



# SPRING DUST OFF SHOW

**Tuesday July 3, 2012**  
**Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club**  
**Dust-off Car Show**

Tuesday Meeting At the Elks Club. Same good time as last month, bring your Corvaire and we will have a short meeting after dinner and go outside and kick tires and visit.  
**Pete Cimbala**

## HOMECOMING AUCTION

WE NEED THINGS FOR THE HOMECOMING AUCTION. In addition to providing a really good, fun time the auction helps fund the Homecoming. Please donate saleable items ... As costs rise everywhere the costs of the Homecoming are held to the minimum ... Your donations help ...  
 Thanks **PETE CIMBALA**

## Attention DACC members

When the club puts on a home coming it involve lots of different jobs. Also most of the people have been at this for some time. We need you to think about how **YOU** could help. Then more people know how to handle different jobs, and makes everything easier.

I'm listing all the jobs; if you're interested in one of them, tell any board members you would like to help with and we will fit you in.

Housing: Registration: Swap area: Parking: Drinks: Food: 50 -- 50: People's choice judge: Games for children: Valve cover races: Women's events: Road rallies: Museum: Movie and music: Special events: Clean-up: Picnic: Auction.

Please give this some thought and let one of the board members know. Thanking you in advance.  
**Paul Piche**

## AIR-COOLED GATHERING

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> Clark Hartzel & I Drove our Corvairs and met at the "Air-Cooled Gathering" held at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners. We were invited to the by the H.H. Franklin Club.

There were over 100 great air-cooled cars; including a BMW Isetta 800, (2) Vespa 600's, a Trabant & a ZAZ – the latter two owned by Larry Claypool. There were only two Franklins on the field, approx (20) Porsche, (28) VW & (27) Corvairs.

Clark was honored with a Franklin mug, I got a Franklin book describing the Franklins on display in the museum and Larry Claypool received the "Grand" prize – an antique electric fan. Photographs were taken of my Corvaire in front of the antique gas station. They may be used to promote the 2013 CORSA convention.

Photographs of all these great cars are on the official DACC website; [www.detroitcorvairs.com](http://www.detroitcorvairs.com)  
 From **Robert Jennings**

-- UPDATE --

**WOODWARD DREAMCRUISE**  
**August 18, 2012**

The results are now official. The Detroit Area Corvaire Club has been selected to participate in the 2012 Birmingham Cruise Event Car Show. We will have five (5) spaces on Old Woodward. At least one, and possibly two, of these spaces are still available on a "First come, first served" basis. Of course, preference goes to CORVAIRS.

Please contact John O'Leary with any questions, for more information or to claim one of these desirable spaces. Spaces are available at cost \$25.00, payable to the DACC. The Dream Cruise is fun every year, but it's better in Birmingham.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, or if you have any questions please contact John O'Leary.

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## HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

-- UPDATE --

- THURSDAY** • REGISTRATION / HOSPITALITY
- CORVAIR MUSEUM, CRUISE AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM IN YPSILANTI
- FRIDAY** • REGISTRATION
- WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES AS POSTED
- GM HERITAGE CENTER AND ON TO CHRYSLER MUSEUM TOUR
- SWAP MEET & HOSPITALITY ROOM
- D J ROCKIN RONNEY MUSIC & TRIVIA
- COOK OUT / PICNIC
- VALVE COVER RACES
- SATURDAY** • REGISTRATION
- WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES
- PEOPLES' CHOICE CAR SHOW
- MODEL AND TOY SHOW
- SWAP MEET & HOSPITALITY ROOM
- ROAD TOUR
- D J ROCKIN RONNEY TRIVIA & PRIZE AUCTION
- PIZZA PARTY
- WINNERS "DRIVE THRU" SHOW
- DACC DRIVE IN MOVIE "CARS II"
- SUNDAY:** • LEFT OVERS PICNIC, FAREWELL

## PRESIDENT



I just finished cleaning up the Monza from the big rain storm that finished up the Eyes On Design Car Show at the Eleanor and Edsel Ford Home last Sunday. We had illustrations on display from the League of Retired Automotive Designers, along with 8 cars representing the designers collector cars. As a result of the awards ceremony, I and the Monza was recognized for the work on the League Display as well as the DACC. See attached photo, the car looked good in front of the Ford Home. Just after this photo was taken, it rained buckets.

We were impressed with the attendance at our June meeting, along with the display of cars in the Elks parking lot. We plan on having our cars in the lot for the July meeting.

