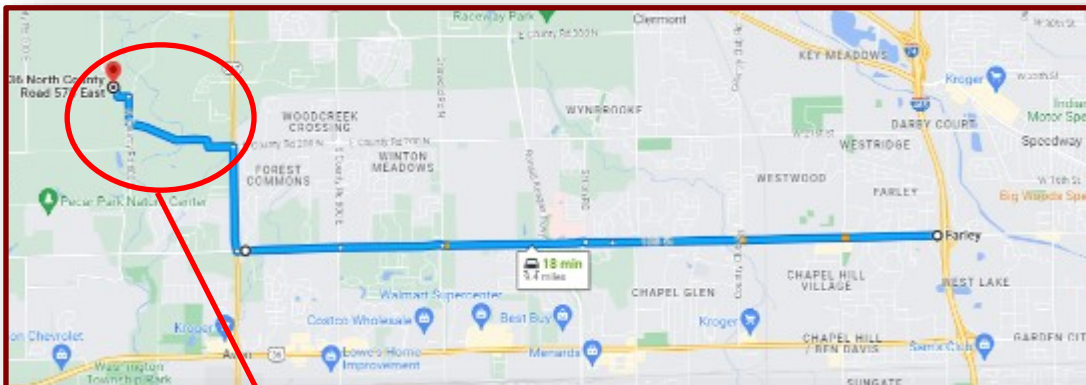


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 on the third Saturday of each month

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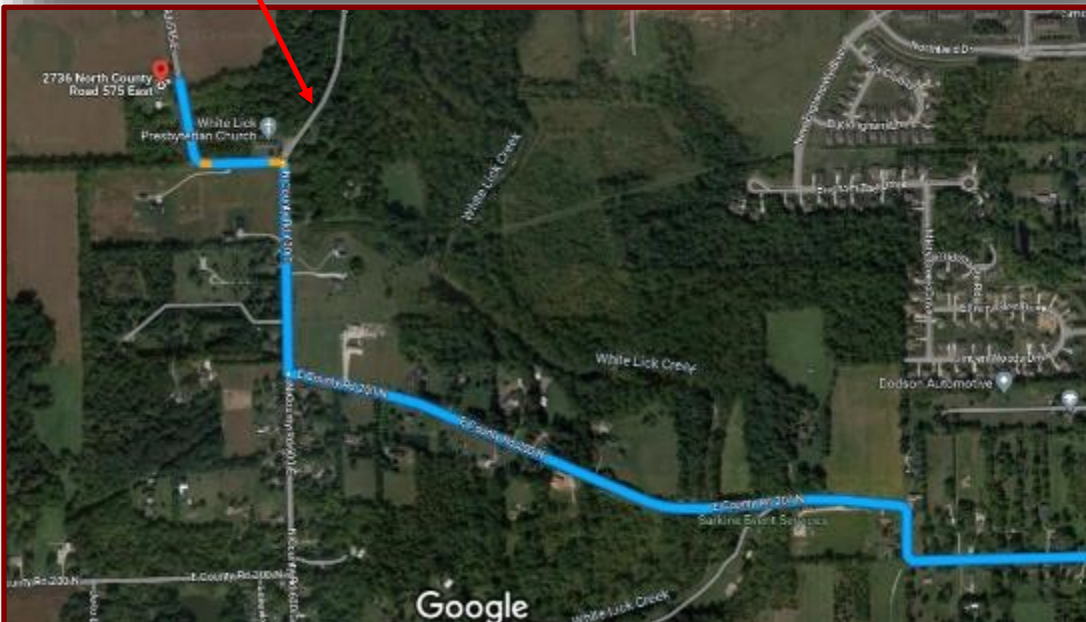
## The Meeting in May

The regular meeting that will be held at Hubler Chevrolet and then travelling to Ron and Anita Buntens's house in Avon Indiana. Our youngest active member, Owen Sicke has graduated high school and will be attending a trade school in Cleveland Ohio so this is a graduation party for Owen. We encourage all club members to get your cars on the road and come to the party.



