

Corvair Chatter



Classic Corvairs of River City

Harry Spence Editor

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Editor's Comments

By Harry Spence

. Those of you who have been paying attention will recognize that this is my last issue as Corvair Chatter Editor. I've had a good, long run and feel a sense of satisfaction that I was contributing in a positive way. Looking back, I found that there have been only three newsletter editors in the 25 years the club has existed - Diane Peters, Larry Forman and myself. Each of us served about eight years so there must be something compelling about the job which keeps us here for so long. My replacement hasn't been identified yet but one thing is almost certain - this will be the last printed and mailed edition. This would have happened earlier but in order to save the copy I create on 25 year old software as a PDF requires an obscure program which I never found.

I'd like to call your attention to an article written by Wes Nicholas on a trip that some of our members took to visit a Veterans Hospital in the Bay Area. We tend to forget that these troops are still suffering from wars long gone.

In the adjacent column I promise you all a flier about the coming Christmas Party but I don't know if I can deliver. My dying computer is giving me serious grief and as I'm typing this I'm not able to print what I'm typing so I may have to mail the flyer separately and send the newsletter when I fix the problem, if it can be fixed.

Let me remind you that this month's meeting is NEXT WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18th.

For those of you who are wondering why the President's Column does not appear in this issue it is because of space. We had to choose between the President's Column and the Minutes of the Spring Fling Committee and we decided that the Minutes contained more current information. My last item is to mention that the Spring Fling Committee meeting was held at the Denny's at the corner of Sunrise Ave. and Greenback Lane and the room is definitely bigger and quieter (but the food is the same)

Livermore Veterans Home Car Show

By Wes Nicholas

Saturday November 7th we attended a car show put on for 90 veterans at the Palo Alto VA hospital just south of Livermore. A total of 55 cars showed up for the event. Among these were Ron Eversden with his 1966 Monza convertible, Wes and Marie Nicholas with their 1966 Corsa coupe, Larry Forman and Rosie Walker with their 1970 Ultra Van.

The vets who ranged from WW II onward were happy to see the cars arrive, as many were waiting for our arrival. Most of those that made it down to see the cars were in wheel chairs, others were brought down on gurneys and a few walked.

A 96 year old veteran with "Marine" on his cap said he fought at Guadalcanal. He parked his wheelchair in front of my Corsa and after some time told me his son, who lives in Sacramento, has a car like mine. He said he joined the marines at age 20 and fought in the Pacific. I met two WW II vets, a few Korean and a lot of Viet Nam vets.

In general the care given these military men looked to be excellent. They were treated with respect and compassion by the staff, a great sight to see given the VA news of late.

I would like to see our club get behind this event next year. Perhaps we could find a venue in our area and do a similar event. All the vets seemed very appreciative for the opportunity to see all the old cars.

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October Meeting Minutes

By Wes Nicholas

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Chris. Chris asked Larry Forman to give a membership update. Larry introduced a new member to the club, Bob Taylor a long time Corvair owner gave the club some past history with his Corvairs. Bob has many parts he wishes to make available to club members. Chris offered to help Bob catalog his parts and put them on our web site. Larry mentioned a new updated membership roster is now on the web site under the "Members" tab.

Treasurers Report, Finn Halbo gave the club an accounting of the clubs funds. The club account includes the money collected by the raffle car ticket sales. The consensus was all is well with the clubs bank account.

Old Business

Raffle Car: the ticket sales are currently at the half way point of the overall goal. Chris mentioned that Dee Smirlis, Leo Scopesi and Ron Eversden are mostly responsible for the success of the ticket sales.

Spring Fling: Chris presented the registration packet layout for the event. All agreed that we will add a \$10.00 registration fee for those that attend the event without a car.

Fan Belt Toss: The event was held at Summer Park in Palm Springs on October 23rd to 26th. Harry Spence and Christy Barden attended the event; Christy drove his Ultra Van down south and displayed it there.

Attendance was reported below last year's total.

Christmas Party will be December 6th at the Spaghetti Factory on Sunrise Blvd just south of Douglas Blvd. This is the same location as last year.

New Business

Nominations for Board Members:

Membership Larry Forman has indicated he would like to continue in this position.

Vice President Carl Fink has indicated he would like to continue in this position.

Activities Ron Eversden was nominated for this position.

News Letter Editor This position is open and Wes Nicholas was mentioned as a replacement for Harry Spence. Wes is already maintaining the clubs web site and would like to see someone else step up and take over Harry's job.

Trunk or Treat. This event will be at the Galleria Mall Saturday October 31st 10:00A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Cars are to be decorated and have the trunk filled with candy.

A club "Post Card" was discussed. These were produced in the past by Harry Spence in the past and handed out by club members at various events. The request was made to print more cards and hand them out at future meetings.

