



CHAPTER 454

DAYTON *Corvair*

CHRONICLE



NOVEMBER 2025

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday, November 25th. Time is our usual 6:30 PM. The directions to the Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter.

Since we do not publish a newsletter for December, the newsletter staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITY

There was no planned activity for November. Our Christmas party takes place in early December.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party is coming up on Saturday, December 6th! We'll be gathering at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood from 11 AM to 3 PM in their party room. The address is 1001 South Main St. It's on the west side of the road, just north of the Vandalia exit on I-70. If you get lost, don't worry, their phone number is 937-836-2777.

For lunch, we'll be having beef brisket and pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese, and green beans. And guess what? There's unlimited soda available using their soda machine!

The cost for each person is \$20. To make a reservation, you can call Darcy Baker. She'd love to meet you at the November meeting to sign up and pay for your Christmas meal. If you can't make it to the meeting, please give her a call no later than Sunday, November 30th. Her number is 937-508-5825, or you can email her at 1120bakerd@gmail.com.

Now, let's talk about how to pay for your Christmas lunch. Here are a few options:

1. You can send a check to Treasurer Kevin Funkhouser. Make sure to make your check out to Dayton Corvair Club and send it to Kevin at 9452

Sheehan Road, Centerville, OH 45458.

2. You can come to the November club meeting on November 25th and pay Kevin at the meeting.

3. We'll have a drop box at the Christmas party. We won't be making any transactions during the party, so please leave an itemized note in the envelope letting Kevin know how many you're paying for lunch.

While you're at it, could you please pay your club dues? If you're a CORSA member, your dues are \$12. Non-CORSA members pay \$15. You can even combine your dues with the Christmas lunch fee. Just make an itemized note for Kevin to keep it simple for him. If you have paid your dues in the last few months, you'll be covered for 2026.



We'll also have our usual fun gift exchange. The gift limit is up to \$30, and you don't have to bring a gift. Everyone gets a ticket, so you'll be

eligible to win a gift regardless of whether you bring one or not. No one will be put on the naughty list!

Oh, and if you want to bring desserts to share, the restaurant only allows cake and cupcakes.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

OFFICER ELECTION

Two officer positions with expiring terms are available: Vice President and Secretary. We encourage you to consider running for either position. The terms are two years, and your involvement is greatly valued. If interested, please contact any of the officers listed in the back of this newsletter. The other officer positions do not expire for another year. Join the team and demonstrate your support!



**OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

The October Corvair meeting was held on October 28, 2025. We had a great turn out for our fall pizza get together.

President: Duane Baker welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone that could come to the September Vair Affair at the Funkhouser shop in Centerville, Ohio. Thank you Gary, Kevin and Shawn Funkhouser for your hospitality. Your shop was set up with tables and chairs so many of us could share all the good food together! Thank you Kevin F for your grilling skills, the hot dogs and hamburgers were the best we've had! And...as an extra bonus, we enjoyed having the extra large Port-a-Potty available. It was well worth the rental fee.

Vice President: Craig Puthoff was not in attendance due to health reasons. Craig, we all hope you are taking care of yourself! Hope to see you soon feeling much better!

Secretary: Darcy Baker asked that the previous meeting's minutes be approved. Motions made by Greg Hanlin and Norbert Bir.

Treasurer: Kevin Funkhouser gave our balance of \$5572.41. Jim Stukenborg turned in his bill of \$95.90 for the meat provided by the club at the Vair Affair.

Membership: Angie Bannerman was not present-but that's ok since it was her birthday! We hope you had a great evening, we celebrated you with an assortment of cookies!

Activities: Kevin Clark showed a piston on a wood base that he found at Hobby Lobby, asking what we thought about using this as a trophy for our Mid-Ohio Meet next summer. As it turned out, the Funkhouser shop has plenty of pistons available and will donate these. We will need to get a base and plaque for each trophy for the several classes.

The idea of touring the Packard Museum was brought up, possibly in February or March depending on the weather.

Newsletter: Jim Stukenborg asked for a couple more guys to get your picture taken to be included in the upcoming newsletters.

