



DAYTON Corvair



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STEVE KIANKA

The Dayton Corvair Club would like to extend its condolences to wife Mary Ann and the Kianka family over the death of Steve on February 15th. Steve was a long time VP of the Dayton Corvair club. As many of you know, when he wasn't in Florida for the winter, Steve was an active member of the club at meetings and club activities. Steve spent 20 years as a navigator/bombardier on board B-47, B-57, and B-52 aircraft. One of the stories about his flying was practicing "toss bombing" a nuclear weapon from a B-57 while in a verticle climb so that the plane could have time to exit the area safely before the bomb went off. After he retired from the air force he spent a number of years at WPAFB as a civilian. Steve did most of the work on his Corvairs and restoring old tractors including painting. His grayish Corvair coupe had a one of a kind color. He was painting it gray when his son remarked that it looked a little blah, so Steve added some blue that he had sitting around and that gave a blue tint to the color. Hope no one has to match that color. Steve, may you rest in peace. A funeral Mass will be held for Steve on Thursday June 4th at 10:00 AM at St Peter's Catholic church in Huber Heights.



MARCH MEETING

Due to the Corona virus the March meeting of the Dayton Corvair at Marion's Piazza has been canceled. We will have no meeting in March. We will instead plan to have the pizza meeting at Marion's on the fourth Tuesday in May. There is no other activity planned for March.

APRIL ACTIVITY

Our April activity is our yearly visit to D & D Auto Restorations in Covington, Ohio. This is always an enjoyable activity. Each year we are treated to new vehicles under restoration and some that we have been following for several years, plus some old classics that D & D maintains. D & D is located on Mote Rd. on the southeast side of Covington. Mote Rd. runs in a curve from Rt-48 on the south to Rt-41 coming in from the east. Coming from the south or the east it is about the first side road you will come to entering Covington. The shop is close to Rt-41. The tour will start at 10:00 AM.

In the past we have been doing a Corvair caravan from the Meijer's store on Rt-48 just ¼ mile south of I-70 at Englewood. If there is interest we will do that again this year. We leave the Meijer's store for D & D at 9:15 AM and proceed north up Rt-48. For those who wish to go straight to D & D you can go I-75 to Rt-41 and head west on Rt-41.

The D & D tour will take about 1 and ½ hours and from there we will go to lunch at Buffalo Jack's in Covington at 11:45 AM. BJ's is in the center of Covington on the west side of Rt-48. This will also be our April meeting which will be held at the restaurant while we are waiting on our food.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY REVIEW

Our February dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse after the Dayton Auto Show was very well attended. The auto show had a nice collection of vehicles. I'm not sure how many did both events. Your co-editor's picks included sporty cars and several smaller SUV's. That Toyota Supra coupe looked very nice and fast at \$50K while the Honda Civic type R had a nice racy look at \$38K. Wow, \$38K for a Honda Civic.

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FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 2/25/2020 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

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

Attendees: Joe Dranschak, Jim Stukenborg, Kevin Clark, Wes and Penny Bogner, Jim Schmidt, Gary Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Paul Huelskamp, Aggie Moyer and Bernice Noll.

Nominating Committee: First we had a motion from the nominating committee that we nominate Shawn Funkhouser for Club President and Paul Huelskamp for Membership Chair. This followed our Bylaws, as both were included in our previous newsletter for these positions. A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Jim Stukenborg and approved.

Welcome: President Shawn Funkhouser took over for his first official meeting and welcomed all to the February monthly meeting about 6:35PM. Shawn said he knew we needed a president and he had a little more time now so he is glad to take the position.

Secretary: Jim Stukenborg offered to take minutes at the January meeting so Joe could act as president. Joe asked the minutes be accepted as posted in the February newsletter. A motion was made by Jim Stukenborg, seconded by Gary and approved.

Treasurer: Jennie is recovering from her knee surgery so Joe brought her report to the meeting. The report indicated we had a balance of \$2,412.87 on January 29, 2020 with income of \$15 from Wes Bogner, \$12 from Paul Huelskamp, \$15 from Jim Schmidt, \$15 from Shawn Funkhouser and \$15 from Jack Milliff for membership dues totaling \$72. We had no expenses leaving us a balance on February 25, 2020 of \$2,484.87. A motion by Gary, seconded by Jim Stukenborg and approved to accept the report.

Membership: Paul did not have any new information. Joe will send Paul the latest computer file membership list he has and Paul will begin maintaining the membership.

Newsletter: Jim did not have any newsletter update.

Activities: Kevin reminded us we have a Pizza meeting at Marions on Tuesday, March 24th and Joe needs to verify we have the reservation for the party room. Joe will call Marions to confirm this. We do have the date of Saturday, April 25th confirmed with D&D Classic at 10AM for a tour and reservations for Buffalo Jacks

for lunch at 11:45AM. Greg Hanlin ordered the Dayton Dragon tickets for May 19th but they had our order incorrect so that is being fixed. Once we get the tickets, Jennie can send them in the mail if members who want them don't attend the March or April Club meeting.



Old Business: Kevin did a lot of work getting information about a new hat design for the Club members to purchase hats. He had handouts showing various hat colors and design. After a lot of discussion, we settled on a blue hat with our Club logo in a red outline and white lettering. We will share this information with members at Marions in March. Jim Schmidt had some new information about the Lebanon Train Ride but they are still working on their schedule so we will continue working on this for the next meeting.

New Business: A motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Paul and approved that we ask Steve Kianka's daughter Suzanne if it is okay for us to make a \$50 donation, in Steve's name, to the CORSA Preservation Foundation. Joe will check. Kevin motioned we donate the \$50, seconded by Paul and approved. We also had a motion by Jim Stukenborg, seconded by Gary and approved for a \$50 donation to D&D Classic when we do our tour there in April. Wes and Penny Bogner shared information about their 1967 Corvair Monza convertible and we discussed work that is being done on the car.

