



DAYTON Corvair



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CHRONICLE

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APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of the Dayton Corvair club will take place in combination with our tour of D & D Classic Restorations. After the the D & D tour we will meet at Buffalo Jack's in Covington for lunch and the meeting. We will have their separate room for the meeting. We plan to get to Buffalo Jack's about 11:45 AM.

APRIL ACTIVITY

Our April activity will be another tour of D & D Classic Restorations in Covington, Ohio. The date is Saturday April 24 at 10AM. As usual we will meet at the north end of the Meijer lot just south of I-70 on RT-48 (near Englewood) for those who want to caravan. Be there around 9AM. We will leave for Covington at 9:15AM. For those who want to go directly to D & D, D & D is located on 2300 Mote Dr. on the southeast side of Covington. Mote runs in a curve between RT-48 and RT-41. It is only short distance from RT-41. Mote is about the first side road coming into Covington on either route. From the south a right turn and from the east a left turn. Buffalo Jack's is about a block north of the intersection of RTS 41 and 48, on the west side of the road. *(webmaster comment: an interactive map is now on the home page at; www.daytoncorvairclub.wix.com/daytoncorvairclub)*

MAY ACTIVITIES

Our usual activity for May has been a Dragon's baseball game. At this time it is up in the air. They are not selling group tickets at this time for regular ball park seating. However, they are selling tickets to a party room. We will discuss at the meeting if we can get enough interest in doing a room of our own.



VICE-PRESIDENT STILL NEEDED

Didn't we run this before. Come on, someone hold up their hand and volunteer. Easiest job in the club.

CLUB DUES RENEWAL

Paid your club dues yet? If not send the dues check to: Jenny Dranschak, 1328 Cornish Dr. Vandalia, OH 45377 \$12 for CORSA members, \$15 for non CORSA members. Make the check out to Dayton Corvair Club.

CORVAIR RAMPSIDE IN MECOM AUCTION



Last month we covered a red Corvair Rampside that was going to be for sale March 18-20 at the Mecom auction in Glendale, Arizona. The Rampy has a 140 HP engine. What do you think it will sell for? \$20,000, \$30,000, \$40,000. We would have the answer in this month's newsletter.

ANSWER: \$32,500. Another very nice Rampside shown above sold for \$24,200 at the same auction.



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MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 3/23/2021 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

Location: Vandalia Justice Center, 245 Bohanan Memorial Drive, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Attendees: Joe & Jennie Dranschak, Jim Stukenborg, Kevin Clark, Duane & Darcy Baker, Gary Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Paul Huelskamp, Jim Schmidt and Verle McGillivray.

Welcome: President Shawn Funkhouser welcomed all and we had a short discussion about Shawn and Gary working on a Corvair that once belonged to Jack Milliff. Shawn also mentioned we are still in need of a Vice President. Shawn indicated he was open for old, new or other business on the agenda after we finish our normal reports.

Secretary: Joe reviewed important items from the February minutes as reported in the March newsletter. Joe also mentioned he had several updates to discuss during the old/new business portions of the meeting, Gary motioned the minutes be accepted as reviewed, second by Paul and approved.

Treasurer: Jennie first reviewed the 2020 year-end report. We had income from membership of \$168, 50/50 of \$65, Corvair Hats of \$344, Dayton Dragons refund of \$300 and checking interest of \$.60 for a total of \$877.60. Our expenses were Pizza of \$26.41, Memorial Donations of \$100, Dayton Dragons game of \$300, CORSA membership of \$35, Adobe for newsletter of \$133.54 and Hats of \$441.31 for a total of \$1,036.26. Our balance at the end of 2020 was \$2,199.88.

