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Picture clipping from an old ad showing this 1961 Monza, that pushed through 1,265 icy, brutal miles to win the Canadian Winter Rally, would be on display at an International Automobile Show.

JANUARY MEETING

Welcome to the new year. We hope all made it through the Christmas holiday OK. Did anyone get to drive their Corvair on one of those nice days just before Christmas before they started spreading salt water on the roads?

The January meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at the Vandalia Justice Center, our regular meeting place. The date is Tuesday January 25th. The time is

our normal 6:30 PM. If you are not the first one there the west side door should be open. If not, go through the lobby.

JANUARY ACTIVITY

There is no scheduled club activity for January. Attribute it to Omicron.

UPDATE ON JOE DRANSCHAK

Joe is still in rehab at the facility across South Main St. (835 South Main) from Miami Valley Hospital in downtown Dayton. Joe has had surgery to fix a hole in his spine at the T-3 vertebrae caused by his cancer. They cleaned it up, installed 8 screws, and fused a disc. Joe is hoping that this will help him regain the ability to walk. He can set up with help. He can move his legs a little but cannot stand on them. His upper body is OK. If you wish to call him his cell number is 937-974-2564. If he doesn't answer he could be doing rehab. They do that several times a day. The current plan is for Joe to be discharged from the rehab facility at the end of this week and go to his daughter's house in Kentucky for several weeks and then back home for several weeks and repeat this schedule to avoid caretaker burnout. He will have a special lift to help him get out of bed. Say a prayer for Joe and Jennie.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club Christmas party came off well at the Vandalia Historical Society facility. We had a good turnout of 31 members and wives. All three Smith brothers and their wives were there. Larry's wife Willa did the prayer before dinner. How many times have we asked you to do this Willa? It has been quite a few. We appreciate your doing it. New members Jack Walker and wife Fran and Angie Chaffin (Buddy's widow) were there. *Continued on page 3*

Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile.

To join visit: www.corvair.org.





NOV. & DEC. MEETING MINUTES

At the November meeting two officers were present therefore we did not meet the quorum to hold a meeting. We did discuss Corvairs though. One guest discussed working for Frigidaire at General Motors.

There was no meeting discussion at the Christmas party.

CLUB OFFICERS

With the exception of the of the Vice-President position all of the other officers have agreed to do another year in their current position.



FROM THE EMAIL BOX

Kevin, I saw the beauty in a backyard on a country road in rural Mercer County Ohio. I stopped at the house and got the history. Clete said it wasn't his it was his neighbors car. His neighbor won it at a raffle in Greenville Ohio in 1986 for \$1. The owner drove it till 1990 and parked it in Cletes barn. Clete never charged him a dime but needed the room in August. He called the neighbor and said it was time to come get his car. That's how it all went down. It's with my mechanic now. 53,000 miles. Lemonwood yellow with white interior. Rob



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 artical is from Wikipedia and is about Ed Cole who is also known as the father of the Corvair.

ED COLE

Ed Cole became General Manager of the Chevrolet Division of GM in 1956. As the Chevy GM he directed the development of the Corvair. Ed was the son of a dairy farmer. As a teenager he became a field rep for a tractor company. After a stint at a junior college he went to GMI for his engineering degree.

His first big accomplishment was to assist in the development of the new Cadillac V-8 engine in 1949. In the 1952 he was involved in GM's developing a self propelled, twin barreled, 40 mm anti-aircraft gun called the M-42. Before he became involved in the Corvair development he was the chief engineer at Chevrolet and hit a winner in the development of the new small block V-8 that that was installed in the 1955 Chevrolet. In 1956 he became the GM of Chevy and the Corvair became his baby. He was impressed with the durability of the air cooled engines powering his airplanes. Seeing what VW and Porsche were doing with rear mounted air cooled engines and his familiarity with this type of engine he helped steer the Corvair in that direction. A lot of discussion took place over it being a 4 cylinder or a 6 cylinder. The 6 was ultimately chosen for its better smoothness. Strong early sales of the Corvair earned him a cover on the October 5, 1959 issue of Time magazine. Later on he became involved in the development of the Vega aluminum engine. This one did not hit the bulls eye as did the small block V-8.

After retirement from GM he became involved with several other endeavors including CEO of Checker Motors and International Husky, an air freight company. Sadly at the age of 67 he died when his twin engine, British built, Beagle-206 airplane crashed in bad weather near Kalamazoo. Michigan. Wikipedia was the source for this information.



