



CORVAIRS IN MINIATURE

Tuesday April 1, 2014

Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club

Regular Monthly Meeting / Corvairs in Miniature

So what do you do when it is bitter cold outside and you haven't seen the ground through the snow cover for the last three months? If you are smart like our new Activities Director you head for Florida for the season! For the rest of us we can stay inside and build a replica of our favorite Corvair that is stored away safely or parked out in the driveway with a foot of snow on top to protect it.

Corvair models are readily available today. A good source is eBay. Clark's no longer lists a 1/25th scale kit in their catalog. Prices can vary and some models are either not available or were never produced. The most common Corvair kit is the late model coupe. First seen in 1965 as an AMT "annual" issue it was modeled as a Corsa coupe with the 180 turbocharged engine option. The next year's annual was also a turbo Corsa coupe. After that a Monza coupe with a 140 engine option was made. **MINIATURES CONTINUED**

MAYBERRY RFD

The continuation of the ever-popular 2nd Saturday (4-12) DACC Breakfast Club meetings. A new location will be tested on **April 12th at 9AM**. Bring you best Barney Fife face to Mayberry's Family Restaurant at 27810 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. Mayberry's is on the North side of Grand River right at the intersection with 8 Mile Road. After breakfast we can still run down to North American Classic Cars and see what Jerry and the guys have on display. **from PETE KOEHLER**

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

The 1st 2014 installment of my 2nd Favorite DACC event (after the Homecoming, of course!!). Can you say "Road Trip?" The date will be the 4th Sunday of the month, or **April 27th**. We will meet at Pete's Coney Island II in Waterford. Yes, I think I can find the place this time. Pete's is on the North side of Dixie Hwy near the intersection of Maybee Road. It is just past the 2nd cemetery off of Dixie.

Our destination after breakfast with our DACC friends will be the quaint little town of Frankenmuth! Our tour will head up M15 with a halfway stop in Davison for a quick rest and re-fill of coffee if needed. Then we will tour up into Vassar to see if they are under water yet with the Spring Thaw that should be starting any day now. Then we will follow a leisurely route along side the Cass River into Frankenmuth. There will be another eating function in town before we turn our Corvairs homeward. Please plan to attend. And, just for Clark, we will find a Dairy Queen on the way home! **from PETE K**

APRIL ACTIVITIES

Hopefully someday soon the weather will warm up to a point where we can get our Corvairs out and drive them again. I actually did give the Canadian '63 Monza sedan a run yesterday to get it back home from Casey's place in Northville. The new gas shocks really helped the ride quality and will make the upcoming DACC Road Trips more enjoyable.

WHEN O'Leary RETURNS

I have other ideas for Road Trips as well as the 2nd Saturday Breakfast. As soon as John O'Leary gets back we will finalize some plans. If you have ideas or suggestions please mention them to myself or John or any of the Directors.

Above all, include your Corvair in your driving plans for 2014. The more 'Vairs on the road the merrier!!

Pete Koehler for John O'Leary

John Wolford

The DAAC was a huge part of dad's life. Dad's health had been degrading recently and he passed peacefully on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the age of 85. A lot of friends/family stopped by on short notice that day and it was the first time he had smiled in a long time.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of fifty-eight years, Mabel Aldene Wolford, in 2012 and is survived by his sons, Gerald (Cheryl) of Romeo and Rodney (Donna) of Lehigh Acres, Florida and his grandchildren, Samantha, Chelsea, Jacob, Evan and Sarah.

Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, on Saturday, March 8, from 10 AM with a funeral service at 12 PM. Burial and Military Honors followed at Highland Cemetery

DACC MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2014

Pete Cimbala called meeting to order at 7:40; 29 people. Robert Jennings came even though he just got water in his house after the pipes had frozen; Harold here after a brief hospitalization for pneumonia. Clark mentioned that he was able to visit John Wolford in the hospital before he went home and John died shortly after.

Pete was contacted by Eyes on Design because they are looking for a Rampside. He gave them several names and numbers.

Brief discussion about inviting Jay Leno and Tim Allen to the Tacoma Corvair Convention.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
Tim Bramble volunteered for Vice President; Gigi nominated John O'Leary for activities director and called him in Florida; (Pete Koehler will call him with suggestions and Tom Gillingham will talk to him about joint events with the Grand Touring Sports Car Club. Donna will continue to sell 50/50 tickets and Judy O'Leary will continue Secretary with Gigi Debbrecht's assistance.

