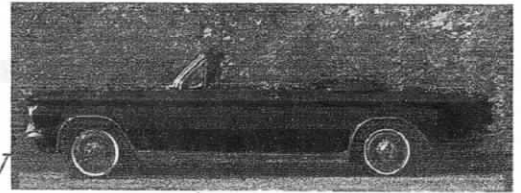


# Corvair Chatter

Classic Corvairs of River City



Harry Spence, Editor

Newsletter July, 2015

## Editor's Comments

By Harry Spence

This month I have to start out trying to explain the fiasco with last month's newsletter. All I know about happened is that I mailed the newsletters the Friday before the June Meeting. Normally all the newsletters addressed to the Sacramento area and the local foothills are delivered the next day, Saturday, or at the latest on Monday. On Tuesday Dee Smirlis called to ask if there was a problem with publishing the newsletter since his hadn't been delivered. I called several other members and no one had received theirs. To make a long story shorter I went to the Post Office too try to find out what went wrong and still don't have an answer. What I do know is that not all of you ever received last month's issue. Those that did receive them received them a week or ten days late.

A few were returned to the club return address as undeliverable—definitely not true, the addresses were the same as printed previously. If you didn't receive yours you can go the club website at [northern-california-corvairs.com](http://northern-california-corvairs.com) where it's posted. This mess will accelerate our move to publish the newsletter on line. I estimate that this can be accomplished in the next two months—meanwhile the paper issues will now come with three 'stickers' holding the fold closed instead of the single one I have used for the last eight years.

Those of you who have already read the president's State Of The Club message will know that we are starting to get serious about preparing for next year's Spring Fling and I think it's about time. Our first deadline is approximately October 10<sup>th</sup> when we need to have a venue booked and a both a Flyer and a Registration Form ready to take to the Fan Belt Toss later in the month.

Besides the usual columns, in this issue you will find the Flyer for Tony and Betty Sica's annual picnic. This is a must attend function. However hot it is or isn't in Sacramento it will be ten degrees cooler at the Sica spread in the foothills. I'm sorry I'm going to miss it but I'll be in Canada and Alaska at that time.

## NOTICE

### There will be no July meeting

It was noted during the June meeting that the July meeting, normally scheduled for the fourth Wednesday fell on the same day as the State Fair Car Show. Since the majority of our "regulars" would be at the car show, we surely would fail to have a quorum and thus could not conduct business so it was decided to cancel the July meeting. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

### July 11<sup>th</sup> Tech Session Report

By Barbara Pilon

On Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> five of our club members attended a Tech Sesion at Howard Pilons Shop in Vaca Valley. The group, led by Howard inspected three cars on Howard's lift. Most of the issues involved steering and suspension bushings. Some body work was also accomplished underneath one of the cars—straightening of body pinch welds. Howard made suggestions as to what repairs were needed and as tho the best way to proceed.

Members attending were Howard and Bonnie Joseph, Ron Eversden, Chris Medeiros and Wes Nicholas. The session ended at 3:00 P.M. Then the group made their way to the Home Town Buffet for an afternoon meal

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# President's State of the Club

CHRIS MEDEIROS

This month is somewhat of a break since we are not having our monthly meeting. Two reasons for the lack of a meeting 1) The State Fair event falls on the same day as our club meeting and 2) our venue for the club meeting (Denny's) will be closed for some minor remodeling.

Spring 2016 is quickly approaching! What? That's a long way off you say? Not if you're planning a major Corvair event e.g. the Corvair Spring Fling! Good news to report. We have established our committee members and a date has been set for our "Kick-Off Meeting. More to come

(in alpha order)

- Christy Barden
- Paul Bender
- Ron Everson
- Larry Forman
- Carl Funk
- Howard and Bonnie Joseph
- Bill and Kris Moore
- Wes Nicholas
- Leo Scopesi
- Mark and Karen Scott
- Harry Spence

We had the raffle car at the Auburn Cruse Night last Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. We had a goodnight of ticket sales and even better news is that we have been invited back to the next two Auburn Cruse Night events, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to bring your Corvair up these two nights for a premium show location! As of July 15<sup>th</sup> we have sold \$2,170 in raffle tickets. Our goal is \$10,000. So you can see we are at 20% of our goal

It seems that no matter if they know what it is or not, people love seeing a Corvair drive by. And when they see a line of Corvairs driving by they seem to get genuinely excited. With that in mind I'm organizing our first "Flash Corvair Cruse" for the month. What is a "Flash Corvair Cruse"? Glad you asked! It's when at least four Corvairs get together and cruse through popular high (people) traffic areas around town in the evening.

