



DAYTON *Corvaire*



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GOT SNOW?

JANUARY MEETING

Club members, welcome to the new year. The newsletter staff hopes that everyone made it safely through the holidays and stayed virus free. The January in person meeting of the Dayton Corvaire Club has been canceled due to the virus situation and the Vandalia Justice Center is still not available for us to use. We are going to try to have a meeting on line using Skype. Let President Shawn know you want to join in the meeting and he will send an invitation. The Skype meeting is January 26 at 6:30pm. You may have to download Skype for the meeting if you do not have it on your computer. Shawn's email address is shawn.a.funkhouser@bwigroup.com. We are so close to getting the vaccine that we don't want any of our members contracting the virus this late in the pandemic. Be careful and wear your mask.

CLUB DUES RENEWAL

The yearly Christmas party was the time that a lot

of members renewed their dues. We canceled the Christmas party so we are asking members to send their renewal to our treasurer by mail. Make the check out to Dayton Corvaire Club. Dues for CORSA members is \$12 and for non CORSA members \$15. The reason for the difference is the CORSA charge to each club. This charge covers the insurance that CORSA has to cover accidents that may occur during club events.

Send the dues check to: Jenny Dranschak, 1328 Cornish Dr. Vandalia, OH 45377. Make sure you make the check out to DAYTON CORVAIRE CLUB, not to Jenny.

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 the last few months and the position is still open. Someone please fill this position so we can take it out of the newsletter. Are we ever going to fill this vacancy?



Corvaire Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvaire Automobile - www.corvaire.org.
To join visit www.daytoncorvaireclub.wix.com/daytoncorvaireclub and select "Join".



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, November & December 2020 Club Meetings.



Location: Mostly by phone calls and Emails with some Internet ZOOM.

Attendees: Club Officers with input from many members.

What Happen: November and December continued to be very different in 2020 than they have been in previous years. After our Club meeting in October, meetings and activities were impacted by the continued presence of COVID. We did manage to have the Mustang Museum tour but we decided to cancel the November meeting and the December Christmas Dinner. Election of Officers was put on hold and we did not schedule a 2021 planning meeting. It seems optimistic to say things can only get better going forward. The officers will discuss having a January Club Meeting and we will have information in the January Club Newsletter.

Vice President Comments: We are still looking for a Vice President.

Secretary: There were no meeting minutes to report on.

Treasurer: There was no new Treasurer's report but Jennie will have November, December and Year-End reports for the January meeting, if we have one.

Membership: Nothing new to report on.

Activities: Nothing new to report on but the officers will schedule a planning meeting to discuss 2021 activities.

Newsletter: Nothing new to discuss.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: No new business to discuss.

50/50: With no meeting or Christmas Dinner we had no 50/50 drawing. Since we had no official start, we had no official adjournment. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

FROM THE E-MAIL BOX

2021 Car Club Program Partnership

Corvair Society of America is proud to be a part of the Mecum Auctions Car Club Program for 2021. This program was established to support the car clubs, their members and the collector car community.

CORSA Members will get discounted tickets

Bidder Registration Discounts! Individual CORSA members can buy a Standard Bidder registration for Mecum Auctions that includes one (10 Bidder Badge and one (1) Guest Badge. The normal price for Standard Bidder registration is \$200 per auction, but CORSA members pay only \$100. This offer is available only for those of you who register online. You can also register by phone, by mail, or when you walk in the door, but you won't get the discount. You can find all the details at corvair.org- log into your account and look under "CORSA News" or "Merchandise and Special Offers."

CORSA will also be on display

Mecum has a car club booth at each one of its auctions. CORSA will be among the clubs represented there with brochures and sample copies of the CORSA Communicate magazine. Our logo will also appear in Mecum show programs and in Mecum Magazine.

In addition, Mecum will make available contact information gathered at the car club booth for CORSA membership prospects.

The Mecum auction schedule can be found on their website at <https://www.mecum.com/>

AGGIE MOYER

Our former treasurer Aggie is still at Spring Hills. However, she had another fall and went to the hospital. This means her 14 day quarantine period restarted before she can have visitors. She has about 8 days remaining on the current quarantine. Don't know if there is any restrictions on visits to the facility once this quarantine is over. When visits are allowed they have a time limit. The facility must be contacted and a reservation made for the visit. Aggie's address is as follows:

Aggie Moyer
c/o Spring Hills Singing Woods Assisted Senior Living Center
Room 151
140 E Woodbury Dr.
Dayton, OH 45415
Main phone number 937-274-1400





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 is another look at how the Corvair name was associated with the Corvette in 1954. A Google search on "corvette corvair" returns an unbelievable 195,000 results. With that many articles it is only right that we take another look at the history of this prototype.

