



'Orphan' Autos Get Recognition

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Ypsilanti - The city will host a car show on June 1 that will salute "orphan" cars - cars whose parent company has disappeared.

It is the first of what organizers hope will be an annual event.

Because the Big Three U.S. automakers have only about 14 brand names among them, the orphan brand names make up the majority of automotive history. Orphans include such names as Auburn, Bantam, Cord, Crosley, Durant, Flint, Frazer, Graham, Hudson, Hupmobile, Jordan, Kaiser, LaSalle, Marmon, Nash, Overland, Packard, Peerless, Pierce-Arrow, Rambler, Studebaker, Stutz and Willys.

"It'll be unique to Michigan and it'll just draw some very interesting cars," says Jack Miller, an organizer of the show and owner of Miller Motors in Ypsilanti, America's last remaining Hudson dealership. For instance, Miller says, the show has a commitment from the owner of a 1904 Sunset roadster. Sunset cars were made in San Francisco and then in San Jose, Calif., between 1904 and 1913. "You're not going to find one of those on every corner," Miller says.

Even though the Corvair was a model of Cheverolet, a special invitation will be extended to Corvair owners because of the car's connection to Ypsilanti. Corvairs were built at the former General Motors' Willow Run assembly plant.

Ypsilanti was the hometown of Preston Tucker, and development of Tucker's ill-fated Tucker Torpedo occurred about five blocks from the downtown park where the orphan auto show will take place.

"This is such on automobile area," Miller says. The show will also benefit Ypsilanti's Auto Heritage Museum.

The show, in Ypsilanti's Riverside Park, also is open to foreign cars that are no longer imported, as well as orphan trucks and motorcycles.

This will be the first orphan car show in Michigan, Miller says. He expects the show to draw about 150 cars.

Plans include a drive-by narration of each vehicle's history. The narration will be by Jeff Godshall, automotive historian and author, Miller says.

Details and registration for the orphan auto show are available by calling Randy Mason, retired Henry Ford Museum automotive curator, at (313) 563-5824 (noon to 10 p.m.) or Miller at (313) 482-5200 (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Tech Tip

An Associated Press article concerning a prickly theft ring at the Rod and Gun Campground in Spearfish, South Dakota.

It appears that porcupines have been imbibing brake fluid. The little critters have been gnawing through brake lines and draining them dry, much to the shock of motorists who find they have no brake pedal in their RV's, camper equipped pickups, and cars.

The porcupines apparently are hitting the sauce, so to speak, for it's salty taste.

There have been no serious accidents but the problem was so sever that park officials temporarily closed the facility.

Note: be on the outlook for these little critters.

Happy Corvairing,
Norm King

Treasury

Balance 12/31/96:	\$4387.58
Expenses:	
Meeting Room Rent	\$35.00
Leo Ziemski (refund - xmas)	15.00
John Allesee (Aircooler)	142.84
Corsa Merchandise (Tech Guides)	581.00
Clark Hartzel	4.62
(postage for Homecoming Plaques)	
Bank Service Charge	15.00
Total Expenses:	792.26
Income:	
50/50 Drawing	\$20.50
Membership Dues	192.00
Parts Sales	14.00
Ken Hand (Aircooler Ad)	15.00
Total Income	241.50
Balance - 1/31/97:	\$3836.82

Jean King

Local TV

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, Jim Westervelt taped a half hour television show, "Motor City Wheels" hosted by Top Hat John. Naturally, the topic was Corvairs. This program will be aired on Comcast Cable Channel 13 at some future date. It is featured in Clinton Twp., Macomb Twp., Mt. Clemens, Ray Twp., Shelby Twp., Sterling Hgts., St. Clair Shores, Utica, & Warren.

Minutes

Monthly Meeting - Feb. 4

Pres. Norm King called his last monthly meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Board reports as follows:

Editor - Need all articles in by the 15th.

Activities - Taking ideas for summer events, this is your chance to submit an idea for spring's events!

Secretary - Received one mail-in vote and a credit from Corsa for a new member.

Membership - 138 DACC members, only 77 are in Corsa - need to up that number.

Parts - Waiting for new Tech Guides & Service Manuals.

Treas, - Balance for Jan. = \$3836.82

Swap & Sell was done next. Ask Pete C. about his '64 Spyder Conv.

John Z. also reminded us to support our local cancer charities and the work they are doing to find a cure.

A Corvaire calendar was also talked about and what might be in it. Board will look at this at it's meeting.

50/50 won by Kim Carless for \$21. Evan & Arline Thomas won & lost \$20 in the chip dip.

