



# Corvair Chatter

## Quick Facts

**NEXT MEETING:** May 26, 2021.  
6:00 p.m. Denny's Restaurant.  
Meeting starts 7:00 p.m.

8841 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 (Corner of Greenback & Hazel) If you have a Corvair, come on out to the meeting!

**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." For PayPal options, contact Wes Nicholas, CCRC Treasurer.

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## Firing Order

<b>President</b> .....	John Heiser
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## Finding Us

Website;  
[www.northern-california-corvairs.com](http://www.northern-california-corvairs.com)  
Facebook; [Classic Corvairs of River City](#)

## Message From the President:

**Hello fellow Club Members!** Welcome to May! Welcome New Club Members! Thank you all for being members, volunteering on Club projects and hanging in their during the past year. Greatly appreciated! The Clubs current projects are coming near and end. The only remaining club project is to finish up the 63' Spyder. A work party is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Leo's in West Sacramento. The work party is to remove the trim and bumpers in preparation for painting which is scheduled to go to a paint shop on Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>. At the Clubs last meeting, the members approved the budget for the project Spyder for convertible top replacement, installation and paint. Quite a few auto related events and car shows are starting up again. Perhaps we should start planning a mid to late Summer Corvair swap meet show? Will discuss the Spyder project, Corvair events such as the Clubs appreciation BBQ shindig and other items presented by club members.

The Air Cooled Java Cruisers tour and picnic held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was another success with a few Corvairs in attendance and with David Oyler providing musical entertainment. What more can you ask for! It was a beautiful day for a nice picnic in the park for sure! Thank you all for attending!

For the last several months I have been working with Mike Blanchard, photographer and editor of Rust Magazine on a featured article about Corvairs. Mike has been photographing Club Members Corvairs for the article and is working on a joint Club photo shoot with SFBA CORSA. So think about a nice scenic location located midway between San Francisco and Sacramento and hope you can bring your Corvair out for the photo shoot! Will keep you posted when the article is published and information on the photo shoot.

Remember, the next major Corvair event is being hosted by: **Central Coast Corsa: Vairfest 2021: June 25 - 27. Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.** For those interested in attending, perhaps driving down to this event in a caravan.



# 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. On hold until further notice.

**Carmichael Bel Air Sunday Cars and Coffee.** 4005 Manzanita Avenue at the intersection of Fair Oaks Blvd and Manzanita Avenue near the corner of Cypress. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Folsom Cars and Coffee: Town Center, El Dorado Hills,** every Saturday morning 7 am to 9:30 am.

## Car Shows:

**Central Coast Corsa: Vairfest 2021: June 25-June 27. Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.**

**From SSC Club: The FAN BELT TOSS looks like it will be happening in OCTOBER 22-24, 2021.** Greg Vargas from SCC is still awaiting formal confirmation, but it looks like it will be happening. SCC is scheduled to organize the banquet, but we need to see what all that may look like. TBD.

**River City Brewing Company:** Corvair Club showing in Carmichael – Milagro Center, Corner of Marconi and Fair Oaks Blvd. Date: Time:

## Meeting Minutes

By John Heiser

### **April 28, 2021 – Club Meeting Minutes:**

John opened up Club meeting at 7:17 p.m. Adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Introductions made and welcomed new members and previous members in attendance. Club President provided a brief update on current activities, club projects, upcoming work parties. Wes Nicholas provided an update on the club's treasury report in which a few members suggested several nice vacation spots!

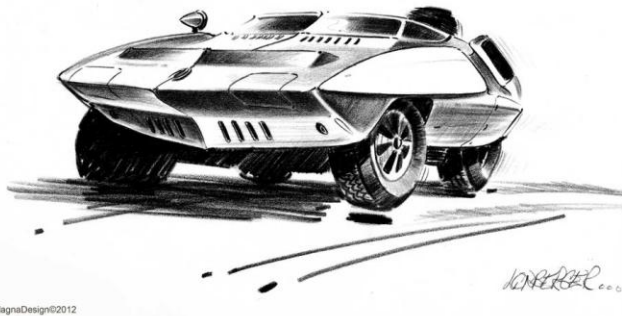
So, a major thank you for your continued support! The club president then introduced four budget items with 15 Club members in attendance, with all budget items approved for the following.

