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*Spring is just around the curve!*

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## MARCH ACTIVITY

Our March activity is our club pizza meetings on March 26. Save the date.

## 2019 CORVAIR PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

This year the Corvair Performance Workshop will be held at the Corvair Museum in Decatur, Illinois. The event takes place on Friday and Saturday, April 5-6. All the details can be found at [Corvair.org](http://Corvair.org). At this time the agenda is still being assembled. By attending, one can also take visiting the Corvair museum off the bucket list.



## FEBRUARY MEETING

The February club meeting will take place on Tuesday February 26 at our regular meeting place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. Check if the west side door is open. If not, go in through the lobby on the east side. Directions to the VJC are on the last page.

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There is no planned club activity for February.

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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES



Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 01/27/2019 Club Planning Meeting, 2PM

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

Attendees: Jim Stukenborg, Joe & Jennie Dranschak, Greg Hanlin, Aggie Moyer, Bernice Noll, Verle McGillivray, Don & Lois Bigler, Jim Schmidt, Kevin Clark and Jack Milliff. We turned in an order for three pizzas and Verle called the planning meeting to order.

Secretary: The December Dinner meeting minutes were posted in the January newsletter so Joe asked they be approved as written. Motion by Greg Hanlin, second by Lois Bigler and approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer: Aggie did her final report for Dec. 8 through December 31, 2018. We had an opening balance of \$1,936.54 with income of \$643.50 from the Christmas dinner, \$279 from membership dues, \$33 from the 50/50 and another \$33 from Willa Smith donating her 50/50 winnings to the pizza fund. We also had \$50 for parts and a donation of \$20 from Lois Bigler and another \$24 from Corvair parts Jerry Fritz donated to us. This was a total income of \$1,087.50. Our expenses were \$682.50 to Christy's Restaurant for 35 dinners at \$19.50 each, minus our \$100 deposit, which amounted to \$582.50 in expenses. This left us a balance on December 31, 2018 of \$2,436.54. A motion by Lois, seconded by Greg and approved to accept Aggie's final report. NOTE: We did not need to give Christy's a \$100 deposit for the Dec 14, 2019 dinner reservation. Jennie gave an update on the status of the new checking account at Monroe Federal Savings in Vandalia. Jennie, Greg and Verle will be the authorized signers of the checking account.

Membership: Greg Hanlin was present but we had no new membership business.

Newsletter: Jim Stukenborg and Kevin Clark were present but we had no new Newsletter business.

Activities: This planning meeting was the main purpose of meeting at Marion's Piazza so we might have a few more attendees and we did. Joe passed out a draft calendar of events for 2019 for discussion. We went through each month and discussed activities or events that were or might be assigned to each month. Greg will check with the Dayton Dragons for a May game for us to attend and order 20 tickets. Joe will check with D&D Classic for a date for our annual tour in April and confirm a lunch reservation with Buffalo Jacks. Kevin will check with Cincinnati to find out when they plan on hosting the Mid Ohio Meet. Jim will check with Gary to see if he wants to host another Tech Session in September.

We still have a few options for a couple of other events based on discussion at future monthly Club meetings. Joe will send the draft planning meeting file to Kevin so he can add items to it as we get more information then Kevin can include the calendar in our March newsletter. Other potential activities/events that had some member interest included: a Lebanon Train Ride, Spectrum Brands Global Auto Care tour, the British Transportation Museum, the Packard Museum, Carrillon Historical Park, the Bicycle Museum of America at New Bremen, KitchenAid tour at Greenville, Honda Heritage Center at Marysville, the City of Dayton Water Supply tour, Mike Sells Potato Chip Company tour, The Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park, Corvette Club Car Show at Brookville and 35th British Car Day.

Other Business: Once we finished the planning discussion and finished the pizza, we did not have any other old or new business to discuss and we did not have a 50/50 so we adjourned about 3:45PM.



**DID CORVAIR RACE AT THE 24 HR LE MANS?**

While trolling the internet your editor came across the 24 hr LeMons race run here in the US. Don't confuse this with the 24 hr Le Mans race in France. For those not familiar with the LeMons race, it is a race run with cars supposedly costing no more than \$500. Some liberties are taken with this expenditure limit. The rules are quite



extensive and are entertaining to read. There has been at least one Corvair to take up the LeMons challenge. The Corvair named Tom's Fault is actually a mid engine Corvair powered by a 350 Chevy engine. It was reported to have run for 24 hours without any spinouts. Google 24 Hr LeMons race to read the rules. Five hundred dollars sounds a little low for a mid engine Corvair. Maybe I'll claim that car. Wonder if you need to be entered to claim?

Now to get serious, Google has no info about Corvairs at Le Mans. It has a lot of info on drivers like John Fitch of

Corvair fame. John did his racing with Mercedes Benz not with a Corvair. One might have thought that the Corvair Yenko Stinger would have been a car for Le Mans racing consideration. Probably an expensive proposition to race at Le Mans. Not for the poor mans Porsche?