Tonight's entertainment was brought by Jim Westervelt. A tape showed the beautiful Lake Placid area where the National Convention is being held this year, Thanks Jim.

New board elections were held. Ballots were counted and the new officers will begin their posts next meeting. Pres. - former v.p. Pete Cimbala, V.P. - Marvin Granger, Sec. - Elaine Duerdin, Treas. - John Wolford, Memb. - Kim Carless, Editor - John Allesee, Activities - Clark

Hartzel, Parts & Service - Ken Pepke. Congratulations.

I would like to thank the club for having me as their secretary for the previous year. It was a lot of fun.

Meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

Board Meeting - Feb. 11

Dinner at The Cracker Barrel, Brighton

In attendance - Norm & Jean King, Pete Cimbala, Alan Dollaway, Sam Christ, Clark & Joan Hartzel, Marvin Granger with Chris & birthday girl Elizabeth, Kim Carless, John & Mabel Wolford, Elaine & Rob Duerdin, John Allesee with Karen.

Everyone had a great dinner and turnover went smoothly. Good luck to the incoming board.

Allan Dollaway

Membership Report

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

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

Gould, David & Agnes **Kriewall, Ed & Sandy**

These memberships expired in January:

Angus, James & Valerie **Fraley, Richard**
Bart, Linda & Terry **Gilhuly, Al & Gerry**
Malesko, Eugene **Bailey, Lavern & Dianne**
Schenke, Roland

These memberships expired in February:

Arner, Don & Sue **Tycholiz, Walt & Nancy**
Maddin, Michael & Donna
Matthews, Fred & Bertha

These memberships expire in March:

Cooper, Larry & Sue **Dunn, Margery & Daniel**
Hickerson, Bill & Barbara **Lieving, Charles**
Mackey, Ken & Carol **McCook, James & Alda**
Weiss, Ron & Linda **Wright, Christopher**

There are currently 125 paid members in DACC.

Kim Carless

Swap-N-Sell

For Sale: 1967 Monza 4 door 95hp automatic with factory air. 28k miles. Nantucket Blue. \$8500.00
Jim Westervelt (810) 651-4317

For Sale: NOS 140 Oil Cooler, NOS Late model oil filter adapter, Good used convertors, (2) Good used early model back-up light switch, (1) Good used late model back-up light switch, T type head lights - high & low beams, AC Paper turbo air cleaner elements.
Norm King (810) 238-4121

For Sale: 1964 Deluxe Greenbrier, 110 hp, 4 spd, white with red stripe, 1996 "Eyes on the Classics Design" winner. \$6000.00 Jim Westervelt (810) 651-4317

First Corvair

By Tim Howley

Old Cars 8/29/96

Corvette Sting Rays of the '60s had their origins in the '54 Chevrolet Corvair show car that was exhibited at the 1954 GM Motorama along with the Vette-based Nomad.

Both of these cars were built on a 102-in. '54 Vette chassis and had the 150-hp six-cylinder Corvair engine. The Corvair had the Vette's red-and-beige interior, but the exterior was red, a color not available on production Vettes until 1955.

Except for a height of 51 in., the measurements and specifications were the same as the '54 Vette.

Three air intakes at the sides of the front fenders were functional and unique to the Corvair. These supplied air to the passenger compartment, not the engine.

Just behind the rear quarter windows were three air exhaust vents. This ducting system was controlled by manual buttons inside the car. A recessed area at the trailing edge of the "fastback" roof line housed the license plate and back-up lights, which were mounted on a bright-metal plate embossed with small Chevy emblems.

Engine compartment ventilators were mounted at each side of the hood. Wouldn't it have been great if Chevrolet had offered the Corvair and Nomad in 1954-'55?

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

Our elected officers are:

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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

- Mar. 1 - 12th Annual 50'-60's Party - Sterling Inn - Sterling Hgts.
(810) 247-4319
- Mar. 4 - Regular Monthly Meeting
- Mar. 9 - Swap Meet - Jim Fresard Buick - Royal Oak
(810) 649-2396
- Mar. 11 - Board Meeting
- Mar. 22-23 - "World Of Dreams" 9th Annual Custom Car Show
Lansing Center - Lansing, Mi
(517) 676-4258
- Apr. 1 - Regular Monthly Meeting
- Apr. 8 - Board Meeting
- May. 6 - Regular Monthly Meeting
- May. 13 - Board Meeting
- Aug. 22-24 - DACC Homecoming - Quality Inn - Plymouth, Mi



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