



DAYTON Corvair



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JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at the Vandalia Justice Center, our regular place. The date is Tuesday June 22. The time is our usual 6:30 PM. If you are not the first one there the west side door should be open. If not, come in through the lobby. Remember this is a five Tuesday month. No one will be there on the 29th. Directions to the Justice Center are on the last page.

JULY ACTIVITY

The club activity for July is a Dayton Dragons game on Tuesday July 13. The club ordered a total of 24 tickets for the game. There are only 5 not spoken for. Tickets are \$11 a piece and include a ball cap, but no concession coupon this year. If interested call Jenny Dranschak 937-898-6689. Game starts at 7:05 PM.

DCC FACEBOOK EXPLAINED

Interest displayed on our new DCC Facebook has seen increased activities lately. Thanks to Shawn Funkhouser for starting one and keeping it up to date. Shawn believed having an active Facebook will increase awareness and attract more members to the club. The older Facebook account was lacking and could not be managed when we couldn't locate a password. It also could not be taken

down and it has created confusions when joining.

If you searched for us on Facebook you might find our older version looking like this in this picture on the right. This is the one to ignore.



The other newer version Facebook page (www.facebook.com/daytoncorvairclub.ohio) is actually a private Facebook "Group" and is administered by Shawn. This is the one to join.

To join, just click on LIKE and Shawn will approve you.



Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile - www.corvair.org.

To join visit www.daytoncorvairclub.wix.com/daytoncorvairclub and select "Join".



MAY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 05/25/2021 Club Pizza Meeting, 6:30 PM.

Location: Marion's Piazza, 3443 N. Dixie Dr., Dayton, Ohio.

Attendees: A return to Marion's was a fun night. They let us use the Party Room and we had a good attendance getting out after COVID - Jennie & Joe Dranschak, Glenda & Mike Bayman, Colin Bayman, Darcy & Duane Baker, Kevin Clark, Paul Huelskamp, Mary Ann Morris, Verle McGillivray, Jim Schmidt, Lois & Don Bigler, Gary Funkhouser and Shawn Funkhouser. We turned in our pizza order and people were busy talking so we just waited for the pizza and ate. Club President Shawn Funkhouser called the meeting to order after we ate.

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

Secretary: Joe Dranschak had a little ink problem with his printer so he did not have the latest minutes copy posted in the latest Newsletter. However, Joe motioned that the Newsletter minutes be approved with a second by Verle and approved.

Treasurer: Jennie Dranschak reported a beginning balance of \$2,190.97. We had income of \$10 from the 50/50 and a \$5 donation from Daryl Smith for half of his 50/50 winnings and \$40 from sale of 2 hats for a total income of \$55. Our expenses were \$50 donation to Fisher House Foundation for our D&D Classic tour, \$35 for CORSA dues and \$257 to Kevin Clark for newsletter app support for total expenses of \$342.88. This left a balance on May 25, 2021 of \$1,903.09, A motion by Shawn, seconded by Jim Schmidt and approved.

Membership: Paul Huelskamp did receive the latest dues information from Jennie.

Newsletter: Jim Stukenborg had no new information for the newsletter.

Activities: Don & Lois Bigler introduced themselves and shared information about their Corvair. Kevin Clark reviewed some of the scheduled activities especially the Mid Ohio Meet planned for June 12. We also talked a little about the Wings & Wheels Fly In at Zanesville on August 14. We also talked about the Dayton Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, September 19, 10:30am-4PM, with each admission including full access to all of the buildings and exhibits of Carillon Historical Park, as well as a souvenir event program. Cost is \$25 for adults (\$20 if purchased in advance), \$10 for children ages 3-17,

and FREE to Dayton History members and children under 3. Kevin noted that he only has 6 of the new Club hats left.

Old Business: We talked a little more about our Facebook accounts and it seems we have an individual account (www.facebook.com/public/Dayton-Corvair-Club-Ohio) and a group account.(www.facebook.com/daytoncorvairclub.ohio). We still need to explain this better for our members and Facebook visitors.