Duane now has the paperwork to take over the statutory representative position from Jim.

Duane asked for volunteers to be on the nomination committee to serve during our Christmas party. Shawn Funkhouser, Greg Hanlin and Norbert Bir. I believe the two officer positions up for re-election are the Vice President and Secretary. Thank you gentlemen for your help!

New Business: included talk of designing a new hat and possibly a jacket. Bev Teaster modeled her wind breaker jacket that she inherited from Gary F.

We have learned that the National Corvair Convention is going to be in Franklin, Tennessee in 2027.

50/50: drawing was run by Kevin C tonight in the absence of Mike Bayman. The total amount collected was \$63.00. The winning amount was \$31.50 by Ryan Lochtefeld!

Thank you Kevin Clark, Bev Teaster, Gary, Shawn and Kevin Funkhouser, Ryan, Teresa and Carl Lochtefeld, Allison and Greg Hanlin, Mike Magee, Patrick Kirgan, Norbert Bir, Ed Wolf, Jim Stukenborg, Debbie and Darrell Biddlestone, Susan and John Hubler, Cindy and Doug Simon and Darcy and Duane Baker for coming out tonight!

As a reminder our Christmas party is set for Saturday December 6, 2025 at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood, Ohio from 11-3 pm. We will be having beef brisket and pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese and green beans. Coffee and drinks included. We are allowed to bring our own desserts of cake or cupcakes only. I am planning to bring 2 cakes, plates and forks.

We will start accepting your annual fees for the club of \$12.00 Corsa member and \$15.00 non Corsa member at our next meeting Tuesday November 25, 2025 along with your payment of \$20.00 per person for the Christmas lunch. Please RSVP to Darcy. We will have a box at our party for payments that afternoon, so that Angie and Kevin F can relax and enjoy the afternoon with everyone in attendance.

Motion made to adjourn by Patrick Kirgan and Doug Simon.

Darcy Baker
Secretary



- NEW MEMBER PROFILE -

I'm Ryan Lochtefeld, 29 years old from Maria Stein, Ohio. I worked on a chicken farm for 14 years and local John Deere dealership for 2 and 1/2 years. I now work at R&R fabrication in St Henry, Ohio. I enjoy collecting coolie cups. I was on the bowling team in high school. The sport teams I like are New York Yankees, Cincinnati Bengals, and Ohio State football. I also enjoy watching hockey. I was looking for an older car to redo and my grandpa has a 1963 Corvair that he let me drive and had me take it to a car show he could not make it to.



Now my car is a 1964 Monza convertible, red with a black interior and top, a 110 HP engine and a 4 speed transmission. I found it for sale on Craigslist up by Findlay Ohio. I was 20 years old when I got my car. I had to work on the car for about 3 and 1/2 years before I could get it out to enjoy and drive around. I had my transmission get stuck in 3rd gear and I took the engine and transmission out to work on a total of 3 times in one month. I am hoping to learn more about the different corvair models.



DESTINATION DAYTON CELEBRATES COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR WINNERS

At the Dayton Convention Center November 13th, Destination Dayton convened its 2025 Annual Awards Breakfast, which celebrated outstanding accomplishments within the tourism sector. Kevin Clark and four other convention leaders were honored as Community Ambassadors. Their contributions to the successful hosting of the convention in the Dayton region have earned them membership in an esteemed group of over 150 individuals who have been recognized since the award's inception in 1992.

Two hundred and fifty guests were provided with breakfast and coffee. Following sincere expressions

of gratitude to sponsors and speakers for their support in promoting Dayton and the Montgomery County region, Ron Eifert escorted Kevin to the stage and presented him with a leather Type A-2 flight jacket as a token of his dedication. A concise video presentation was presented, providing a detailed overview of the 2024 CORSA International Corvair Convention. The other award recipients were similarly honored. WDTN covered the event.

Greg and Allison Hanlin, along with Kevin's wife, Susan, were present to witness this remarkable accomplishment. It was a joyous morning for all those involved. Congratulations!