Clark will continue as Membership and Paul will continue as Treasurer. The only office with 2 candidates was newsletter editor when Robert Jennings was nominated from the floor; Ken Pepke was re-elected but there was a motion to make Robert the Social Media Director since that function is not currently covered very well and Pete told us that he gets 15-20 spam applications every week for Homecoming.

Tom mentioned that we can join his club at the 2 plays at Meadowbrook that have car shows associated with them. Each car receives a free ticket to the play. The Owosso Train & Car show is June 20-21.

Pete and others reported on replacement options for Corvair tires and prices. The results will be published elsewhere in the newsletter.

50/50 prize of \$38 was won by Pete Koehler won the attendance drawing.

At 8:50 Clark unplugged Pete's microphone.

Presidents Report

At the March meeting we had a "DACC Election" or one could say we renewed our officer positions with the addition of a new Vice President and Activities Director. I started my term as President a job I have been doing since Robert Jennings had to step aside to take care of Doreen and move to their new home in Flint. Tim Bramble will take over as VP and gets to carry the VP bag home each month, however Donna will still be selling the 50/50 tickets as she has been doing such a great job for so long. GiGi thought that it would be a good idea for us to consider John O'Leary for Activities Director. Since he and Judy are enjoying sunny warm Florida for another month we voted him in.

Robert Jennings will be the official Social Media Specialist, something he has been doing a great job with on the club Facebook page. We had a program about tires and where to find 13" white walls, and black wall sport size tires as well.

There are signs that Spring may happen some time in the next couple months, Pete Koehler came up with a few cool things to do in April that includes a few driving events for those of you that have your cars and trucks out of winter storage.

We also talked about Clark and Rich visiting John Wolford at the care center and hoped that he

would be able to make it to a meeting soon. But as fate would have it we lost him the night before but did not know it at the time. John was Membership Director from July 1992 taking over Ken Hand's term (at Ken's request) until March of 1994. He was Treasurer from March 1997 to March 98 and he and Mabel took over Homecoming Registration for the 1993 event and sat behind the table for many years after. We had several great Board meetings at their home in Highland over the years with lot's of home cooked dinners and treats. John built some really cool wood trains, trucks, locks that worked and boats in his retirement years and they were placed all over the room at the funeral home during his showing and service. He is with Mabel now and they both will be missed by all of their friends and family. from **Pete C.**

Late Model shocks

FRONT, part number: 343161

KONI part number for the:
R Ford Fairmont All 1978-81
R Ford Mustang All 1979-81
R Mercury Capri All 1979-81
R Mercury Zephyr All 1978-81
KYB 344098 front

REAR, part number: 344098

KONI part number for the:
F Daihatsu Truck Rocky All 1990-92
F Honda Truck Passport All 1994-96
F Isuzu Truck (4WD) All 1988-97
F Mazda Truck (2WD) All 1986-93
F Nissan Truck Pathfinder (Exc. Adj. Susp.)1987-95
F Opel GT All 1969-73
KYB KG5476 rear

MINIATURES CONTINUED

This is interesting since Chevrolet discontinued the 140 engine at the start of the 1967 production year and only added it back in later on. 1968 and 1969 annuals were released by AMT. One oddity of the last two years' models was that you could not build a "stock" version with the parts in the kits. Custom wheels were substituted for the stock Monza wheel covers found in the 1967 kit. The 1969 Monza box art shows a Corvair with stock wheel covers but the parts are not to be found inside the box!

There were many re-issues of the 1969 Monza coupe. I know of at least five different ones. The last re-release was in 2004. This was right around the time that Ertl Corporation out of Dyersville, Iowa, which bought out AMT Corp. sold out to another company (RC2 Brands). This last version of the veritable 1969 Corvair Monza coupe was actually made in China! No surprise there? The quality of the kit is about on a par with the previous releases as the modeling "tool" was the same as used in

the 1988 AMT/Ertl "Prestige" release of the Monza coupe.