New Business: Joe provided more information about a Dayton Dragons game event. We are allowed to purchase group seating now and the tickets have been reduced to \$11 for a weeknight game. We are planning on getting at least 20 tickets for the Tuesday, July 13 game and we will be sending an email to all members about this so we can get a better idea of the number of tickets we need. We had a motion by Lois, seconded by Gary and approved to authorize Jennie to spend up to \$300 on tickets for the game. Gary and Shawn are planning on putting on a Performance Workshop in 2022 with more information to come.

50/50 Drawing: Verle won the 50/50 of \$9 and donated his winnings to the Club for more pizza. The total amount was \$18.

Closing: With a motion by Shawn and approved we adjourned about 8 PM.



FROM THE EMAIL BOX

Hi Kevin, Thanks for the wonderful newsletter.

We went to the Cruise-In at D&D—No Corvairs!!

They always have a great collection of cars and airplanes under restoration.

Mark Kennison, their chief panel former can make anything out of metal.

The Lockheed Altair was Lockheed's first all metal plane. This recreation will be fabulous when finished—most of the original ones were wood—plywood formed in a concrete mold one half at a time.

We were told most were lost in the Spanish Civil War—they made good bombers!!!

See you at Marion's.

Don Bigler

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 from the website <https://bensbus.weebly.com> where you can find out much more than what is in this condensed article. This is part two of our article from our previous Newsletter.

CORVAIR FORWARD CONTROL FACTS

The Chevrolet Motor Company built and marketed the Corvair Forward Control line of trucks and vans between 1961 and 1965. The Corvair 95 line consisted of two vans, the nine passenger people-moving Greenbrier and the windowless Corvan for cargo, and two pickup trucks, one with a side loading ramp called a Rampside and one without a ramp called a Loadside. Features such as a rear engine and low load floor made the Corvair FC trucks unique to all other light delivery and work trucks built during the 1960s. Unfortunately, it was this uniqueness that turned many people away from them in search of a more conventional van or pickup truck.

GREENBRIER (Model R-1206) These windowed vans were produced from 1961-1965 outlasting all other models of Chevrolet's Forward Control light duty truck offerings. Greenbriers could be ordered with standard interior and body trim or with a "Deluxe" package which included such things as a sun visor for the passenger, chrome bumpers, hubcaps, and windshield trim, windshield washing equipment, padded interior panels, and special reflector panels situated beside the taillight housings. Deluxe features for Greenbriers and the other FCs have become highly sought after and seldom well reproduced. If buying a Deluxe Greenbrier, you should be sure that the truck is as complete as possible as replacing missing deluxe accessories may be difficult and expensive. Optional extras included driver side intermediate cargo doors (designating a Greenbrier so equipped as an "Eight Door"), a third bench seat, making it a nine passenger model, as well as several offerings from the dealer to fully or partially equip the van as a camper able to serve a family of four for weekends or long vacations. Window screens were included with the camper kits and were used in conjunction with one of the Greenbrier's most ingenious features, four roll down rear windows in addition to the two front door windows that offered full ventilation on a hot day.

CORVAN (Model R-1205) These vans were basically Greenbriers without side windows and were produced from 1961-1964. Almost always bought in standard trim, Corvans had few frills unless requested by the customer. In fact, from the factory, these vans had only a driver's side sun visor and a single seat for the driver. An optional passenger "bucket" seat was available at extra cost as was a full width bench seat. As most customers opted for the bench seat, Corvan split bench (bucket) seats are rare nowadays. Almost all of the deluxe trim options available for the Greenbrier were also available for the Corvan. At one point in the Corvan's production, even the glove-box door and the rear cargo door windows were deleted to save costs. These rear windows became an optional accessory.

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HISTORY HAPPENS...continued

RAMPSIDE (Model R-1254) Among the most unique vehicles ever to hit the American Roadways, Rampside pickup trucks were produced from 1961-1964. Offered as a light duty truck with a ¾ ton payload, these trucks were built to work. The passenger side of the bed lowered to the ground to provide a ramp for easy loading of bulky or heavy items such as refrigerators, washers and dryers, and lawn mowers. A rubber strip was positioned on the top of the ramp to keep it from becoming damaged by the surface it was lowered upon. Used hard by businesses and individuals, very few nice unrestored examples exist today. A level load floor option was available from the dealer to take away the “stepped” bed necessitated by the rear engine location, but it almost completely negated the ramp idea when in use. Ramp sides also included a tailgate for rear loading.