The car show to be held at the Livermore Veterans Hospital in Livermore on November 7th was brought up. Rosy Walker has sent out emails describing this event that benefits hospital bound veterans. Ron said he would talk to Dee to see if we could get behind this event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Club Officers

Chris Medeiros	President	(916) 992-3918
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Bill Moore	Secretary	(530) 333-2063
Carl Funk	Activities	(916) 764-1721
Christy Barden	Historian	(530) 263-1001
Larry Forman	Membership	(916) 216-9801

Spring Fling Meeting Minutes

By Harry Spence with help from Larry Forman

The meeting was held on Tuesday, November 10th at Denny's on the corner of Sunrise Ave. and Greenback Lane. Those present were: Chris Medeiros, Leo Scopesi, Ted Lechner, Carl Funk, Larry Forman, Ron Eversden, Wes Nicholas, Christy Barden and Harry Spence. Chris presented us with an agenda which covered the status of our projects followed by a planning session.

Status

Special Events Permit - awaiting word from S.C. City manager. At this time a discussion began regarding parking for show cars. We have available about 50 parking spaces but we will not be able to park more than about 30 cars there leaving enough space there for opening car doors, etc.

Marketing

90 Flyers passed out at the Fan Belt Toss

Caterers

Chris is in discussions but he hopes to finalize this by the first of the year. Entertainment--We won't be able to have a live show, but we may have use of the theatre to show a movie or video.

Sub-Committees

Marketing

We spent considerable time discussing the marketing plans. This week we will get on the CORSA calendar and begin electronic distribution of copies of a five page color brochure Chris has designed. Rosie walker will create a Facebook page for this event. We will print a series of posters in three different sizes to be placed in storefronts in Sutter Creek as well as in automotive locations in the greater Sacramento area. Ads to be placed at www.corvaircenter.com, www.corvairforum.com, www.corvarin.org and other Corvair sites such as Corvanitics and Virtual Vairs. At the first of the year we will start to place the posters at automotive business. During February and March we will visit other Corvair clubs and make a video presentation about our event.

Operations

The operations subcommittee deals with the actions necessary to prepare, set up and use of the facility. this includes parking signage, design and print car award ballots(Leo Scopesi), acquisition of a portable sound system(Rosie thinks she can borrow one from her son), registration table scheduling (Kris Moore), set up, cook and clean up the Friday spaghetti feed - includes providing table ware, Glasses etc. (Harry Spence), provide trash cans (Larry Forman), book a D.J. (Carl Funk), plan, setup, and staff the hospitality suite (this task needs a volunteer leader), raffle setup and operation(this task also needs a sponsor), set up ad clean up after the Saturday night banquet (we need volunteers here also), and last, but not least, are the parking attendants for the car show(Leo Scopesi)

Food

Coffee, water, popcorn, and nibbles will be provided by the hospitality suite sponsor, all food needed for the spaghetti feed will be provided by Harry Spence, Saturday morning coffee will be provided by the hospitality suite, hot dogs and beverages for sale at noon Saturday will be provided by Howard and Bonnie Joseph, the Saturday night banquet will be catered (arrangements pending). Arrangements for the Saturday morning "no host breakfast is also pending.

Entertainment

As mentioned above we will not be able to enjoy a live Theater show on Friday night but there was a lively discussion of possible options which included a slide show by Chris and/or the showing of a feature film or a video. We also discussed a keynote speaker for Saturday night but no decision was made nor was anyone tasked with following up on this.

Raffles

We all need to start gathering raffle prizes if you have not already done so. We are working on finding someone to take on the responsibility for the raffles but, so far, no one has stepped up.

Sunday

As noted, we need someone to arrange the Sunday "no host" breakfast. We also need a tour leader for the Kennedy Mountain/Daffodil Hill Tour. It is obvious that the 18 - 20 "regulars who attend the monthly club meetings can't handle everything which has to be done. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE CLUB!! Many of the volunteers are needed during the event so if you plan to attend you could perhaps spare a couple of hours to help out. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Christmas is Coming

And so is our club Christmas Party. It will be held on Sunday, December 6th at the same place as last year — The Old Spaghetti Factory at 731 Sunrise Ave just south of Douglas Blvd. Social hour will start at 5:00 P.M and dinner will be at 6:00. There will be an optional gift exchange at about 8:00 PM for those who wish to participate. It is suggested that the gifts be nice or useful with a cost of \$15 — 20. You will find a flyer in this edition of the newsletter with a slip on the bottom that you can cut off and fill out indicating your meal choices and send in or bring along with your check made out to CCRC to next Wednesday's meeting.

Last years party was in a room that was a little cramped and was somewhat noisy with all the other restaurant patrons sharing the same big room. There is a larger, quieter room that Carl believes he can make a case for letting us use but we would have to turn out a somewhat larger crowd than we did last year so bring a friend! I also suggest that you plan to sit with a member you don't know really well and spread out those of us who are "regulars at the meetings among those we would like to encourage to participate more.

In addition President Chris will review our last year and bring everyone up to date with the progress we are making with the Spring Fling project.

New meeting place for next year

Next Meeting, is the fourth Wednesday of January, 7:00 P.M. At Denny's located on the corner of Sunrise and Greenback. Come at 6:00 P.M. for dinner.

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I own the following Corvairs / Corvair powered Vehicles.

Yr.	Make	Model	Body / Power
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Membership Dues:

One Year - \$20

Mail This Application to:

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You will receive a year's membership to "Corvair Chatter" newsletter, invitations to all voting privileges and more.

Other comments or questions:

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