50/50: Kevin Clark won \$4.50 but donated it to the Club for the pizza fund.



DAYTON CORVAIR CLUB CAPS

The club will be placing orders for new club caps. We will start accepting orders at the April and May meeting. It is estimated the cost is between \$15-20 depending on the number of caps we order and the final stitch count. The color of the cap is Patriot Blue and is made by Port Authority. The back has a breathable screen mesh for summer comfort and adjustable snaplock. If you can't make either meeting you can contact Kevin Clark by emailing him. His email address is on the back of the newsletter.



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 the 1955 GMC L'Universelle concept model. A Google search shows about 2,850 results to view.

The 1955 GMC L'Universelle show van was a General Motors design concept model designed under the direction of Harley Earl. The name "L'Universelle" is French and means "The Universal." It was unveiled in 1955 to highlight forward thinking in the area of delivery vehicles. The futuristic styling influenced design in the 1960s with the first compact passenger van from Chevrolet, which was built on a Corvair chassis.

In January 1955, GM debuted its 1955 L'Universelle show van at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, at the opening of the Motorama. Though not a conventional "dream car" it shared the same level of innovation as the one-offs displayed by GM's other divisions. The bronze-colored van shared many of the same Harley Earl-inspired design elements used on both production and non-production GM cars of the time.



Photo from GM Authority.com

Quite a lot of versatility was designed into the L'Universelle and it was speculated, in GMC-generated literature, that minor manufacturing changes could turn the van into a small bus, taxi, station wagon or sportsman's car.

After the 1955 Motorama stops in New York, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Boston, GM also showed GMC's L'Universelle in Chicago at the Powerama, a one-time-only outdoor event similar in concept to the Motorama. The focus of the Powerama was not automobiles, but rather the products and services of GM's non-automotive divisions. GMC was especially well represented, with their diesel trucks and of course, the GMC Dream Truck. Though attended by millions of people between August 31 and September 25, 1955, the Powerama was not moved to any other cities and was never held again.

Though half a century has passed since GMC's L'Universelle graced a Motorama turntable, it accurately predicted the dimensions, layout and packaging of the minivans that have become a staple of American life. Closer to its own era, it also influenced the design of Chevy's rear-engined Series 95 trucks, the Corvair Rampside and Loadside pickups, Greenbrier vans, and Corvans. It's really too bad that this is yet another dream machine that disappeared without a trace.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY REVIEW ...Continued

The high performance Ford Mustang looked appealing. More practical was the Toyota C-HR. This a very sculptured vehicle if one likes that sort of thing. It was disappointing to read Car and Driver's review that it is boringly slow, but they recorded 38 MPG on the highway. Lot of trucks at the show. Lots of vehicles over \$50K. Did not look for one over \$100K but I'm sure there was one there. If not, the dealer can fix you up with one. That Toyota Supra is some quick coupe with a 0-60 time of 3.8 seconds.



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.

CORVAIR OUTSIDE MIRRORS

Per J. Johnson, a poster on Corvair Center, a Burco #3027 right side mirror glass for a 1981 Dodge Omni, or Aspen, and Plymouth Horizon fits over the glass or can be used as a replacement for a Corvair outside mirror. Google Burco auto mirror glass to follow up on this tip.

TURBO DISTRIBUTORS

If you have a 1962 through 1966 turbocharged Corvair you have a pressure retard distributor. This helps prevent detonation under high boost. So if your car just will not run correctly at higher speeds make sure that you have the correct distributor for a normally aspirated or a turbo motor. The part numbers for the three different turbo distributors are as follows:

1962--63-----1110290 1964-----1110314 1965--66-----1110329

PS. If you have one of the turbo distributors in your parts bin it will be more valuable than a regular distributor.

ARE PICKUP TRUCKS GETTING TOO BIG?



This VW truck is sandwiched between two late model pickups. The VW is a little smaller and lower than a Corvair truck. The VW looks like a kids toy next to the other two.

You might ask why is this, when increased fuel economy is being mandated by the feds. According to a discussion on www.insidehook.com the bigger the vehicle in wheelbase and track the smaller the fuel economy standard. An unintended consequence. Of course there is also the old statement that "bigger is better".

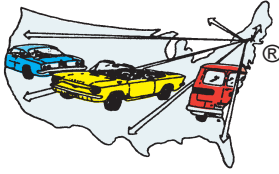
CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

03/24/20	CANCELED - Marion's Piazza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30 PM, & Club meeting
04/25/20	Sat., D&D Classic, 10:00 AM, Buffalo Jacks 11:45 AM (Club meeting)
05/19/20	Tues. - Dayton Dragons Game, 20 tickets available
05/26/20	UPDATED - Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Marion's Piazza at 6:30 PM
06/??/20	Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad – train ride (date/time TBD)
06/23/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
07/06/20	50th CORSA Convention, San Diego Corvair Club, July 6-11, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA. 92108 www.sandiegocorvair.com/2020-convention.html
07/18/20	Saturday - 31st Mid Ohio Meet, Columbus host at Buck Creek State Park
07/28/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
08/15/20	'Vair Affair with Club meeting – celebrate our 48th anniversary (founded 1972)
09/20/20	Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park – Joe will get more info
09/22/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
10/??/20	Gary Funkhouser Tech Session - Date TBD
10/27/20	Marion's Pizza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30 PM, & Club meeting
11/??/20	Mustang Museum – TBD
11/24/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
12/12 /20	Club Christmas Dinner & Meeting, Cristy's in Huber Heights (Sat) 4:30 PM



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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. Bohanan 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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