The address is:  
 2736 N. CR 575 East,  
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 phone is:  
 317-852-4068

The enclosed maps  
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# From the Boss

Another year for our annual CORSA Birthday party is in the books. If you were not able to attend it was held in Plainfield this year at the Plainfield Baptist Church and arranged by Ron and Anita. There were a dozen or so Corvair's in attendance and 30+ of us enjoyed perfect weather, a fantastic venue and a great meal. The auction was led by Jan Bradley and fun as usual with virtually everything sold benefiting the club. It was good to see Susan Daniels in attendance who came along with Jean Allen. Susan lost her husband Don recently and has sold their Corvair but they were a very active part of the club for years and served as activities director's during the time I came into the club. Thanks to all who attended, brought food, auction items and purchased them. We had a lot of laughs and got to know each other a little better. The usual location for this event at the Pittsboro park has already been reserved for next year. Just a reminder that if you have any cars or car parts for sale please let us know so we can give club members a chance at them by running the ad in our news letter. It doesn't cost anything and you never know who may be interested.



Safe Travels,  
Pres. Dave Beck



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## On the Road Again

April 11 & 12 were two good days weather wise here in central Indiana so it was time for our first overnight in the #389 Ultra Van. Not far from Brownsburg is Parke County where the largest collection of covered bridges still exist and draw thousands of visitors during the covered bridge festival in October. Gloria and I decided to visit the small town of Bridgeton in Parke County which is off the beaten path-way and is home to a 200 year old grist mill that still operates along with a covered bridge just above the dam that powers the mill. It was no disappointment being the off season and we were the only visitors and had a long visit with the owner, Mike Roe who has spent many of his 71 years bringing the mill back to life. Mike sells and ships corn meal, wheat flour products etc. all over the country to a tune of 35,000 pounds per year.



We spent the night at Turkey Run State park along with a small number of other campers and left

the next morning for the town of Crawfordsville In. to tour the "round jail" one of only 19 built in the mid 1800's. The jail is a two story round jail that houses 16 people in pie shaped cells on each level. The advantage of these was that only one officer could control all 32 cells by turning a hand crank and allow only one way in or out. It was festinating to watch as he easily cranked the lever to move all 32 cells at once. The 90 year old docent gave a 30 minute tour and was a retired officer in the county along with his father. He lived just two blocks away and played cards with the prisoners when he was 10 years old.

Along the way we met a young man who suggested we take the ultra van to follow the Grateful Dead, "final tour", I guess he thought it looked the part. He also claimed to have driven his 50cc scooter to California to see them perform, then there was the guy on a bicycle who was riding across the USA and posed for a picture for us. I told the guy on the bike that it was quite an accomplishment to ride all those miles and camp as he traveled and he said it looked like quite an accomplishment to keep something like our Ultra Van on the road. I had to agree with him.



Dave & Gloria Beck

## From your Vee Pea.....by Todd Stires

"The Day I Met Reggie Jackson.....at a car show!"

Ahhh, the smell of car show season is in the air so buff up your Corvair and get out there and show it off! Technically an "auction" but where else can you see 2,500 - 3,000 cars for a \$20 admission! The Indy Mecum Spring



Auction is coming soon and that is where I met Mr. October, New York Yankee great #44 Reggie Jackson on May 19, 2018. At the state fairgrounds, my son and I were cruising the cars and there - 30 feet in

front of me - standing alone, no security was "The Man" - Mr. Jackson! I said what the heck, told my son to get his camera ready and approached him with my hand extended. He shook my hand with a puzzled look & I said, "Pleasure to meet you, Mr. Jackson - thank you for bringing your cars to Indianapolis".

That was it - as other people noticed and began to gather then a camera crew arrives complete with an attractive young lady, and I bow out trying not to cry or have a heart attack! Absolutely made my day as I grew up a Yankee fan with my dad and brothers and to this day remains my car show #1 Best of Show!