Also attendance for the Homecoming will make it a good event, possibly a rival for the national convention. From **Stu Shuster**

## MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2012

57 attendees, might be a record number for any recent meeting. It indicates the interest in driving our cars during good weather.

The Corsa Communiqué needs articles. Check with Stu for instructions to send for publishing.

Robert Jennings has modified the emblem for potential use if we decide to have T-shirts printed for sale. He has included 60 and 69 Models with a "bowtie" center.

The Treasury has \$4209.68 with all bills paid. Clark announced that we currently have 129 paid members.

Pete C. announced that the Canada Car show last week a success. On Sunday July 1, we can see the

Great Race participants as they stop for lunch at the Heritage Museum in Ypsilanti before driving as a group to Hell, MI. The Great Race is a road rally with 100 racing teams each of which paid \$6000 to enter. Eva is holding parking for Corvairs.

Clark praised the photos that Bob Jennings has been placing on the DACC site.

50-50 winner: Bob Jennings (\$87) Membership: John Wolford.

We then finished the meeting in the parking lot where we admired all of the cars.

**Gigi Debbrecht, Secretary**

## Board Minutes

6-12-2012 Debbrecht-Gillingham Residence.

Homecoming: Stu asked if Clarks was being featured in the Homecoming advertising. They are mentioned in the website and newsletter but are also entitled to monthly ads since they are DACC members.

Pete K is the swap space manager and is authorized to collect money and assign spaces. Each registration is entitled to receive two swap spaces. There will be an additional \$10 charge for each additional space.

Pete C will request CORSA insurance for Homecoming and questioned the ownership of the Bennegens property and the lot next to the back of the swap meet so they can be covered on the policy. Legal owners can probably be determined by contacting Plymouth Township Assessor Office.

Dream Cruise: John O'Leary has applied for 5 Dream Cruise spaces in Birmingham but had not found out as of the meeting if they would be available. (He confirmed tonight 6/20 that we have 5 spaces). If Corvairs want to park together in Flint All must arrive together.

Christmas Party: Tom got price information from The Clawson

Lounge which is competitive with pricing at the Elks and Somerset Inn. Stu, Tom and Clark will meet there for lunch for more details. There is a price difference in entrée choices with Prime Rib being the highest. It was suggested that everyone should be charged a uniform price of \$25. Paul questioned if we will have as large of attendance if the event is moved from the Elks.

T Shirts: Stu got a quote from Embroid Me and will get at least one other. The quote was based on 100 shirts. Perhaps that is too large of a purchase to be able to sell in a reasonable period of time. Stu will check with GM attorney for clearance of the use of the "bow tie." Pete K. did not think that it would be approved as is with "Corvair" appearing inside of the bow tie. Moving "Corvair" to the bottom of the logo will make it more visible and make the logo more symmetrical.

Stu's car will be at the "Eyes on Design" at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford home on Fathers Day.

July general meeting at the Elks will again be held outside in the parking lot. We will ask Tim Bramble to check to see about the possibility of serving ice cream.

Calendars: all Homecoming registrations will get a calendar. For those wishing to order additional calendars, the charge is \$4 each plus \$4 postage and handling which will cover the cost of multiple calendars. The cost to print a poster style calendar is \$1.50 each.

Robert Jennings mentioned that the Club will be invited to Ypsilanti in September to see the cars from the Brass Era Car Tour stopping at the property owned by the owner of the fire engines that some met last year.

The August tour will include a barbecue in Marysville.

**Gigi Debbrecht, Secretary**

## My Latest Project

-- Or --

### Reasons to come to a DACC meeting

I found my latest project at the most recent DACC meeting. It was during a short part of the meeting called "Swap and Sell". I asked if anyone had a late model Corvair coupe for sale that was equipped with a Powerglide transmission. I was looking for a car for my friend Rod in Chicago. Since we have to add hand controls any 'Vair with a manual trans was out of the running. One member offered up a car that was just a mile from our house in Farmington Hills. I had to check it out.

Actually my son, Paul went to see it first. The seller, Chris Hines, stated that he would let it go for "not very much money". What does that mean to you? If you found a restored Duesenburg for less than a million dollars that might be considered "not very much money". But this was no Duesenburg. It was a 1967 Monza coupe with a 110 engine and the requisite automatic transmission. The car was still "Corvair-shaped" but it did have a lot of rust in the floor pan area. This Monza started out life as a Tahoe Turquoise coupe with a black interior. Somewhere along the way it was re-sprayed Maroon. And the Maroon was fading fast. Chris said it was parked because it had a "rod knock". And of course the floor needed attention before the car could be driven again, so he parked it in his garage, just a mile from our place. And I had no idea it was there ... Until the DACC meeting. See where I'm going with this?

