



# DAYTON Corvair



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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at our normal place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday September 24th, our regular fourth Tuesday. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Directions to the center are on the last page of the newsletter. Drive the Corvair. We are running out of nice weather this year.

## OCTOBER ACTIVITY

Our October activity is a tech session at Gary

Funkhouser's shop at 9452 Sheehan Road (on the south side of Sheehan) in Centerville. Sheehan Rd. runs west off RT-48 at the south edge of Centerville. The session will be held in the big building at the rear of the property. The driveway is on the left side of the house. Park back by the building.

The date is Saturday October 26th. We will begin the session at 10:00 AM. Gary will be showing off the Corvair race car he just purchased. The car is not quite finished and has not yet been raced. Gary certainly has the experience to get the car on the track.

## 2019 VAIR AFFAIR

A nice day brought out a good turnout of club members at club president Verle McGillivray's home for our annual Vair Affair on August 10th. As usual we had more than we could eat. Verle's restoration 66 Corsa convertible project looked a lot like it did the previous year. Maybe we need a club assembly session at Verle's. Jack Milliff was a little suspicious of his Corvair's engine at idle but most of the rest of us thought it sounded pretty good. Verle, the club thanks you for your hospitality and the sweet corn.



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### AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

**Minutes:** Dayton Corvair Club, 8/10/2019 Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

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

**Attendees:** Verle McGillivray and his friend Maryann, Joe & Jennie Dranschak, Jack Milliff, Jim Stukenborg, Kevin Clark, Bernice Noll, Aggie Moyer, Steve Kianka, Greg Leingang, Sharon & Gary Williams, Michael Bayman, Duane & Darcy Baker and Greg Hanlin.

**Welcome:** After we all arrived, from 10AM to Noon, Verle and Maryann cooked the corn on the fire pit and Jim and Joe (mostly Jim) cooked hot dogs and burgers (real meat) on the gas grill, Verle called the Club meeting to order about 2PM. We had a very nice attendance for the event and the weather was perfect. We were all able to gather in a circle under the covered patio. Verle introduced new members and we talked a little about some of their cars.

**Vice President Comments:** Steve was at the event but had to leave early, as he did not want to leave Maryann at home alone for too long. Maryann is still recovering from her July surgery.

**Secretary:** Joe asked that the July minutes be approved as posted in the Newsletter but 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. Joe reminded everyone about the nominating committee and that we did have a few positions open that we will need to fill at the annual December Christmas Dinner meeting.

**Treasurer:** Jennie reported we had a beginning balance of \$2,389.92 with dues of \$12 from new member Stephen Schumann and renewal dues of \$24 from Doug Simon for 2019 & 2020. We had no expenses, so the balance on August 10, 2019 was \$2,433.42. A motion was made by Jack to approve the report, seconded by Greg Hanlin and approved.

**Activities:** Jim said we need to set a date for the Tech Session at Gary Funkhouser's home and after discussion the dates of October 12 or 19 were selected and Jim will ask Gary to pick what works best for Gary. Joe was the only member that attended the Vandalia

Police National Night Out on August 6. It was well attended and the weather was very good.

**Newsletter:** We discussed having a newsletter for August and September or combining both into the September newsletter. A decision was not made but the newsletter editor and contributors will decide. Paul Huelskamp will print a copy of the newsletter and get it to Aggie until Aggie sees if she is going to get her computer fixed or not.

**Membership:** It was noted that we have added several new memberships to the Club roster this year: Duane & Darcy Baker, Michael & Glenda Bayman, Russell & Natalie Carolus, John & Victoria Hawkins, Jim Schmidt, Steve & Debby Schumann and Sharon & Gary Williams. It is really great that the interest in the Corvair continues to thrive.

**Old Business:** We talked a little about the CORSA newsletter awards for 2019 but we were not sure of this status so we will see if we have any information to post in the next newsletter. Our Club newsletter is a very good one and if any members have any information for an article please email it to Jim, Kevin or Joe (email address are in the newsletter).

