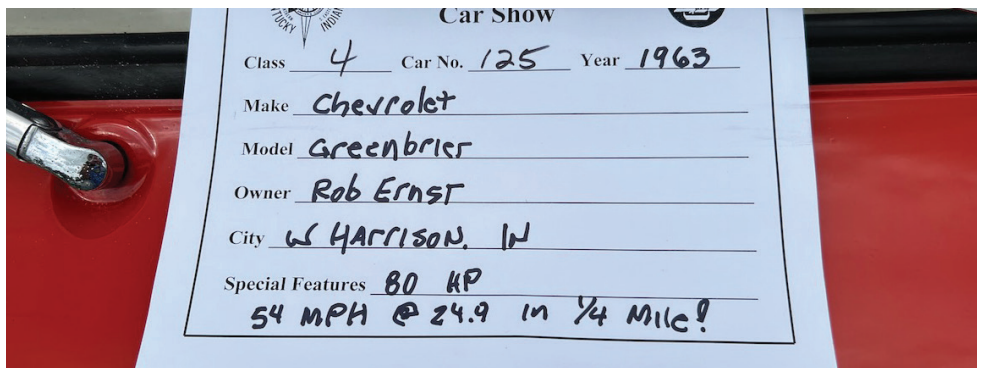
CORVAIRE CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

September	
	Search for Caterer and location for Christmas dinner party
09.26.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM / Appoint nominating committee
October	
10.07.23	Vair Affair at Shawn's Corvaire Shop - 11:00AM - 3:00PM
10.10.23	Convention committee meeting - in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM
10.24.23	Club meeting at Marion's in Dayton - 3443 N. Dixie Drive - 6:30PM
November	
11.11.23	Committee meeting with Corsa at Marriott at U of D - 1414 S. Patterson Blvd. 8:30AM
11.14.23	Convention committee meeting - in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM
11.28.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM
December	
12.12.23	Convention committee meeting - in Vandalia at Justice Center - 6:30PM
TBD	Christmas dinner / Election



CORVAIRS AT YOUNG'S DAIRY

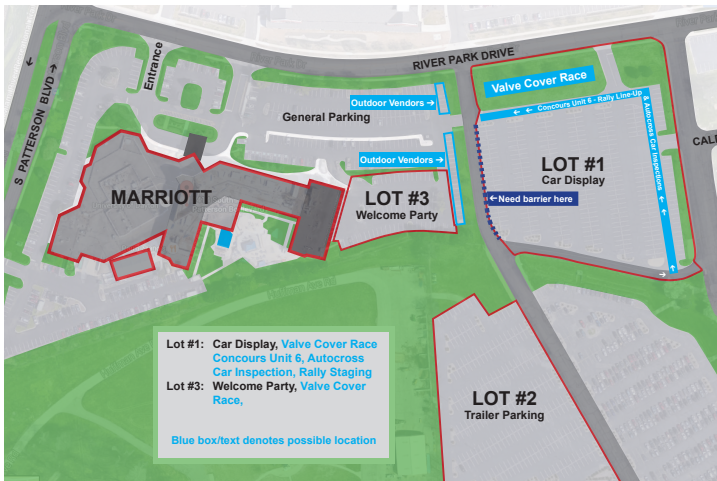
The Bob Poole Orphan Car Show at Young's Dairy in Yellow Spring had a nice turn out of cars, as usual. The featured car was the Pontiac and Jim's 1971 GTO convertible, with rally dash, a/c, tilt steering column, and stripes, was one of them. In addition there were eight Corvairs in attendance. Two Corvairs from the Columbus Vair Force were Dave Albers in his unrestored '64 blue coupe, and Tom Finnegan with his beautiful red on white '64 Spyder. The Cincinnati gang attending were Spence and Wilma Duffy's '63 Spyder, Greg Clemens' brown 1966 Corsa turbo convertible, and the slow poke red/white '63 Greenbrier belonging to Rob Ernst (sorry, Rob, I couldn't resist). Angie Chaffins and Kevin Clark from the Dayton club were there. Angie in her '65 Monza 140 with powerglide, and Kevin in his '63 Corvan. For the first time this year, Young's Dairy had a booth serving food and ice cream. No need to cross the street and wait in a long line for them.





CONVENTION UPDATE...CONTINUED

Communique and President of the Impala club. We had a discussion on several topics including which Corsa events cannot be combined with the Impala events. The Welcome Party/Car Display occurring at the same time will be held jointly with both clubs. The indoor and outdoor swap meet can be combined. They are interested in our dinner tour to the AF Museum. They can be in our rally but have their own personnel from start to finish and at any checkpoints. They can use the same route, but they will have to use a different gas station if participating in an Econo-Run. They are planning a cruise-in in Tipp City and would be inviting us to go. A detailed map of the hotel



parking lot proved to be very useful showing where the Corvairs and Impalas could park and stay separated. We now have a spreadsheet acting as a guide for both clubs to follow. Having both the Impala and Corvair club at the same location for their convention is unprecedented. There will be challenges but the CORSA convention will remain as a Corvair convention and will be operated as such and is separate from the Impala convention. They are a much smaller group.

