



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

March 25, 2020, 6:00 pm

Denny's Restaurant

8841 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662
(916) 987-6119

(Corner of Greenback & Hazel)

Features

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Firing Order

President	John Heiser
Vice President	Carl Funk
Activities	Position Open
Secretary	Tabitha Heiser
Membership	Joseph Howard
Treasurer	Wes Nicholas
Editor	Position Open
Historian	Christy Barden

Finding Us

Website;

www.northern-california-corvairs.com

Facebook; [Classic Corvairs of River City](#)

Message From the President:

Greetings all! Just wanted to thank all those that entered and attended the recent Autorama. The club had nine Corvairs entered! Lets get these cars back on the road and attend events!

We have added new members to our rolls. Please welcome Denis and Susan Schoen with their very nice Rampside and Mark Dandeneau with his 65' Monza coupe. These folks will be asking for help in the near future. So please welcome them and be prepared for a lot of questions from them.

The 2020 Corvair Spring Fling . Due to the current concerns over the Corona Virus, The club will discuss the Spring Fling and decide to postpone for a month or reschedule to a later date. Will keep you posted.

CORSA is once again providing a great incentive for new members to join our club. If you have never been a member of CORSA before, this is for you. Between now and June 30, 2020, each new CORSA member will receive a free copy of Corvair Basics - a 190 page technical manual for anyone new to Corvairs or thinking about Corvair ownership. This book is a compendium of articles written by acknowledged experts and covering all aspects of Corvair repair, maintenance and restoration. This is an especially useful resource for anybody who is new to the Corvair hobby. Please allow four weeks for shipping.

A work party was held on February 29, 2020 at Leo's. A major thank you to those that attended, participated and helped out in the construction of the shelves for the storage container.

Membership Dues: Please pay your membership dues! \$20.00 for the year. Please send checks or cash to Wes Nicholas. Checks made out to: "CCRC"

Items up for discussion at the next club meeting:

Club Elections: Newsletter Editor, Activities.

Corvair tech sessions.

Events, Spring Fling, National Convention, Tours

Membership: Yearly Dues

Newsletter advertisement fees



Latest CCRC News

Ongoing Events:

Bel Air Second Saturday Cars and Coffee. 4320 Arden Way near the corner of Eastern. Time: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Coffee, donuts, pastries, fruit to be provided. No entrance fees.

Folsom Cars and Coffee at the Palladio, every Saturday morning 7 to 9:30. 430 Palladio Parkway.

Car Shows:

April 19, 2020: Air Cooled Cruise 3. Met at Dutch Brothers Coffee on Auburn Folsom Blvd and Douglas at 9 am. Leave at 9:30 am. Cruise to Auburn, Colfax-Grass Valley with lunch at Beach Hut Deli. Back roads back home.

April 25: Casa Robles High School – Auto Shop Car Show. April 25, 2020. \$25/car entry fee. Pre-registration is highly encouraged! Gates open up at 7:00 a.m. This event is huge. So, plan on showing up at the gate before 7:00 am.

May 2020: Fun Event: Scheduled in May 2020 for a BBQ show and tell. Date and Time TBD. CarMichael Vintage Vehicles located of Mather Field Road, North of Highway 50. 10173 Croydon Way Suite 8, Sacramento. Michael Tatro is a car collector whose automotive enthusiasm has filled his garage with over 100 cars.

May 16, 2020: Maxwell High School, free car show and parade. Car Show registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Awards at 3:00 pm. 515 Oak Street, Maxwell, CA. Pre-Registration is encouraged!

BARN PARTY! Christy's famous Barn party, pot luck, free hotdogs and hamburgers, dancing and musical entertainment! Don't forget that this is also a car show! Bring a pot luck side dish or beverage to share. 1st weekend in June. 1-5 pm. 10141 Cedarsong Road, Nevada City, CA

2nd Saturday in June: Florin Historical Society's Annual Strawberry Festival. 7145 McComber Street, Florin, CA 95828. Once I receive the event flyer, I will email out to the club members.

2020 CORSA – National Convention: San Diego, July 6th – 11th. Please check out www.sandiego.com for registration information and location. The San Francisco club would like to caravan down to the National Convention. Both San Francisco Corvair Club and CCRC are in the pre-planning stages to get a caravan down to the San Diego National Convention. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to join the caravan.

Message from the Vice President: First of all, I would like to apologize for missing our last meeting and work party Saturday at Leo's. Here's what happened. I was getting cabin fever and felt I needed to get out of town. When that happens, there is only one thing to do... Go on a cruise! That fell on our club meeting day. And I was sorry to miss it. It's not so much about our Corvairs, its about the friends I have met through the years and seeing them every month and seeing them at our functions.