LOADSIDE (Model R-1244) Considered by some Corvair enthusiasts as the most useless of the Forward Control truck line, the Loadside pickup truck was only produced from 1961-1962. It was similar to the Rampside in all aspects except for the lack of a side ramp. This made loading items into the deep bed of the pickup truck nearly impossible. The addition of a level load floor option made the truck easier to use, however it made about a third of the total loadable space completely unusable. This light duty Forward Control never caught the consumer’s attention. Only 369 Load sides were produced in 1962 making it the rarest Corvair produced in America.

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MID-OHIO MEET IN OUR REAR VIEW MIRROR

Our club activity for June was the Mid Ohio Meet of the Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati Corvair clubs. This year the Columbus club had the responsibility for running the event. The meet took place at the C.J. Brown reservoir Corp of Engineers Lakeside Shelter on the west side of the lake. Weather was dry and pleasant in the shade.

The Dayton club took the honors for most car reservations with 11 with Columbus coming in second with 9 and Cincinnati with 5. Sid Roth helped Dayton's number with his sister and son each driving a Corvair. Sid drove his deceased father's maroon/beige '64 Corvair coupe that our older members are familiar with. We haven't seen Sid at a meeting for a while. He is still driving his own semi tractor pulling a trucking company's trailer. He is approaching 2 millions miles on his truck. Will he retire when he hits that milestone? It has had one engine rebuild and some suspension parts replaced. He said he gets paid extra if he has to drive into New York City because of the hassle like having to back a tractor/trailer a half mile after getting into a situation where he could not turn down a side street or turn around.

Other club members attending included: Shawn Funkhouser and Susan Galloway, Gary Funkhouser, Joe and Jenny Dranschak, Greg and Allison Hanlin, Kevin Clark, Jim Schmidt, Duane and Darcy Baker, Jack Milliff and Jim Stukenborg. ...continued on next page



2021 MID-OHIO MEET WINNERS

The 2021 Mid-Ohio Meet winners from left to right are: Jeff Sandor (CCC) Late Closed, Tim Finnegan (Vair Force) Early Open, Ralph Gubser (CCC) Early Closed, Kevin Clark (DCC) Forward Control and Spence Duffy (CCC) Late Open.



MID-OHIO MEET...continued

The Columbus had a nicely organized event with some really great door prizes. As always, food was abundant. The 50/50 drawing paid \$75 to the lucky ticket holder. Kevin Clark had the ticket for best door prize, a really nice 3 drawer tool box filled with tools. I think that was contributed by Jeg's performance auto parts.

Kevin Clark not only won the top door prize, his van was voted as the top FC. The Cincinnati club took home three of the 5 awards. Greg Hanlin brought his late model Corsa convertible that he has been working on for some time. Greg has installed A/C on the car with a nice looking light weight aluminum compressor. He has a little more work to finish the installation. Jim Stukenborg's Crampy did some bad running spurts on the way there but did not miss a beat on the way home.

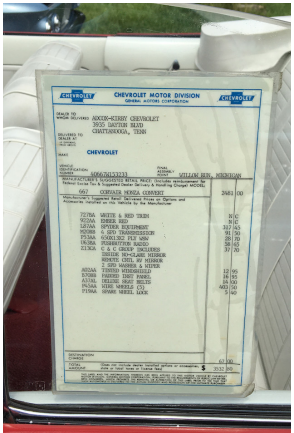
We were surprised when there were about 20 late model high performance Mopars, mostly Dodge Challengers and Chargers, came cruising through our parking area. They ended up parking on the other side of our parking spaces and set up dining flies in the grass close to their cars. With a tree line between us we really did no know they were there. Don't know if they were hoping no one had reserved the shelter where we were holding our event.

With the lake visible from our shelter we could see boats on the lake. At least one of those was a fast inboard boat that had to be running more than one engine. One could hear the roar of the engines from our location.