- I. One time donation of \$250.00 for Folsom Air Cooled Java Cruisers for assisting and promoting CCRC for the past year. The donation helps assist with promotional and award items.
- II. Budget approval to assist with membership outreach, printing, mailing costs for CCRC brochures, membership applications, business cards, CCRC logo based handouts CCRC logo stickers, key fobs, club patches etc.
- III. CCRC Spyder Project Corvair. Funding for replacement and installation of a new convertible top and paint. \$3,300.00. Work Party scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Leo's. 9:00 am to remove trim, bumpers etc to prepare for paint shop. A list of 1963 Spyder trim parts, bumpers etc.. Were emailed out to members on April 29, 2021. So, please bring these items to the work party if you have spares to donate.
- IV. A club member's appreciation dinner or afternoon BBQ event was approved with a committee to facilitate and organize and to start working on the Club's Christmas Party. Both Ken Edwards David Oyler, Linda Eastburn and Carl Funk have volunteered to located or select a place to have the club appreciation event with Carl to spearhead the Clubs Christmas Party and entertainment. Once these events have been selected, will have another club budget approval request to fund these two events.

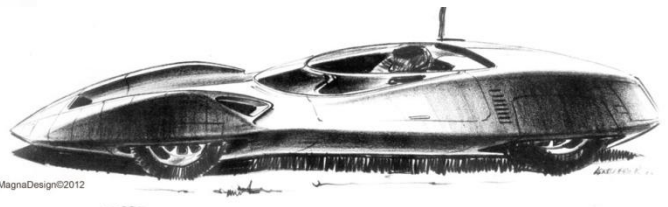
Update: Mr. Edwards has located quit a few county parks as possible locations for the BBQ shindig. We are reaching out to club members for entertainment ideas, games, menu items from Vegetarian and hopefully have a very nice turn out to showcase our Corvairs!

## Corvair Resources (Online)

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



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## Birthdays

May 1: Janice Tucker

May 16: Ted Lechner, Jr.

May 18: Anthony Martinez

## 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](mailto:Johnh1@thegrid.net)

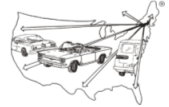
Club Activities - You may have some great ideas for club activities. We want to hear them! Better yet, we'd like you to participate in the planning of your activity idea. Email your ideas to Carl Funk at; [edieboopboop@yahoo.com](mailto:edieboopboop@yahoo.com)

# Classified Section



## Clark's Corvair Parts®

Our catalog lists over 15,000 parts for your Corvair. We carry engine parts, body panels, upholstery and much more! There are 1,000's of reproduced items available, pages of technical information and lots of other helpful hints.



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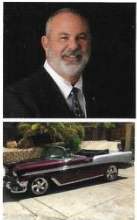
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Bob Hooker would like to trade his '64 daily-driver Spyder for a Greenbrier. Please contact Bob for details at [roberth89@surewest.net](mailto:roberth89@surewest.net), 916-772-6097.

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

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

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**For Sale:** 1964 Corvair Convertible located in Elk Grove. Contact. James Koch: [edselhusband@aol.com](mailto:edselhusband@aol.com)

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

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If you would like to submit a Corvair or Corvair's including related items to the classified section of the newsletter. Please send me electronic pictures of the item, pictures of the Corvair(s), including engine, interior, description, such as the year, mileage, manual or automatic transmission, if possible, asking price and contact information. If you are placing a classified regarding "In Search Of" related to Corvairs, please email the information to me. Please provide these items prior to the next months publication. Which is about the first week of the month. If the car or item has sold, please let me know. My email: [Johnh1@thegrid.net](mailto:Johnh1@thegrid.net). Thank you.



## An affordable classic: Chevrolet's second-generation Corvair – Part II

By [Kurt Ernst](#) on Aug 30th, 2019 at 8:59 am



*A most  
unusual car  
for people who  
enjoy the unusual*

One sortie at the wheel will tell you it's not everybody's cup of tea. Not everybody insists on a car that steers this easily.

Or corners this flat.

Or has this one's road-gripping traction even on ice, mud or snow.

If they did, Corvair wouldn't be the only car built in America with the engine in the rear (less weight on the wheels that do the steering, more on the ones that need the traction).