MIAMI VALLEY NEWS

Destination Dayton celebrates Community Ambassador Award Winners



WHAT'S WORKING

COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR AWARDS BREAKFAST
DESTINATION DAYTON - MONTGOMERY COUNTY


TECH TIPS

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CLARK'S DUAL MASTER CYLINDER BLEEDING PROBLEM

Poster "Mark M" on the Corvair Center Forum installed a new Clark's duel chamber master cylinder on his 1965 Corvair and can't get any brake pedal. Mark had followed Clark's information that says not to "bench bleed" the M/C before installing. The consensus of all those who responded is that one needs to bench bleed all new master cylinders before installing them, because it is a lot easier the make sure that all the air has been purged from the M/C than on the car. Clark's says they have that caution to keep from over extending the stroke and damaging the internals of the M/C doing it off the car. No one really had much concern about overstroking and internal damage. Poster "Jim Brandberg" says he is careful to not bottom out the piston inside the cylinder when stroking. Poster "Rcavictor" had the same experience with a Clarks EM single chamber M/C. Both of the posters ended up doing the bench bleed after trying to do the bleed on the car and their problems were solved. Both ended up with a good pedal.

Poster "Frank DuVal" cautions that slow is your friend if you are working with Dot 5 silicone fluid as fast stroking can cause air bubbles in the fluid and then you will have a spongy brake pedal for a while.

(ED note: GM's Delco Moraine brake division in their bleeding instructions for dual M/C bleeding on the car is to bleed with slow strokes of the brake pedal or one may have a problem bleeding due to the way the M/C is designed to function if half of the brake system fails).

BENCH BLEEDING

Clamp the M/C in a bench vise and fashion some short lines attached to the fluid output ports and directed back into the M/C reservoir. Then just take a Phillips screw driver and push in the piston for a little distance trying not to bottom it out. Keep doing this slowly until no more air bubbles show up in the fluid going back into the reservoir.



CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

November	
11.25.25	Club meeting in Vandalia at the Justice Center - 6:30PM
December	
12.06.25	Christmas Lunch at Company 7 BBQ in Englewood - 11AM to 3PM
	No club meeting nor newsletter for the month of December

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CORSA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

This is Dave Watson, your CORSA Membership Chair—many of you know me as Davemotohead.

As your Membership Chair, my primary mission is to recruit new members and retain our current ones, while supporting the growth and success of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Today, I'm reaching out to the entire Corvair community to ask for your support in keeping this great organization alive and thriving.

Since joining the CORSA Board of Directors last August 2024, I've been working closely with fellow board members to modernize operations and make improvements that reflect the needs and interests of today's Corvair community. But here's the hard truth: Over the past five years, CORSA membership has declined significantly—we are now at one of the lowest levels in our history. This trend must change, and we need your help to reverse it before we reach a critical tipping point.

CORSA was founded in 1969 to celebrate and preserve the legacy of the Chevrolet Corvair. For decades, it's been the heart of our hobby—supporting local clubs, hosting national events, publishing the Communique magazine, and offering resources that enrich the Corvair experience for everyone.

Without your membership dues, CORSA cannot survive. It's that simple. And I truly believe we cannot afford to let this historic organization fade away. Since 1969, CORSA has served you—the Corvair community—with pride and dedication. It's time for all of us to give back.

Here's just a glimpse of what your CORSA membership makes possible:

- * The National CORSA Convention
- * Support and insurance for local clubs and events like the Great Western Fanbelt Toss, Homecoming, Spring Fest, and more
- * The award-winning Communique magazine
- * Exclusive access to Corvair merchandise, apparel, technical guides, and books
- * Discounts on Hagerty insurance (in most states)
- * And many other member benefits and resources

The current board is working hard to bring CORSA into the modern era—upgrading the Corvair Center Forum, developing new merchandise, and planning exciting changes to the Communique. These include fewer board reports and more high-value content like tech articles, club spotlights, racing and off-road reports, EV updates, and member builds. We're also working on revamping the CORSA website to make it more user-friendly and engaging.