GM management was interested in generating Corvair interest in Europe and sent several Corvair chassis over there to a couple of the well known foreign designers who did generate two examples of their ideas for the car. One of these was the 1963 Corvair Testudo. The other was a design by Pinin Farina that was much more late model. Maybe next month we can get Joe Dranschak to do his history article on this subject.

**COULD OF HAD A V8**

If you were at a Cincinnati winter swap meet recently, looking for part, tools or treasures, this mid-engine Corvair toy could have been yours. It was for sale and it appears all the hard part is already done. You just need to clean it up and put in your own interior. See ad pg 7.



**EXTENDED CAB CORVAIR TRUCK**

This custom FC showed up at a western car show. In the past we had had seen several "shorty" Corvair trucks over the years and now here we have "longy" truck. To add icing to the cake it also has tandem rear axles. Power is a mid engine Cadillac Northstar V-8.





## HISTORY HAPPENS

At our February, 2016 Club meeting we decided we would add a history article to our newsletter under the heading "History Happens." Dan Jedlicka created the article "1960-69 Chevrolet Corvair History," which we will share over three newsletters. This is Part 3.

The Corsa came as a \$2,519 coupe or \$2,665 convertible and had the Monza Spyder's sporty brushed aluminum dashboard with sports car instrumentation, upscale interior and special exterior accents. It also featured a sports suspension, larger brakes and quicker steering. The turbo engine was only an extra \$158. But the first highly publicized Ford Mustang arrived in mid-1964 and took the country by storm. It was essentially just an economy Falcon with a sporty body and gobs of options. But it caused Corvair sales to drop by more than half in 1966.

Most Americans could more easily relate to the Mustang, with its front-mounted V-8 or conventional six-cylinder liquid-cooled engines and traditionally sporty long hood/short-rear design. GM actually sealed the Corvair's fate in April, 1965, with an internal memo that prohibited further significant development work on the car. It wanted a conventional auto to fight the Mustang - the 1967 Chevy Camaro. The Corsa was discontinued in 1967, but the Corvair soldiered on through 1969 as the 500 and higher-line Monza coupe and convertible. GM wanted to sell the car long enough to amortize its tooling. It also likely kept the Corvair around a few more years simply because of its pride.

By 1969, though, in its final year, only 6,000 Corvairs were produced. The figure included 2,717 Monza coupes and a mere 521 Monza convertibles. Corvair national expert Larry Claypool, of the 'Vair Shop in Frankfort, Illinois, says interest in the Corvair continues building, judging by the number brought to his facility to be worked on.

Claypool says many Chevy mechanics disliked working on Corvairs in the 1960s "not because the car was that difficult, it was just different from other Chevrolets." Just between you and me, if you don't want to spend lots of money for a neat collector car, the Corvair is one of the last really affordable ones left. Moreover, the national Corvair club is quite active, and it's no hassle getting parts. Corvair prices are rising, but the car still is very underpriced. For instance, a 1962-64 Monza Spyder coupe in good condition is valued at \$4,500, with the convertible version at \$6,950, says the Cars of Particular Interest value guide. A 1965-66 Corsa coupe in good shape is worth \$5,000, while the convertible is \$7,350.

You can even get a hot competition non-factory, but professionally done, 1966-68 Yenko Stinger Corvair coupe. It came from a well-known East Coast Chevy dealer that specialized in high-performance Chevrolets and won a national racing championship. It's valued at \$20,000 in good condition and at \$42,000 in excellent shape, which are still very low prices in today's collector car market. However, it can be hard to find a good Yenko Stinger, and the car is happiest tearing up race tracks. My choice would be a 1962-64 Monza Spyder or 1965-66 Corsa with the high-torque four-carburetor engine. They're economical to buy and operate, easy to drive in all sorts of weather and just loads of fun.

Credits: [http://www.danjedlicka.com/classic\\_cars/corvair.html](http://www.danjedlicka.com/classic_cars/corvair.html)





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

01/22/19	No Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center
01/27/19	Planning meeting at Marion's Piazza, N. Dixie 2:00 PM
02/26/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
03/26/19	Marion's Piazza, N. Dixie Dr., Tuesday, 6:30 PM, & Club meeting
04/27/19	Sat - D&D Classic, 10AM, Buffalo Jacks 11:45AM (Club meeting)
05/21/19	Tues. - Dayton Dragons, 20 tickets will be available
05/28/19	Club monthly meeting Tuesday at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
06/??/19	30th Mid Ohio Meet, Cincinnati host at ???
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/??/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

