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**JEEP FROZEN IN TIME:** A front of a Jeep left behind an imprint in ice from a parking lot. One may wonder this might happen when you leave your car running when there is snow on your hood.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday February 25th our regular fourth Tuesday. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Directions to the center are on the last page of the newsletter.

## FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

For our February activity we plan to take in the Dayton Auto Show at the Dayton Convention Center at Fifth and Main Street followed by dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Plan to go to the Spaghetti Warehouse at 5:00 PM for dinner, so arrive at the car show with enough time to see what you wish to see. One hour is enough time for your co-editor. You may need more time if you wish to sit in every car there. I received two free tickets through an e-mail offer from the local Chevy dealers. You might call one to see if they have any more free tickets. The Spaghetti Warehouse is a half block west down Fifth Street from the Convention Center. There is

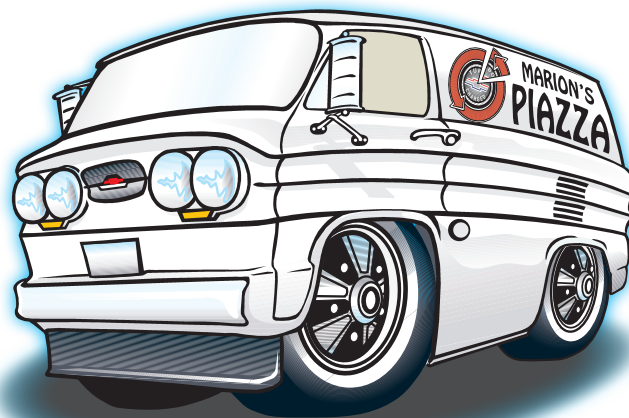
free parking at the restaurant.

Note that the Convention Center parking garage no longer takes your money at the exit from the garage. You pay for the parking at automatic machines in the walkway from the garage to the convention center. You get a ticket to insert at the exit from the garage. No humans in this process.

## MARCH ACTIVITY

Our March activity is a pizza night at Marion's Piazza on North Dixie Dr. in Dayton. This will be combined with the March meeting. As in the past the club will pick up the cost of the pizza. Anything else is the responsibility of each individual. Come on out. This is a family activity so bring the kids and grand kids. We will have our own room at Marion's. Marion's is at 3443 North Dixie Drive and is just a block straight west of the Wagner Ford exit on I-75. Marion's is on the south bound side of North Dixie. Coming from I-75 one needs to make a right at North Dixie and then a U turn to get to the south bound side.

The date is Tuesday March 24. This is a five Tuesday month. The 24th is the fourth Tuesday. Time is our regular 6:30 PM.



*Corvair Society of America*

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**JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

Our January meeting took place on Tuesday Jan 27. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

Those in attendance included Joe Dranschak, Kevin Clark, Jim Schmidt, Jim Stukenborg, Jack Milliff, Gary Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Aggie Moyer, Bernice Noll, Paul Huelskamp, and new member Wes Bogner.

Joe Dranschak conducted the meeting as of the start of the meeting we had not filled the vacated president's position. Vice president Steve Kianka was not feeling well so he was not at the meeting.

Joe reviewed the minutes of the November and December ( at the Christmas party ) meetings. The minutes as printed in the newsletter were approved as read. Motion to accept by Jack Milliff, seconded by Gary Funkhouser.

Joe read Jennie Dranschak's treasurer's report. Our year end report shows that we had \$2427.28 in our treasury.

For January we had a membership income of \$12 and expenses of \$26.41 for the planning meeting resulting in an ending balance in January of \$2412.87. A motion to accept by Paul Huelskamp and a second by Kevin Clark.

We reviewed the activity schedule. We have 20 tickets reserved for the May 20 Dragons game. We can get more if needed. Gary Funkhouser gave his OK to another tech session in October. Date to follow.

Jim Schmidt passed out info on the Lebanon train ride. The cost of the ride is \$15 for coach, \$20 delux seating per person. Some trips are special and may command a higher price. The 2020 schedule is not out yet. We plan to see who is interested, collect their money and send one check for the train ride to save a \$3 per person handling charge.