At our Corvairborne meeting, with all quotes available, we looked at the total cost for hosting a dinner tour at the AF Museum. Adding the museum rental, catering, busing, and alcohol, the cost per person was somewhat a little high but reasonable. We decided to ditch the bus and have a caravan to the museum which would be more fun. The savings can go toward pricier food item or help lower the registration fee. We also decided on the best option for beer and wine. Depending on a number of registrants, we may hire a second bartender. We will go over the menu and choose the best option for food.

The Hospitality is on track with the planning. Their job is to keep replenishing the snacks and drinks and sell

50/50 tickets several times daily. They are suggesting all three clubs provide at least three gift baskets for a raffle. It does take a lot of work and could use a few more volunteers. They must stay organized not just for one day but every day during the convention week.

Remembering how at the Oldsmobile convention they had blocked entrances around the main parking lot keeping non-show cars and trailers out, we pulled up a map and pointed out those locations. A barrier would be needed along the entire length of one parking lot to control traffic. We may have a solution for that. We are still looking for at least one person to sign up and take charge of Parking. That person would recruit fellow club members to help. The Impala club could help in this area but they should manage their own parking. It should be a fun job. A detailed map will be created showing where and which signs to place, for setting up pop-up tents, and for porta-johns. It is advisable to set up all signs the day before the first day of the convention.

There were personal discussions among club members. One was on potential sponsors. If we find sponsors who would help support the cost of the food and use of the AF Museum, and perhaps the Autocross, and any other tours we may have, they could be recognized in our program and on admission tickets. As an incentive, their logo could be printed on a large banner and displayed where we are able, then given to them after our convention. We will come up with a package for sponsors and advertisers.

Another idea being explored were inviting the Vairplanes to come. We are still working if they could land at either near the AF Museum, the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport, or Moraine Air Park. We are also looking into the possibility for a photo shoot with some of these planes with your Corvair on the runway. The OshKosh Fly-In in Wisconsin and our convention is the same week making this event unlikely to happen. We can look into inviting the Shriner displaying the Monza Juniors. They have dozens of them. Carl Kelsen from Australia would like to show his presentation and he is welcome to.

At the Dayton Concours d'Elegance, we met with Kristina from the Packard Museum, Pete from the British Transportation Museum, and Laura from Carillon Park. We met Steve at the Wright B Flyer Museum a day earlier. It was a good weekend getting all our questions answered. Steve agreed he will bring the half scale Wright B Flyer to our convention site but he was concerned about leaving it outside all week. There isn't any place at the hotel to display it indoor. I suggested

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CONVENTION UPDATE...CONTINUED

he just bring it for one day. Pete agreed he will bring or tow the Sunbeam Imp to the host hotel. He doesn't mind leaving it all week. Then an idea struck. Asking Kristina if she could bring a Packard to the convention, we could place all three vehicles as a centerpiece at our Welcome Party. Signs could be made as an invitation to visit their museum. Also it could be showcased the same way the next day at our Concours at Carillon Park. The hotel offers free shuttle service to the Packard and British Museum and anyone can go there as they wish rather than having a planned event. The Packard Museum do offer their museum for an evening social so we'll look into that.

It would be nice to find a sponsor who could help support a flyover at our Concours. A replica of a Wright B Flyer would fly at 1000ft and make three passes directly overhead at the park. What a great way to show support.

The replica is housed at the Wright B Flyer Museum. They are short on volunteers and close at noon on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If we have volunteers to man the museum, they will keep the doors open longer for our guest to visit.

Finally, the Corsa convention committee announced they will be visiting Dayton. Upon their arrival, they will be given a tour at every site we will have for the convention. They will review the host hotel parking area, then to Carillon Park where the Concours will be. Then they will see the Packard Museum. If they can remain open during our visit, we'll take a peek at the Sunbeam Imp at the British Transportation Museum, and Kil-Kare where our autocross might be. If time permits, we'll try visiting the Wright B Flyer Museum after we see the AF Museum.

Kevin Clark
Chairman



Pre-Flight Check *Readying for take-off, the Wright B Flyer replica is built to modern standards with modern materials and components.*



Home of the Wright B Flyer *Museum and hanger houses another Wright Flyer. A gift shop, restrooms and display room is further back inside in another room.*



Concours Inside The Park *View of annual Dayton Concours d'Elegance inside Carillon Historical Park.*



Grand Entrance *View from "outdoor museum" in the park. The building in background is the "indoor museum".*



Original Packard Dealership Packards fill every room throughout the museum. A parts department and office as well a library makes for an interesting visit.



Evening Show Room This is the area for dining at a night out at the Packard Museum. It would be a fun evening if we have one there.



Original Packard Parts Department NOS parts stock the shelves. Other artifacts are scattered throughout the dealership.