**At the planning meeting these events were marked for more information**

- Train Ride - Lebanon
- Spectrum Brands Global Auto Care - Dayton International Airport
- British Transportation Museum - Dayton
- America's Packard Museum - Dayton
- Carrillon Historical Park - Dayton
- Bicycle Museum of America - New Bremen
- KitchenAid Experience - Greenville
- Honda Heritage Center - Marysville
- City of Dayton Water Supply tour - Dayton
- Mike Sells Potato Chip Company tour - Dayton
- The Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park - 9/15/2019
- Corvette Club Car Show, Brookville - 6/1/2019
- 35th British Car Day Dayton - 8/10/2019

*More to come as we decide on other activities for this year.*



## Recent Dayton Daily News Wheels Activities for 2019

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway Hollywood Car Show and Concert, 777 Hollywood Blvd, Dayton, April 28, 10AM-4PM. Entry fee \$10 per vehicle, event limited to 600 vehicles.

<https://hollywood-gaming-at-dayton-raceway.ticketleap.com/hollywood-car-show/>

Cars and Parts Car Show and Swap Meet. Shows are at Clark County Fairgrounds, May 24-26, September 13-15 and November 8-9. Check pricing and admission.

[www.ohioswapmeet.com](http://www.ohioswapmeet.com)

The 41st Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance at Ault Park, Sunday, June 9, 9:30AM-5PM, Featured Theme - Mid-Century Modern ~ American Style, 1948-1965. Check Admission.

<http://ohioconcours.com/>

Good-Guys 22nd annual PPG Nationals, July 12-14, 2019, Ohio Expo Center  
717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus. Check Vehicle registration & pricing.

<https://www.good-guys.com/ggn-2019>

The 35th Franklin Ohio Downtown Saturday Night Car Show, Downtown Franklin, August 10th, 3-9:30PM.

<http://www.warrencountykustoms.com/>

The 35th Trans Am Nationals, Holiday Inn and Homewood Suites in Fairborn, August 23-25, with Cruise-in Sat. night and the Car Show on Sunday, August 25th, 9AM-3PM at the hotel. All Firebird models are welcome!

<https://tanationals.org/>

The 13th annual Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park, September 15. Preview Party Sat. evening September 14 at Carillon Historical Park. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the legendary Pontiac Trans-Am.

<http://www.daytonconcours.com/>

Credits: Dayton Daily News, Skip Peterson, Wheels of the Month

### 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.*

### BIG FUSE

Had to check a fuse for the heater motor on a 2010 Chevy Impala. The fused turned out to be a 30 amp for the motor circuit. The size of this fuse was about three times the normal two prong 1/8" thick 1/2" wide fuse. This one was more like a circuit breaker. Roughly 1/2" x 1/2". It did not want to pull out of the fuse panel. Could not visually tell if it was good. On closer examination there was a slight indentation on the side just under the different color top. Using an ice pick it was possible to just pop off the top of the fuse and test for continuity. The pick released a small tab that held the top in place. No fuses like this on our Corvairs though, but it was more convenient to get to under the hood than under the dash as on the Corvair.

### FROST ON THE WINDSHIELD

Can't find your scraper, put some winter washer fluid in a spray bottle and spray some on the windshield and on the wiper blades. This also works on the side windows.



## CORVAIR PARTS & SERVICE

**FOR SALE:** 1966 mid-engine Corvair 500-Canadian Mfg. Built 2010-2011. 1983 Camaro/Corvette LT-1 motor. (36k miles). Installed parts from Street & Performance Inc, Speedway, Hurst, Summit Racing, Howell Engineering. Most work done by Michael LeVeque. 3:27 Posi Powerglide by John Black. 15" wheels w/ new 215s & 195s Kokomo tires. Grant steering wheel. Parts included: MSD dist., new oil pan & gaskets, Corsa dash, spare computer, new gauges & senders, Seth Emerson gauge mounts. Need: Interior, headliner, door panels, carpet, engine cover, insulation, mirrors, e-brake need to be connected if wanted (trans has park gear), TLC. \$8000. Price is negotiable. Spencer Duffy / Cincinnati / saduffey@brecnet.com.



**FOR SALE:** Anyone looking for a pair of black 1969 front bucket seats with factory head rest that would need recovered? Contact Arden Robinette at justsaynotoh2o@gmail.com 419-722-6588 - Findlay

**FOR SALE:** 1963 Corvan. 4 speed. Less than 50k miles. A1 condition. Spencer Duffy / Cincinnati / saduffey@brecnet.com.



Tons of parts and project vehicles. Doors, hoods, engines, drive trains, etc. etc. Call with needs. Sid Roth 937-596-5106 home or 937-622-0587 cell. Jackson Center, OH.

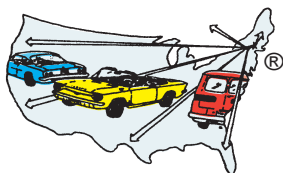
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**Directions to the club meeting**

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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