Paul reported to me that the car had potential. He and Chris push-

ed it outside so Paul could check it out. They did not discuss a price for purchase, but Chris only wanted "not very much money" for it. Okay, I'll take the bait. Over we went, driving my silver blue 1963 Monza sedan. Once I saw the car and noted that it had the rare factory A/C option (Note: Only 1,396 1967 Corvairs had A/C. And 1967 was the last year for the Corvair A/C option) I just had to figure out what "not very much money" amounted to. We danced around the price for a few minutes and then I offered \$400. Which was snapped up in an instant! Then Paul and I went back to Beacon Square to get the truck and empty flatbed trailer. In a matter of less than an hour Chris had his garage back (Mrs. was VERY happy) and some coin in his pocket. What Paul and I had remained to be seen.

We put the car in the garage and took stock of what we had. The body wasn't all that bad, but it was in worse condition than the Corvair I want to send off to Rod in Chicago. The floor needed help. The rest of the car was all there. All of the A/C parts were present except for the belt to the compressor. The compressor did turn over by hand, so it just might work. To get the engine fired up all we had to do was add a battery and prime the carbs with some fresh gas. Chris had told us that the car was towed down from Potoskey and had not been run for

4 years or so. The engine fired and ran but the fuel pump was leaking badly. We swapped in another used pump and re-fired the engine. I adjusted the idle speed and we both listened for a rod knock. There was none to be heard. Now maybe you have to get it out on the road and really warmed up to hear it but, so far so good. Cross your fingers and toes!

Paul really liked the looks of Bill Johnson's satin black '65 Monza coupe that was out in the parking lot at the meeting. So we are going to try to duplicate it with this '67. First order of biz was to improve the rolling stock. I found a set of 14" steel wheels on Craigslist for only \$50. My old buddy Clark Hartzel gave me a set of low profile 14" tires off one of his 'Vairs several years ago. So I mounted those tires on the newly painted steelies and the car looks better already. Next step is to fix the floor and then add the satin black and some deep window tint. As soon as we can get the air to crank out ice cubes Paul can cruise in style. Hopefully the car's debut will be the Homecoming in August. To that end Bill Johnson has agreed to give Paul advice on how he painted his car. Next stop Wal Mart for an even dozen rattle cans of satin black!

Stay tuned! If it works this could be one cool ride.

From **Pete Koehler**



← Stu Shuster's 69 convertible poses in front of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford estate during the 'Eyes on Design' car show. GM Designer, Ned Nickels, formerly owned Stu's car.

# GARAGE TRANSFORMATION



Figure 1 THE GARAGE IN 1992

Figure 2 THE GARAGE IN 2005 WHEN I PURCHASED

dare tear it down for fear that I would

had a 1955 Buick Roadmaster 4 door sedan that I was rebuilding and needed a garage to store and work on it. It was decided to try to save this garage for the above reasons. The 1<sup>st</sup> step was to remove the lean-to and replace the dirt floor with concrete in the main building.

When I purchased my "new" place in 2005 this was the garage that was on the property. As it turned out, this garage was built either over the property line or on it. Because of that I did not not be able to replace it. At that time I



After that was accomplished I needed to reroof the garage.



The next step was to insulate and finish the interior.



Now it's time to rebuild the lean-to



## VISIT THE NEW DACC WEBSITE

[www.detroitcorvairs.com](http://www.detroitcorvairs.com)

Our new website features many interesting photos including Club members, their cars and projects, their garages and work shops, and scenes from various club activities. You may also submit your photos to Robert Jennings ... [rjennings@cass.net](mailto:rjennings@cass.net) ... to be included.



