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## **Last Words...**

This will be my last Presidents Report for this term, you never know when I will be re-elected, it has been done before. I will be Homecoming Director this year so you will have me around for a few more years, I hope! Also plan on helping Marvin with some ideas for meeting programs and keeping track of the TV, video camera, shirts, and flag poles and banners that I seem to have stored for the past few years. Thanks for putting up with me at the meetings and events, I know that you could have "bailed" on me during the boring meetings but you stuck it out and I appreciate that.

Have a great year Corvairing,  
Pete "The Corvair Kid" Cimbala

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## **Homecoming**

Homecoming is coming, yes it will take place at the same location as in the past, with all of the great food, and friends as in the past. I need someone to do Registration, someone who has the time at the event itself, someone who would not mind staying in the room upstairs for most of Friday and Saturday. I can do the advance work like mailing info and contacting other clubs and making all the plans, but we need someone to take care of the last minute people who wait until they arrive to sign up and pay to enter our great event. Just ask Clark, and Elaine how much fun they had and how they were able to meet new friends, and stay cool and dry (in case of rain or 90+ temps.) More info next month.

Pete Cimbala

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## **Election Update**

This month is election month. All members are encouraged to run for an office and help with the running of the club. We have nominees for most of the offices but could use a couple more volunteers. Being on the board is rewarding and surprisingly simple. It only requires two nights a month and a report for the newsletter. The board meetings are usually as enjoyable as the regular meetings. If you would like to show your commitment to our club, consider running for an office and come to the meeting to throw your hat into the ring and join us in "the seats that face the other way".

Vice President - Ken Pepke

Secretary - vacant

Treasurer - vacant

Activities - Jeff Shreve

Parts and Service - Jeff Rysenga

Editor - John Allesee

## Meeting Minutes

### General Meeting Minutes January 6, 1998

President - Pete Cimbala called the meeting to order at 7:42 with 30 plus people in attendance. He found a golden Christmas tree pin at our party and would like to return it to the owner.

DACC shirts without pockets are available in medium and small sizes for \$12. Pete is looking for design ideas for logos on new shirts. Jake Jacobson will look into the shirt embroidery costs through his wife.

Next board meeting is at Century 21 Val-U-Way, 3714 Sashabaw at 7:30.

Secretary - Elaine Duerden declined a second year as Secretary. It's a fun, easy job that really gives you a chance to give back a little to the club, without tying up your life too much. Thanks Folks.

Membership - Kim Carless reported we have 158 members of which 52% are also Corsa members. We need to re-recruit. The toughest part of Kim's job is keeping his computer files up to snuff with Mr. Editor's requirements. Ronald Bradkey is our newest member.

Vice-President - Marvin Granger sold lots of 50/50 tickets.

Editor - The Communiqué published our Homecoming article. Our web page address will be in the Communiqué. You'll soon be able to download our recent newsletters at "dacc.provide.net". Calendars are for sale at \$12, which includes postage. They were available at the meeting for \$8. Check your name on the roster and contact John so he may update it.

Treasurer - John Wolford has a current balance of \$5331 after paying for the Christmas party. 72 people attended the Christmas party. We had not been charged a service charge by the bank in 2 or 3 months.

Parts & Service - Ken Pepke says You want it, we got it, points, condensers, oil filters, and belts.

Pete C. won his annual New Years Day Demo Derby with a tan and gold 2 door Buick Regal.

The 1998 Convention team will be raffling off a '66 Corsa. We had a picture of it and it looks pretty good. The tickets are \$2 each. If our club buys a block of 100 tickets to sell, we will receive a incentive of \$50 for our trouble.

Discussed nominations and tried to solicit a few volunteers from membership.

Stu Shuster brought an article about diseases you can acquire from mice that might have lived in that car you just restored. Several members suggested the following methods for eliminating the danger of mice and the diseases they carry.

1. Laying Downy sheets throughout the interior of your car.
2. Peppermint oil on cotton balls distributed around vehicles.
3. Comet cleanser spread on the floor of the garage or pole barn.

Many people said moth balls would work, if the mice couldn't move them out of the area (typically they push them away from their favorite places).

Pete Koehler may be the new feature editor for Communiqué. He plans on having regular articles featuring our clubs, activities and members.

Pete Cimbala is discussing a spring trip to the Corvair Museum with Clark Hartzel.

Jake Jacobson won \$25 in 50/50 and donated all of it to our club. Thanks Jake!

Chip Dip was won and lost by Mike and Donna Maddin of West Bloomfield.

Ab Ives mentioned the first Viper production vehicle was donated to Heritage Museum in Ontario, Canada.

The Sloan Museum Summer Fair judging and showing is going through some major changes according to Norm King.

John Zelenak reported that Clark and Joanne Hartzel played Mr. and Mrs. Claus by picking up the donated children's gifts and delivering them to the Knights of Columbus party for needy children. John will bring the video to our meeting

Mystery Parts brought by Bob Maciejewski baffled Pete C., but Norm King is certain they're blades from the heater squirrel cage. Tim Duve's part mystified many. After several guesses Ken Pepke determined it to be a ferrule that holds the cable for the trip odometer on a Corsa dashboard.

