



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

August 28, 2019, 6pm – 8pm

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	Harry Spence
Treasurer	Wes Nicholas
Editor	Position open
Historian	Christy Barden

Finding Us

Website:
www.northern-california-covairs.com
Facebook: [Classic Corvairs of River City](#)

Message From Club Member Edie Durham:

Vacation and travel is now in full swing. I am looking forward to hearing from all of our members who have gotten out of town. We need to hear more about George Augustine's road trip that he did through the northern states and Alaska. I would like to hear more about Leo Scopesi's 3-week trip through the East Coast. Wes Nichols and his 3-week trip to the East Coast with his old navy buddies. Christy Barden and Rich Eastburn need to tell us about the International Corvair Convention held in Saint Charles, Illinois last month. Rich Eastburn has only missed one National convention in the last 25 years. Paul Bender needs to tell us about his week in Cabo San Lucas. George Morelass goes to New York about 4 or 5 times a month. He works there. Hot August nights in Reno was a week ago. Bonnie and Howard are always in their spot at the Atlantis. I saw Christy Barden with his new late model Corvair. We need to hear more about his new car. Larry and Rosy were there doing the cruise with the top down. The weather was great. I spent a couple of hours at the Auction. The good Corvairs bring top dollar. I saw a late model convertible that had a bid of \$22,500, and didn't meet the sellers reserve. I want to thank John, our president for going to Gary Hubbard's memorial held on August 10th. Gary was a very active member for years and served as the Club's President. I would like to report that Jean Colegrove is home from the hospital and doing well. She said she will still participate in our parties, but will be giving up her job as a newsletter editor. She did a great job and will be missed! If I have missed anyone who has been on a trip to can share, please come to our new meeting and tell us about it.

Please provide articles, events or planned tours to this newsletter.

I would like to welcome back CCRC Club member, Laurie Daniels with her 1963 Corvair Convertible and a big thank you for Mr. Chrisoulis in sending in his membership! He is in the process of getting a 1965 Monza back on the road. The club is here to support!

Items up for discussion at the next club meeting:

Club Position Openings: Newsletter Editor, Membership, Activities. Corvair tech sessions.

5 Corvairs needed for the California Auto Museum in September!



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 World Market – Palladio, every Saturday morning 7 to 9.

Downtown Roseville Tuesday Nights, June 4 to July 30. **No parking on Vernon St before 3pm.**

Auburn Cruise Night -- August 9 and September 13, Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA – 4 blocks between Elm and High Street, If using GPS to find the entry point for cars, please use the Gold Rush Museum, 601 Lincoln Way.

A second Air Cooled engine vehicle tour is in the works for late September 2019. Will keep you posted as information is available.

Car Shows:

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance: Ironstone Vineyards 1894 6 Mile Road Murphys, CA 95247. Saturday September 28, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. However, the entire event starts Friday thru Sunday.

Entry deadline is September 1, 2019. The show field will be available for car placement starting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday. To avoid the Saturday-morning rush, we prefer that entrants come early and place their vehicles on the field Friday afternoon. **All entered vehicles must be in their assigned spaces no later than 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.**

California Automobile Museum: Cruise Fest on Fulton Avenue. October 5, 2019, 3pm to 7:30 pm.

Registration: \$25 for Museum Members and \$30 for non-members. **Car Club Members:** This year we are creating a "Car Club Corral" where pre-registered car clubs and their pre-registered members will have designated parking at Tognotti's parking lot. The Car Club Corral will have its own live music, and food and beer vendors. Like last year, the car club who brings out the most cars will win a free year of Car Club Membership at the museum.

Kaiser – San Jose: September 28, 2019 Car Show Fund Raiser. Kaiser's 3rd year of organizing a fund raiser from Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center on behalf of American Heart Association. We are putting on a Car Show for the community, and we were hoping to elicit your organization's help with getting cars to register at our event.: www.heart.org/kpcarshow

October 12, 2019: Sacramento Smaller Vintage Auto Show. 3.0 Liter Engines or less, manufactured before 1973. Presented by the California Capital Mets at the California Auto Museum. Park between 9am -10am. \$25 Pre registration fee includes 2 pancake breakfast served between 8 am and 10am. 2 tickets to tour the Auto Museum. Contact Larry Forman or Rosie Walker at (916) 421-2130, calcapmets@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! Yes, it's early, but save the date, Sunday, December 8th, for CCRC's Xmas Party!

Message from Vice President

This message is intended for all those members who don't attend our monthly meetings.... Why not? Our meetings are a lot of what is going on in the car hobby. There are members with a lot of knowledge on how a Corvair works.

The club has a stockpile of parts that you might need to keep your car running or in top shape. We talk about car shows and coming events. I really like going to car shows when we have at least 5 or 6 cars. The general population love to talk to Corvair owners. They all have their own story of when they had a Corvair or a friend or the family had one.

I really like the fellowship of getting to know our members at the meetings and car shows.

Meeting Minutes

By John Heiser

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm, by club president, John Heiser.

14 members were in attendance.

Spring fling recap and discussion including the pre-planning meeting to be held on July 26, 2019 at the State Fair during the CCRC club showing.

Other topics included the California Automobile Museum schedule and request for five Corvairs to be on display during the month of September. The **Entry date is: Sunday September 1st - 9am.** The existing cars will be vacating the space between 8 - 8:30 - we will then need to sweep the floor and clean up any oil drips and should be ready for your club members by 9 am. Your Exit date will be Sunday, October 6th - 8 - 8:30 am. Proof of insurance and an optional picture for the storyboard. Please send back the completed forms by ASAP, along with Proof of insurance for each car. Will have forms to fill out at the August 28, 2019 club meeting.

