



DAYTON Corvair CHRONICLE



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AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our regular place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday August 22nd. The time is our regular 6:30 PM. Directions to the Center are on the last page of the newsletter. Note that this is 5 Tuesday month. We meet on the 4th Tuesday.

AUGUST ACTIVITY

There is no special club activity for August other than the meeting on the 22nd. A road rally or poker run was considered earlier in the year but preparing for the 2024 convention is now our prime activity focus.

There is a Cars and Coffee cruise-in on August 19th at Austin Landing (the next exit south of the Dayton Mall on I-75). It is always desirable to show the Corvair at an event like this.

If you had over-slept, you could still take in a cruise-in later in the afternoon just down the street. The Wheels and Wings 1st annual car & plane show is at the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport and runs from 2 to 6PM.

Bob Pool Orphan Car Show is Saturday, August 26 at Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs. Pontiac is the Featured Car this year. Registration is from 10 to noon and is \$5 per car.

DAYTON CONVENTION UPDATE

Since the last Dayton Convention Update in the previous issue, we had covered a lot of ground. It has been a whirlwind of meetings, visiting sites, walk-thru tours, and speaking with key people as well with regular spectators. It takes a lot to organize an event and we are just getting prepared.

For starter we worked on putting together a convention week schedule. Three options were produced. We toyed around a 5 day and a 4 day convention week.

At the annual Homecoming in Anne Arbor, Michigan, the Cincinnati gang had gotten together and learned how to assemble a valve cover racetrack. The Detroit Area Corvair Club is graciously loaning us the two-lane gravity track. The Cincy team will once again help set up the track next year.

The Corvairborne committee had their first Zoom meeting with Corsa Central Division Director Jeannette Alberte. Kevin apologizes to those who were left out. We could not have all twenty-two committee members on board at once and it was only necessary for a few committee members present to cover the tours and moving events.



Jeanette and Larry Claypool viewed a map of Marriott with three large parking lots. The south lot (#2) would
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JULY MEETING MINUTES

Our meeting came to order at 6:30 pm by our President Shawn Funkhouser, welcoming all in attendance. He thanked those that were able to attend the outing at the Dayton Auto Museum and lunch at Company 7 BBQ. Kevin, Craig and Wes drove their Corvairs. This museum was an amazing collection of cars owned by John Prikkel. If I counted correctly John had an assortment of at least 38 cars including a beautiful Kaiser Darrin, several Studebakers, a couple of Rolls Royce but only one Corvair...

A fun time shared with each other and a great lunch to end our outing.

Shawn had a suggestion that we start having two meetings a month. One to discuss the fast-approaching Convention and the other to discuss our clubs activities.

Those in attendance included: Mike Gitzinger, Michael Gitzinger, Gary Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Kevin Clark, Jim Schmidt, Verle McGillivray, Greg Hanlin, Pat Kirgan, Angie Chaffins, Jim Stukenborg, Craig Puthoff, Duane and Darcy Baker. Online attendees included Lori DeCesco Komora and Mike Hall.

Our Vice President Verle didn't have anything new to add- other than he's been working on putting his car back together.

Secretary Report – Darcy asked the minutes be approved as written in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Angie included 2 new members, Ed Thompson Corsa member and Rob Clagg. Both gentlemen paid their dues for the year. Welcome to our club, we hope you'll have as much fun as we do! We had a potential member Rudie Easterly, he stopped by after seeing a Corvair pull up - we hope he is able to join our club soon. Old balance was \$1725.35. Paid Kevin back for the website update of \$355.75, new balance is \$1396.60.

Membership Report - Paul was not in attendance.

Newsletter – Jim thanked Kevin for all his work getting the newsletter together.

Convention Update - Kevin contacted the Air Force Museum regarding reserving the Museum one night during the convention. We'd have the four buildings all to ourselves with food stations in every building. This event would be in place of a Riverboat cruise. We need to check if the Imax theatre would be available and the gift shop.



Shawn hasn't heard back from Ron Eifert regarding using the parking lot of UD to have the Auto Cross, he'll check with Kil- Kare raceway instead. We may even include a drag racing event.

We will be planning a zoom meeting with the Corsa board soon. Craig Puthoff has accepted to be the chairman of the Valve cover races. We know that 3 Shriner cars are coming to the convention and hope to have several Monza Jr cars as well.

So that we get a better feel for registration and numbers, we plan to invite Scott Severson, who was the chairman of the Wisconsin Dells convention this year, to attend our August or September meeting- on line.

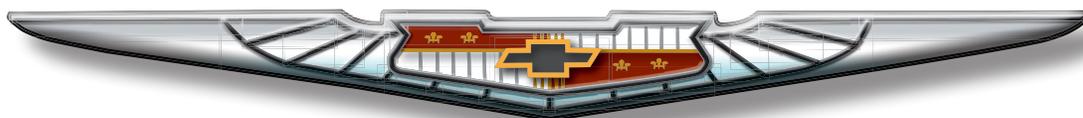
We still need someone to be in charge of the banquet dinner. Still working on Tech session ideas and speakers. It was suggested that the three remaining founders of each club speak at some point next year. Cincinnati Mike Demeter, Dayton Gary Funkhouser and whoever is from Columbus.