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## TREASURY REPORT

June 2012

Beginning balance: \$4,209.65

**Expenses:** 50 – 50 \$87.50  
 Attendance: \$10.00  
 Air cooler \$180.00  
 Woodward cruise: \$125.00  
 Picnic: \$59.57  
**Total: \$462.07**  
**Income:** 50 -- 50 \$175.00  
 Dues \$160.00  
 CORSA Fines: \$6.00  
**Total: \$347.00**

Prepared by: Paul Piche

Ending balance: \$4094.61

## SELL & SWAP

ADS ARE FREE TO ALL – SEND TO [KENPEPKE@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KENPEPKE@YAHOO.COM)

**WANTED:** friend needs a Corvair engine to be used in an airplane Call Roy Cartwright 734 516 4041

**FOR SALE:** 66 convert disassembled / new flr pans, lots of sheet metal work done, ready for assembly except shifter tunnel missing. Many new parts, shocks, brakes, etc. Eng was running 140 / Have a turbo 180 alleged fresh rebuild, eng & turbo. Int VGC \$1500 for car / \$800 for turbo eng Bill Hickerson 734 716 6312

**FOR SALE:** 64 Conv., White, New White top, New Red int & boot cover, tires, 4 Speed, 110 HP, PRICE REDUCED TO \$6,000 OBO Huge list of new parts, contact Dan Leighton at 810/869-5069 or e-mail to [leightonsr@gmail.com](mailto:leightonsr@gmail.com) for complete list & pics

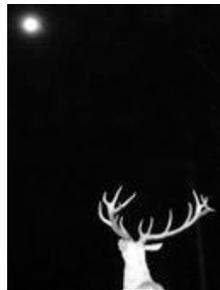
**WANTED:** upgrade parts for a 63: tail & B/U lens w/ good chrome. shiny front grill bar w/o dings correct rear air grill. & 62-63 "Corvair" eng lid emblem. Jeff Shreve. 810 -695-4526 eve or 248-880-0565 days

**FOR SALE:** 66 Corvair, Yellow w/ black int, pg, re-built eng, body work w/ new paint & stripes. VGC. Lonnie Brown in Windsor Ont. \$ BO 519-915-1960 [lon\\_tam@cogeco.ca](mailto:lon_tam@cogeco.ca)

**WANTED:** EM (1964) Corvair black conv. top boot. contact: 586-431-4494

**FOR SALE:** 69 Cpe, California / no rust Olympic Gold ext black int, buckets, EC always garage Rec-ords of repairs, Vin # 3324 - 89,000 miles. \$6000 OBO [corvair@charter.net](mailto:corvair@charter.net) or call Ed Roberts 805/466-7361 PST

**WANTED:** 66 lwr drive side door hge (cast type). LM trunk floor. drive side main flr reinf ("G" in Clark's cat) or comp flr pnl w/ reinf. Steve Schwartz 586-264-4169.



## DACC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

June 19, 2012 by Clark Hartzel

**Due to a new policy in CORSA, any chapter member not belonging to CORSA must pay an extra \$3.00 to cover insurance at club meetings and events. If you are renewing or joining and not a CORSA member, your dues will be \$23.00.**

**Thanks to the following for keeping your membership up to date:** Ambrozy, Dehring, Euesden, Hines, Poskie, O'Leary.

**Expired in April:** Fish

**Due in May:** Rollins

**Due in June:** J.Bramble, Chapman, Luther, Ropp, Tackett

**Due in July:** Currier, Debbrecht, Jacobson, Kinsman, Long, Newell, Pepke, Piche, Vellner.

We have 127 paid members and 7 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

**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](mailto:chartzel@comcast.net) or phone 586-293-1587

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.

**TUESDAY JULY 3  
SHOW at the ELKS  
SEE PAGE ONE**

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**FIRST CLASS**

**June 30 Sat.** Downriver Cruise Fort St. from Outer Drive to Sibley  
**July 1 Sun.** Event in Depot Town to see the Great Race Cars at 10:00 AM than the trip to Hell  
 July 3 Tuesday Meeting At the Elks Club. Same good time as last month, bring your Corvair and we will have a short meeting after dinner and go outside and kick tires and visit.  
 July 14 Sat. Cruise Michigan Ave Dearborn, Inkster & Westland  
 July 23-28 Mid Michigan Chevy Dealers tour, stops at 23 Dealerships with free hot dogs and apple pie.  
 More details at the July meeting.

**Aug 4** Red Barn Spectacular Show, Gilmore Museum  
 7 Meeting @ the Elks Club- Parking lot show  
 7-11 Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party Week  
 14-18 Back to the Bricks Drive - Movie/cruise & show  
 18 Woodward Dream Cruise  
 23-26 HOMECOMING @ The Comfort Inn Clock tower, Clark's Parts will attend  
**Sept.4** Meeting @ the Elks Club  
 7-9 Frankenmuth Auto Fest  
 23 Orphan Car Show in Riverside Park, Depot Town  
**Oct. 2** Meeting @ the Elks Club  
 14 Color Tour

DACC Membership Services Free ads for businesses that hold DACC memberships

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

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