Swap and Sell. Harold Dexter has horns, mirrors and other accessories for Structo Toy Truck available at \$15 per set.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

**Board Meeting - 1-13-98**

Meeting started at 8:00

Parts and Service received a letter from Poland requesting clear rear ¼ glass. Ken proposed we change the terms of offices. All offices would be for 2 years and ½ of officers would be elected each year. That would make it easier to corral officers and allow an easier transition period with some continuity. We will have membership vote on whether or not to make this change to the bylaws.

Our unofficial nominating committee (Mabel Wolford) discussed nominations. She then proceeded to man(woman) the phones and call on members. Several will consider the possibilities, check with their better half and respond shortly. We should have a full ballot. If you would like to hold a position, let a friend or board member know & we'll nominate you and help you campaign without any foreign contributions. Jeff Shreve was nominated for activities by Marvin, Seconded by John Allesee. Ken Pepke was nomi-

nated for VP by Mabel. Seconded by John Wolford. Jeff Rysenga was nominated for Treasurer by Marvin. Seconded by John Allesee. Marvin nominated John Wolford for Parts and Service. Seconded by John Allesee.

Good News! Suzie and Mark Luther are expecting a pleasant bundle of joy this summer. Congratulations!

Next Board meeting will be at Coopers Restaurant on Dixie Hwy. in Waterford, just south of Williams Lake/Walton. This is the orientation meeting for new board members.

Meeting was allowed to adjourn after Rob Duerden determined that he would not have to bring any of the snacks, dips, desserts, or pop back home. Thanks for treating us all, Rob!

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## Treasurers Report

Balance 12/31/97	\$5331.84
Income:	
Membership	\$205.00
Parts-New	9.25
50/50 Drawing	25.00
50/50 Donation	25.00
T-Shirt	13.00
Calendar Sales	30.00
Total Income:	330.25
Expenses:	
Meeting Room	\$35.00
Newsletter	151.64
Change from 50/50 at Xmas	
Party to R. Evans	15.00
Calendars for Homecoming	
Participants	615.00
Xmas party mailing	51.25
Calendar Sales	30.00
Total Expenses:	897.89
Balance 1/31/98	\$4764.20

Many thanks to Jake Jacobson for donating his 50/50 winnings back to the club.

John Wolford

## Membership Report

Membership in the DACC is only \$12.00 per year. Make your check payable to the Detroit Area Corvair Club and mail to:  
4124 Lamont Waterford, MI, 48329

### These memberships expired in November: (this is your last newsletter):

<b>Guindon, Dave</b>	<b>Holmes, Harry</b>
<b>Trapp, Chris</b>	

### These memberships expired in December:

<b>Gould, David</b>	<b>Kurth, Kevin</b>
<b>Schultz, David</b>	<b>Semrau, Waldemar</b>
<b>VanDall, Frank</b>	

### These memberships expired in January:

<b>Bailey, Lavern</b>	<b>Cartwright, Roy</b>
<b>Major, Keith</b>	<b>Mann, Ronald</b>
<b>Rutherford, Kathryn</b>	<b>Sanger, David</b>
<b>Schenke, Roland</b>	<b>Thomas, Evan</b>
<b>Vought, David</b>	

### These memberships expire in February:

<b>Arner, Don</b>	<b>Maddin, Michael</b>
<b>Matthews, Fred</b>	<b>Tycholiz, Walt</b>

There are currently 158 names on the DACC roster.

Here are the e-mail addresses we have received so far:

John Allesee	johna@provide.net
Allan Dolloway	allan@theonramp.net
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Rich Evans	rde@wwnet.net
Brian Granger	algranger@aol.com
The Kirkmans	kirkmana1@juno.com
Pete Koehler	pgkoehl1@juno.com
The Luthers	luther@deakin.edu.au
Michael Miller	WWardCruiser@compuserve.com
Dan Weir	dweir@provide.net
The Westervelts	marjimwest@juno.com

Here are some roster corrections:

<b>Brian Granger</b> 4444 Woodbriar Flint, MI 48507-3534 (810) 235-3872	<b>Ray &amp; Thelma Hug</b> Zip Code - 48065 <b>Reed Rings</b> Phone - (937) 427-9870
<b>Marilyn &amp; Jim Westervelt</b> Phone - (207) 372-9687	<b>Leo Ziemski</b> Name - Leopold

Kim Carless

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## Reprinted from Where?

The following items were found in the August 1960 issue of MOTOR:

### From the article "Factory Service Slants":

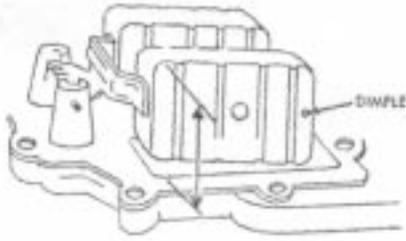
Corvair carburetors must be identified by the marks on the float and by the needle valve to assure correct float setting. Floats with and without a dimple mark have been used, as well as both solid and spring-loaded needle valves.