Jennie then reviewed the 2021 March report. On February 23 we had a balance of \$2,199.93 with income from Membership of \$156 (Duane Baker, Wes Bogner, Kevin Clark, Gary Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Greg Hanlin, John Hawkins, Kevin McGillivray, Verle McGillivray, James Schmidt, Doug Simon, Jim Stukenborg), 50/50 of \$8.50, 50/50 donated by Shawn of \$8.50, and checking interest of \$.03 for a total of \$173.03. Our expenses were Mustang Museum donation of \$50, memorial donation for Aggie of \$100, memorial donation for Ray Petty of \$50 and support donation to Christy's restaurant of \$50 for a total of \$250. The balance on March 23, 2021 was \$2,122.96 A motion by Paul, seconded by Gary and approved to accept both reports.

Membership: Paul did not have any new information. He is updating the roster.



Newsletter: Jim did not have any newsletter update but we did have some discussion on recent Corvairs for sale or sold.

Activities: D&D Classic tour is scheduled for April 24 at 10AM. Joe still needs to verify the arrangements for Buffalo Jacks about lunch. Duane had a suggestion for a tour of the Air Force Museum. There is a Corsa sponsored mini convention May 18-22 in Springfield, Illinois. Kevin had some update information about the Mid Ohio meet scheduled for June 12 at 10AM (lunch at noon). We talked a little about the Wings & Wheels Fly In August 14 in Zanesville. There is also a Urbana Fly In July 4. The 2021 CORSA International Convention at San Diego has been canceled due to COVID. Joe indicated Marion's Pizza is open now but not the party room. Joe will call the Dayton Dragons about group tickets. We do want to have the 'Vair Affair at Gary's & Shawn's Barn in September. Joe needs to send a tentative calendar of activities to Kevin.

Old Business: We think Loretta Petty is the administrator for our Facebook but we need to verify this. Wes said he can help with the Facebook activities.

New Business: Kevin informed us he needs to get the May newsletter out early. Kevin also has a billing for Adobe to turn in for reimbursement.

50/50: Paul won \$7 and donated it to the Club for pizza. Total of \$14 for the Club.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn and we did about 7:45PM



FROM THE E-MAIL BOX

Kevin,
You can remove me from your list. I sold my Corvair.
Thanks.
Greg Pennington



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 newsletter article was written by Paul Duchene March 26, 2018 for Hagerty.com. Hagerty exists for people who love cars. From insurance for your classic car, truck, motorcycle, or tractor to valuation tools, rentals and resources,

WHY ISN'T THE 1960-69 CHEVROLET CORVAIR WORTH MORE?

The article indicates the Corvair was designed to combat the Volkswagen Beetle and, on your point of view, was either one of the most creative or most foolhardy steps in the history of the U.S. auto industry. It explains how, with 1,839,439 sold over 10 years, the Corvair was hardly a failure. Today, the Corvair provides one of the least expensive opportunities into the U.S. collector car world and the best convertibles seldom surpass \$25,000. Also, Corvairs are relatively easy to fix with a reliable parts supply and are common outside the Rust Belt. So why aren't they worth more?

The article provides a short history of the Corvair, explains the role of Chief Engineer Ed Cole and lists the 500, 700, Monza, Corvan, Greenbrier, Lakewood, Rampside and Spyder models. In 1961, when Ed Cole was “kicked upstairs” to head the GM car and truck group, the Corvair lost its driving force and, despite Corvair-based concept cars like the Sebring Spyder, Monza GT, Astro 1, and John Fitch's Phoenix, resources were redirected to conventional models.



The article refers often to Larry Claypool, as a lifelong Corvair aficionado and technical editor for the national club magazine for 25 years., and lists several factors

Larry felt impacted the Corvair's acceptance. Larry was quoted as saying “It's still a niche vehicle, not a mainstream Chevy. There were lots of them, but it's unconventional, with an air-cooled rear engine and limited performance potential. Even turbocharged, the hottest stock Corvair performed like a base V-8 of the day.” Larry also noted that once Ed Cole was gone, the Corvair was an orphan. “Most dealers might have one junior mechanic who worked on them. If he was off, they'd tell you to schedule an appointment later. As an economy car, many were not well-maintained.” Larry also noted that “spares were common through the 1980s, even at dealers, but body parts have dried up. Doors, trunks and hoods can be found, but everything else is welded together, making replacement pretty expensive. While mechanical parts are available, a Corvair owner needs to know “the guy” nearby who can work on his/her car—or be handy themselves. There are a lot of hands-on owners, but probably only a dozen Corvair specialists in the country. With prices low there's little incentive to specialize. In most places it's easier to get a Ferrari correctly repaired.”