Kevin encouraged us all to attend the Oldsmobile convention Aug 8-12 to check out the Marriott – the host hotel- oh and to check out the cars as well!

Our 50/50 amounts this meeting was \$ 38.00. Craig Puthoff was the winner and donated \$ 4.50 back to the club.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Darcy Baker
Secretary



DAYTON AUTO & MEMO MUSEUM

The club's July activity was a tour of John Prikkel's car collection at the Dayton Automobile and Memorabilia Museum in Vandalia on Saturday July 22nd.

John was an engineer at the Inland division of GM and decided to start his own business in non-automotive components. When Delphi (GM) went bankrupt John took over the fiberglass spring business. At our museum tour John discussed how he left Inland and pursued his own business interests. As one can see, he did quite well.

His car collection totals 44 cars. The Oldest car is 3-wheel 1886 Benz. Others include 3 1936-37 Cords, 2 Cadillac Lasalles from 1937, 3 Cadillac Allantes from the 1990's, 11 Studebakers from 1950 to 1984. John is big on Studebakers. His other cars include Lincoln, Packard, MG, Willys, Kaiser, Hudson, Nash, Chevrolet, Thunderbird (1956), Mustang, Rolls Royce, Buick, and the newest, a MB SL AMG 2 door roadster. He also has a 94 Chevy Astro Van which is one of the vehicles that used the fiberglass springs that he manufactured.

The Chevys include a 1963 Corvair convertible, a prototype 53 Corvette roadster with a V8 made by an aftermarket company. They made 5 before GM told them they can't do that. The Kaisers included a 2 door Kaiser Darin roadster that had doors that slid forward into the front fenders as a way to open them. He won an online bidding war on this car with a top bid of \$127,500.

His Studebakers included a 1953 that is a land-speed clone with a 454 Chevy engine, chopped top, roll bar, a complete belly pan to reduce air drag, and a lot of louvers to vent trapped air. The other is a 1953 convertible custom made from a coupe as Studebaker did not make a 53 convertible.

John had a story for how he left Inland and for a number of his car acquisitions. He said he wasn't particularly interested in the 1963 Corvair, but a friend made him an offer he could not refuse. He started the Corvair for us and it fired right up. He then moved it about six feet so we could see that it had marked its territory.

We only heard a few of his car stories. It would have taken all day to hear every one of them. The museum is only open by appointment. John can be contacted at 937-469-3962 or jprikkel3@gmail.com.





CONVENTION UPDATE...CONTINUED

be used for trailer parking. The second lot east of the hotel can hold 200+ cars with 1.25 spots per car. This lot is ideal for the Car Display. The third one (#3) is large enough for an outdoor swap meet and welcome party with plenty of room to spare. There are plenty of regular parking spaces surrounding the rest of the hotel building. We noticed a grass area to use as a possible Concours show field but more on that in a moment.

Switching to Google map we zoomed in at Carillon Historical Park just a mile southwest from the host hotel. We explained when entering the park, you are inside a museum. Then after you walk through the museum, you walk outside within the park. Outside are buildings and historical houses with artifacts including the National Museum of the Wright Brothers that houses the original Wright Flyer III.

Going back out of the park and looking north off the parking lot is a very large grass area. We were hoping this would be available to use as a show field for the Concours. Hence our back up plan to use the grass area at the hotel if we could not use the show field at this park. Jeanette and Larry felt the Carillon Park site would be a wonderful place for a concours where everyone can go to the museum after their cars are judged. Just hang tight, it gets better than that.

Looking just a mile west across the river from the hotel, we zoomed in on the parking lot at the University of Dayton Welcome Stadium. We are still waiting for permission to use the lot for the autocross. The area around the stadium is owned by three different jurisdictions and is becoming a complicated matter. If the city cannot meet our Labor Day deadline, we will initiate Plan B. We are fortunate with the patience South-West Ohio Sports Car Club Association has shown and they are ready to work with us with the set-up, timing, and scoring once we confirm a location and date, likely a Thursday.

Looking outward, we won't say which way, we talked about the fastest way out of the city area for the EconoRun and Rally. We shouldn't give away too much information here because we don't want to spoil the fun for next year. We plan to keep it simple, and it will be more streamlined, just wait for it.

A day after our Zoom meeting the Oldsmobile convention was gearing up at the same hotel where will have our convention. Darcy Baker, Susan and Kevin Clark were there to check out the hotel and were given a tour looking at rooms that would be available for our convention. The Oldsmobile cars and the outdoor vendors were filling the lot.

Tom Finnegan and Kevin met Laura Sellers at Carillon Historical Park to discuss and ask the park for permission to use the show-field outside the park. She gave us a tour inside the park and pointing to a large grass area surrounded by historical buildings and some



trees, she suggested we hold the Concours right here inside the park. We were elated! It's a beautiful setting. The Concours area can hold up to 150 cars. We are permitted to pitch pop up tents, place parking signs anywhere we need them, and arrive late or leave early without restrictions during park hours. The restrooms and a place to stay cool is just a stone throw away. That large "show field" just north and outside of the park can be used. We'll use it for overflow parking for all other Corvairs that are not participating in the Concours. The park had penciled us in for Tuesday, July 23, 2024. This is a perfect venue for the Concours. We should set up a donation to thank them for their hospitality.

