



# DACC ELECTIONS MARCH 5th

**Tuesday MARCH 5, 2013**  
**Pontiac / Waterford Elks Club**

Our March 5th meeting slate:

Assuming the Presidency: Robert Jennings  
 Vice President / President Elect: Pete Cimbala  
 Treasurer: Paul Piche  
 Secretary: Judy O'Leary (with Gigi Debbrecht assisting)  
 Membership: Clark Hartzel  
 Editor: Ken Pepke  
 Activities: Bill Johnson (with Pete Koehler assisting)  
 Webmaster: John Allesee

FOLLOWED BY CORVAIR FILMS FOR 1960

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Breakfast

March 9th is our next DACC breakfast meeting and it will be held at Pete's Coney Island restaurant at 6160 Dixie Hwy (US-24) in Clarkston. Just south of Maybe Road. 9: AM. After eating we will visit Mark Irons at his house to see his dune buggy and Corvaair powered sand dragster.

April 13th DACC breakfast meeting will be in Dundee for you southern members. More info to come. **Pete Koehler**



**PRESIDENT**

As we approach the annual change over of DACC Officers, I want to thank all the Club members, volunteers and Officers for their support. The coming Season will offer many opportunities such as the National Convention along with our own Homecoming. It is absolutely amazing that we have such a following for the Homecoming, even with the National close by.

Hope for an early spring. Last year was mild enough to drive our cars on dry days through out the winter season.

Best to all, **From Stu Shuster**

Be sure to visit ... **detroitcorvairs.com**

**Saturday, Feb 9th,**

DACC second Saturday breakfast meeting was in Fraser, MI at the Rams Horn. Turn out was light but we had a good breakfast and went over to Clark Hartzel's house afterwards for a garage tour and model train tour.

Clark is building a 1962 Corvaair coupe for the drag strip. It has a 140HP engine with a turbocharger, Powerglide trans and a high-stall torque converter. The car came to him without glass, interior or engine. Clark plans on running it without glass for lighter weight. Clark says most drivers are half his weight so he has to make the car lighter to compensate!

We then went to his basement to check out the HO scale model train layout he built to keep his 9 year old grandson busy when he comes over to visit. There are two tracks and the inner one has three sidings.

One siding goes to Motor City Scrap Iron where there are junk cars, trucks, railroad cars and other scrap being loaded by crane to a waiting gondola car. The second siding goes to a turntable where you can run three engines off to maintenance buildings. The third siding goes to the train station where there is a loading dock for freight. There are two tunnels on the layout now. One was added after the visit. Construction is finished and he is in the decorating phase now adding ballast, shrubs, grass and trees. **Pete Koehler**

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## MABEL WOLFORD

I would like to thank the many DACC members who came to the funeral home for her burial service. It made me feel so good to know she had so many good friends. I will never forget your compassion. She will be greatly missed. From **John Wolford**

## DRIVEWAY MECHANIC

I went to the first DACC morning bench racing at Ram's Horn. There where 11 members shooting the bull.

With many stories told one thing came up again ... How can we get the younger people involved in the old car hobby? Not going to happen if we, the old car people, haven't all ready involved our children. My son's helped me with some old car and truck projects during their school years.

Now both son's are raising their own families and have little time to get involved in old cars and trucks.

By the time there children move out of the house and on there own, the old cars and trucks will be over priced and will be replaced by the 2000 and newer models as the new old cars and trucks.

Look around and you see the children of today are computer whizzes. They sit around doing on line everything and never have to inter act with anyone or anything.

We, the gray hair group, went thru life with friends we seen while playing out doors, went to the gas stations to see guys working on cars, watching our dads repair cars, and had shop class in school to get us involved in this hobby we have today.

We today have it made with these entire computers operating our every move ... or do we?

With today's cars and trucks the back yard and driveway mechanics haven't a chance on knowing what hack is going on under the hood let alone know how to fix it. It's a plug and play repair today.

From **Ray Dubia**

## FEBRUARY MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President, Stu Shuster. 38 people attended.

Current Vice President Robert Jennings will be publishing a slate of officers in the next Aircooler. Anyone interested in an officer position next year should contact him. New officers are desirable to get new ideas and enthusiasm, so give it some thought.

Clark Hartzel announced 123 current paid members and a treasury balance of \$6635.

50/50 prize of \$61 was won by Jerry Light; Gigi Debbrecht won the membership drawing.

Harold Long, a long time member, is currently in a nursing home. His Corsa convertible is for sale. [Harold has since passed. ED]

Bill Vellmer announced his recent marriage to Tammy.