The meeting program for the April meeting will be a presentation of the various kits mentioned above. I'll bring along examples of the kits and a couple of completed models to show how you can make a miniature of your favorite Corvair. We can talk about models and share stories until Clark pulls the plug on the PA system. Up until that point if anyone out there wants to bring one of their creations to show off please feel welcome to do so! from **PETE KOEHLER**

MY RIDE TO COBO HALL AUTORAMA

It all begins, as many Corvair adventures do, by responding to an ad at the DACC Home - coming, this time in 2011. This car seemed like a good deal, (as my wife, Anna would say, "They all seem like a good deal.) \$1000 was the price, for a 1965 Monza and that included a parts car to go along with it! Of course, I responded immediately to this current owner, a gentleman in Garden City.

We began by putting a trustworthy engine in it, the one from the yellow/gold 1965 "parts car-made into daily driver" that Clark Hartzel had sold me. I say "we" because now I had a partner in crime, my son, Craig Jacob.

Fast forward to April 2013. Now Craig J. has his driver's license and begins driving this Monza, as his daily driver. He customized the car a bit to suit younger taste: After market stereo, racing bucket seats (purchased from the Mad Anthony Show that spring), a chrome steering wheel and Oldsmobile Rally wheels.

Craig proudly brought his

Corvair Monza to a Detroit body shop on Chalmers and Harper Avenue, *Show & Go*, a business owned by family friend, Tom Cavatio. This was just for a visit, to show off his car. Well, I have to say that Tom, now a new member of DACC, is somewhat of a perfectionist. He was not content with this car's exterior and convinced Craig to paint the vehicle. This led to many months of much more work than Craig had anticipated, but soon became a labor of love, as well as a father-son project.

As the car began to come together, the notion of it becoming an entry in the Detroit Autorama began to surface. It had always been a goal, and as my wife would attest to, each year that we attended the big show at Cobo, I would predictably swear, "Next year, I will have a car in this show. . ." This phrase was repeated 33 years in a row! It obviously became somewhat of a joke, but this story shows what a motivator parenthood can be. I guess when the goal to get this vehicle "Autorama-ready" was shared by my son, the dream became a reality.

This reality was also made possible by many great friends. Not only did Tom and his faithful employees Rick, Tim, Shaun, "K", and Tudy spend many

hours donating their talents, some old DACC folks also pitched in. During the final weeks before the Cobo event, Pete Koehler, Kerry Borgne, Al Ullery, Bob Majewski, and good ole Clark Hartzel all came down to Show & Go to lend their expertise, including assisting with the beautiful interior ordered from Clark's Corvairs. The final task was the headliner which was installed to perfection by Tim from the shop, assisted by my son, Craig.

The rest as the saying goes, is history, including the unexpected 3rd prize award that Craig received in the category of Compact Custom! **Craig Balow**

Eyes On Design

The 27th annual event will take place on the beautiful grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan on Father's Day, June 15, 2014.

A special category this year called "1964 New York World's Fair: 50th Anniversary". I am looking for nice examples of a 1964 Impala, Chevelle, Chevy II, Corvair and Corvette.

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**MY RIDE TO COBO HALL
 AUTORAMA
 FIRST TRY
 33 years in the planning
 3rd PLACE
 COMPACT CUSTOM
 Craig and Craig Jacob Balow**



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OK, it is not a Corvair - but how much fun could it be? Better yet, how about a 59 Chevy Sedan Delivery pulled by a 1959 Brookwood 2 door wagon ... or ... a Corvair Lakewood wagon pulled by a Greenbrier !?!
 Sign me up :-)

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Treasure report March 19, 2014

<u>Balance</u> as of Feb 20, 2014		\$7,287.46
<u>Income</u> Feb 4, 2014	50-50 drawing	77.00
	Dues	<u>183.00</u>
	Total	260.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
	Mar 4, 2014 50-50 winner	38.00
	Attendance winner	10.00
	Newsletter & postage	<u>152.00</u>
	Total	200.00
<u>Current bank balance</u>		7,347.46

Clark Hartzel, assistant Treasurer



SELL & SWAP

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO kenpepke@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair convertible - White, red interior, black top. Runs, needs some repair 79,200 miles - additional motor available with deal automatic transmission, body and interior, good condition - original chrome - Located near Tiffin, Ohio = 491-937-1946 (leave message)

FOR SALE: 65 Corsa Conv, 4-spd, triple black. 64,000 mi - LA build - Flaming River Quick Steer Box, 2K on new 205x14" tires / "Hands Racing-like" wheels, 8K on new brakes. Some spares. Gary Lowell 248-224-4317
Sglowell10@sbcglobal.net