**New Business:** The next activity will be the September meeting at the Vandalia Justice Center, then the Tech Session then Pizza Meeting at Marion's in October.

**50/50:** Sharon Williams won \$18.50 and we adjourned about 3:15PM.



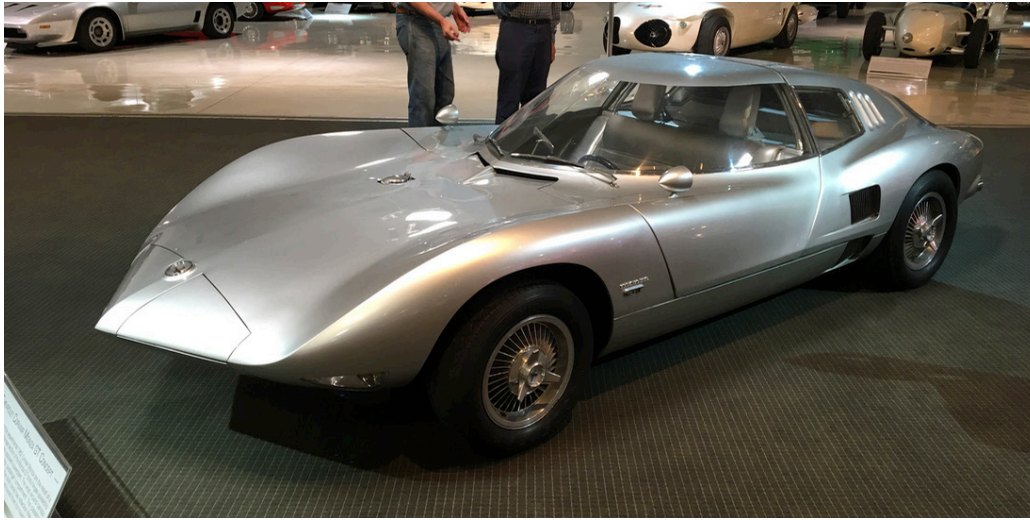
### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The club would like to welcome new members Steve and Debby Schumann from Troy, OH. They have a 1965 Corvair convertible.



**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 is about a book written by Karl E. Ludvigsen titled *"Corvair by Chevrolet: Experimental & Production Cars 1957-1969"* published November 24, 2001. Also, an online link to a nice article about "Remembering the Great Design of the Chevrolet Monza GT by Robert Tate, automotive historian and researcher, with images courtesy of the Robert Tate Collection published Dec 12, 2014.



The book review says the Corvair is ,, one of the most controversial cars ever made, Chevrolet's Corvair is celebrated in this unique pictorial history. From his files on the Corvair - which he first road-tested in 1959 - Karl Ludvigsen presents a plethora of photos of the original 'Holden' prototypes on test and even a Corvair engine installed in a Porsche, its first running test bed.

Corvairs down through the years are interspersed with wild and woolly prototypes and concept cars based on this unique rear-engined auto, the one whose unusual handling helped make Ralph Nader famous. Ludvigsen, who worked at GM during much of the Corvair era from 1960 to 1969, reveals styling models and describes his own involvement with one of the handsomest sports prototypes ever designed, the Corvair Monza GT. It is a feast for fans of the novel and endearing Corvair.

Photos of the production

Wikipedia.org says "Karl Ludvigsen (born 24 April 1934, Kalamazoo, Michigan). Cum Laude graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and attended both the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, studying engineering, and Pratt Institute where he matriculated in industrial design. In 1958–59 he served in the US Army Signal Corps in West Germany. Ludvigsen is best known for his work over 50 years as a journalist, author and historian. Ludvigsen began his automotive writing and editing for MIT's Tech Engineering News in 1953. He has served as technical editor of both Auto Age and Sports Cars Illustrated, east coast editor of Motor Trend and editor of Car and Driver. Currently he writes for Automobile Quarterly, The Automobile and Hemmings Sports & Exotic Cars, among others, plus various one-make periodicals and leading website publications Winding Road and Just-Auto.com." Credits: Google search "Corvair by Chevrolet: Experimental & Production Cars"



Link: <https://www.motorcities.org/story-of-the-week/2014/remembering-the-great-design-of-the-chevrolet-monza-gt>  
 Note: the book might be available through inter-library loan but it was not found to be owned by the Dayton Metro Library.