The article refers to Larry's expertise and opinion often as it indicates, partly due to low values, numerous barn finds survive and are easy to revive in rust-free zones. Running coupes and sedans can be found under \$1,500, but don't expect any investment appreciation. Convertibles can be found for \$12,000-\$15,000, but rusty projects may be uneconomical to fix. Larry thinks the 1965-66 Corsa coupe and convertible have the brightest future, with only 27,621 hardtops and 11,495 convertibles built.

In conclusion, the article quotes Larry again saying “A lot of major collectors now have a Corvair, and in the last five years people have been looking for these. You're much better off paying \$25,000 for a good, fully sorted one, than buying a project for \$2,000 and putting \$50,000 into it.” See the link below for the full article.

Credits: <https://www.hagerty.com/media/car-profiles/why-isnt-the-chevrolet-corvair-worth-more/>

1964 CHEVROLET CORVAIR MONZA CONVERTIBLE FOR SALE

Automatic power glide transmission, excellent body and paint. Nice white top with new top boot. Wire wheel spinner hub caps. New steering gearbox, new wheel cylinders and brakes. Newer tires. Runs great, would drive anywhere. The car has been in my family for 25 years. My father passed 3 years ago, and I just don't drive it enough. I want a Corvair enthusiast to enjoy this car. 72,500 original miles \$9800.00
 Randy Kuntz / 937-307-1918 / Rkuntz135@yahoo.com / Wilmington, OH



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

4/24/21	D&D Restoration Tour - 10AM in Covington, OH
4/24/21	April club meeting and lunch at Buffalo Jack's in Covington (after D&D Tour) 11:45am
5/??/21	Dayton Dragons Game - 26 tickets if we reserve a party room
5/25/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
6/12/21	Mid-Ohio Meet - See flyer in this issue and interactive map on DCC website
6/22/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
7/27/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:00 or 6:30pm - Marion's Piazza on Dixie Hwy
8/14/21	Wings and Wheels - Info to come soon
8/??/21	Event TBD
9/??/21	Vair Affair, Tech Session at Shawn & Gary Funkhouser Barn (Club Meeting?)
9/28/21	Maybe Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
10/??/21	Event TBD
10/26/21	Club meeting at Marion's Piazza - Tuesday at 6:00 or 6:30pm - N Dixie Drive
11/??/21	Event TBD
11/23/21	Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center
12/11/21	Club Christmas Dinner and Meeting - Saturday at 4:30pm - Location TBD

FOR SALE

I have for sale some sheet metal that I don't need any more. It is a floor pan from a 1967 coupe. I got this from Dave Motohead. Mojave desert metal, no rust. Both pieces \$300.00 Floor pan only is \$250.00.
 Duane Baker - bakerdoh@gmail.com - Urbana, OH



FOR SALE

1965 Corvair 140 HP heads, complete, in good condition, \$250; CORSA dash, complete, in good condition \$75.
 Jim Stukenborg 937-429-2291, leave message.
 Beavercreek, OH



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.

HEADLIGHT BULBS

A poster ("66 vairman") on Corvair Center reviewed a problem with today's headlight replacements. He says to take your old bulb with you and check to see if the lines in the glass front line up correctly. Per his instruction go counter clockwise on the front of the bulb to the first aiming protrusion. On the rear of the bulb is a resting pad that should line up with the front protrusion. If the front protrusion and the rear pad do not line up the front lens lines will not be verticle and perpendicular to the other headlights. Seems to be one of the common problems with today's foreign made parts.

FC DOOR HOLDER

In an answer to a poster's question on Corvair Center, Phil Daly responded that the Corvair FC door holder is the same part that is used on Chevy and GMC trucks from 1960 to 1966. This part is available from LMC truck.

