



# DAYTON Corvair



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## FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Dayton Corvair Club will be held at our usual place, the Vandalia Justice Center. The date is Tuesday, February 27th. Time is our usual 6:30 PM. The directions to the Justice Center are on the last page of the newsletter.

The newsletter for the first seven months of this year will be centered more on the 2024 Convention that our club is hosting. If you haven't already gotten involved, go ahead and volunteer some of your time.

## FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

There is no special club activity planned for February. We have yet not had a planning activity for this year. We will have limited special activities until after the Convention. One activity we might do is our annual trip to D & D restorations.

## MARCH ACTIVITY

Our March activity will be a meeting with pizza, but it will be at our regular meeting place, the Vandalia Justice Center.



The entrance to the room is on the west side of the building. If you should happen to be the first person there the door will be locked, and you need to go in through the main entrance on the east side of the building and then let everyone else in. The date is our regular 4th Tuesday March 26th.

***Due to the focus on the 2024 convention, future newsletters will be concentrating on convention information and status. Expect to have fewer pictures and topics.***



## Corvair Society of America

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## 2023 TECH TIPS SUMMARY

JAN : Tech Tip Summary for 2022  
FEB: Cleaning Fake Wood Steering Wheels  
Steering Wheels, Columns, Boxes  
MAR: Huge Collection of Corvair Information  
APR: Convertible Top Boot Snap Repair  
Make it easier to make that Boot  
easier to snap  
MAY: Wheel Swapping Tips  
Heater Hose Installation  
JUNE/JULY: Late Model Dash Pad Removal  
Revitalizing Rubber Weatherstrips

AUG: A/C Refrigerant R-134A, Late Model Carb  
Floats into an Early Model Carb  
SEP: Saving A/C refrigerant when Testing for Leaks  
Corvair Repair Videos on U-Tube by  
Davemotohead  
OCT: Lowering the Front of a Late Model Corvair  
Corvair Oil Filters  
NOV: Corvair Shifts Hard into 1st Gear  
Changing to Auto Adjusting brakes on Early  
Model Corvairs



**JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

*January 23, 2024*

Our President - Shawn Funkhouser welcomed all in attendance for tonight's meeting as well as those that joined us at the Christmas party at Company 7 BBQ. It seemed having our get together for lunch worked out well for everyone. Chances are we'll continue going back this year - stay tuned in the Fall with more discussion to follow.

Our new Vice President - Craig Puthoff has been posting pictures of his new car, making it his own style.

Our Secretary - Darcy Baker moved the minutes be accepted per the newsletter.

Our Treasurer - Angie Chaffins reported the new balance is \$1739.34. Angie will be sending out a letter to those who have not yet paid the membership fee for the year. We have 17 Corsa members and 17 non Corsa members. Keep in mind if you are coming to the convention and want to participate in any event you must be a Corsa member. Angie won the 50/50 drawing of \$12.00 and donated her winnings back to the pizza fund.

Our Membership leader - Paul Huelscamp was not present.

Our newsletter leader - Jim Stukenborg thanked Darcy for her write up for the monthly newsletters. Thank you so much for all the kind words and support!

Our Activities director - Kevin Clark stated that the Wright B Flyer plane would be going to the air show in Wisconsin the same week and may not be available to do the fly over during the Concours. It has been decided that each club, Cincinnati, Columbus and our club will donate \$350.00 to help cover the cost of admission to Carillon Park. Details of how to make sure everyone attending is accounted for correctly are still being worked out. The free admission is from 9:30am - 1:00pm, after that time frame the free admission is discontinued. The welcome party now consists of 3 slices of pizza, salad, dessert, lemonade and tea served in the courtyard of the Marriott hotel for \$25.00 per person. You must pre register for this event. We've learned the Impala club is interested in using the drag strip at Kil-Kare. Gary

Funkhouser is checking on a food truck for use at Kil Kare if their concession stand is unavailable.

Jim Stukenborg will be asking restaurants along Brown St in Dayton for coupons to have in the hospitality room for all to use. We have received a check from Clark's Corvair of \$500.00 for payment of the Carillon Deeds award.

Tia Smith has graciously agreed to make 3 different sizes of plant stands, could use these to display a gift basket for the raffle prizes.

Thank you to all who attended this meeting: Jim Stukenborg, Patrick Kirgan, Kevin Clark, Shawn Funkhouser, Craig Puthoff, Greg Hanlin, Verle McGillivray, Angie Chaffins, Gary Funkhouser, Darcy and Duane Baker. On line- Mike Bayman. Several enjoyed cupcakes and cookies for Duane's birthday.