In preparation of our upcoming Homecoming, Pete Cimbala has been in contact with the hotel management and reported that many upgrades are being done. One of the first things we will notice is that the pool is being moved indoors and the removal of the spiral staircase. There will be 7-8 fewer rooms. The breakfast area is being enlarged and all rooms are being upgraded. Management is planning a May completion.

GM did acquire a Greenbrier and it is available to rent for display at the National Convention being held this summer in Kalamazoo. With regard to the convention, we have not been

contacted by any of the Kalamazoo committee to discuss DACC's offer of assistance. Pete Cimbala reported that the host hotel is filled for the convention but there are many other hotels within a 5-mile radius.

The program for this evening was given by our new member Jerry North. He offered a glimpse of his experiences at the Willow Run plant starting as a young man in 1960, the second year of Corvair production. His career started on the assembly line of what was then Fisher Body and progressing to most line positions before being promoted to a salary position as a quality control supervisor. Following his retirement, he worked at Memory Lane dealership during the owner's illness and now is working with his son-in-law at North American Classic Cars in Redford where they display and sell classic autos on a consignment basis.

## BOARD MEETING

Meeting held at Little Daddy's and attended by Shuster, Jennings, Hartzel, Pepke, Cimbala, Debbrecht, Koehler and Gillingham.

After discussion and a few phone calls, a slate of potential officers was arrived at: President: Robert Jennings; V.President: Pete Cimbala; Treasurer: Paul Piche; Secretary: Judy OLeary (with Gigi Debbrecht assisting); Membership: Clark Hartzel; Editor: Ken Pepke; Activities: Bill Johnson (with Pete Koehler assisting); Webmaster: John Allesee. Pete Koehler will continue arranging the Second Saturday Morning Breakfast Club and other special events. We also discussed having an appointed position of manager of social media relations to maintain a DACC presence on Facebook. Robert Jennings currently has a "Caveman" site for

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1960's and Beth Inman started a Corvair site but it has been largely inactive.

Several potential activity events were also presented. We could have a trip to the Millington Museum in Arvilla Twp, which would include food, and joint events with other clubs were also suggested. Tom Gillingham is a member of Grand Touring Sports Car Association. They would be interested in joining us in driving events and road rallies.

Marvin Granger had 400 GM and Corvette poster, which we can offer for sale at the Homecoming, National Convention and other events.

Jerry North would like to display a Corvair engine at the North American Classic Car showroom.

Proposed locations for the Second Saturday Breakfast Club: March 9: Dietz Coney in Clarkston and April 13: Dundee.

## GOODVAIR HUNTING

For about Five years I had a 1967 Monza with a Powerglide, a 110 engine & factory AC. The front floor was rusted through and there was a lot of body filler in front of & behind each wheel opening. Last summer I sold that car to Pete Koehler. The sale of the '67 opened up room in my garage for another Corvair - thus began the hunt for a late model Corvair in the best condition that I could find.

Aircooler and promptly looked in the sell & swap section. For sale was a "65 500 2dr 95hp 3spd / no rust 26,978 mile VGC" NO RUST?!! Less than 27,000 miles?! That was it. I just had to check it out. None of the other cars I'd looked at had such low mileage, nor were they rust free. By far the most important factor in my search was condition. Features and equipment took a distant back seat.

Almost immediately I called about the car. The owner's name was Clint McNett, who'd owned the car for over 20 years.

The following Saturday I drove to Brooklyn, MI to see the car & meet Clint. I had high expectations & hoped that this Vair would be as good as advertised. When I arrived at Clint's home the car was parked in the shade and looked good from a distance. As I inspected this late model coupe things got better & better. Not only was the vehicle rust free, there were no dents or dings - even on the underbody! It had been repainted the original color, which still needs to be buffed out. The Interior was light blue vinyl bench seats and rubber instead of carpeting.

Clint handed me the keys and let me drive it. The engine was cold but it started right up without stumbling or hesitation. As I drove down the driveway the clutch was smooth, quiet & positive. Driving down U.S.12 I found the ride to be smooth and the steering straight - until I hit the brakes. The car pulled hard to the left into oncoming traffic locking the left front wheel. After recovering from the near death experience I was so excited at the prospect of owning this late model Corvair that I kept driving against my better judgment - albeit with great caution and with knowledge of the heavy left pull braking tendency.

After returning from the road test I Told Clint That I wanted to purchase the car but I would have to arrange to trailer it since I was afraid to drive it from his house all the way back to Farmington Hills with the brakes as they were. I offered to put a deposit on the Corvair but Clint told me that he trusted me and that since he knew I wanted it he would hold the car for me, the only condition being that I

call if I changed my mind.

