



DAYTON Corvair



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will take place at our regular meeting place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday September 25th. As usual we start at 6:30 PM. See if the west side door is open. If not, go in through the lobby. The directions to the Vandalia Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter. Drive the Corvair as the weather is cooling and snow is not here yet.

OCTOBER ACTIVITY

Our October activity is a tech session at Gary Funkhouser's shop on Sheehan Rd. on the south edge of Centerville. The date is Saturday October 13th. Plan to be there at 10 AM. The address is 9452 Sheehan Rd. The shop is in the big building at the rear of the property. The driveway is on the left side of the house. Park back by the building.



TwinJAG, a two seater all aluminum plane is powered by two 125hp modified Corvair engines.

VAIR AFFAIR

Looks like late August is not a good time to have the Vair Affair. Only a few members were able to make it to the event. The "Affair" was held at the home of Kevin and Lisa McGillivray's. Attending were Kevin and Lisa, Verle, Aggie and Bernice, Verle's sister, and Verle's family friend Maryann Morris. Jim Stukenborg showed up late, stopping in on his way back from Norwalk, OH. The club would like to thank Kevin and Lisa for their hospitality and apologize for not having more members show up. There was a lot of good food there and it was topped off with Lisa's lemon lasagna dessert (think lemon cream pie). A person came by with some stock Corvair hubcaps for sale. He saw our website and our event and decided to stop by. See the parts section for pictures of the parts and his contact info.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

There are no minutes to report for August as we did not have enough members present at the Vair Affair to have a meeting.



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To join contact Jim for an application at 937-429-2291 or jlstuk@juno.com.

WACO MUSEUM TOUR

The club's September activity was a tour of the Waco Museum in Troy on September 22nd. We were doubly treated as this was also the weekend of the yearly Waco Fly-in and we were able to view some really beautifully restored Waco biplanes. The museum itself is not large but has a nice collection of Waco artifacts and memorabilia. The weather was about as nice as one would have it. Not too warm and a nice breeze on top of that. For those who had a spare \$100, a 12 minute biplane ride could be had. Not bad considering a ½ hour ride in a WW-II P-51 is \$2200. Don't know if any of the club members took advantage of the offer.

Club members who made it there included Verle McGillivray, Ray and Rob Petty, Kevin and Susan Clark, Steven Kianka, Don and Lois Bigler, and Jim Stukenborg. Also attending were Steve Kianka's son and daughter and Maryann Morris, a longtime friend of the McGillivrays.

One of the Waco biplanes was outfitted with floats with built in wheels that allowed it to make an appearance at the fly-in. The runway at Waco Field is a grass strip. Numerous other Wacos and other regular light planes attended the event.

One of the afternoon activities was a remarkable flying demonstration by a radio controlled model helicopter.

The model was amazingly fast and maneuverable. One particular stunt took the chopper up to a thousand feet of altitude or so followed by a steep dive toward the ground at high speed. Just when it seemed like there was no way the model was not going to plow into the ground it made an instantaneous leveling off about 15 feet off the ground and continued on with numerous loops and rolls and turns. This was not one of those current electric choppers that are so popular now but one of the older types resembling a regular helicopter with a single main rotor powered by a gas model engine. The model airplane pilots also put on their demonstrations as not to be outdone by the rotary wing fellows. The full size planes also did some formation and aerobatic flying.





HISTORY HAPPENS

At our February, 2016 Club meeting we decided we would add a history article to our newsletter under the heading "History Happens." Since we want to keep "History Happens" interesting and informative, any incidents you would like to share about your Corvair experiences or our Club, in general, are welcome and can be sent to Joe Dranschak at jdrans01@aol.com with the subject History Happens. Below is the newest article.

What's In A Name, August 12, 2014, Historic Vehicle Association

In 1960, Chevrolet debuted a revolutionary, budget friendly, six-cylinder vehicle with an air-cooled rear-mounted engine like a Porsche. Many versions of the story exist when it comes to how that year's Motor Trend "Car of The Year" came by its name.

In one version, then General Manager Ed Cole decided on the name "Corsair," a famous type of World War II fighter aircraft, but someone in Cole's office supposedly mistook the "s" for a "v" and the name "Corvair" was used instead. In another telling, the name Corvair came about thanks to the genius design that blended the sportiness of CORVette with the family-friendly features of the Bel AIR. Still another story says that "Corvair" came in the attempt to combine the word "Corvette" with "air" (suggesting an air-cooled Corvette).

Tony Fiore, author of *The Corvair Decade: An illustrated history of the rear-engine automobile*, says that Cole did like the combination of the words "Corvette" and "Bel Air." But the name Corvair was actually first used on an experimental Corvette body that was first shown at the New York auto show in 1954. A closed, fastback coupe version of the original open bodied, 1954 Corvette, the car some called the "Corvette Corvair" never actually went into production. But Cole never forgot the great sounding name and decided it was a perfect fit for one of the 1960s most unique automobiles.

Credits: <https://www.historicvehicle.org/whats-in-a-name-corvair-road-runner-beetle-dictator/>

RICHARD FINCH PASSES

Richard Finch passed away on August 12 in Portland Oregon at the age of 83. Most Corvair owners know of Richard from his book "How to Keep Your Corvair Alive". Richard made his living in the aerospace business. He also taught welding and pilot training at Allan Hancock College in Santa Rosa, CA. His welders handbook is his most popular book and is available on Amazon.

