



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

Leo Scopesi's Place. 2980 Allan Ave. West Sacramento, CA. September 19th, 2020. 10:00 am. Bring a chair! Will have pop up canopies, since will be outside in the front yard. Club providing Coffee & Donuts!

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Firing Order

President	John Heiser
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Activities	Position Open
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Membership	Joseph Howard
Treasurer	Wes Nicholas
Editor	Position Open
Historian	Christy Barden

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Website;
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Message From the President:

Greetings all! For those that attended the CCRC picnic at the Lotus Henningsen Park on September 2, 2020, thank you for a fun little picnic outing! Thank you Brenda and Curt Tate for organizing this picnic! Think we need to have another picnic soon! Thank you for attending the Carmichael Bel Air Sunday morning Cars and Coffee. Word has been getting out to folks that the Club is active and getting the word out to have Corvair folks join the Club. Bruce Bradley, the organizer for the Folsom Cars and Coffee as well as the Air Cooled Vehicle tours - has started up another group for Air Cooled Vehicles on facebook called "Air Cooled Java Cruisers" (ACJC). ACJC is hosting a low key air cooled vehicle event scheduled on September 6, 2020 at Lembi Park in Folsom. I have heard, 3 plaques were made and a "major award" trophy for best car will be presented for this little event! Information and other events are listed on page 2. ACJC along with CCRC are planning a joint swap meet that will include Corvair owners along with VW & Porsche folks. Once the date, time and location has been identified, will send out an email to the Club members.

The next Club meeting is scheduled on Saturday, September 19th, at 10:00 am at Leo Scopesi's place. Bring a chair, since we will be meeting on the front lawn with shade trees, pop up canopies and the club will be providing donuts and coffee. Don't forget, the clubs Corvair parts are also located at Leo's place. So, if your looking for a part, come on out! Also, work party on the Club's 140 hp engine for those that want to stick around!

Upcoming events: Lets discuss at our September 19th Club Meeting.

Reminder to order your Club Calendar from Dee Smirlis! Please send *prepayment* only, make your check payable to: Dee Smirlis, 3015 Cinsant Drive, Cameron Park, CA 95682. Dee will be submitting the order for production on September 15th, 2020

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"



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 at the Palladio, every Saturday morning 7 to 9:30. 430 Palladio Parkway. On hold until further notice.

Air Cooled Java Cruisers: Sunday, September 6th, Folsom, Lembi Park. 9:00 a.m. to noon. East end of the park, there is a big parking lot, lots of shade! Please bring snacks, coffee, tea, soda, water, picnic lunch...

Route 40 Classic Cars: has offered to host our club meetings! Lets show up with our Corvairs, park outside along Auburn Blvd and have a great time! 6008 Auburn Blvd. Citrus Heights, CA 95621, between Manzanita Avenue and Greenback Lane. (Tim Newey and his brother Rich own this business).

Car Shows:

The San Francisco Club would like to host a joint Corvair Show with CCRC. So, lets start planning on a joint show

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

August 26, 2020- Meeting Minutes: the Clubs Fourth Zoom meeting.

John opened up the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and inquired on how every one is doing these days. Club members are pretty much staying healthy and safe during the COVID -19 social distancing protocols. I then went through the agenda, discussed upcoming events; with Brenda and Curt Tate suggesting a tour in El Dorado County with a picnic at a location at the Lotus Henningsen Park held on September 2, 2020. Wes provided an update on the treasury report, efforts in Corvair part acquisition and proceeds to the club from the sale of these parts. A huge thank you Wes and Leo!

CCRC work party at Leo's. Date and times still being worked on. The first work party will be working on the clubs Corvair Engine to get it ready to be sold. The second work party will be conducting maintenance and painting the club's Corvair Part's shipping container.

Dee Smirlis is still working on the upcoming 2021 Club Calendar! Dee will provide pricing to club members, so keep posted!

Lets get those Corvairs back on the road for another cruise!

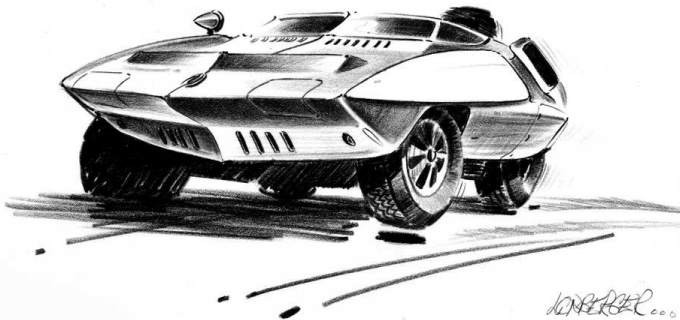
Corvair Resources (Online)

Q&A - www.corvaircenter.com
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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

September 3: Rhea Ann Dandeneau
September 7: Brenda Tate
September 21: Howard Pilon
September 27: Dan Kramer



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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. May need engine parts, has a ding near left tail light, and upholstery needs replacement. Asking \$1500. Contact Jim at 209-969-2069.

For Sale: 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.

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, 1969 Corvair, no engine or transaxle. \$500. Contact David Gray at (916) 531-0905



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



CCRC 2021 Club Calendar

NOW Accepting orders for CCRC 2021 Club Calendar

Classic Corvairs of River City:

Dee Smirlis is in the process of preparing a 2021 CCRC calendar featuring club members cars from the recent past. The calendar will be 8 1/2 x 11, on 80# stock, four color, and is spiral bound.

Pricing of calendars is as follows:

1 Calendar - \$20.00

2 Calendars - \$35.00

3 Calendars – \$50.00

Each calendar beyond 3 are \$15.00 Each.

If you are interested, the pricing is detailed above, postage paid. Since this deal is *prepayment* only, make your check payable to me: **Dee Smirlis, 3015 Cinsant Drive, Cameron Park, CA 95682.**

I will submit the order for production on September 15th, 2020. As soon as they arrive (probably around Oct 10th), they will be mailed out poste haste to the address of your choice. Note: If we have the Xmas Party in December then I'll hand deliver the calendars to those who opt for that distribution method.



Automotive History: How The 1960 Corvair Started A Global Design Revolution - Part 2.

By: [Paul Niedermeyer](#)

– January 23, 2019



Both the Falcon and Valiant had taller seats and thus a more traditional seating position and better space utilization.



Because the 1959 Studebaker Lark was a last-minute rush job carried out in 1958, it was the beneficiary of some advanced styling aspects, thanks to Chrysler and GM. Its front-end design was donated by Chrysler's Virgil Exner, whose son Virgil Jr. was a consultant on the Lark. And there's little doubt in my mind that its strong horizontal accent line and rear end were the result of someone having seen an early Corvair clay. But the end result suffers from the Austin A30 problem: the proportions are far from ideal, as Studebaker was just shortening a 1953 vintage body. Expedient, but hardly groundbreaking overall.

And although many Americans came to embrace the Corvair as a sporty alternative, they were unlikely to appreciate the uniqueness of its proportions and styling since it just looked like a smaller big Chevy, minus the fins and chrome grille. But in Europe, it was a different story.



The Corvair was the smash sensation of the 1959 Paris Auto Show (above), and unleashed a wave of copy-cats on an unprecedented scale. It instantly eclipsed [Pininfarina's influential 1955 Florida coupe](#) as the most significant influence in European design.



To help put it in context, here a shot of a '60 Corvair (right front) in Paris traffic. It's easy to see how different its low, wide stance, clean flanks and big car proportions stand out in the traffic there of the times.

Stay Tuned for Part III....