WANTED: 1965 to 1969 Corvair engines
Bob Conklin (586) 344-2318

FOR SALE: LM parts, VGC –ALSO– 36 Ford Fire Truck, runs / drives - Clint McNett 517 592 5177
Brooklyn, MI

FOR SALE: LM w/ comp new brake system, floor pans, W/S, carb overhaul, clutch, tune up, exhaust, 90% body work done. trim & bumpers removed - have pieces, hubcaps. over \$2500 spent, ask \$1500. Jerry 248 404-5884.

WANTED: one 1964 Corvair front compartment lid
call Cecil 734-262-0068

FOR SALE: 64 Monza accessory parts, emblems, lens and too many parts to list - call Cecil Rollins @ 734-262-0068

FACEBOOK page ... Here is the address

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/DETROITCORVAIRS>

DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

March 19, 2014 by Clark Hartzel

Welcome new member: J. Bruce Weeks of Clarkston, MI. 1966 Corsa coupe.

Thanks for keeping your membership up to date:

Adair, B.Granger, Johnson, Maciejewski, Major, McKean

Dropped: Beckley, Witte.

Expire in Feb: Schultz, Zull.

Due in Mar: Knapp, Koehler, Kotilla.

Due in Apr: Fish, McNett, Shuster, Sparling.

We have 123 paid members and 5 who owe dues.

We are mailing 13 complementary newsletters to other clubs and the Ypsilanti museum

Please don't pay in cash. I can forget who gives it to me!

Let's get those checks in folks!!!

If you can't make it to the next meeting, send a check for \$20.00 dues [\$23], payable to: Detroit Area Corvair Club, 16911 Anita Ave., Fraser, MI 48026-2275

If you wish to receive only an on-line newsletter let me know by email so I can verify your email address.

Any questions about your membership or if you have an address or e-mail change:

chartzel@comcast.net or phone 586-293-1587

We have an **email blast list** to notify members of quickie tours or last minute changes. Please send me your email address so I can keep the list up to date.

Concours d'LeMons of Michigan
features the

"Oddball, Mundane and Truly Awful of the Automotive World"

Saturday, July 26, 2014
The "Old Ford-Sheldon Plant"
Highway 14 and North Sheldon Rd
Plymouth, Mich.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE – 20th OF THE MONTH

The Detroit Area Corvair Club is a charter chapter of CORSA, Inc. Monthly meetings are held on the First Tuesday of each month, 7PM, at the **WATERFORD ELKS Club**, on Scott Lake Rd, Waterford, MI 4/10 mi south of Dixie Hwy. Meetings are open to DACC Members, friends, and all interested in the Corvair. Come early; join us for dinner in the ELKS dining room. Choose entries from their menu.

**MEETING
TUESDAY, April 1, 2014
MODELS & KITS**

The AIRCOOLER

Ken Pepke, Editor
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FIRST CLASS

address

Event Calendar

- Apr 1 Meeting at the Elks Club April Fools Day
- Apr 5-6 Autofair, Charlotte, NC
- Apr 12 Second Saturday Breakfast
- Apr 13 Swap Meet at the Monroe County Fairgrounds
- Apr 18-19 Springfest, Helen, GA
- Apr 27 Driving Event Tour

- May 6 Meeting at the Elks Club
- May 10 Second Saturday Breakfast

- Jun 3 Meeting at the Elks Club
- Jun 14 Second Saturday Breakfast
- Jun 15 Eyes on Design

The Calendars are In!!!

Extra calendars are available for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase a calendar you can send check or money order for \$10 each plus \$2 S&H per order to:
John Allesee
P.O.Box 549 Saline, MI 48176

Make checks payable to John Allesee.

If you reside outside of USA or Canada, send me an email telling me how many and where you live, and I will let you know the postage cost.

<http://www.allesee.com/calendar>

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BOTH PARTS & REPAIRS:

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CONSIGNMENT SALES:

North American Classic Cars – 27222 Plymouth Rd. Redford, MI 48239 www.northamericanclassics.com

On line ads provide our members with a quick reference guide to satisfy their Corvair needs

DACC members wishing to be included on this list should submit their information to Editor Ken Pepke