He bought one of the first 1960 Corvairs and put 98,000 miles on it before trading it on a 1965 140 HP Corsa. With this late model Corvair he won every autocross and hill climb that he entered against other formidable competition including, Mustangs, Camaros, Firebirds, Porsche 911s and 912s.

Richard's death comes on the heels of Bob Helt another Corvair enthusiast and publisher of Corvair information. Are we going to lose all of our Corvair technical experts? Who is going to take there place? Maybe Gary Funkhouser will put his engine knowledge on paper. Club member Greg Leingang did a great job describing the rebuilding of his manual shifter in a recent newsletter. Ready to write a book Greg? Gary?



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DETROIT AREA CORVAIR CLUB HOMECOMING

Kevin and Susan Clark had spent a weekend at a Corvair “Homecoming” in Plymouth, Michigan. On their way there they had made a stop in Depot Town. It is a small part of town with a few old antique shops and a car show to check out. As soon they parked their Corvan they noticed a VW bus was leaving. It would have been THE vehicle to examine and admire. Fortunately there was an interesting shop really worth looking into which sells vintage motorcycles.



At the Homecoming they enjoyed visiting friends and their Corvairs. On Friday Susan went on a tour to IKEA with the ladies. DJ Rockin’ Ronnie played music all day everyday and he provided an outdoor drive-in movie experience showing Cars that evening. A cookout / picnic for dinner

was grilled brats and hamburgers. Valve cover racing soon followed after dinner. Of course lunch was served from Ken Pepke World Class Hospitality Room every afternoon. In the morning the hotel provided continental breakfast. No need to go out to eat, they have something keeping you from getting hungry.

Saturday was another fun filled day with a tech session, a shuttle van leaving every hour for Plymouth Shopping tours for the ladies, swap meet, a live auction, 60’s-70’s dress up, 50/50s and activities for the kids. After a pizza party a drive-thru award presentation was underway introducing the top 25 Corvairs. They will be featured on next years calendar.



Sunday morning prior to heading home, Kevin and Susan stopped at Anna’s House nearby for breakfast. They parked right at the front door of the restaurant and everyone waiting in line were admiring their Corvan and talking about it. Someone pointed out a picture hanging on a wall and it was a beautiful painting of a Greenbrier. Kevin should have asked the manager if it was for sale, it could have been worth some money.

The Homecoming for next year should be on everyone’s to go list.



MID OHIO MEET LICENSE PLATE AWARDS

The awards for the Mid Ohio Meet had been made and sent to the winners as promised. The awards shaped like a license plate looks great. They were printed using dye sublimation from a company in St. Louis. This is the same printing process Kevin used in the past when doing business as K C Vairbrush. He no longer does any printing but he has designed the awards.



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.

RR ENGINE BLOCK

Not exactly a tech tip but, if you have one of these Corvair engines laying around the fellows on Corvair Center are willing to pay \$500 for a bare block and more for a complete engine. Why? The RR block is the correct one for a Corsa with air conditioning. According to one report only 153 Corsas came with factory air. There are currently five persons on Corvair Center looking for a RR block.

STAINLESS CABLE TIES

One of the handiest items one has at their disposal is a cable tie. Their one disadvantage is that being plastic they have limited uses around hot environments. A trip to Harbor Freight for some stainless steel cable ties will solve the temperature problem. Twenty-five 12" SS cable ties is only \$6.79.

CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

9.23.2018	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
10.13.2018	Tech Session at Gary's Shop. Stay tuned for time
10.23.2018	Marion's Pizza, N. Dixie Dr. 6:30 PM & club meeting
11.2018 TBD	Field Trip to Airstream Factory in Jackson Center - Time to be determined
12.8.2018	Club Christmas Party at Christy's in Huber Heights, 4:30 PM

LET'S GO CRUISE-IN' AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Apr 20 - Sep 28	Beavercreek Friday Night Cruise-In. 5pm to dark. Lofinos Beaver Valley Shopping Center. Seajay Dr. Beavercreek. Same site as last year.
Third Friday Cruise-In	May 18 thru September. AM-VETS Post 1789, 715 Market St., Brookville. Door prizes, music, food, beverages, 50/50. No coolers. 937-231-4641. Norm 937-231-4641.
Sep 22	16th Xenia Grace Chapel Charity Car Show. 100 Grace Drive. Registration 10-noon. \$10 includes lunch & drink. Dash plaque, DJ, door prizes, awards. Register online after Aug 1 carshow.xeniagracechapel.org . Benefits financial needs in the community.
Oct 13	Lodown Hodown. Rip Rap Road House. 6024 Rip Rap Rd, Dayton. Noon 'til night. Live music, food, drinks, activities for the kids, vendors of all kinds. Free.

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Early model hubcaps. 15 in all from 1962-64. \$75. Contact Karl D. Porter. 251-923-6135 kdavid51@yahoo.com. Huber Heights, Ohio.



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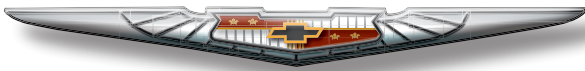


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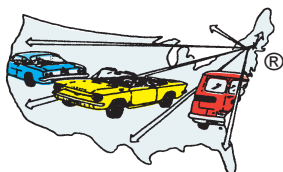


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Directions to the club meeting

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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