Respectfully submitted  
Darcy Baker Secretary



**CORVAIRBORNE MEETING MINUTES**

*February 13, 2024*

Our Corvairborne meeting was conducted by our convention chairman Kevin Clark. Those in attendance were, Kevin Clark, Craig Puthoff, Glenda and Mike Bayman, Jim Stukenborg, Darcy and Duane Baker. Those on line included Mark Corbin, Shawn Funkhouser, Kevin Gallagher, Cindy and Doug Simon, Angie Chaffins, Jim Schmidt, Tom Berg, Lori Komora, Jeff Sandor and Mike Hall.

With the help of Kevin Clark giving details of the convention, Don Keefe has printed the info in the Corvair Communique. It is nicely done and very informative! Be sure to read each article describing in detail what is coming in July!

Mike Hall let us know he has found two people from the St Louis area to be in charge of parking. Duane Baker has contacted the car dealership SVG to possibly bring cars to put on display at Carillon Park, they may even donate money to defer the cost of admission.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding whether  
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or not to charge for the car display the night of the welcome party. We are leaning toward not charging for this event so we could have everyone's car on display. We'll award the top ten cars voted by the attendees. There will not be any classes on the ballot, just vote for your favorite car, and no voting on a Concours car since they have their own category of judging.

Kevin has received a very generous donation of \$1000.00 from Lisa Mitchell to help with the money needed for the Concours fly over. If the fly over doesn't take place, we would be able to use this money however we need to. Lisa's deceased husband Ray, a long time Columbus Corvair club member, was also involved in aviation through out his life.

Scott Morehead will be sending artwork for a full page ad he's agreed to purchasing. Summitt has declined purchasing an ad at this time. Duane will reach out to Rock Auto for possibly purchasing an ad.

Mark Corbin asked if we would get ribbons, or gift cards, or engraved plaques for the winners of the Model car display event. Mark will be sending us the information needed with these awards. We are still looking for sponsors of ads in the convention program.

We have come a long way in a short amount of time, but still have some finishing touches to do. We have about 5 months left!

Respectfully submitted  
Darcy Baker Secretary

## 2024 CORSA CONVENTION HELP

Help is still needed for our July 21-26 convention. If you haven't gotten involved so far, we can use your help in several areas such as:

Sunday parking detail. CORSA has several out of town volunteers. They could use some more local help showing convention attendees where to park their cars, trailers, and vendor locations.

Hospitality can use a few more. Dayton has Monday as their day to staff the hospitality room. Thursday will also need some volunteers.

Other areas such as the Econo Run, Rally, Valve Cover races, and the Autocross all will need extra people. Maybe in registration starting Sunday.

The Hospitality Room will have a silent auction, and door prize giveaways, and is looking for local free coupons for food and etc. If you have sources for any of these start collecting them for the convention.

## CONVENTION UPDATE

It is confirmed we will have the Concours at Carillon Historical Park. Donations and pledges we have received from car clubs and individuals, is making it possible for our guests, who are traveling from all over the country, to enjoy the Concours in the park, and this will be much better than spending the whole day in the parking lot. Carillon Historical Park is a must-see attraction for anyone visiting Dayton and the donations is helping to cover the admission cost. Our guests must be a paid convention registrants to get in for free and you can take advantage of it between 9:30 to 1:00PM. To date, the donations will cover approximately one third of expected attendance, so we need more donations. If your club or organization would like to help with your donations, contact me and I'll send you our Advertising Opportunities brochure. We would like for everyone to enjoy the Concours and discover Dayton and its rich culture that changed the world. Contact me at [DaytonCorvairClub@gmail.com](mailto:DaytonCorvairClub@gmail.com).

The CORSA board had requested, and I delivered a presentation showcasing Dayton. Since we are already the chosen site to host the convention, I shared our webpage explaining our "flight plan" for each day of the upcoming convention to them. The webpage's tab is 2024 Convention, and you can find it here: <https://www.daytoncorvairclub.com/gallery>. Pictures had been added, as well a map of the Marriott's ground with parking and the presentation went well with very few concerning questions which got answered. The webpage will be updated when needed so check back often.

Then we had finally completed the schedule but not without a hitch. CORSA will post it on the CORSA website along with a registration form by the end of February.

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**CONVENTION UPDATE** ...continued

Regarding the hitch I mentioned, you might notice Car Display had been replaced with Corvair Cruise In. Since the old rule in Car Display is outdated, we decided to canceled Car Display and stick with a new format we had planned all along. We wanted all Corvairs to participate in an all-inclusive car show so we named it Corvair Cruise in and it will run at the same time with the Welcome Party. There will be no registration fee to enter. There will be ten people's choice "Top 10 Award" with no classes. Concours cars are not eligible however, and you do not have to purchase the Welcome Party to participate in the Corvair Cruise In. You will need to be a registered convention participant to get a car number and a ballot. This format will make it a whole lot easier especially when manpower is scarce and it should be more fun for everyone to enjoy the evening.

