



DAYTON Corvair



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CHRONICLE

MAY 2019

MAY MEETING

The May meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at our normal place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday May 28 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.

JUNE ACTIVITY - MID OHIO MEET

Our June activity is the tri-club Mid Ohio Meet hosted by the Cincinnati club this year. The event takes place on Saturday June 8 from 10AM to 3 PM. Lunch will be held around noon. The hosting club furnishes the meat, buns, and condiments. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. There will be a registration fee of \$5 for an individual or \$10 per family. As last year, it will be held at Buck Creek State park near Springfield, Ohio.

The location of the Meet is actually at the C.J. Brown Reservoir and Dam Site. This area is a little west of the Buck Creek State Park area. The address is 2630 Croft Rd. We will be at the Meadow View camp site.

To get there from Dayton and south take I-70 east to Rt 72 at Springfield and head north. Turn right on Leffel Ln (about the first Street). Follow Leffel Ln. It will turn into Bird Rd. Follow Bird Rd. until you get near to Buck Creek State Park. Turn left on Robert Eastman Rd. (It is easy to miss this turn and end up at Buck Creek State Park). Turn right on Croft Rd. Look for the C.J. Brown reservoir sign. Turn right on Overlook Dr. just past the sign. Continue down Overlook and take the left fork at the Visitor Center sign. Follow it to the Meadow View camp site.

From the east take exit 59 on I-70 and head north on

Rt-41. Turn right at Bird Rd. and follow the directions above from Bird Rd. to the campsite. If you like to drive on I-70 you could follow these directions from Dayton and the south. A little longer, but maybe a little faster. A map on page 8 and on our website will show this route. From our website just click on the picture of the map on our home page and it should pop up on your desktop or mobile device. You already should know the website is: www.daytoncorvairclub.wix.com/daytoncorvairclub.

From the west if you don't want to drive on the interstate you could also take Rt-40 all the way from Vandalia through Springfield and go left at Bird Rd. on the east side of Springfield. It would be little slower but maybe more fun.

This will be the 30th year for this annual event. Has anyone attended all of them? How about the first?

DOUBLE HEADER DRAGONS GAME



Club members got to enjoy a chilly evening watching a double header Dragons baseball game May 21 at Fifth Third Field. The first game started in the second inning as a continuation from an earlier game that was rained out April 14. The Dragons lost 8-1 to the Lake County

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APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 4/27/2019, Club meeting, Noon

Location: Buffalo Jacks, 137 S. High St., Covington, Ohio 45318

Attendees: We had about 15 members and guests attend this lunch meeting. We had a few who attended the D&D Classic Tour that could not stay for lunch and we had a few come for lunch that did not attend the tour.

As usual, the D&D Classic tour was very enjoyable, interesting and educational. Our friend and tour guide Mike Ison was full of interesting facts and stories and everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate the extended tour of the various buildings. We started close to 10:05AM and finished about 11:55AM. We told the staff at Buffalo Jacks we would be over about 11:45am, so Joe left the tour just a few minutes early to save our reservation. We approved a motion at the March Club meeting to make a \$50 donation to D&D so we did that at the end of the tour. When we arrived at the restaurant, we placed our food orders then President Verle McGillivray called the meeting to order, while we waited for the food to be prepared. Verle asked everyone to introduce ourselves for the several guests that joined us for lunch.

Secretary Report: Joe reviewed a few of the items in the minutes then asked that the minutes be accepted as posted in the April Newsletter. Verle asked if anyone had any changes then asked for a general approval, which was voiced with no disapprovals.

Treasurer Report: Jennie was not able to attend but Joe had copies of the report for the officers and Joe read the prepared report. The March 26, 2019 balance was \$2,147.73. We had income of \$90 for 6 Dayton Dragon tickets, \$30 for dues from Dennis Kugler and David Smith and \$14.50 as a 50/50 donation from Shawn Funkhouser for a total income of \$134.50. Our only expense was \$50 as a donation to D&D Classic, which left a balance on April 27, 2019 of \$2,232.23. With no changes, a motion made by Jim to accept the report, seconded by Kevin Clark and approved.