After baseball, Reggie Jackson became a well-known collector of Camaro's, Corvette's and other Chevy's. At this auction in 2018 he was selling 12 cars with the top one going for nearly \$200,000 Just the fact that he took time to visit Indy and represent his collection and shake the hand of a out of shape 60-year-old third-baseman from Anderson, thrills me to no end!

That's my story.....and I'm sticking to it!



# Circle City Corvair Club Board Meeting Minutes 4/04/2023

6:20pm to 7:20pm at Hubler

Dave Beck presiding, John Shull recording minutes.

Board Attendance: John Shull, Dale Smiley, Tom Miller, Dave Beck, Rod Lasley, Todd Stires, Dan Brizendine, Ron Bunten, Carlton Smith

Treasurer's report – month of February \$6759.70 to \$6975.10

Renewals, World of Wheels reimbursement, misc expenses

Scott Walker new member in Carmel with 63 Spyder

3 or 4 non-renewals left

Newsletter Update – Tom

No new updates

Some board members will be contacting members who are inactive to bring in more involvement

Activities

Corsa birthday party – gather at 9:30 am to set up

Chicken and pulled pork will be served, everyone to bring sides

June meeting lunch at the Gas Grill in Knightstown, Octagon house at 1pm

No plan for July meeting

Discussed minor details for upcoming events

Motion made by Ron for \$50 donation to Octagon House for upcoming visit

Seconded by Dale, motion passed unanimously

Overview of upcoming activities

Need to find ideas for 50th anniversary event next year

No new info for Dayton Convention, will update later

Meeting Adjourned

## *The Corsa Birthday Party*

The Corsa Birthday Party is the start of Corvair driving season for Circle City Corvair Club. Hopefully all the winter projects and repairs went well and the cars are ready for the road. This year the Corsa Birthday Party was held at Plainfield Baptist church which Ron and Anita Bunten were able to secure for our event. It was a lovely setting and the weather was perfect.

We had about thirty people and twelve cars show up with a great selection of food and drink for dinner. Each year we have an auction consisting of Corvair parts and household items that others could use. The funds collected go to the club to help with the different events that we participate in.



## 2023 Club Service Directory

**Corvair Repair Work** Carry-in component rebuilding. Some NOS and used parts.  
 Dan Brizendine 317-862-3550 [debrizo@comcast.net](mailto:debrizo@comcast.net)

**Corvair Repair Work** Mike McKeel 765-358-3930

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## Club Activities



Saturday May 20th	<b>Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet. Ron and Anita Bunten will be-hosting a graduation celebration for Owen Sickle's high school graduation. Details on front page of news letter..</b>
Saturday June 17th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet
June 19th thru June 24th	National Convention to be held at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells
Saturday July 15th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet
July 13th thru July 16th	43 Annual DACC Homecoming to be held in Ann Arbor Michigan, at the Wyndam Garden Hotel
Saturday August 19th	Regular meeting at Hubler Chevrolet
Monday September 4th	Labor Day Picnic at Southeastway Park

# Preventative Maintenance Series

By Mike Dawson

## Dual Exhaust

Due to the restrictive nature of OEM Corvair exhaust manifolds, installing dual exhausts does not usually provide a significant improvement other than adding a nice sound (headers of course are the exception). However, in one case I found a noticeable increase in performance with a reasonable sound level at highway speeds. This article addresses adding dual exhausts to a Lakewood wagon with a 140 engine. Installing this system will work with any car, early, late, or station wagon; there is a lot of adjustment available.