The following Saturday my friend Dan Attard drove to my house with trailer in tow and we headed off to get the Vair. All went well. When I drove my Corvair into the garage I felt really lucky. No car I had looked at was anywhere near the condition of this one. I was delighted to know that I finally had a Vair I could just get in & drive - no watching the road through holes in the floor or bad running unreliable rust & bondo buggies. I've owned 4 Corvairs - the first three were 1967 coupes Two with PG & one Four speed. Only one of them was driven regularly. None of them was in good shape.

Soon the brakes will be thoroughly gone over and the usual oil leaks sealed.

Till then, wait for good weather.

From **Chris Hines**

## Canadian Car Show June 7-9, 2013

**Fleetwood Country Cruize-In**  
There has been some interest by several of our members in attending. I went last year after obtaining a Michigan Enhanced Drivers License through the Sec. of States Office. For this I had to present a certified copy of my birth certificate. I paid \$45.

DACC members interested in a great car show, they can go to the website Fleetwood Country Cruize-In and obtain the information.

In addition, there are two shows. Tickets can be purchased for one on Fri. night at \$59. The one on Sat. night is a show and dinner. The show is one of the better shows one will ever see.

For hotels Google London Ontario hotels. There are 40 hotels in London, with prices for any pocket book.

Call Jerry Light with questions  
**P810 695 9634 -or- 810 347 1065**

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

It looks like we are going to have a great summer season with new events that we can take our Corvairs to. When our new Activities Director takes over we will have a local guy that really knows the neighborhood hot spots.

For all the years that I was in this position it was sometimes difficult to find things for people to do 70 miles away. It was easy to find things that were local for me, but only a few people that live in this area would be interested. So I am looking forward to see where these new events will take us.

Maybe the weather will turn a little warmer later in March and the rain will wash the salt off the roads? Last year on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, Pete K. and I made a trip to Dayton, OH to pick up the Harbor Blue 60 and a load of parts. It was almost 70 and sunny. If it gets that warm one day this month you may see Stubby drive down the main drag in downtown Swartz Creek.

From **Pete Cimbala**

### Mid America Motorworks

15th annual Air-Cooled Magical Mystery Funfest

May 31-June 2

Corporate Campus in Effingham, Ill

The event usually brings more than 8,000 enthusiasts and owners from across the world to celebrate old VWs but it also attracts many other air-cooled vehicles.

<http://www.autoweek.com/article/20130131/carnews01/130139953#ixzz2JkWvYuKt> For more information.

### Steve Tackett Presents

I met Bob Vivian 4 years ago and it was not by mistake. I was at our Homecoming and saw that someone had posted an engine for sale on the corkboard in the hospitality room. I notice the phone number was only 2 digits off mine and wrote it down. When I returned home, I called him and our friendship began. He showed me all of his original GM issued Corvair tools that he had from working at dealerships back in the day and how they worked. One thing lead to another and he agreed to help me rebuild a 140 for my Corsa the following winter. We

would work on the engine several days a week and I learned a lot about Corvair engines that winter, but more intriguing were the details about his life. →

### Corvair Enthusiast

84-year-old Bob Vivian is not a member of the DACC, but many of you know him or have at least seen him at Homecoming and some of our events.

Bob was born in Detroit Mi the year the Model A debuted, 1928. His car journey started when he had to rebuild the engine in his 31 Chevy soon after he started driving at age 14. He was always modifying cars during his HS years at Cooley, but that was put on hold when Bob joined the Marines after graduation in 1945. He returned in 1947 and started drag-racing with a group of guys near the NW Hwy Drive-In. This evolved into meetings in the basement of his home to find legal places to race and from that the MMAC (Motor City Modified

Auto Club) was formed. In 1951 he co-founded the MHRA (Michigan Hot Rod Association) and in 1953 assisted the likes of Dick Stickley and others to organize the first Detroit Autorama and had a car in that show as well. The car he entered was a 30 A roadster with a modified flat head. A few years later, Bob modified a 53 Buick nail head engine and mounted it in a 23 T bucket to win his class at the World Series of Drag Racing. None other than Don Garlits only bested him that year in the all classes race. He helped survey and doze the MHRA track during the build and spent many weekends there after racing. His peers recognized his talents and he was commissioned to work on their vehicles as well. Frank Mack was one such customer/friend that Bob spent many hours doing engine work on his legendary ImMACKulate 27 T. That car won the very first Autorama and is still revered as a benchmark for elite show cars today. Bob's career spans over 60 years from mechanic/racer to owning the Lodi repair shop in northern MI. He became a pilot after his race career and reinvented himself as an airplane mechanic as well. Bob lives NW of Detroit with his "darling bride" Barb of 63 years and near 2 of his 4 children. At 84 years young, Bob can still be found working in his shop on anything from Corvairs to Harleys. His 1966 Chevelle, pictures and articles can be viewed at the MMAC booth at this years show. Today Bob is honored for all his efforts in the early years of this sport and contributing so much to what all of us here love today.