Joe will check with D & D Restorations to see if Saturday April 25th is a good date for our yearly tour.

At the meeting Shawn Funkhouser volunteered to take over the position of club president. Paul Huelskamp also volunteered and he will take over the membership chair position. This fills out our club officer positions.

We have not had club apparel for some time so there was discussion about a club cap. Kevin Clark looked into the cost of a cap. Here are some specifics on a vented cap order:



- \$75 for digitizing one time fee
- Cost per stitch for a logo on cap
- Minimum number of caps for an order is 12
- Sample cap had two colors, one for solid front, and one for vented back
- Color thoughts- Black too hot for summer, white gets dirty too easily
- Ball park price: \$15 per cap plus the \$75/15 fee plus stitching (?)
- More discussion on this after Kevin gets more information

**New business**

The Funkhouser's Corvair work will be done under the name Gem City Corvair Service.

Gary and Shawn rebuilt a Corvair Power Glide automatic transmission using one of Clark's rebuild kits. They said it was easy. They described it as a plug and play.

Kevin mentioned that the vendor "Original Parts Group" has door panels and other items for Corvairs.

New member Wes Bogner introduced himself. Wes and his wife Penny have purchased a 1967 Monza convertible, Butternut yellow with a black top, factory A/C, and wire wheel covers. An interesting note is that this car was owned at one time by former club member Howard Walther. Welcome to the club Wes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.



**DUES ARE DUE**

For anyone who has not renewed their club membership, your dues are due. Membership is \$12 for CORSA members and \$15 for non CORSA members. The difference covers the chapter fee that the club pays to CORSA for non CORSA members. Send a check made out to the Dayton Corvair Club to treasurer Jennie Dranchak. Her address is 1328 Cornish Drive, Vandalia OH 45377.



## 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 information is from a 2009 Chicago Tribune article by Paul Duchene originally provided by Corvair Preservation Foundation historian Dave Newell and technical adviser Larry Claypool to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the Corvair. We will share this article in two parts between the January and February Club Newsletters. Part two is for items 13-25.

### Twenty-Five Things You Didn't Know About The Corvair

13. GM built several front-wheel-drive prototypes in 1961, based on Alfa Romeo 1900 and Renault Caravelle platforms; a four-wheel-drive Corvan was tested.
14. One of the rarest Corvairs is the 1962 Loadside pickup. Only 369 were made, with a well in the center of the floor that could not be swept out.
15. The Corvair was an enormously popular base for show cars: the 1961 Sebring Spyder and Pininfarina Speciale, 1962 Super Spyder and Bertone Testudo, 1963 Monza GT and SS, 1966 Fitch Phoenix, 1967 Astro 1 survive.
16. A radical 1965 redesign with Fisher Z body saw the rear suspension resemble Corvette's to address safety issues (see "Unsafe at Any Speed"). And the heater and A/C were improved. But without the pop of the V-8 Ford Mustang, sales dwindled and opened the door to the Panther (Camaro).
17. Don Yenko extracted up to 240 h.p. from Yenko Stinger Corvairs, which were competitive Sports Car Club of America racers. He built 100 in one month in 1965, with a total of 185 from 1965-67.
18. In 1968, XP-892 was shown as a full-size model for the 3rd-generation Corvair, planned for 1970, but scrapped. However, the 1974 Holden Monaro HJ coupe borrowed some styling cues.
19. Corvair was down to two coupes and a convertible for 1968-69. A/C was discontinued because of the engine load added by an emissions air pump.
20. Modular Corvair engines were built to bolt together in 4-, 8- and 10-cylinder configurations. One, a 10-cylinder front-wheel-drive configuration, was used in the development of the Olds Toronado.
21. The rarest Corvair is the amphibious Corphibian Loadside pickup. One was built. The GM plant in Oshawa, Ontario, built 100 amphibious Corvair Dynatrack articulated vehicles for the U.S. and Canadian Armies. The Australian Army ordered 500 but didn't have the money upfront.
22. Apollo astronauts trained on a Corvair-based lunar rover in New Mexico.
23. The last Corvair was VIN:105379W106000, an Olympic Gold 1969 coupe with black interior. It's reported to have been destroyed, but ...
24. In the 1970s, Viton finally made a rubber seal that resisted the heat around Corvair pushrods and cured the oil leaks that had plagued the cars since they were new.
25. By 1971, the National Highway Safety Transportation Board declared the Corvair no less safe than anything else on the road in the early 1960s. Take that, Ralph Nader (the consumer crusader who made his name in 1965 with "Unsafe at Any Speed," the book that targeted Corvair).