Newsletter Report: There was one correction in the Newsletter, as we somehow spelled Aggie's name wrong.

Membership Report: Joe had tickets for the Dayton Dragons May 21 game and gave 2 to Randy Kuntz, 1 to Kevin Clark and 1 to Jim. We still have tickets left and Kevin Clark will send an email to the members about this.



Activities Report: Kevin Clark informed us the Cincinnati Corvair Club will host the Mid Ohio Meet on June 8th and we will have information in the May newsletter. The Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio is June 21-23 at Lexington, OH. The Sportscar Vintage Racing Association is holding its annual Vintage Grand Prix races at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course this year. There will be several races throughout the weekend of June 20 – 23 including a Corvair-only sprint race.

Other Business: Kevin Clark did purchase a new app for his computer to assist with the newsletter design work and he will submit a bill for reimbursement.

50/50: Kevin Clark won \$8 and we adjourned about 2PM.

CLARK'S ANNOUNCES NEW CATALOGS

Those who are on the mailing list with Clark's Corvair Parts usually receive updates when new reproduction parts are made. Clark's now have new catalogs for 2019-2025. This series is available for free when you order parts or you can just order them outright for \$8. They also announced upcoming improvements to their website. If you have never visited their website they have the easiest name to remember and it is www.corvair.com.

ULTRAVAN RALLY IN GREENVILLE

Members of UltraVan Motor Coach Club will gather for a Spring into Summer Eastern Rally in Greenville, Ohio. If you have never heard of Corvair powered UltraVans and are curious to see them up close, they will be at the Darke County Fairgrounds from June 3 thru 8. They are unique all aluminum RVs. They look small on the outside but big on the inside. You can visit them any day of the week toward the evening as they will have tours during the day visiting places. If you see their smoke from their campfire, they must be home. You can visit their website to learn more about them at www.ultravan.club. Key in 800 Schweitzer Steet, Greenville, OH 45331 in your map app and go find them.



CORVAIRS AT MID OHIO VINTAGE RACES JUNE 21 - 23

On Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23, Corvairs will take center stage at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. Drive your Corvair and you will have a chance to park in a reserved corral for all to admire and parade your Corvair on the sports car track during lunch break on both days. Gary and son Shawn Funkhouser, members Kevin Clark and Paul Huelskamp will be there. So far 13+ Corvair race cars will be competing together on the track. There are camping grounds and hotels but you better hurry making your reservations. Plan on coming on either one or both days. This is sure to be a big day for Corvairs. Below are two links to visit and make plans.

<https://svra.com/events/2019-vintage-grand-prix-of-mid-ohio/>

<http://midohio.com/info/event-schedules/column-1/vintage-grand-prix-of-mid-ohio-svra-schedule>

According to the SVRA website Corvairs will get to parade on the track during lunch on Saturday between 11:45 AM and 12:45 PM and on Sunday 12:05 to 1:05

PM. The Corvair Reunion feature race will be held on Sunday starting at 1:05 PM, right after lunch.

The prices for spectator general admission is \$40 for the weekend or \$30 advance or \$35 at the gate for Saturday and \$30 advance or \$35 at the gate on Sunday. There was no info about the Corvairs getting any special price. We are supposed to have a special parking place though.

The race course is located at 7721 Steam Corners Rd. (County Road 37) Lexington, Ohio. On the state of Ohio map it says the track is on State route 314. Lexington is north of Columbus west of I-71. There are signs on I-71 directing one to the race course. Don't let that sign on I-71 fool you. It tells you to head east when you know the track is west of I-71. It is just taking you to RT-314 where you will take a left that heads north back under I-71 to the track. For more info and directions just Google Mid Ohio Vintage Sports Car race.