The existing exhaust system on my 140 project consisted of the standard crossover into a single early style muffler with a 1 1/2" outlet. The dual exhaust system that I installed included using two Clark's 140 U-pipes and packing, two Raptor "turbo" mufflers with 2" inlets and outlets, two heavy duty ROL hangers, and clamps; all (except the U-pipes) are available from O'Reilly Automotive. You can use any of several exhaust tip extensions that please you. The 2" inlet pipe has to be sleeved to fit the 1 7/8" U-pipe so I used a sleeve that was a stock item. You will have to weld it once the final fit is made to avoid movement and a possible leak since it is difficult to clamp three pipes adequately.

Total cost of the dual exhaust system for all components was \$171.00 including shipping on the U-pipes and tax. For comparison, the cost for the single crossover, packing, clamps, original style muffler and shipping was \$195.00 from Clark's.

### Additional suggestions:

No matter what vehicle you install these on, you will want to install the parts with clamps only until the entire system is at the height and angle that the tips suit you. Then spot weld the inlet adapter, remove each side and weld the muffler inlet to U-pipe solid before a final installation.

Be patient when doing the aligning and you can obtain a good fit with near perfect alignment of the tips. You will need to pick a place to install the hanger and that most likely will necessitate drilling a hole in the shrouding. Your exhaust hanger must be attached to the engine, not the body. After bending the hangers as necessary, I also welded a nut to the hangers at the top for ease of installation and removal (see picture).

I also fabricated a left side heat shield from stock sheet metal available at hardware stores. Bending and drilling was all that was required.

Parts for this project include U-pipes & packing from Clark's for whichever engine you have, four 2" clamps and two of each of the following from O'Reilly's:

Raptor turbo muffler: 50050

Adapters: ROL 548527

Hangers: ROL 518001

The system actually has a very nice sound at idle and under acceleration, with a surprisingly quiet sound at highway speed.

In this specific application, there was a noticeable increase in performance between the stock system and the dual exhaust. I installed this same system on a late model car but could not detect any increase in performance. It does make a nice sound that will take you back to the '60's!

The pictures are of a Lakewood wagon; there is more room for adjustment on a late model car. 145 (3/8-24 X 1.187) and can be purchased at any parts store.



# Notes and news

Here is one of the clothing items that can be purchased with club logo for \$45.00

This is a lined zip up jacket that is great for those cool evenings Colors are black , blue. Either of the logos shown below are approved.

You can add your name, have a large logo on the back, your choice, call for pricing. Zip up hoodies are also available.

Contact Ken Clark at 812-320-7615



Questions regarding membership, a change of address, or a change of email address; contact the club at [valveclatter@yahoo.com](mailto:valveclatter@yahoo.com) or contact Dave Beck – Club President at 317-409-5682; or Rod Lasley – Club Treasurer at 317-294-2871.

Yes! it's a rare 1964 engine lid latch in great condition and one factory 64 Monza brake drum with head dissipat-flanges The drum is rusty but hasn't been turned and needs



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Some of you have heard it run NOW you can own it !! 1964 110 engine complete with pg trans and diff. Engine block is RN (which is 140 according



Information on those winter projects

Keep in mind that the club has resources both in tools, parts and expertise to answer your questions.

In exchange, I would like the club to share your projects by allowing the newsletter to follow you on your journey this winter....

## Wanted:

65-69 Windshield

As I was too late to catch Roger Parker's deal in February's issue, I want to ask if anyone else has a new condition tinted 1965-1969 Windshield available at a good price. I need one for my Fitch Sprint. Please contact Thomas at 765-506-7479 or [thomasmratliff@gmail.com](mailto:thomasmratliff@gmail.com).

## For Sale:

Rebuilt Corvair fuel pumps - \$60 with exchange pump . Dan Brizendine, [debrizo@comcast.net](mailto:debrizo@comcast.net) 317-615-9237

## For Sale:

66 coupe rear glass (clear and in good condition)- \$25

61 coupe EZ eye (factory tinted glass) good condition- \$150 includes all glass except the windshield. One bumper mount trailer hitch for sale \$25

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destroyed from the outside.  
If we falter and lose our freedoms,  
it will be because we destroyed ourselves."**

Abraham Lincoln