Now changing the subject, for those who don't work on our own cars, let's all support the folks that work on our Corvairs! Even with the Clubs offer to assist folks on their Corvairs to get back in operations is unfortunately not a full time operation. Therefore, I would like all the members to be on the lookout for a local shop to work on our Corvairs.

I hope we get a good turnout to the National Corvair convention in San Diego. This will be my 4th and I have enjoyed them all. It's not all about car stuff with tech sessions. Etc. It meeting with people from around the country that have Corvairs or interested in Corvairs. At these conventions, the host cities like to show off the interesting things about the city. And San Diego has a lot to be proud of. The convention committee has done a good job with this 5 star hotel at the price of a Motel 6.

Meeting Minutes

By John Heiser

February 26, 2020- Meeting Minutes

Meeting started:7:00 pm.
20 members in attendance.
2 new members
Introductions went around.

Discussion of Autorama.

Discussion of the upcoming Spring Fling. Its been confirmed that Lowes in Citrus Heights, Birdcage Mall will be the location of this year's event. Date is scheduled for April 25th, 2020. Trophy's, dash plaques, T-Shirts and baseball caps were up for discussion. Timing to have baseball caps and T-Shirts to be designed and printed up are moving forward with club member Jon Larson who is working with a vendor. The club will be selling last years T-Shirts as well. Still need a vendor to make the dash plaques and awards.

Wes Nicholas, treasure, provided the current Clubs account and expenditures. Wes purchase several Carbon Monoxide detectors for club members to check to see if their engine exhaust system is leaking and getting inside the vehicle. The Club to loan out these detectors to club members.

On going pre-planning and discussion regarding the 2020 Spring Fling. Spring Fling Committee is requesting donated items for themed gift baskets and raffle items as well as items for the goody bags. Thank you for volunteering! Leslie will be in charge of the raffle. Carl & Bill to help organize the car show and awards. Brenda and Tabitha to help run registration and donut sales. Still have assignments to help out at the Spring Fling for those that have volunteered.

The Club needs donations to complete the raffle baskets. Please send me the donated items no later than April 19, 2020!

- 1) **Wine & Cheese** — Still need cheese that doesn't require refrigeration (Hickory Farms or Cost Plus carries these items), crackers or anything else that goes with wine & cheese.
- 2) **Wine & Cheese** — same as above for Wine & Cheese #1.
- 3) **Dessert & Coffee** — Still need coffee or coffee gift cards, dessert (cake) that doesn't require refrigeration and does not have an expiration date until after April 27 (or later).
- 4) **Other Themed raffle basket ideas: auto, arts and crafts, music, toys, Corvair Repair Manuals or books.....**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Corvair Resources (Online)

Q&A - www.corvaircenter.com
www.corvairforum.com
Parts - www.corvair.com (Clark's)
www.californiacorvairparts.com
www.mikescorvairparts.com
www.rockauto.com
Sale - www.jaxed.com
www.corvairtrader.com (Parts & Sales)
Resources –
<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics>
Car Building – <http://autoexer.skiblack.com>
Fun - www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1
www.deansgarage.com



Birthdays

March 3: Suzanne Barnes
March 15: Bonnie Joseph
March 16: Ron Eversden
March 17: Pat Spence



CCRC Club Member Assistance:

CLASSIC CORVAIRS of RIVER CITY CLUB MEMBERS

In the last year, our club has lost at least six members with cars that participated in club outings. It is getting more difficult to get a respectable number of cars at club-sanctioned events. Car shows, concours, the Autorama and State Fair participation require strong showings. We may not be invited back to the State Fair this year due to our poor showing last year.

In order to get more cars on the road, the club leadership is offering assistance to members that have Corvairs that need help to get them running. This help will be in the form of technical expertise, mechanic labor and financial assistance.

If you have a Corvair that is in need of work, contact John Heiser and give him the details on what you require in the way of help. A committee will review the requests and select those we think are the best candidates. Remember the goal is to get more Corvairs at our club events. Those chosen will be expected to participate and help the club increase the number of cars that we put on display.

Your Comments

CORVAIR CHATTER Newsletter - Let us know if there is something that you'd like to see in our monthly newsletter. Email your thoughts to John, Johnh1@thegrid.net

Club Activities - You may have some great ideas for club activities. We want to hear them! Better yet, we'd like you to participate in the planning of your activity idea. Email your ideas to Carl Funk at; edieboopboop@yahoo.com

Classified Section



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Bob Hooker would like to trade his '64 daily-driver Spyder for a Greenbrier. Please contact Bob for details at roberth89@surewest.net, 916-772-6097.

Jim Messick in Stockton has a '64 Spyder convertible for sale. Similar in appearance to Bonnie Howard's car. May need engine parts, has a ding near left tail light, and upholstery needs replacement. Asking \$1500. Contact Jim at 209-969-2069.