My goal is simple: put CORSA back at the top as the go-to hub for everything Corvair. We want CORSA to be the place where all Corvair enthusiasts feel welcomed, represented, and inspired. But we can't do it without YOU.

This is your club. We're simply the volunteers working on your behalf, and we want your ideas, input, and involvement to help shape the future of CORSA.

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On a personal note: I've been part of the Corvair community since I was a kid. I've always tried to give back through videos, tech support, advice, parts, and tools—and now, as part of the CORSA leadership team, I'm more committed than ever.

But again, we need your support. Your membership matters. The more support CORSA receives, the more we can do to serve the community, your local chapters, and the Corvair hobby as a whole.

So, please—do me a favor.

- * If you're not a member of a local CORSA chapter, find one and join!
- * If you're in a local chapter but not yet a CORSA member, now is the time to join and get involved!
- * You do not need to be in a chapter to join, we provide fantastic online support.

Let us know what you need from CORSA—your feedback is welcome and encouraged. Together, we can build the best version of CORSA yet.

Visit Corvair.org and go to the sign up page to join, if you have any problems call the Club office listed on the web site for help.

We want you back!

Sincerely,

Dave Watson

CORSA Membership Chair

Welcome to the Corvair Society of America



Since 1969, CORSA is the national club dedicated to the enjoyment of the Chevrolet Corvair. You are now a part of a group with a legacy of expertise and brand identity for the Corvair.

As a member you can:

- Access current and past issues of the club magazine, The Communique, for cars, events and technical information
- Find chapters or other Corvair owners near you
- Check out merchandise, publications and vendor discounts available to members
- Free for members advertising; find + sell parts and cars
- Access the only Corvair Registry available

Special for Members:

- Annual International Corvair Convention
- Hagerty Insurance Discounts, (where state laws allow)
- Online video Meet Ups with Corvair experts

Join the CORSA On-line Community:

- CORSA Corvair Center Forum message board for help by Corvair experts
- Post photos of your car on Instagram and Facebook
- Check out CORSA You Tube Channel

Support the advocacy of Corvairs

- A place and organization to share Corvair events and stories to expand the visibility of these unique cars in the classic car community

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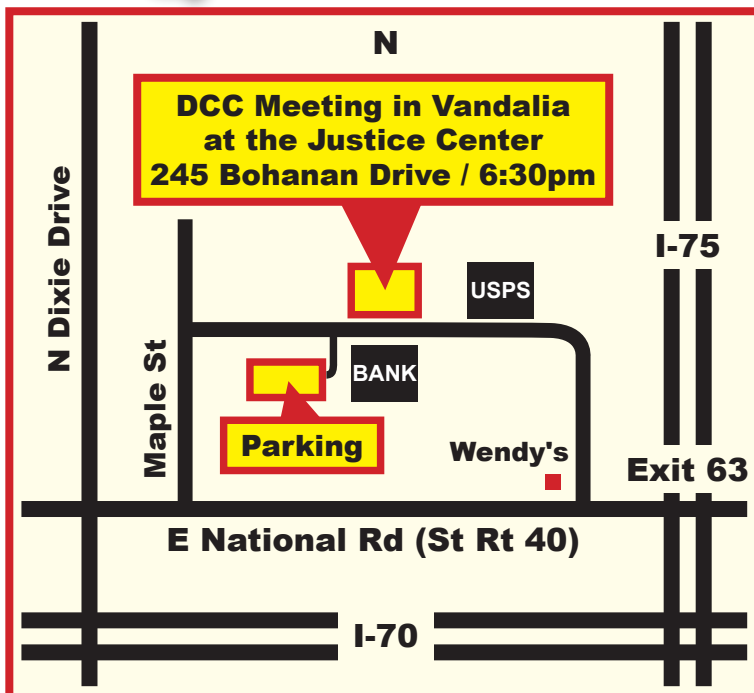
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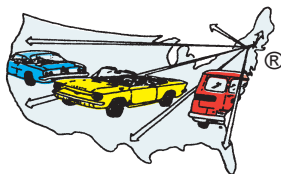
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