CHRISTMAS PARTY *Continued*

This was our first Christmas party without our long time treasurer Aggie Moyer who passed away early this year. Aggie's assistant helper and sister-in law Bernice Noll was in attendance. Joe Dranschak was not there because of serious medical issues. Because of her position as the new club secretary Jennie Dranschak was there to handle the meal cost, 2022 dues, and door prize raffle tickets. Thanks to Urbana members Duane and Darcy Baker and Mike and Glenda Bayman for helping Jennie with this task. This has been a rough time for Jennie. On top of Joe's situation she has a kidney stone that has her in constant pain

Our regular caterer from Christy's provided a good meal as usual. Shawn, his girlfriend Susan, and Kevin helped serve drinks while we wait in line for the food. We had an abundance of door prizes to give out. A number of us went home happy with a 12 pack of beer donated by Larry Smith. You out did your self this year Larry. Thanks to all who donated something.

Saving the biggest wrapped gift for last was won by Jim. It had chrome trim pieces and chrome cleaners for a late model Corvair and FC. Jim happened to have both type of vehicles. Jim must be proud to be on Santa's Nice List.



MECUM CORVAIRS

BarnFinds website didn't know the background or who owns this group of Corvairs but if you subscribed to Corsa you would know the whole story. 28 Corvairs were sold off at an auction from January 6th through 16th at Mecum in Florida. The Miami Corvair Collection is owned by Corsa member Ruben Ezekial.

MIAMI
Corvair Collection

LOTS DOCUMENTS

<p>LOT 020 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 194131 H10 0 Spind</p>	<p>LOT 025 1965 Chevrolet Corvair 500 Sedan 85147, Automatic</p>	<p>LOT 046 1965 Chevrolet Corvair 500 85576 H10 Automatic</p>
<p>LOT 049 1963 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Club Coupe 1941014, Automatic</p>	<p>LOT 054 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 194105 H10 Automatic</p>	<p>LOT 013 1962 Chevrolet Corvair Greenbrier 110 H10 Automatic</p>
<p>LOT 048 1963 Chevrolet Corvair Rampside 95 11014, Automatic</p>	<p>LOT 088 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa Convertible 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>	<p>LOT 095 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa Convertible 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>
<p>LOT 0 881 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Convertible 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>	<p>LOT 0112 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Sport Coupe 194104 H10 Automatic</p>	<p>LOT 0116 1968 Chevrolet Corvair Sport Coupe 194104 H10 Automatic</p>
<p>LOT 0104 1964 Chevrolet Corvair Greenbrier 011, Automatic</p>	<p>LOT 0142 1964 Chevrolet Corvair Dallas Rampside 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>	<p>LOT 0104 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Lakewood Station Wagon 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>
<p>LOT W55 1962 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 500 Convertible 81187, Automatic</p>	<p>LOT W00 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>	<p>LOT W40 1968 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Sport Coupe 194104 H10 Automatic</p>
<p>LOT W66 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa Convertible 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>	<p>LOT W61 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convertible 194104 H10 Automatic</p>	<p>LOT W65 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa Sport Coupe 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>
<p>LOT W88 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa Convertible 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>	<p>LOT W55 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convertible 194104 H10 Automatic</p>	<p>LOT W16 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa Convertible 194104 H10 0 Spind</p>
<p>LOT W62 1964 Chevrolet Corvair Rampside 194104 H10 Automatic</p>	<p>LOT W112 1962 Chevrolet Corvair Rampside 95 85147, 0 Spind</p>	<p>LOT W44 1961 Chevrolet Corvair Greenbrier 22788, Automatic</p>



Directions to the club meeting at:

Vandalia Justice Center -

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. 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.

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.

*We are on the web! To join the Dayton Corvair Club and CORSA visit:
<http://daytoncorvairclub.wix.com/daytoncorvairclub>*



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2021 TECH TIPS SUMMARY

- JAN : Yearly summary for 2020
- FEB: Copper or steel head gaskets
Dash gauge ground strap
- MAR: Corvair heater hoses
Corvair piston rings
- APR: Headlight bulbs
FC door holder
- MAY: Bottom of windshield rust
Differential and trans fluid level
- JUNE: Carb and accelerator pump tip
Door knob lock grommet

- JULY: Sticking FC throttle cable
Stripped valve cover bolts
- AUG: EM Corvair A/C blower not working
Another tricky EM Corvair A/C note
- SEP: Manual trans and differential lube
Stuck car door revisited
- OCT: Changing fan belt without tools
Fragile '67 and up weak turn signal assembly
- NOV: Sound deadening material
Decipher that body tag