MID-OHIO MEET ON FACEBOOK

Once after you have been accepted to join DCC Facebook, a private group, you should see up to the minute messages and photos. Currently there are over 50 great photos from the Mid-Ohio Meet submitted by Duane Baker and Susan Lasenby Galloway. Go here and check them out, they really make the meet more exciting; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/145041542219218>



CORVAIR MINI CONVENTION - ART

Last month Kevin and Susan attended the mini convention in Springfield, IL and they have a lot to tell. With time and space short, this will be part one in a series. This month's topic may as well be about Art. While they were dining at Motorhead Bar and Grill on Rt. 66, Kevin was shocked to see a back end of a late model Corvair above the doorway leading to the restroom. You might think this wall art could have been a '65 140 Corsa but the rear deck emblem is square so it probably was a 110. It would be cool to have heat or cool air coming out of those rear grills.

In the vending area you'll find a full size Corvair cut-away. This rolling art literally is cut in half to showcase the engine compartment and interior. Even part of the engine, head, air filter, carburetor and muffler were cut-away showing its innards.



Finally meet Riavroc the dog. How many Corvair parts can you identify from this pet? Hopefully next month Kevin can continue this series when there is space and time.



| CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES | |
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| 6/22/21 | Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center |
| 7/13/21 | Dayton Dragons Baseball Game - 7:05pm - DayAir Park in Dayton |
| 7/27/21 | Club monthly meeting - Tuesday at 6:30pm - Vandalia Justice Center |
| 8/14/21 | Wings and Wheels at Parr Airport (42i) - 1200 Fairview Rd Zanesville 43701 - (740) 683-7498 for info |
| 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 |

| LET'S GO CRUISE-IN' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES | |
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| Now 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. |
| Now thru Sep 24 | Beavercreek Friday Night Cruise. Every Friday 4-8pm Vineyard Church 4051 Indian Ripple Dr. |
| Now thru Sep 27 | Monday Night Cruise-In. Every Monday 5-9pm New Carlisle Rt 235 (National Bank) |
| Now thru Oct 9 | Cars and Coffee. Every Saturday 9-Noon COhatch South Fountain Ave. Springfield |

TWO CLUB CAPS AVAILABLE

There are two club caps remaining to be sold. They are \$20 each and get yours before they are gone. See Kevin at any club meeting or email him at daytoncorvairclub@gmail.com.



FOR SALE

1965 Corvair 140 HP heads, complete, in good condition, \$250; CORSA dash, complete, in good condition \$75.

Also have an early model red convertible tonneau cover that has been in the attic for a long time. May or may not be usable as sections of it are a little stiff. It is free for the asking.

Also, I have friend who is looking for a late model convertible to buy. Jim Stukenborg 937-429-2291, leave message. We screen calls. If we are there we will pick up.

Kevin,

I sold my car, no longer own a Corvair. Thx for running the ad the last few months.

Randy



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



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.

CARBURETOR ACCELERATOR PUMP TIP

Poster Dave Motohead on Corvair Center uses the cap from a ball point pen to aid in sliding the accelerator pump cup into place with out damage to the new part.



DOOR KNOB LOCK GROMMET

The grommets around the door lock knob get brittle and crack after 50 plus years. Replacing them requires care as they are fragile. There is a little nit on the grommet and this should be lined up with a small notch in the door sheet metal so they don't rotate. One can also soak the grommet in hot water to soften it a little and can also use a little WD-40 to lube it. They are available from Clark's. Check door parts. Clark's suggests if you need two, buy three, because they are fragile and you are probably going to break one. This was another post on Corvair Center.



CHAMPAIGN CRUISERS 23RD FIRECRACKER CAR, TRUCK AND BIKE SHOW

July 04, 2021 7am - 4pm

Huge charity car show, lots of trophies, 50/50 drawing, dash plaques, driver's pot, door prizes. Food available. NSRA Safety inspection available.

Skelley Lumber field, 1300 N. Main St., Urbana, Ohio.

Gate opens at 7am.
Registration closes
at 1:30pm.

70+ Awards
presented at 3pm.
Must be present
to receive trophy.

650 vehicles
registered for 2019.

Please wear mask at
registration table.

Spectators free.
\$10 registration



To Register call John Leffel at 937-925-6212 or
Walt Wolfkill at 937-284-3928



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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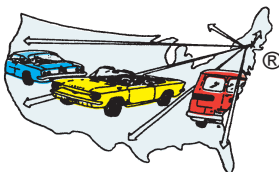
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