1954 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CORVAIR CONCEPT BY DANIEL VAUGHAN, APR 2015

The 1954 Chevrolet Corvette Corvair concept was a 2-door fastback, 2-passenger coupe that made its debut at the 1954 GM Motorama in New York City. The Corvair used the Corvette front end, though it sported ribbed air intakes on the hood that routed fresh air to the interior and fender vents that allowed heat to escape the engine compartment. The Corvair had a wrap-around windshield and the roof was aircraft-inspired sweeping back into the chrome-trimmed license plate housing, which resembled a jet-fighter exhaust port.

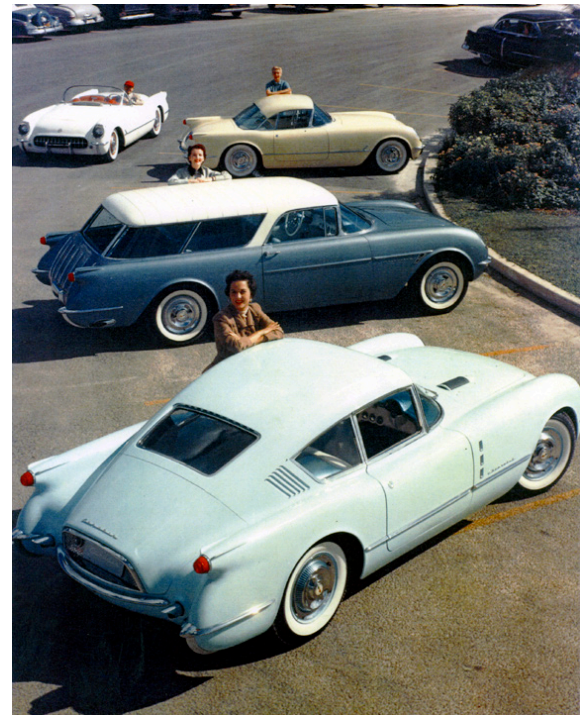
The 2-door fastback had a Corvette front end, a wrap-around windshield, and design details in the back that resembled a jet-fighter exhaust port. The chopped-off tail was influenced by European designs. The roof was aircraft-inspired, sweeping back and tapering gracefully into the rear design. The roof also gave a glimpse of the quarter window and C-pillar treatment of the 1958 Corvette. The powertrain and chassis were courtesy of the Corvette. The 1954 Corvette had a 102-inch wheelbase, a 2-speed Powerglide transmission and a six-cylinder 235.5 cubic-inch engine offering 150 horsepower.

Inside, the seats had the production fiberglass divider between them, in a similar fashion to the stock Corvette roadster. Much of the interior was largely stock and the roof appears to have been grafted right on to a production Corvette. There was no storage behind the seats. Even though the car had a fastback design, it did not alter the Corvair Concept's interior layout.

For 1954, sales of the Corvette were slow and its future was in question. Thus, management decided not to put the fastback coupe concept into production. The Corvair name, however, would be later used on the 1960 Corvair rear-engined compact car.

The original 1954 Corvair Concept was crushed in the period, so an authentic restoration, using an original 1954 Chevy Corvette chassis, was created. Opinions vary as to how many concept Corvairs were made. When it debuted in January 1954 at the Motorama in New York it was a jewel-like red paint, but when it was displayed in Los Angeles in March, it was painted Seafoam Green. Does that mean there were two, or was the one repainted? David W. Temple's excellent book "GM's Motorama," says "almost certainly two examples were built." But according to the GM Heritage Center, no paperwork exists to verify a second car.

Credits: <https://www.conceptcarz.com/z24944/chevrolet-corvette-corvair-concept.aspx>




CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

1/26/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm on Skype
2/23/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center



CORVAIR CANADIAN WINTER RALLY NEWSPAPER AD

This is a Corvair ad I'll bet hardly anybody knows about. This is the only example I have of it and I don't remember how the check mark got there. The picture was shot by Warren Winstanley after we got two of the rally cars for photography. I was there as the art director and David E. Davis Jr. as the copy writer. We were in the area of northern Canada where the rally took place. The ad didn't get much exposure and was pretty small as Chevy ads go. I am happy to show the ad and contribute a little something to all you Corvair owners and enthusiasts still out there. Jim Bernardin Source: http://oldchevyads.blogspot.com/2008/01/corvair-winter-rally-ad-for-dealers.html