From **Steve Tackett**

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## TREASURY REPORT

Bank balance as of February 20, 2013 \$7,039.61

Income: 50-50 drawing	\$122.00
dues renewals	\$143.00
Total income:	\$265.00

Expenses: 50-50 winner	\$ 61.00
Attendance winner	\$ 10.00
Printing	\$267.00
Postage	\$ 54.00
Total Expenses	\$392.00

Ending balance \$6,912.61

Clark Hartzel, assistant treasurer

## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FEBRUARY 20, 2013 by Clark Hartzel

**Thanks to the following for keeping your membership up to date:** K.Hand, Ives, McKean, Munaco, Rutherford, Schesky, Ullery.

**Dropped:** Bovee,

**Exp. in Dec:** Bruskin, Gigante, Gillespie, McDonald  
This is your last newsletter

**Exp. in Jan:** Brookman, Duerden, Major, G. Shreve.

**Exp in Feb:** Adair, Blanchard, Schultz, Zull

**Due in Mar:** Gjokaj, Koehler, Maciejewski, Peralta, Roerink, Sheffer

We have 123 paid members and 13 who owe dues.  
We are mailing 8 complementary newsletters to other clubs  
and the Ypsilanti museum

### 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

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ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO [kenpepke@yahoo.com](mailto:kenpepke@yahoo.com)

**WANTED:** one 1964 Corvair front compartment lid  
call Cecil at 1-734-262-0068

**FOR SALE:** 1965 comp eng / ask \$175 Sandra  
780-918-4890 or 780-980-0014. Sell by Dec 19th

**FOR SALE:** 67 4 Dr parts car. last reg 87 37000 mi.  
Sell comp only. South Lyon, MI. Jeanette at 248-437-2445 to see

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

**WANTED:** low mileage unrestored Corvair 1960-64  
[hairsine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hairsine@sbcglobal.net) Carol 586-254-2478

**FOR SALE:** 64 Rampside – repair or parts \$1000  
OBO Lapeer, MI Steve Schrot 810-664-2495

**FOR SALE:** '65 500 2dr 95hp 3spd / no rust 26978  
mile VGC \$7000 –**ALSO-** '66 Monza 2dr 140hp  
4spd –need work \$2500 –**ALSO-** '66 conv parts/ top  
frame, frt susp ++ Age / health forces sale Clint  
McNett Brooklyn, MI 49230517-592-5177

**FOR SALE:** 66 conv / new flr pans, lots of metal  
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etc. Eng was running 140 / Have a turbo 180 al-  
leged rebuild, eng & turbo. Int VGC Car is \$1500 /  
turbo eng \$800 Bill Hickerson 734 716 6312

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE – 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Pasta dinners with a choice of sauces are **\$6.99** each for everyone. Add chicken for \$3 or shrimp for \$5. **(No carryout boxes permitted)** Other entries are available.

# MEETING VOTE

**TUESDAY MARCH 5**

### The AIRCOOLER

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**FIRST CLASS**

- Mar 5** Meeting at the Elk's Club  
9, Second Saturday Breakfast Event.  
8-10 Autorama at Cobo Hall
- Apr 2** Meeting at the Elk's Club  
13, Second Saturday Breakfast Event.
- May 7** Meeting at the Elk's Club  
26 Drive your Corvair day tour 1
- Jun 4** Dust off display/meeting at the Elk's Club  
7-9 Fleetwood Country Cruize-in London, Ont. Canada  
8-14 Back to the Bricks Lake shore to Lake shore pro  
15 All Aircooled Show, Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners  
22-23 Sloan Summer Fair Car Show & DACC Sunday picnic  
30 Drive your Corvair tour
- Jul 2** Parking lot show/meeting at the Elk's Club  
16-20 CORSA Convention in Kalamazoo/Hickory Corners  
28 Drive your Corvair day tour 3 with a stop at the

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This is a regular wall calendar, not a poster as  
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BOTH PARTS & REPAIRS:

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