



DAYTON Corvair



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WINTER'S WICKED WEATHER

Greetings fellow Corvair enthusiasts. This current Ohio weather is the kind of weather to drive car people nuts. One day we are hunkered down with cold and snow outside. The next day it is melting and getting our automotive juices running only to dash them with more cold. A new wrinkle in driving the Corvair in the winter is the threat of brining. Just when you think it is safe to take a winter spin because the snow has melted and the roads have dried we now have to worry about a salt water solution being spread on the dry road in anticipation of the next snow fall. But the days are now getting longer and spring will soon be here. Keep the faith.



FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our regular place, the Vandalia Justice Center. It will take place on Tuesday February 27th at 6:30 PM. Directions to the VJC are on the last page of the newsletter. If you are not the first one there, check the west side exterior door to see if it is open.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

There is no planned club activity for this month. We are still lying low waiting for better weather. But don't do nothing. Now is the time everyone should have some personal car activity going on in the garage getting the car ready for good weather.

A tentative list of activities for this coming year is posted later in this newsletter. Our main event will be hosting the Mid Ohio Meet this year which will be held again at Buck Creek State Park, but at a different shelter site than previous years.

MARCH ACTIVITY

This is our first activity of the year. It will be one of our pizza meetings. It again will be held at Marion's Piazza on North Dixie Dr. in Dayton. The date will be Tuesday March 27th. As with all our meetings it will begin at 6:30 PM. As in the past the club will pick up the cost of the pizza. Drinks and anything else are your responsibility. This is a family affair so bring the family. Save the date. We will remind you in the next newsletter.



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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes: Dayton Corvair Club, 1/23/2018 Club Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

Location: Vandalia Justice Center, 245 Bohanan Memorial Drive, Vandalia, Ohio 45377



Attendees: Joe Dranschak, Kevin McGillivray, Verle McGillivray, Paul Huelskamp, Kevin Clark, Ray Petty, Rob Petty, Gary Funkhouser, Shawn Funkhouser, Jim Stukenborg, Bernice Noll, Jack Milliff and Aggie Moyer

Welcome: Verle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order about 6:35PM.

Vice President Comments: Steve on his way to Florida.

Secretary: Joe read a summary of the Christmas Dinner and Meeting evening at Christy's Catering Restaurant in Huber Heights. With no changes a motion was made by Ray, seconded by Gary and approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer: Aggie reported we have income of \$192 from membership dues, \$624 for 32 dinners at \$19.50 each, \$33 from the 50/50, another \$33 from the 50/50 that Jack Milliff donated for the pizza fund and \$20 for window decals from Kevin Clark for a total income of \$902. We had expenses of \$624 to Christy's for the Christmas dinners and \$101.25 to Verle for the November pizza meeting expense for a total of \$725.25 in expenses. This left us a balance on January 23, 2018 of \$2,003.50. Jack motioned we accept the report, seconded by Paul and so approved.

Activities: We agreed on January 28 for a planning meeting at Marions Piazza at 2PM. Joe will call Dennis to remind him and Kevin will send an email to club members for anyone who would like to attend. The Club will pay for pizza.

Aggie informed us that she would like to retire from the Treasurer's position. Needless to say everyone in attendance expressed our gratitude to Aggie for being our Treasurer and we would try to find a replacement. Aggie said she would continue while we find someone. We will put something in the newsletter asking for a volunteer. Aggie then shared a story with us of how she was recently at McDonalds (Dec. 11) with Bernice and Aggie got a nosebleed that would not stop and another restaurant customer called 9-1-1 and Aggie ended up at the emergency room. It was quite a story.

Kevin Clark wanted to verify that the Bylaws document he had, last updated 2002, was the most current and we said it was. Joe will verify what document he has on file. Kevin was going to post the Bylaws on our website.

Newsletter: Jim had nothing new to report.

Membership: Greg was not present and we had no new information.

Other Business: We discussed the Mid Ohio Meet and Verle was able to reserve a Buck Creek Shelter for June 16 with a \$75 rental fee. Kevin still has a few more window decals. Gary offered to have a Tech Session but we did not select a date. Gary and his son Shawn are open for Corvair work and we can put an article in the Dayton Daily News about the Club and our meeting times and membership and Gary and Shawn doing Corvair work.

50/50: Kevin McGillivray won \$7.50 and donated it to the Pizza Fund.

Motion made by Joe and we adjourned about 7:45PM.



CINCINNATI CLUB SWAP MEET

Last month in January the Cincinnati Corvair group held their second winter swap meet at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Hamilton. It appears there were more vendors this year and lots more Corvair parts could be found throughout the swap meet. Even some 1/25th scale model Rampside kits were available. With three 50/50 drawings every other hour, one was won by our newest club member Greg Pennington from Chillicothe. Verle and Kevin McGillivray came to browse and Kevin Clark was also there selling Corvair parts and other automotive related items.