Also on Monday evening, Eva "Corvair Lady" McQuire had invited members from the Zenobia and Dayton Shriners to join us at the "Welcome Party" where the Shriener Corvairs will be on special display. The red, white, and blue Corvair parade cars will also be on display at the Concours. They will be parking on the circular lawn in front of the park, and they are there for the show and are not judged. They are permitted to accept cash donations for the Shriners Children's burn care in Dayton. We feel this a nice way to reunite the organization with the Corvair parade cars they started and promote their cause.



The next article for the April issue of CORSA Communique had been sent in and is about parking and some details on the first two days of the convention with Registration and vendor set up on Sunday, and the Welcome Party, Valve Cover Race, and a Corvair Cruise In on Monday. Also, on Monday night after the Welcome Party, there will be a special

presentation by Carl Kelsen. You might remember Carl is from Australia and he will have a Powerpoint presentation on C.K.D. assembled right hand drive Chevrolet cars from 1949 to 1970. It will be nice way to end the evening.

Yet, there is another presentation in our line-up set for Tuesday. Corvair Lady Eva McQuire had hosted several events titled Meet the Maker in her hometown near Detroit. They consist of meeting with former GM employees who has had a hand in designing and building Corvairs from the drawing board to the assembly line. We will welcome Lowell "Tommy" Espy here for a Meet a Maker presentation about his time in 1959 working in the Fisher Body plant.



A cruise to Tipp City is out of the equation and the Impala club is now focusing their cruise-in in Beavercreek. We will learn more on this event and they are inviting us to



join them. They are also implementing their day at the race using the drag strip at Kil-Kare Dragway which is right behind our autocross track course.

The Crafter event will be hosted by DCC member Angie Chaffins who had invited Timber Hill Woodworking to teach in a sign making class. Angie had used Timber Hill service at her Harley Davidson event and the signs she had created looked very professional. To learn more about this Crafter Event, Angie will be using social media to advertise and accept sign ups. She also plans to set up near the registration area with finished samples to showcase and accept limited last-minute walk-ins.

This seems a lot to read for now. When more news come along, I'll be sharing them next time.

Kevin Clark  
Chair





## JANUARY/FEBRUARY CONVENTION ARTICLE IN THE COMMUNIQUE

*Co-Editor Note: Last month in this section in the January Dayton Corvair Chronicle, a March article for the CORSA Communique was inadvertently used instead of the January/February article. Sorry for the confusion.*

In case you are not a CORSA member, here is the latest article to keep you up to date on the convention, Remember, to participate in the convention, you must be a CORSA member. To join CORSA, go to their website at [www.Corvair.org](http://www.Corvair.org). CORSA will be offering discounts to first time members. Search for it.

### Corvairborne! Pre-Flight Check

Start preparing and add Dayton, Ohio, the Birthplace of Aviation, to your list of destination and attend the Corsa 2024 International Corvair Convention the week of July 21st, 2024.

The Dayton Corvair Club, the Corvair Club of Cincinnati, and the Columbus Mid-Ohio Vair Force had have worked together to host this event and we are eagerly awaiting to welcome you.

This convention will be CORSA's first time in Ohio and Dayton is a great place to host the convention. We take great pride as we are the City of Innovation, and we would love for you to come discover our many treasures that had changed the world.

The host hotel, Marriott at the University of Dayton, is located just south of Gem City, and is easy to locate. Situated just east of I-75 and south of State Route 35, you can't miss the towering Deeds Carillon bell tower. The Marriott offers spacious lots and is no stranger hosting national automotive events. With the Fairlane Club of America, National Impala Association, and Oldsmobile Club of America's convention under its belt, the Marriott could run smoothly on auto pilot.

Plan to dine under the wings of famous aircrafts at the National Museum of the USAF. Enjoy Concours d'Elegance surrounded by Dayton's rich history. Walk in the steps of the Wright Brothers and follow the Aviation Trail. Your family will find our area attractions worthy to extend your stay. More details will be forthcoming, and we promise your trip here in the Buckeye state will be a memorable one.

Plan now and arrive "On Time" July 21-26. Make your reservation online or call the Marriott at the University of Dayton. We are looking forward seeing you in your Corvair. It's looking up to become an exciting week. Convention information is also available on the CORSA website.

Hotel information;

Marriott at the University of Dayton,  
1414 South Patterson Boulevard,  
Dayton, Ohio 45409 / 1 937-223-1000

Room rate is \$142 per night. Mention The Corvair Society of America 2024 for special room rate.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1686839568185&key=GRP&app=resvlink>





**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.



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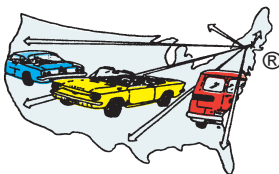
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