If you do not want to drive on the interstate one can take RT-42 all the way to Rt-314 at Johnsville. Turn left on Rt-314 and the track is not far down the road. This will be a slow way so allow 3 hours or so from Dayton.

DOUBLE HEADER DRAGONS GAME ...continued

Captains.

At the beginning of the second game many members had left the ballpark. Die hard Dragons fan Aggie and Bernice had decided to leave at the top of the second inning, enough to count a full 9 innings of game watching. Paul and Kevin decided to watch the Dragons play one more time in the bottom of second inning before leaving in which a Dragons player hit a three run home run leaving the game at 3-0. The Dragons went on to win the game 7-3.





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 museum that is not too historical but has some very interesting information about the Corvair Wagon.

The Lane Motor Museum is located at 702 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN, 37210 and was established by Jeff Lane in 2002. Jeff was an automotive enthusiast since an early age and began restoring his first car—a 1955 MG TF—when he was a teen. The Museum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to collect, preserve, document and interpret an eclectic and technically interesting collection of cars and other transportation-related objects for the purposes of educating the public about the history of transportation.

Lane Motor Museum is a working museum with the goal of maintaining all vehicles in running order. Some cars are in showroom condition, while others represent typical aging. Efforts are made to restore each vehicle to near-original specifications. The museum occupies the former Sunbeam Bakery facility, which opened the 132,000 square-foot facility in 1951 and was the largest and most modern bakery in the area at that time. The architectural style of the facility complements the age of the cars represented and the main floor has approximately 40,000 square feet of open space for the collection.

As Corvair sales took off in the early 1960's, several variants were produced and Corvair quickly became a brand-within-a-brand. By 1962, you could buy a Corvair coupe, sedan, convertible, pickup truck, van or station wagon. Outside of GM, the aftermarket was filled with Corvair-powered motor homes, dune-buggies and racing accessories.

The link below will take you to a 1962 Corvair station wagon variation that was offered for less than two years and then dropped to avoid hurting sales of the Chevrolet Nova wagon. In that time, 33,361 Corvair wagons were built in 500, 700 and Monza trim levels. The specifications included: Manufacturer: Chevrolet, Drivetrain Configuration: Rear-engine, rear-wheel drive, Engine: Air-cooled, flat-six, 84bhp, Transmission: 2-speed automatic, Top Speed: 90mph, Years of Production: 1961-1962 (wagon only), Number Produced: 3,716, Original Cost: \$2,400

Credits: www.lanemotormuseum.org/collection/cars/item/chevrolet-corvair-wagon-1962

LET'S GO CRUISE-IN' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event Description. Includes events like Friday Night Kettering Cruise-In, Cars and Parts Car Show and Swap Meet, Friday Night Cruise-In at Lofino's, Friday Night Cruise-In at Rip Rap Roadhouse, 35th Franklin Ohio Downtown Saturday Night Car Show, 13th annual Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park, 32nd Annual Cruise into Summer Car Show, 4th Annual Old Rides for a Cause Cruise-In, and Cruise-In at St. Leonard Franciscan Living Community.

D & D TOUR



Another interesting tour of D & D Restorations in Covington. We had three Corvairs in a caravan from the Meijer store at Englewood to D & D. Two FC's and an early convertible. Steve showed up from a different route in his late coupe.

Our familiar tour guide, Mike Ison, was there meet us. Mike is still his humorous self. He gave us a little background on D & D. It started in 1985 in a two car garage by Dale and Dave. They won Best of Class with their restoration at the prestigious Pebble Beach show and it all took off from that point. They now have 35,000 sq ft of working space.

One interesting statistic is the number of cars that they get for restoration that were started by someone else. It used to be 10-15%. Now it is more like 50%.

In addition to the cars and engines we saw a wire loom machine that can duplicate the braided electrical wire covering used on older cars. It was made by the New England Butt Co. of Providence, Rhode Island.



Wire loom machine made by New England Butt Co.