LOOKING TO BUY A DREAM CORVAIR

The club received a letter from a gentleman who is looking to buy a decent Corvair. Below is his letter and if you have a Corvair that meet his specification, give him a call.

February 12, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have been looking at purchasing a Corvair. We've been looking for awhile and have been unable to locate one that was in reasonably decent shape. Most of what we have found are pretty badly rusted or have bad rust repairs.

I thought I would enlist the various Corvair Clubs within reasonable driving distance of my home for help in leads on finding a good one for sale.

I'm looking for preferably a 1965-1969 Monza 2 dr powerglide, but would not totally rule out an earlier one. My budget is up to \$8000 for a nice one. It would have to be a nice drivers quality or better.

If you could pass this letter onto your members, I would greatly appreciate it.

My contact info is: Jim Schmidt, (513) 673-6749. roddernut@earthlink.net. I live in the Cincinnati area.

***Sincerely,
Jim Schmidt***



CLUB OFFICER HELP NEEDED

A number of officers have agreed to continue in their positions. However, we are looking for someone fill the president's spot and the treasure's spot. Verle McGillivray has had the job for 4 years and thinks it is time to turn it over to someone else. Aggie Moyer who has been the club treasurer forever says her next birthday on Feb 28 will be a four score and 5 year event and she thinks it is time to groom someone else. It was difficult for Aggie to make this decision, but she did not want to wait until we had to pry the pencil from her cold dead hand. That said, we need someone to step up. Ask Verle and Aggie what the job entails if you have any interest in volunteering.

HISTORY HAPPENS

I'm not sure if <http://www.oldcarandtruckpictures.com/Corvair/> is still a current website but I came across it while doing some searches for Corvair history. The information was created by John MacDonald of Summerville, Nova Scotia. His email is listed on the website as johnmacdoanld@summerville-novascotia.com but I think it is really meant to be johnmacdonald@summerville-novascotia.com. The website is worth looking at for Corvair info and pictures as well as (<http://www.oldcarandtruckpictures.com/>) has an even greater collection. The below information is from his Corvair page.

On October 2, 1959, General Motors' Chevrolet division introduced the 1960 Corvair. It was a new and radically different design for an American manufacturer. During the mid-1950s, the Volkswagen Beetle had become popular with economy-minded drivers. This caused GM to create an economy car to compete with it. This new car was powered by an air-cooled six-cylinder engine, first for Chevrolet, it was referred to as a "flat six," since the cylinders were horizontally opposed. It was also mounted in the rear like the VW. The 1960 model was offered in two body styles, a 2-door coupe and a 4-door sedan - available in two trim models. Later that model year the "Monza" was added, as the line continued to expand. In 1961, Chevy added a pair of vans, a pickup truck and a station wagon, all with the engine mounted in the rear. In 1962, came the Corvair convertible along with the first mass-produced American turbo-charged car, the "Spyder."

While early sales were promising, the other large American manufacturers quickly challenged the Corvair with compacts of their own. Chrysler introduced the Dodge Lancer and Plymouth Valiant, while Ford countered with the Falcon and Mercury Comet. Even Chevy itself introduced a car to compete in the same market, the Chevy II. Chevrolet introduced another sporty car in 1964, the Chevelle, and Ford unveiled the legendary Mustang. The end was near for the Corvair. After ten years of production throughout the decade of the 1960s, the last Corvair was built on May 14, 1969.

Was the Corvair a failure? It's a matter of opinion. General Motors produced nearly 1.8 million Corvairs over 10 model years. The Corvair pioneered such technological advances as turbo-charging, true four-wheel independent suspension and unit-body (or unibody) construction, and its independent suspension was adapted for later model Corvettes. Perhaps the Corvair was a car that just couldn't find its right place in the automotive world.

Credits: <http://www.oldcarandtruckpictures.com/Corvair/>

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

Mar 4	Mod-Tiques Car Club Swap Meet. Clark County Fairgrounds. Rt 41 & I-70 Exit 59 Springfield. 8AM-3PM. Admission \$5, 16 under free.
Feb 22-25	Dayton Auto Show. Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St. Feb. 22- 23, Noon-9 p.m. Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$8, \$6 online.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR CORVAIR JUNK WHEN YOU DIE?

This statement was posted on Corvair Forum by Ray "Trip" Rodrigues III back in October. There were some replies to this but Ray is still looking for more good answers to this question. One responder to Ray's question said his son said he doesn't want his Corvair stuff. Bill Ableson the proprietor of a Corvair shop in New Jersey passed away some time ago and it took several dedicated members of the NJACE Corvair club two years to get rid of the shop's inventory. [ED note: Your editor has a spare reverse rotation camshaft that came from Ableson's.]

The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) is not accepting soft copy documents, but is trying to build up its collection of hardware exhibits including relatively rare Corvairs and speed parts. So if you have rare parts you could donate them to the CPF.