British Corvair Look The Sunbeam Imp will be on display at the hotel during our convention. Other British cars are located at the British Transportation Museum.

TECH TIPS

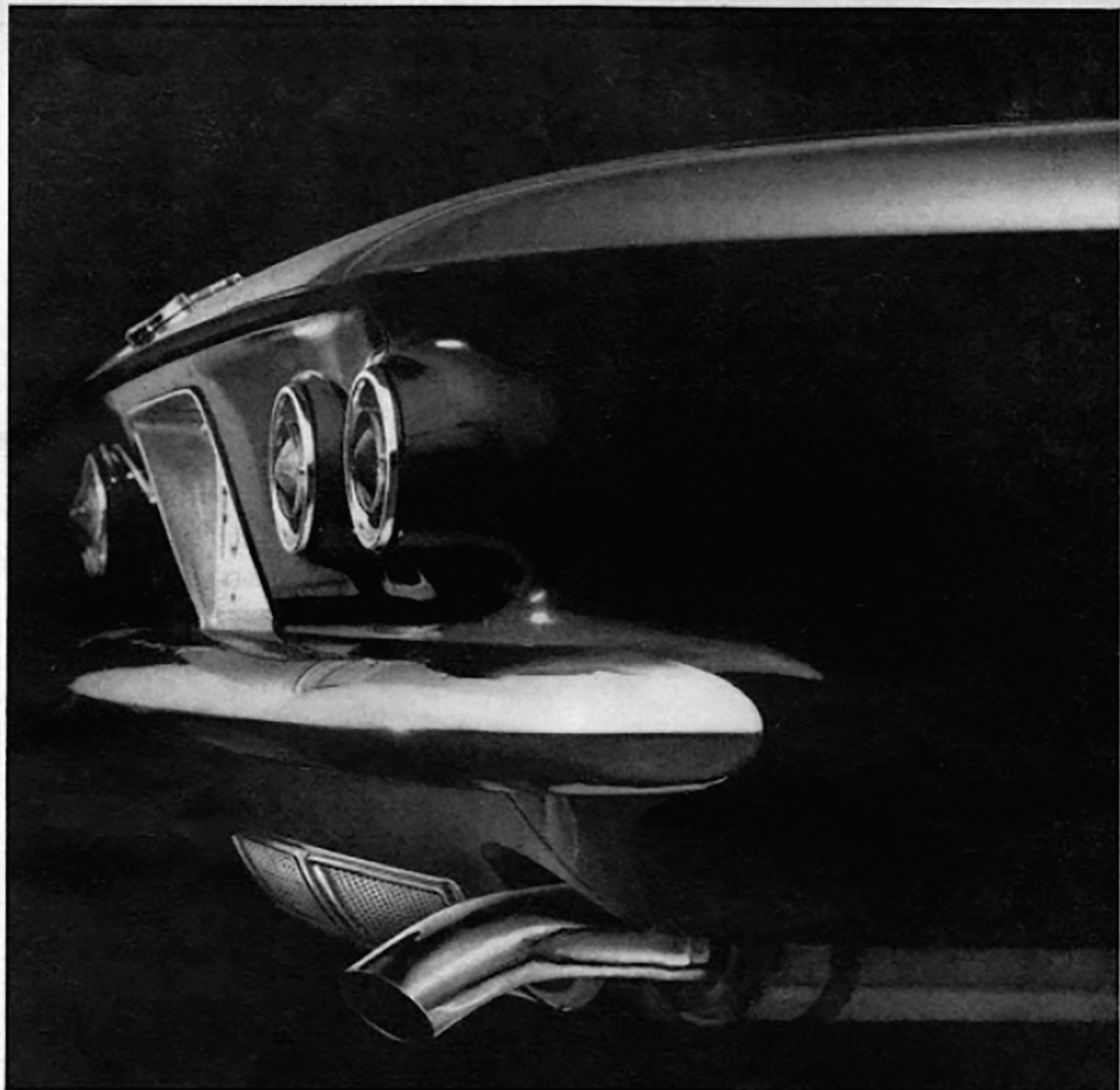
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Still using R-12 in your Corvair with A/C? Don't want to switch to R-134A and you still have some R-12 on hand and need to have the system repaired? Note that a good A/C mechanic has a machine that can fill the system with R-134A after a repair to check for leaks. After the check, if the system is leak free, the machine can take the R-134A back out and the system can be filled with your precious R-12 rather than wasting the R-12 to make check and no R-134A was wasted in the test if there were no leaks.

CORVAIR REPAIR VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE.COM

Just Google Davemotohead1 and all of the videos that Dave has filmed showing great detail for the repair of Corvairs can be seen on YouTube.



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CORVAIR MONZA SPYDER by CHEVROLET





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.



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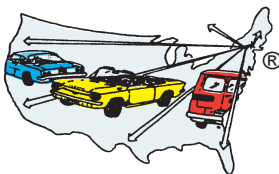
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