

Corvair Chatter



Classic Corvairs of River City

Harry Spence, Editor

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Editor's Comments

By Harry Spence

This month I'll start out by pointing out a "FIRST" for me as Editor of the newsletter – I received my very first LETTER TO THE EDITOR! You will find it on page two. This month was a very active one for CCRC members with three different activities scheduled. The Tour to the California Auto Museum followed by lunch on The Delta King occurred the week end prior to last month's meeting, but after last month's newsletter had been printed and mailed. Mike and Suzie Barnes provided a short report on this event which, unfortunately, didn't make it to this month's edition due to space limitations. They reported that 13 Corvairs participated at the event. They mentioned that they enjoyed the museum, especially learning about the history of some of the cars they saw. They remarked the Corvairs attracted a lot of attention while driving to the restaurant, something that Chris discussed in detail in his Presidents report. The Barnes' also mentioned how much they enjoyed eating on The Delta King.

Between now and the June meeting there are two more events. First is the Car and Vintage Aircraft show at Eagles Nest Airport in Ione which takes place on May 30th. Dee Smirlis is leading a caravan from Perkos near Bradshaw & hwy 50. There is a flyer in this issue with directions and times. Note that is three days after our May meeting. The other is Christy Barden's Barn Party at The Big Yellow Barn at Christy's home near Nevada City. There is a flyer for Christy's party in this issue also. There is no new news about the Raffle of the Corvair which was discussed previously – the Powers That Be are still wrestling with the details.

On a more personal note, Wes Nicholas has added a listing of tools that various members possess and are willing to loan to other members. On the bottom of the alphabetical list is the Sun Distributor Tester which I own. What didn't make the list is the note that this machine is presently inoperative. There is a problem with the flash tube which is probably in the control electronics but I haven't had time to track down the problem and fix it.

Charles Schultz Museum Tour

(Or what we did instead) - by Chris Mederios

Club members weren't so excited about, traveling to see the Charles Schultz Museum so Dee Smirlis quickly instituted Plan B, a trip to the Jackson Rancheria to see a car show put on by the Vintage Chevrolet Club. Five Corvairs met at the Brookfields in Rancho to caravan up to Jackson Rancheria. Carl with his EM Convertible, Dee and Debbie with their EM Coupe, Tony and Betty with their Rampside, Leo and Jan with their LM Coupe and Yours Truly and Carol with our LM Coupe. Just before we took off together, we noticed that Carl's car had a strong odor of gasoline. Upon closer inspection, we found that he had a serious leak in the left carburetor's fuel line gasket. It was too dangerous to drive in that condition so Carl rode with Carol and me up to Jackson. Dee led the way at a nice comfortable pace up Highway 16 toward Jackson. It was a great drive with a lot of great California backroad scenery. Once we got there we met up with Howard and Bonnie and had a nice lunch at the casino. After lunch we headed outside to check out the Vintage Chevrolet Car Club show. They had a nice turnout of cars. The largest segments of Chevrolets represented were from the 20's, 30's and 40's with some 50's and 60's. I think they need some Corvairs in their club. After the show, everyone said their good-byes and went on their merry way. Carl rode back with us to our home and picked up some tools and a carb. fuel inlet gasket. We headed back to Carl's car and made the necessary repairs. Carl said something about kissing me if I was a girl. We both laughed and drove our vehicles off into the sunset. Another pleasant tour. Thanks Dee.

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President's State of the Club

Ciris Medeiros

Spring is heating up and summer is just around the next corner. 'Tis the season for car shows and CCRC members have already begun to hit the road in numbers! Between the trips to see The California Auto Museum in Old Sacramento, Jackson Rancheria in Jackson and the Coast-2-Coast /Make-A-Wish event in Folsom, more of the general public gets to enjoy seeing a Corvair. As an example on our April 19th event, during the drive from the California Auto Museum to The Delta King we passed through Old Sacramento on Front St. My goodness, it seemed like we created a mini flash parade! People stopped in their tracks, waved, gave us thumbs up and took pictures as our Corvairs drove by. For classic car owners it doesn't get much better than that.

As with any organization, it takes effort to plan fun events for it's members to participate in and, in turn, it takes enthusiastic members to bring out their Corvairs to participate in those planned events. I believe we need to acknowledge those members that, time after time, become involved in event planning and those who faithfully attend CCRC events. At the next meeting I will propose that we add an Award Ceremony to our next Christmas Gathering to recognize CCRC members for their exemplary volunteer work for the club, event attendances well as other possible award categories.

I would like to take a moment to welcome our newest members, Robert and Heather Burrell and their son Bentley, to the CCRC family! They are a fun family with a great story behind their new Corvair. They will be at our meeting next Wednesday where you can meet and get to know them. I'm excited about the enthusiasm they will add to the club. What kind of Corvair do they have? I'll let them explain the specifics but here's a hint; according to Hagerty the average value of this model is \$17,516. Special shout out to Kevin McCarthy for meeting the Burrells and introducing them to the club.