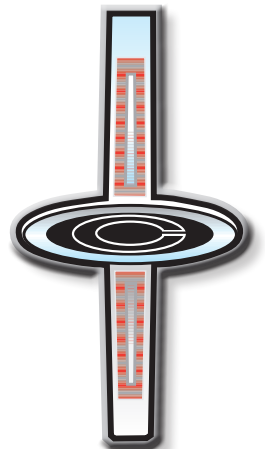
RALLY: a sort of timed endurance run, in which competing cars must maintain assigned average speeds (within legal limits) over routes kept secret until just before the start. Rally organizers delight in searching thoroughly miserable roads—and foul weather couldn't be more welcome. You've got to have an abiding faith in your car before you even enter this rally. Any flaw in handling or braking, any fault in chassis or electrical system, will be tortured out in a test far tougher than any proving ground crew could devise. A hundred and ninety-one cars started this year's Canadian Winter Rally, 43 of them in Corvair's class. After 1,265 miles of what drivers called "North America's worst roads," nearly fifty had dropped out. But every 1961 Corvair entered came through without mechanical difficulty. And Corvair swept the top five places in its class, linking cars that cost up to twice as much. You can't buy success in international competition like this. You can't luck it out. Corvair did so well because Corvair's steering, traction and durability lived up to our highest hopes. Encouraging, isn't it, knowing that you can buy one U.S. car that can compete with the world's best?

CHEVY CORVAIR

1.23.45

SWEEPS FIRST FIVE PLACES, CLASS IV-9th CANADIAN WINTER RALLY

See the new Chevy Corvairs, Chevrolet cars and the new Corvette at your local authorized Chevrolet dealer's





CORVAIR GOLD

Dave Truell, a Corvair enthusiast, has put together a comprehensive collection of Corvair information that covers about everything one would want to know about a Corvair. There are 148 pages of data collected by Dave. To see it and download if you wish, go to www.corvaircenter.com and look for "Corvair Gold" in the "subject" column, or "bigwave" in the "started by" column. The post may be several pages beyond page 1 by the time you read this. There was a yellow smiley face emoji by the subject title Corvair Gold that may help you to find it.

CLUB CAPS AVAILABLE

There are eight club caps remaining to be sold. They are \$20 each and get yours while supply last. Contact Kevin at any club meeting or email him at daytoncorvairclub@gmail.com.



EZCARLIFT MAKES IT EASY

The last time your webmaster had to remove the drivetrain out from under his Corvan, he couldn't get the van up high enough for the engine clear the rear of the engine bay. Kevin had to purchase a pair of larger jack stands and hydraulic floor jacks to raise the van higher. Kevin also had to use several blocks of concrete pavers as shims under the front tires to keep the van level. Kevin got the job done but it was a lot of work having to constantly adjust the height of each jack stands and floor jacks one at a time as he go along raising and lowering the van when removing and reinstalling the drivetrain. Kevin looked into and bought an EZCarlift (www.ezcarlift.com). He thought this lift would be ideal so

the next time he need to work on his Corvan, he can raise the whole van straight up 26" with a power drill. Since it is not hydraulic the van can stay up indefinitely. With optional casters Kevin can move the van around in his garage. He can move the van over to one side of the garage while he wait on parts. At the time being, Kevin's Corvan is now resting for the winter with all four wheels off the ground. No need to worry about flat spots on the tires when spring comes.



2020 TECH TIPS SUMMARY

- JAN : Yearly summary for 2019
- FEB: Car door will not open
Brand car models
- MAR: Corvair outside mirrors
Turbo distributors
- APR: Autozone rare parts
Finding tech topic on Corvair Center
- MAY: Corvair glove box door
FC brake light switch
- JUNE: Does your Corvair have a musty
smell from winter storage
- JULY: 140 HP engine swaps
Removing torque converter seal
Not all cam gears are the same quality
- AUG: No topics
- SEP: RPMs don't always return to idle
Want to move spare tire to the trunk
- OCT: 1969 Corvair upshifts early
No 4 main bearing is different
- NOV: Ultrasonic parts cleaning
Ultrasonic parts cleaning tips



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.

We are on the web! To join the Dayton Corvair Club and CORSA visit:
<http://daytoncorvairclub.wix.com/daytoncorvairclub>



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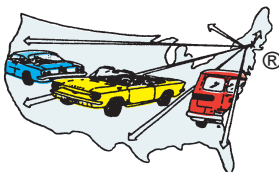
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