Or the only one—with the exception of Corvette—that gives you the even-keel ride of 4-wheel independent suspension.

Is it your cup of tea?

One session at the wheel will tell you that, too.



*'66 CORVAIR by Chevrolet*

Corvair Monza Sport Sedan

Even Chevrolet's advertising admitted the Corvair was unusual. Advertisement courtesy [Lov2XLR8.no](#).

In April 1965, an internal GM memo halted further engineering development of the Corvair, driving another nail into the model's coffin. While Ralph Nader's book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*, is often associated with the Corvair's demise, it wasn't published until November 1965, roughly seven months after GM had effectively made the decision to discontinue the model, opting to turn its attention to Camaro development in order to combat Mustang sales.

Opinions differ as to why the Corvair remained on the market into the 1969 model year. Some believe that Chevrolet continued Corvair production as a direct response to Nader's book, and that dropping the model (no longer the same as the swing axle variant discussed in *Unsafe*) would have been an admission of guilt. Others take a more pragmatic view, believing that retooling for the second-generation Corvair was an expensive proposition, one that warranted production as long as the public was willing to purchase the model.

Following the success of 1965, Corvair sales dropped in '66 to 103,743 cars and plummeted thereafter. Just 27,253 Corvairs were sold in '67, followed by 15,399 in '68 and 6,000 in '69. The most popular second-generation Corvair model was the Monza coupe, which represented 36-percent (or more) of total production for each year of second-generation sales. Today, that likely makes it the easiest model to find, while the Corsa convertible (built in a total quantity of 11,405, during 1965-'66 only) would probably be the most difficult to track down, excluding specialty versions like the Yenko Stinger or the Fitch Sprint.



Though second-generation Corvairs have risen in value in recent years, they remain a relative bargain when compared to pony cars of the period (which, in fairness, appeal to a broader audience of buyers). An average-condition '65 Monza coupe, without a high-performance engine, carried a NADA value of \$6,250 in 2015, while today the same car is valued at \$7,700. Moving to '67 production, a comparable Monza coupe carried a NADA value of \$6,025 in 2015, compared to \$7,400 today. Looking at the final-year models, 1969, a Monza coupe had a NADA value of \$6,600 in 2015, versus \$8,100 in 2019.

The Corvair 500, in coupe or sedan, was the entry-level model.



The rarest of second-generation production Corvair models, the 1966 Corsa convertible, carried an average NADA value of \$8,950 in 2015, compared to \$10,850 today. Finding one in any condition would likely be a challenge, but at the high end of the scale, a restored and show-ready example would have been valued at roughly \$20,800 in 2015, while today the model would be valued at \$26,600.

A quick look in our current classified turned up a trio of second-gen Corvair offerings, including [a '68 Monza coupe](#) with the 110 hp engine and Powerglide automatic transmission, priced at \$10,000; [a '65 Monza coupe](#) with the base 95 hp engine and Powerglide, priced at \$12,250; and [a 1966 Monza convertible](#) with the 110 hp engine and Powerglide, priced at \$14,000.

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## Holley Rendered Rides: Redemption For The Chevrolet Corvair

Author: Bryan McTaggart | Photographer: Rotislav Prokop | 05/05/2021

For those that would like to read the full article if not already have, please check it out online at: [https://www.holley.com/blog/post/holley\\_rendered\\_rides\\_redemption\\_for\\_the\\_chevrolet\\_corvair/](https://www.holley.com/blog/post/holley_rendered_rides_redemption_for_the_chevrolet_corvair/) or, type in the title of the article in the search box... If this rendered vehicle was actually introduced, I'd have a very difficult time not purchasing one.....

An excerpt from the article: "So the car was just fine. And the second-gen was a sporty machine, with more power than ever, striking looks that hold up even today, and a pedigree helped along by SCCA competitors and the likes of Don Yenko and his "Stinger" Corvair racers. It's a pity that the Corvair went out with a whimper in 1969 after years of downward sales thanks to one activist from Connecticut and his laser-targeted aim on Chevrolet's smaller sporty car. So why not give the rear-engined machine a second chance? We reached out to Rotislav Prokop and asked him to try to conjure up a reborn Corvair. Here's what he came up with:"







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