The Corvairborne committee arrived that evening. The Finnegan couple from Columbus plus seven members from the Cincinnati group and 10 from the Dayton club came for a look around and conduct a meeting.

Darcy led the group for a walk thru. In a wide-open area, we saw where our registration would be set up, with the indoor vendors room across from this area. This room will also be expanded to host the banquet. The rooms of Kettering and Oakwood will be used for meetings. The Tradewinds room could be used as our hospitality, along with the raffle area. We discussed where to set up the valve cover races as well as our outside vendors area. The hotel offers a free shuttle service within five miles. The Marriott had hosted many automotive related conventions. The Oldsmobile convention appears to be well attended.

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CONVENTION UPDATE...CONTINUED

We settled on a sit-down meeting at an outdoor patio area of the hotel. We went over how the Olds club conducted their activities. They had drag racing at Kil-Kare, a cruise to the AF Museum with police escorting 86 Oldsmobile cars that was over a mile long.



It was suggested the food at the AF Museum should be bumped up from Station Menu to Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and pricing is still reasonable. We have options for one or two bars serving drinks. Kevin will send a budget once he has the cost for drinks.

While discussing the Dayton convention week schedule, a Car Display and Welcome Party together with a Valve Cover Race on Monday would work. The Concours is Tuesday morning. It was decided the AF Museum dinner tour would remain on Tuesday night. The Rally/EconoRun

would be Wednesday. A banquet on Thursday night is doable while leaving Friday night banquet optional.

Finally, Kevin and Susan went to the Air Force Museum to try out the Flight Simulators and to meet with Kelly Long, the manager and event personnel. The museum had five Flight Simulators and they can be available during our night out at the museum. They rode on one that is geared for young kids. Another one uses virtual reality and the other three...oh boy...you can be in a dogfight and do as many barrel rolls your stomach can handle. Hearing it would be an another \$2500 for three hours on top of the museum rental fee, that idea for entertainment just got shot out of the sky. The food set-up and tables will be in one hanger. We can go anywhere in all four hangers while eating and enjoying a glass of wine. We have reserved the date and Tuesday; July 23 is now safe. We have until one month prior of the event to make any payment.

We will get down to the details scheduling the Tech Sessions and Meetings as we go along. In the works, we may have two special presentations, and possibly a cruise-in/fly-in. Shuttle rides to the Packard Museum and British Transportation Museum will be worked out. Once we know the 2024 baseball schedule, we may have an outing to the Dayton Dragons game possibly on Sunday.

Kevin will get in touch with the Impala club and coordinate with them.

That's it for now. With your continued support we are well on our way to having a successful convention! Thank you all for attending!

Darcy Baker Kevin Clark
Secretary Chairman



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.

A/C REFRIGERANT R-134A

If your cars and maybe your Corvair uses R-134A, the posters on Corvair Center are discussing the shortage of the refrigerant. Seems that the government has mandated a 40% reduction in manufacturing of R-134A. This is expected to result in a price increase. Remember what happened to the price of R-12 when its use was banned. Poster, AZDAVE, just bought a 30 lb. can for \$300 shipped, from www.royalrefrigerants.com. If you can find it under \$10 per small can grab a few for future use.

LATE MODEL CARB FLOATS IN EARLY MODEL CARBS

Corvair mechanic Ken Hand, said that a late model carb float can be used in an early model carb if you use the early helper spring. It seems the late spring is too strong.



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

August	
08.19.23	Cars & Coffee - Austin Landing - Too early for me
08.22.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
September	
	Search for Caterer and location for Christmas dinner party
09.26.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM / Appoint nominating committee
October	
10.07.23	Vair Affair at Shawn's Corvair Shop
10.24.23	Club meeting at Marion's in Dayton - 3443 N. Dixie Drive - 6:30PM
November	
11.28.23	Club meeting in Vandalia at JC - 6:30PM
December	
TBD	Christmas dinner / Election

LET'S GO *CRUISE-IN*' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Apr 22 - Oct 7	Kettering Saturday Night Cruise-In 2250 E Stroop Rd. 4pm to dark.
Aug 19 / Rain Date Aug 20	20th Annual Asphalt Outlaws Car & Bike Show Wolf Creek Rod & Gun Club 6700 Derby Rd. Dayton Registration 9-12:30pm. \$10.
Aug 19	Wings & Wheels Plane & Car Show Wright Brothers Airport 10600 N. Springboro Pk. Miamisburg 2-6pm \$10
Aug 26	Bob Pool Orphan Car Show Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs. Pontiac is the Featured Car this year. Registration 10-noon. \$5/car.
Aug 27	16th Annual Car Show at Culp Lake 1830 E Home Rd. Springfield. 9am-3:30pm.

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Vandalia Justice Center -

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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.



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