On carburetors with a solid needle valve, and which do not have a dimple identification mark the float setting is 1 13/64 in. Make the measurement vertically from the top of the gasket surface to the top center of the float.

On carburetors which have both a dimpled float and a spring-loaded needle valve, the float setting is 7/16 in., measured vertically from the top of the gasket surface to the dimple.

The float setting on carburetors with a dimpled float and a solid needle valve should be 1 13/64 in., measured from the top of the gasket surface to the top of the float at the pivot end.

The solid needle valve should be used as a service replacement for the spring-loaded type, and the float without the dimple should be used when a replacement is made.



Carburetor with dimpled float and solid needle valve requires 1 13/64 in. float setting at location indicated by arrows.

### **Chevrolet to Push 1961 Corvair Hard**

Less than elated with Corvair business in its baptismal year, Chevrolet will put a powerhouse push behind the car in 1961. Company and dealer opinion is that engineering flaws during Corvair's early run, long since corrected, restricted sales. To overcome the adverse publicity, 1961 theme will stress Chevrolet's reputation for quality.

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## **A Note From The Luthers**

Dear Adele and Bob,

Thanx for your brief note. We just got back after being away for about 5 weeks. Boy, did I need the break. It was just too much with teaching over 300 different students this year and doing the research projects which I am presently involved in. Suze and I drove in the CORVAIR up to Canberra where we attended the Solar 97 conference for 4 days and then drove onward to Sydney. The parents were then told the news that in May we'll have a screaming addition to the family! They're all excited. As for the Vair it only broke down 2x....at the SAME intersection 20 kms from where we were staying.

The brand new SOURCE Inc. electronic ingintion sysem failed. I was very disappointed also to find out that they queried my diagnosis after two different mechanics investigated the

system and drew the same conclusion. Driving home down the east coast of Australia was sensational. Hopefully we'll see some of you DACC members visiting sometime!

Cheers,

Mark and Suze

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## **Take the Commercial at Face Value?**

The TV ad says "In the last 50 years, there's only been one truck built Ford tough."

What were the other multi-million trucks that Ford built if only one was built "Ford tough"?

Bob Kirkman

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## **Swap-N-Sell**

**For Sale:** 1966 Chevy 1/2 ton shortbed step side. Great trailer puller. 327 V8 3spd trans. New brakes (lines etc.) Goes & stops, walks & talks! \$2500.00/obo - Marvin Granger wk:(810) 767-1380, hm:(810) 232-8469

**Wanted:** Working partner(s) with time & money to invest in a new business built around a non-automotive product I have developed. I have a working model & am building start up production tooling. Also, I have machinery & ideas for related products. Sales & marketing ability would be a great help. Contact Ken Pepke (810) 759-4865 weekday eves. if you are seriously interested in this venture.

**Don't forget to vote. If you can't make it to the meeting, call in your vote to one of the officers listed on the back page, or e-mail your vote to [johna@provide.net](mailto:johna@provide.net). Please do this by Monday night before the meeting.**

# The **Detroit Area Corvair Club** a charter chapter of the Corvair Society of America

Our elected officers are:

President:	<b>Pete Cimbala</b>	4091 Sheraton Dr. Flint, MI, 48532	(810) 733-1558
Vice President:	<b>Marvin Granger</b>	7089 Granada Flint, MI, 48532	(810) 635-0825
Secretary:	<b>Elaine Duerden</b>	4365 Elmdale Clarkston, MI, 48346	(248) 674-3318
Treasurer:	<b>John Wolford</b>	1260 Grebe Highland, MI, 48357-3920	(810) 887-9691
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Parade Chairman:	<b>Sharon Pepke</b>	25760 Pineview Warren, MI, 48091	(810) 759-4865

Regular monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. The meeting place is the Royal Oak Senior Community Center located on Marais, (between N. Main & Crooks) north of 13 Mile Rd. in Royal Oak, MI. Members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome. Dinner before the meeting can be had at The Old Port Inn on 14 Mile Rd. between Rochester Rd and Main St. at 6:00pm. The Meeting after the Meeting is held at Bennigans on Stephenson Hwy. just south of 14 Mile Rd.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 3 - Regular Meeting - Election of new officers
- Feb 10 - Board Meeting at Coopers Restaurant in Waterford
- Mar 3 - Regular Meeting - New officers start - All Hail Marv
- Mar 10 - Board Meeting
- April 7 - Regular Meeting
- April 14 - Board Meeting
- May 5 - Regular Meeting
- May 12 - Board Meeting
- June 2 - Regular Meeting
- June 9 - Board Meeting
- Aug 21-23 - Homecoming Weekend



**Newsletter article deadline: February 14**



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