The following is a list of the cars that we viewed:



1941 Packard Darren

- 1936 Holden (actually a 6 cylinder Chevy, crated, shipped, and assembled in Australia).
- 1959 OSCA that we saw last year.
- 1954 Chevy pickup street rod with late V-8 engine.
- 1933 Ford coupe frame.
- Another Chevy pickup.
- 1926 Studebaker Big Six roadster.
- 1931 Pierce Arrow that had a bad restorations.
- 1969 Mercedes Benz 280 SL convertible.
- 1964 Pontiac tri- carb engine.
- 1918 Dodge Phaeton.
- 1941 Packard Darren bodied convertible (\$500-750 K when finished).

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D & D TOUR ...continued

- 1938 Lea Francis roadster, first one after the company re-organized. Was raced when new.
- 1940 Lincoln Continental convertible, original belonged to Mickey Rooney. Interestingly, this car has the body directly welded to the frame.
- 1938 Styre SS made in Austria, 6 made, 2 left, 1 in the US, We have seen this one many times.
- 1968 matching numbers Corvette convertible.
- 1937 Packard Phaeton.
- 1928 Isoto Fraschini with a LeBaron body. A total of two were made. We have also seen this one many times.
- 1970 Iso Fidra. We saw it after it was baked for 3-4 hours at 900 deg F to remove all bondo. This is the same operation that takes place in a self clean oven.
- 1970 Plymouth Baracuda.
- 1930's Auburn 12 cylinder boat tail.
- 1952 Dodge pickup street rod.



1940 Lincoln Continental once belonged to Mickey Rooney



- 1969 Chevy pickup.
- 1940 Lincoln convertible.
- 1937 Studebaker coupe express (pickup).
- Yet another Chevy pickup hot rod.
- Lockheed aircraft engine cowling.
- 1937 Cord with front wheel drive.
- Lockheed Altair aircraft fuselage.
- 1964 GTO for the engine viewed earlier.
- 1954 Buick Skylark resto-rod with a Halibrand rear end and inboard brakes.



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1950 Ford Retro-rod





ANOTHER TRICK VEHICLE

If the thought of a Corvair being radically butchered disgusted you in the previous issue, maybe this one will ease your mind a bit. You might say why would this FORD make me feel better? It's not a Chevy and it doesn't have the motor in the rear where it belongs. Well, look closely in the photos. This all metal body '36 Ford Deluxe 5 window coupe has a trunk in the front. But it's more than that. The drivetrain is a Corvair 140 PG. It appears the front suspension is Corvair somewhat modified to fit and the gas tank is Corvair too. It even has a Spyder dash. It was listed on ebay. The seller was hoping to break even at \$25,900 and sold for \$17,600. The workmanship with the swap is pretty impressive. So the saying goes "Out with the Ford and in with a Chevy".



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.

REMOVING TAIL LIGHT AND BRAKE LIGHT BULBS

Per Al Lane and Chad Guthrie on Corvair Center push down and turn the bulb counter clockwise. If it turned enough to align the bulb pins with the axial slots in the bulb socket the bulb should just pull out. If the spring loaded contacts are frozen it will make it hard to push the bulb down far enough to move out of the notches on the socket. Spray penetrating oil on the bulb and holder and let it soak for some time, then try to turn the bulb again. Be careful pushing down on the bulb. Too much force might cause the bulb to break and do some finger cutting.