Go to www.lmc.com. Then go to select vehicle, click shop parts, click door components, look for picture of the door parts with the holder and hinges. The holder is component # 5.





CORVAIR SAILBOAT

We have had Corvaair powered boats, a Corvaair amphibian Loadside and an Ultravan houseboat so how about a Corvaair sailboat? It looks like a little work may be needed to make it sea worthy or a really good bilge pump.

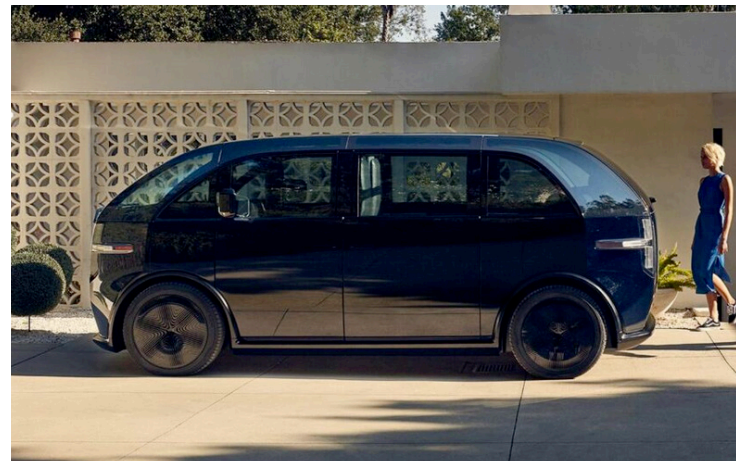
MONZA JUNIOR ROCKET GO KART

This just turned up in a classified ad on *Barn Finds* website. Anyone with 40 grand could own this pocket rocket. It's a 60's era Monza Jr. go-kart built into a rocket powered dragster. Keep in mind it runs on peroxide used to power missiles. From the starting line at a drag strip, just aim and shoot and you will likely finish with a Darwin Award.



NEXT GENERATION RAMPSIDE?

Last month we gave you a test showing two trucks asking you which one is a fake. If you picked both, you might have been half right. So your co-editor had to cheat by looking online making sure one is real. Sure enough the real one here is the Canoo. It resembles a Rampside don't you think? It is an all electric vehicle built on a low profile skateboard chassis. The company had already revealed an EV passenger van and larger delivery van. It is the most versatile truck since the Rampside except the bedside folds down into a work bench or table, not as a ramp. If you don't believe it there are several videos on YouTubes. Even Jay Leno drove one around and interviewed the company who designed them.



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

Apr 17 thru Sep 25 **Saturday Night Kettering Cruise-In.** 5pm to dark. Dorothy Lane and Woodman Drive.

Now thru Oct 29 **Rip Rap Roadhouse Cruise-In.** Every Friday Night. 6024 Rip Rap Rd. 5pm to dark.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!! We're havin' a pic-a-nic



2021 MID OHIO MEET

Hosted by the Mid Ohio Vair Force Corvair Club

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM WITH LUNCH AT NOON

LOCATION: Lakeview Picnic Shelter at Clarence Brown Reservoir, Army Corp of Engineers Area next to Buck Creek State Park. (Near Springfield, Ohio)

LOOK FOR CORVAIR SIGNS AT PARK AREA! **LOST: CONTACT CRAIG SCOTT AT 740-602-2694 for more info or help.**

Registration is \$10 per family

Includes: Car Display with People's Choice and dash plaque

50/50 Drawing

Raffle for prizes

Trophies awarded to People's Choice winners

Lunch is Dogs and Brats and Bottled Water. Please bring a covered dish to share with group and your own table setting.

Other activities include valve cover track and fishing!

Stay as long as you wish, maybe drown a worm in the lake, we have the shelter all day long!



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.

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



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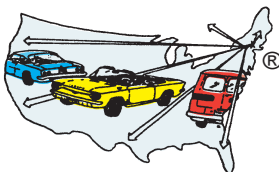
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