Other items up for discussion included the Museums Cruse Fest and the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance. The Club will reimburse ½ the Saturday registration fee at the Ironstone event, so please consider attending this very nice event!

The treasures report was presented, including another mention regarding club assistance to get members Corvairs running and the Clubs recent acquisition of a 1962-63 145 cubic inch turbo charge engine that is up for sale. David Gray has already inspected the heads, no dropped seats indicated the head part numbers are correct and minimal wear on the cylinders. The Club is looking into having this engine put back together for sale.

Discussion of the club attend a Drive In Movie soon with their Corvairs. The West Wind Cinema located off Highway 50 in Sacramento, 9616 Oats Drive. General Admission is \$8.00, Kids admission 5-11 years is \$1.75, 4 and under are free. Tuesday is family fun night. \$5.50 per person and \$1.75 per child ages 5-11 years with 4 and under free.

Cal Expo State Fair Corvair showing, pre-planning of next years Spring Fling. The club is in search of volunteers to help with this event. My conversations with the Corvair Community is when is the next Corvair event! It appears these folks would like to see more Corvair events! The only Corvair event is the Spring Fling. Without club volunteers, there may not be a spring fling next year. So, please consider volunteering to help out!



Birthdays

August 2	Rosie Walker
August 4	Garry Montieth
August 4	Brian Barry
August 7	Ginger Hess
August 9	Bob Hooker
August 13	Larry Forman
August 15	Curt Tate
August 21	Susan Fierro
August 21	Donna Oppelt

Corvair Resources (Online)

- Q&A - www.corvaircenter.com
www.corvairforum.com
- Parts - www.corvair.com (Clark's)
www.californiacorvairparts.com
www.corvairunderground.com
www.mikescorvairparts.com
www.rockauto.com
- Sale - www.jaxed.com
www.corvairtrader.com (Parts & Sales)
- Fun - www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1
www.deansgarage.com

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.

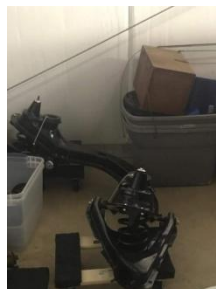
Call John at 916-631-9407. '66 COVAIR MONZA--NICE PAINT, CLEAN INTERIOR NO RIPS, RUNS AND DRIVES REAL GOOD--- \$8,400. See the email blast of 3/6/19 for photos.

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.

1965 Corvair Corsa in Petaluma. Car was running when it was parked to start restoration. It has new headliner, new paint. No other details are known. Dan, the executor of the car owner's estate, can answer questions you have regarding the car. Please contact Dan, 707-849-2240.

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.

1961 Rampside with rebuilt rear suspension and related parts for sale. Contact Anthony Martinez, 209-507-2544.



Corvair History

As the 1950s rolled into the 1960s, General Motors was at the top of its game, leading the industry in style and engineering excellence. GM was not afraid to be creative and push the boundaries of what an American car company could do.

The 1960s were rich with experimentation and creative design - the decade bringing us the four-wheel independent Pontiac Tempest, Buick's compact light-alloy 215 cubic inch V8, Oldsmobile's turbocharged F-85 Jetfire and the later front-drive Tornado. But it was the Chevrolet division that led the engineering charge with the introduction of the Corvair in 1959.

Starting with a clean slate, Chevrolet engineers under the leadership of Ed Cole designed a new compact family car with a decidedly European influence. Called the Corvair (a merger of "Corvette" and Bel Air"), this revolutionary new car was quite unlike any mass-market American automobile ever built. With a sheet-steel type semi-unibody platform, the compact Corvair featured a rear-mounted, air cooled flat-six engine, and the chassis featured independent suspension at all four corners. The interior and exterior design of the early model Corvair is credited to Ned Nickels and Carl Renner.

Over 250,000 were sold in the first year, showing that buyers quickly warmed to the idea of this entirely unconventional family car. Despite its economical underpinnings, sports car enthusiasts quickly adopted the Corvair as a "poor man's Porsche" and GM was happy to accommodate their needs as well.

In 1962, Chevrolet added a turbocharger to the Corvair's engine (becoming the first production turbocharged car just before the Olds Jetfire) which upped output to a very respectable 150 horsepower.

For the 1965 model year, the Corvair would be redesigned and refreshed by the great stylist Bill Mitchell, assisted by Larry Shinoda. The facelifted design was inspired by a sleek Pininfarina-designed concept on the Corvair platform that was making the rounds on the European show circuit.

The stylish new Coke-bottle shape was more grown-up and sportier than the earlier car, and the shape has been much admired by fellow designers and influential journalists. The great David E. Davis considered the 2nd generation Corvair to be the prettiest post-war American car of all time, and we are sure there are plenty of loyal enthusiasts who would agree!

Mechanically, the car was upgraded with improved suspension, and more powerful versions of the air-cooled engine, including the turbocharged unit which now put out a very impressive 180 horsepower, putting it square in Porsche 911 territory at a fraction of the cost.

Despite being plagued by bad publicity and urban legend, the Corvair stands as a truly revolutionary American car, and serious collectors are finally taking note of its importance.

<http://www.deansgarage.com/>



A sample of articles to check out:

Who designed the Monza GT?

An interview with Roy Lonberger, Part 1 and Part 2

The Way It Is—Appreciating Jim Hall and his Chaparrals

The untold story behind GM's most iconic cars



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, concourses, 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.