As your "leader: and I use the term loosely, I have an apology to make. At our last club meeting I set a date of Friday, May 15th for us to head over to Gary Hubbert's home and remove whatever Corvair parts and tools the club could. Well that date came and went without me gathering the troops to head over there. I didn't get it on my calendar. Ron Eversden tried to contact me but I

wasn't available at the time. Thanks for trying Ron. I spoke to Gary and apologized. The hope is to set another date soon. To help me minimize this from occurring again, I'm going to propose that we post the meeting minutes on the club website as soon as they are available. If needed, we'll add a disclaimer that the minutes are not official until they are approved at the next meeting. However, I'm not a note taker and not having the meeting minutes available until the next newsletter can be frustrating when dealing with day-to-day club matters.

As always, club activities are meant to be fun Corvair activities for all club members to get involved with. I strongly encourage you to call Carl Funk at (916) 764-1721 or Dee Smirlis at (530) 903-0190. They will help you get plugged into an activity! It can be rewarding to get behind the activities!

I'll see you at the club meeting May 27th

New Year – New Direction!

To The Editor:

WE HAVE AN ANGEL AMONG US!!

Saturday, May 9th I traveled to Folsom to see the great car show at Skipolini's and to support Leslie and Make-A-Wish. As I was getting things together at the end of the show I dropped my keys on the front seat and closed the door then realized that all four doors were locked and inside were my keys, AAA card, and cell phone. Rich Eastburn came to my rescue and called triple A and they came in about 20 minutes. But when I called AAA after I got home I found that because he'd called the whole the whole event was billed to his, and not my account. Not even the driver could have changed it. What great people we have in CCRC.

Donna Oppelt
Turlock, California

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Classic Corvairs of River City, Sacramento, CA
Minutes of April Meeting

Location – Denny's Restaurant, Watt Ave,
Sacramento, CA

Meeting called to Order by President Chris
Medeiros @ 7:05 PM

Officers Present: Chris Medeiros, Carl Funk. Finn
Halbo, Larry Forman, Christy Barden, Harry
Spence and Bill Moore.

A printed meeting agenda, previously emailed to
members. Meeting opened with President
recognizing new Members and Visitors.

Minutes of previous Meeting noted as printed in
Newsletter, no corrections, changes or additions
noted and were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Current status reported, Dee
Smirlis submitted \$100 proceeds from sale of
Annual Club Calendar. Harry Spence donated a
\$500 contribution to the Make a Wish Foundation
(see Corvair Coast to Coast Event) with the Club
matching this donation. Approved with no further
corrections, changes or additions

Old Business – Gary Hubbard, offered \$250 cash
to purchase the 2 containers of club Corvair parts
that had been stored/available at his property for
years. Discussion as to disposition of the stored
parts, member could checkout and acquire, agreed
to view May 15 @ 10am at Gary's, reminder notice
to be sent via email to all members. Motion to
accept payment made and accepted. Historical
data/doc's stored at containers to be moved to
Christy Barden (Club Historian) for retention.

Activities report - C.A.M. and Delta King tour, 14
cars in attendance, lots of photos, will be uploaded
to new Club Website by Wes Nicholas. Report on
upcoming Make a Wish, Coast to Coast event at
Skipolini's, Folsom on May 9. Leslie reported
details on the event and raffle and fees. Other car
show meeting events discussed as places to show
our Corvairs to generate info and interest in Club
Car Raffle. Don't forget, Elks Club, Carmichael 4th
of July Parade, Corvairs welcome.....

New Business - Club Car Raffle discussed at
length: Where to show/display the car, logistics of
moving to events/storage/key person to coordinate/
legal issues on insurance/how to raffle/raffle to be
held at Spring Fling 2016 and need that date to be
printed on flyers and tickets.

Spring Fling: need to outline event details now, for
car raffle plus to generate public and inter-club
interest, venue - possible a "destination location
with activities and overnite accommodations.
Need volunteers for event committees, Mark &
Marge volunteered for Registration committee.

Club Website: Both the Club and Members have
tools willing to loan, need means to track,
suggested the new website provides the means to
both contain information as to who has what and
ability to track what has been loaned, to whom and
deadlines for return. Wes can do the updates but
the details of how to control this project need to be
worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Make-A-Wish Fund Drive

By Leslie Beardsley

The Make-A-Wish Fund Drive Car Show had a total of
11 Corvairs to greet Jeff Barrett from North Carolina,
along with 40 classic cars.

There was free coffee and donuts from Coopers Coffee
Shop, Sams Club offered both water and snacks. The
Pink Ice Cream Cart Co. donated 20% of their sales to
Make-A-Wish.

We had 105 great raffle prizes which were organized and
displayed very nicely by the Muscle Car Ladies. The
raffle took 1 hour to complete.

The Muscle Car Men were parking attendants and some
were supplying wonderful music of the 60's and 70's with
a little country. Jeff Barrett commented what a beautiful
setting the tall trees were surrounding the cars at
Skipolines Restaurant in Folsom. He mentioned the dinner
was outstanding.

A Big Thank You to all who participated to help make the
Coast-to-Coast a successful fund drive for a grand total of
\$2,276 sent to Make-A-Wish