## LONGEST CORVAIR

This modified Corvair truck looks like it is longer than the Cincinnati club Corvair limo that belonged to Don Filkens. It looks like a pretty neat vehicle. It is called a Corvadillac as it is powered by a 1996 Cadillac Northstar V8 engine with a four speed automatic transmission. The tag axle is also from the Cadillac.



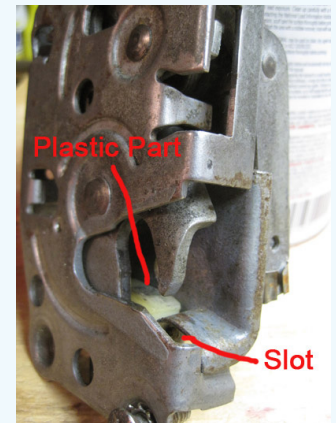
Corvair  
by Chevrolet

### 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 DOOR WILL NOT OPEN

There is a plastic part on the door latch that can break over time like the 51+ years since our Corvairs were made. The bad news is that this small broken piece can lodge in the latch mechanism and jam it so that the door can't be opened. The solution is to have someone pull on the door handle while pushing in the handle button on the outside and someone else beat on the door near the latch until the piece is dislodged. To prevent damage to the door place a two by four over the back edge of the door panel on the inside and pound on the two by four. Sooner or later the broken piece will fall into the bottom of the door allowing the door to open. The door will operate normally after that. The broken piece of plastic in the latch is pictured at the right.



### WHAT WAS THAT CAR MODEL?

Ever wonder about a car model. When was it made. How many models of a particular brand were made during a particular year? What engine did it have? Go to [Rockauto.com](http://Rockauto.com). They list about every model car ever made. For example a 1940 Buick. There were seven models: Century series 60, limited series 80 and 90, Roadmaster series 70 and 80, Special 40, a Super Series 50, and two straight eight engines, a 248 CI and a 320 CI.

How about a 1933 Reo. There were two models, Flying Cloud and Royale and 2 engines, a straight six and a straight eight.

1962 Chevy C-10 Three models, panel, pickup, suburban, 7 engines, 3.8L V6, 3.9L L6 4.3L V6, 4.6L V8, 5.3L V8, 5.7L V8, 6.7L V8

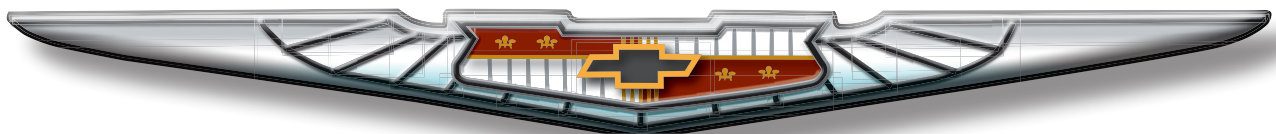
1964 Corvair. One model, two engines, 2.7L H6 and 2.7L turbocharged H6

1964 Corvair Truck, one model, one engine, 2.7L H6



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

02/23/20	Dayton Auto Show, Dayton Convention Center – Dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse afterward at 5:00 PM
02/25/20	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
03/24/20	Marion’s Piazza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30 PM, & Club meeting – Verle Reservation
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	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
06/??/20	Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad – train ride (pick date/time) – Jim Schmidt will get info on train & other Lebanon activities
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 <a href="http://www.sandiegocorvair.com/2020-convention.html">www.sandiegocorvair.com/2020-convention.html</a>
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 – Verle Reservation
11/??/20	Mustang Museum – Verle will get more info
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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