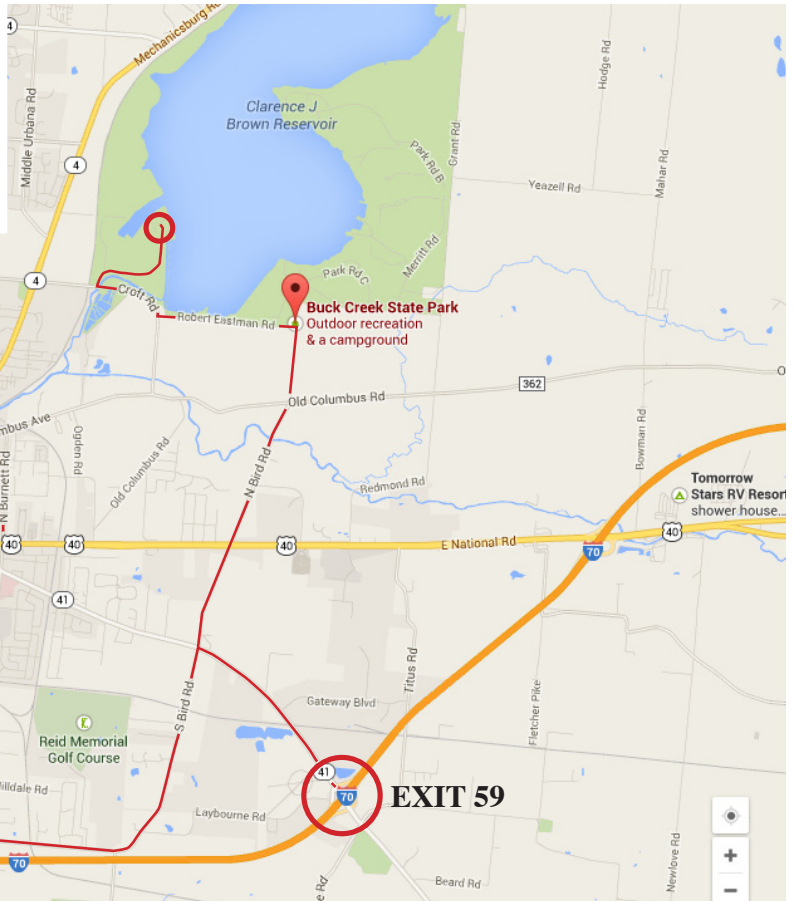
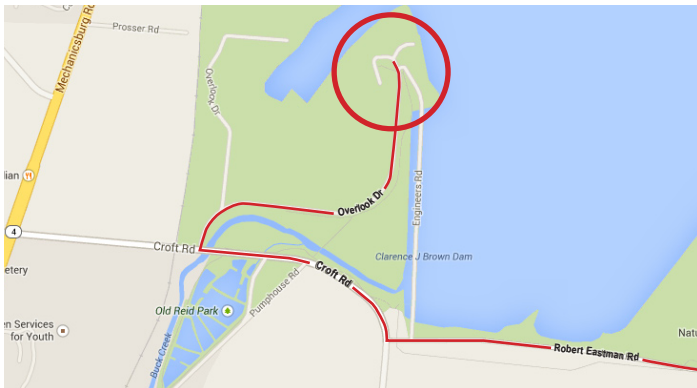
[ED note: the axial slots and bulb pins are a different depth so that the bulb contacts for tail and brake lights are correct].

SWAPPING BUCKETS SEATS IN A CORVAIR

If your late model drivers seat is bad and the passenger seat is good, a poster on Corvair Center by the moniker of "Terrible Ted" says that one can swap these two. In fact, "Ted" says one can swap the backs, swap the whole seat, swap the tracks to keep the adjusters in the correct position.

MAP TO MID-OHIO MEET

This map will lead you to the Mid Ohio Meet at Buck Creek State Park in Springfield. Before you forget the map, bookmark the map from our website on your smart phone.



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

05/28/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
06/8/19	30th Mid Ohio Meet, Cincinnati host at Buck Creek State Park
06/25/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
07/23/19	48th CORSA Convention, Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL,
07/27/19	Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts, www.ccecorvair.com
07/23/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
08/??/19	Vandalia National Night Out (8/6) or Train Ride
08/10/19	'Vair Affair with August Club meeting and celebration of our 46th anniversary
09/07/19	Gary Funkhouser Tech Session
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
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



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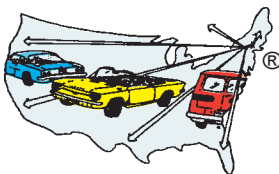


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Directions to the club meeting

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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