**YOUNG'S DAIRY ORPHAN CAR SHOW**

Three Corvairs were spotted at this car show. New members Duane and Darcy Baker were there with their Marina blue 1966 Monza coupe. Non members Steve Wasson had his white 65 Monza 110 coupe there and Jim Lama

from Springfield brought his 61 Lakewood station wagon. Jim also has a Corsa coupe that he is working on to get it running. A very nice day resulted in a big turnout. While not a Corvair, one of the cars at the show was a 1929 Franklin coupe with a six cylinder inline air cooled engine.



**CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

09/24/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
10/22/19	Marion's Pizza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30 PM & Club meeting
10/26/19	Gary Funkhouser Tech Session 10AM
11/??/19	Event to be determined
11/26/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
12/14/19	Club Christmas Dinner & Meeting at Christy's in Huber Heights (Sat) 4:30 PM

**LET'S GO CRUISE-IN' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Now thru Sep 27	<b>Friday Night Cruise-In at Lofino's.</b> 5pm to dark. Lofinos Beaver Valley Shopping Center, Seajay Dr. Beavercreek.
Now thru Sep 27	<b>Friday Night Cruise-In at Rip Rap Roadhouse.</b> 4pm to dark. 6024 Rip Rap Rd.
Sep 22	<b>Car show at WACO Air Field in Troy.</b> 9:30am-4pm. Register by noon. Judging noon-3pm. 50/50, dash plaque, door prizes. \$15 reg include admittance to flight line and museum.

**CARILLION CARS AND COFFEE**

These Cars and Coffee events have been drawing large groups of cars. They usually are held at the Austin Road



Mall area. This one, at Carillion Park the day before the Concours show, drew in the range of 600 cars. Former Corvair club member John Manes has sold his restored early Corvair sedan and was there with a 1991 Nissan Figaro 2 seat convertible. John's daughter is working in Japan and help him import the car to the USA. It won the Concours Japanese car class last year. The car is powered by a 4 cylinder 995 cc turbo charged engine coupled to an automatic transmission. The car's options include A/C.

Out of the 600 or so cars there was one Corvair present, a yellow late model coupe. Not a recognized club car.

**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.*

**WINDSHIELD CHIP REPAIR**

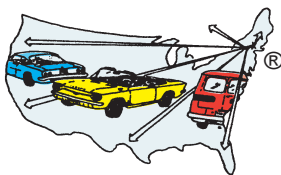
Your co-editor has had good success with a "VersaChem" repair kit by Illinois Tool Works of Solon, Ohio. The kit which is a one time use will repair a windshield chip of up to 1.25" in diameter. It is a twelve step process but they are easy to follow. The process involves sucking the air out of the chip and injecting clear resin into the chip and crack area. This is all done with the tool that comes in the kit and has an adhesive coated pedestal that is attached to the windshield over the chip. A plunger is attached to the pedestal to remove air and inject the resin filler. Just be sure to keep the spring on the plunger in place. It pops off pretty easy. Do this on a sunny day as the resin is cured by the UV rays from the sun. The kit was purchased at Advance Auto Parts.

**SPARK PROBLEMS**

Is your Corvair not running as well as in the past? Pull a plug wire and hold it close to a ground. Corvair Center poster and Corvair mechanic, Ken Hand, says that you want a blue spark. An orange spark is a sign of a poor coil or condensor.

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**Directions to the club meeting**

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. The parking lot next to the justice center side door is short term during the day. We don't know about availability in the evening. 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.

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