1968 Monza. 95-HP, automatic transmission, AM radio, shoulder-belt seatbelts, F41 front and rear special performance suspension. Chris Medeiros, cmedeiros@mac.com, 916-992-3198.

Wanted: In search of a 1966 Corsa Convertible turbo, 4 speed car, either a #2 or a 3 if its original, straight, complete and running. Chester Keeton: (832) 281-8009

For Sale: 1961 8 door Greenbrier: Contact: Mandie (916) 456-9607. Leave message on answering machine that you are interested in the Corvair Greenbrier. Late Model 95 hp engine, Powerglide. Has cruise control. Been garaged. \$3,900.00. CORSA Club members from Sacramento, CA.



For Sale, Rampside, Greenbrier, corvair engines, transaxles, parts etc. Contact Larry Forman at (916) 216-9801

For Sale: 1964 Corvair Convertible located in Elk Grove. Contact. James Koch: edselhusband@aol.com

Free: 2 front seat frames for a 1964 Corvair Convertible. Contact. Ken Basile in Penn Valley. (530) 432-9590

For Sale: 1963 Corvair Convertible. \$3,500.00. Contact. John Walker : (208) 720-0120



Member's Corner:

Jim Dal Bon from Rough and Ready, CA has a Beautiful 1965 Convertible as you can see! The "Rides of March" dash plaque was from a friend of Jim's who was very active in the Hot Rod Scene back in the 60's and 70's. Jim found the dash plaque and wanted to share, that the dash plaque commemorated a Corvair Club event.



Hope someone in the Club may recognize the "Nor-Cal-Vair Assn." Club and the event.

Thank you Jim for sending this in and the article!

Autorama – 2020



Club Work Party: Shelving for the Storage Container



Part 2



Early 911 also suffer a besmirched handling reputation. Horrific tales of snap-oversteer are rampant among automotive communities, but the 911's rear suspension was never as bad as the original Corvair. This is primarily due to the fact that Porsche's rear suspension arrangement (torsion bar with trailing arms) is a logical improvement over inexpensive swing arm setups. Upfront, MacPherson struts and A-arms work with torsion bars and an anti-sway bar to provide drivers with extraordinary precision. A big upper hand for the Porsche resides within its braking, which is supplied at all four corners courtesy of rotors instead of drums.

Based atop the Corvair line-up, the Corsa came standard with a 2.7-liter air-cooled flat-six engine uniquely designed with four Rochester one-barrel carburetors feeding larger valves within redesigned heads. While there was an optional 180-horsepower turbocharged version, the standard-issue setup was the superior choice given its increased reliability with a broader usable powerband. Plus, at an output of 140 horsepower and 160 lb-ft of torque, the Corsa earns the upper head over the 911's respective 130 and 129 figures. However, the 911 is making this power with 700cc less displacement, which serves to keep its curb weight below that of the Corvair.

While standardized metrics for either one of these machines are difficult to lock down, the general consensus will delight Corvair confederates. The 911 completes a sprint to sixty in roughly nine seconds while the Corvair trails by one and a half seconds but after about 17-seconds both cross the quarter-mile mark in near unison. Almost immediately after, though, the Corvair's spirit will suffer as it quickly begins to lose momentum, eventually struggling to surmount 105 mph. Meanwhile, the 911 fervently steams on to a top speed of around 130. Of course, final drive options alter these figures, but a five-speed manual in the 911 and four-cog box in the Corvair truthfully create a close real-world competition. In fact, they may run too close for some people to brag about their investment comfortably.

In summation, the Chevy and the Porsche have approximately the same real-world performance figures. They have similarly arranged, sport-focused interior layouts with parallel levels of equipment and exclusivity. Moreover, while the preference is subjective, the Corvair's European-inspired exterior – although a bit brasher – is bespoke, particularly in Corsa configuration. When new the Corvair Corsa could be had for around \$2500, while the 911 would set a buyer back \$6500. In contemporary currency, a Corvair in mint-condition could be had twice over for the cost of a sixties 911, but at a comparable price to a 912.



So is the 911 name and prestigious Porsche pedigree taking collectors to the proverbial cleaners? Indeed, that is a worthy debate. While their designs, performance figures, and pedigree all warrant scrutiny, there is unquestionably an unaccountable variable amongst each. At the end of the day, the 911 was a range-topping, racing-inspired, equipped, and tested champion that regularly won contemporary races with little more than minor modifications. The Corvair, however, was an entry-level, sports car plagued by a bad reputation from its childhood. Its engineering prowess only improved by coercion from public opinion, yet it still provides for a persuasive counterpoint – especially to 912 buyers pining for a 911 experience.

Christopher Fussner is the Editor-in-Chief here at WOB Cars and MotoringHistory.com. He writes at his home in Los Angeles, manages a car collection, has a genuine passion for cars and racing, a love of Star Wars, and his favorite dinosaur is Carnotaurus. Did we just become best friends?



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