This question in this topic piqued a nerve with your editor. The wife has been asking the same question as she is thinking we need to get rid of a lot of stuff around the house that we have amassed over the years. I have made a list of items in the garage and garage attic with purchase prices on them in hopes that the more valuable might be sold rather than dumped. I see a lot of car collection auctions in magazines, but Corvair parts may not bring out a lot of bidders. Jerry Fritts' brother Larry tried to sell his collection of Corvair parts and then tried to give it away (all or none) without success. Through Jerry, the club now has some if these parts to pass on. Your editors first attempt to bring something down from the garage attic only cluttered up the attic path.

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.

HOW TO POLISH STAINLESS STEEL AND ALUMINUM

A Bolivian Corvair enthusiast by the name of Richard Widman is a regular poster on Corvair Center (corvaircenter.com). Richard has an excellent primer on polishing at the following web site. You also can see before and after pics of Richard's early model Corvair restoration. The before and after pictures of Richard's polished parts are quite dramatic. Sixteen pages in all with great detail and color on the polishing topic.
www.widman.biz/uploads/polishing

ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP CONTROLLER

There has been some discussion on Corvair center about the use of electric fuel pumps on Corvairs because a number of Corvair people have experienced bad mechanical fuel pumps. One thing to remember when installing an electric fuel pump is the need to have the pump stop running in case of an accident. All fuel injection cars these days have electric fuel pumps and they have some sort of inertia activated cut off device built into the fuel system. If you are going to install an electric pump on your Corvair you can purchase a device that will provide this capability. One such device is Revolution Electronics (www.revolutionelectronics.com) fuel pump controller. This device will run the pump for three seconds to fill the carbs and then runs only after the car is started and the pump sees a sign the engine is running.





CORVAIR CLUB TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

1.23.18	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
2.27.18	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
3.27.18	Marion's Pizza, N. Dixie Dr. 6:30 PM & club meeting
4.21.18	D&D Classic Tour 10 AM. Meeting at Buffalo Jacks 11:45 AM
5.2018 TBD	Dayton Dragons baseball game
5.22.18	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
6.16.18	29th Mid-Ohio Meet at Buck Creek State Park. Dayton club is hosting
6.26.18	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
7.22.18	Meeting at Gary's Shop
7.23-28.2018	CORSA Convention. Pittsburg, PA. http://corvairpittsburgh.com
8.25.18	Vair Affair at McGillivray's
9.2018 TBD	Field Trip to WACO
9.23.2018	Club monthly meeting at Vandalia Justice Center at 6:30 PM
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
12.8.2018	Club Christmas Party at Christy's in Huber Heights, 4:30

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE

JERRY FRITTS PARTS

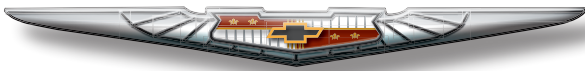
Here is a list of Corvair parts that Jerry Fritts gave to the club. Take a part and make a donation to the club. Jim Stukenborg has the parts. Call Jim and his number is 937-429-2291. More parts next month!

Tru-torque master cyl rebuild kit #7M 59070, Fleenors dual M/C	Horn relay
26 coil springs, 2 1/2" x 3/4"	Battery hold down 6 1/2" wide
Round gas tank door	2 headlight adjusting screws and plastic blocks
2 doz exhaust gaskets, mostly small dia	Spark plugs, (21) 44F, (6) 46F
Corvair ignition wire set, Delco	Late model speedo cable
(3) Jiffy carb rebuild kits	VC-150 vacuum advance
"410" vacuum advance-new	Early battery cables, not spring ring
Wheel cyl rebuild kits, 2 sizes	NOS "Corvair" script, rear deck lid
60-61 ignition points	"Corvair" rear deck script, 1 good, 1 used
61-69 ignition points	Soft Seal 65-69 Corvair Hardtop quarter window seals
Accel springs	16 inch Anco wiper blade refills (1)
Boots (3)	Engine crankcase seal, upper, fan support
Pedal pads, 4 used, 1 new	(6) exhaust pipe clamps
Gas cap	



CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 63, 64 Greenbriers, project vehicles. 63 Monza cpe, 900, auto. 64 Monza cpe, 4 spd. 65 turbo convert, low miles, rust free, project vehicle. Tons of parts. Sid Roth 937-596-5106 home or 937-622-0587 cell. Jackson Center, OH.



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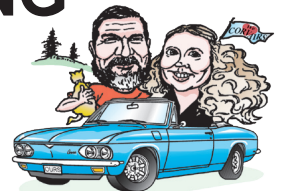
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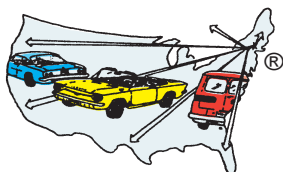


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Directions to the club meeting

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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