The Corvairs meet around 7:00 P.M. or so and then cruse through town, driving through places like The Fountains, The Galleria, by movie theater box offices, any place where people hang out on a Friday or Saturday evening. Afterwards, we pull into an In-N-Out or similar drive-in for a burger. From there we split and head home. I'll have more info available soon

I'll see you at the next club meeting Wednesday  
**AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>**

*New Year, New Direction*

## 75<sup>th</sup> Carmichael Elks Fourth of July Parade

This was the 75<sup>th</sup> annual Carmichael Elks 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and has been an annual event for the Tour Group and CCRC for about 25 years. In May eight members signed up, however a few days prior to the event only four had committed. I want to thank the five that were in the parade. The heat, although in the 90's, was less oppressive with the earlier start at 10:30. The participants were:

- Carl Funk '63 Conv.
- Rich Eastburn '60 Cpe. (original)
- John Heiser '65 Corsa.
- Ron Eversden '66 Monza Cpe.
- Ted Lechner Jr. '64 Monza Cpe.

Our Corvairs were met with many cheers. I was in line behind John Heiser, his dad and daughter and got a kick out of seeing his Weber carb Corsa roaring along the parade route doing "S" turns, entertaining the crowd. Upon arriving at the Elks Lodge we met Leo Scopesi and Dee Smirlis with the '60 raffle car selling tickets. Carl, Rich and I went inside for barbeque and cool drinks and watched dancing to a 50's dance band.

See you at The State Fair. Ted Lechner Jr.

## Club Officers

|                |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Chris Medeiros | President      | (916) 992-3198 |
| Carl Funk      | Vice President | (916) 764-1721 |
| Finn Halbo     | Treasurer      | (530) 747-6323 |
| Bill Moore     | Secretary      | (530) 333-2063 |
| Larry Foprman  | Membership     | (916) 216-9801 |
| Christy Barden | Historian      | (530) 263-1001 |
| Harry Spence   | Editor         | (530) 272-5239 |

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## CCRC June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Medeiros at 7 P.M.

It was noted that we were one member short of having a 12 member Quorum.

A visitor, Dan Kramer introduced himself and said he was present to join the club. He subsequently did join thus solving the Quorum problem.

There was a problem with the newsletter in that although it was mailed at the usual time, the Friday prior to the meeting, no one had received their copy. Editor Harry Spence was aware of the problem and supplied several copies which were circulated prior to the meeting so everyone had an opportunity to scan it; thus the minutes could be approved as published and they were.

Membership Chairman Larry Forman announced that an updated club roster had been distributed.

Treasurer Finn Halbo reported on the state of our finances and all is well.

### Old Business

Chris announced that the committee for the Spring Fling had been formed and consisted of:

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Christy Barden      | Paul Bender              |
| Ron Eversden        | Larry Forman             |
| Carl Funk           | Howard and Bonnie Joseph |
| Bill and Kris Moore | Wes Nicholas             |
| Leo Scopesi         | Mark and Karen Scott     |
| Harry Spence        |                          |

This committee will meet in the next few days to determine who among them will be the event chairman and who will chair the various sub-committees. It has already been determined that Larry and Harry will handle publicity.

Next Chris asked for reports on the activities attended since the last meeting. Harry pointed out that there were reports on the May 30<sup>th</sup> tour to the Ione Eagle's Nest Airport and Christy's Barn Party in the newsletter which will be on the web site after the meeting. There was no one to report on the events on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln.

### New Business

Chris next called attention to events we should be supporting this month:

The Carmichael Elk's Club Fourth of July Parade. We have eight cars signed up but anyone who wants to join in should call Ted Lechner at (916) 362-9832. Ted will have the information concerning where we will assemble and will contact everyone before the Fourth. Be sure to arrive at the assigned meeting place prior to ten A.M. as they probably will start closing the streets for the parade at that time.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date for the State Fair Car Show – we have ten Corvairs signed up. Remember you can bring as many people as will reasonably fit in your car in to the Fair for free and any food and drink items in your luggage compartment can also be brought in also.

The last item of new business was the move to publish the Newsletter on-line. Harry and Wes discussed this briefly and will work something out before the next meeting.

**Note: The State Fair Car Show is scheduled for the same Wednesday we would usually hold our July meeting. Rather than try to figure out another time (and perhaps place) for a meeting we have decided to cancel the July meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

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### Cars and Parts

Christy Barden is looking for a right (passenger side) rear door for a 1966 - 1967 Corvair Sport Sedan. If you can help him call Christy at (530) 263 1001

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## Next Meeting...

Fourth Wednesday  
August 26th  
at 7:00 P.M.

Denny's at  
Auburn and Watt  
Come at 6 PM  
for dinner.

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month.

### CCRC Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I own the following Corvairs/Corvair powered vehicles:

| Yr.   | Make  | Model | Body/power | Other |
|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
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Membership Dues:  
One Year - \$20

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Sacramento, CA 95831

You'll receive a year's membership to "Corvair Chatter",  
invitation to all events, voting privileges and more.

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