



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

**Leo Scopesi's Place: 2980 Allan Ave. West Sacramento, CA
November 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Club providing Coffee and Donuts!**

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Firing Order

President	John Heiser
Vice President	Carl Funk
Activities	Position Open
Secretary	Tabitha Heiser
Membership	Joseph Howard
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 the President:

Greetings all! Happy Thanksgiving! We have added a few new members in the past several month and would like to say Welcome! For those that attended the CCRC October meeting and work party at Leo's, a major thank you! The club had plenty of donuts and coffee! After the meeting, members worked on the Club's 140 hp engine and got it running after a very long hiatus and worked on the Club's storage container for long overdue painting. Thank you all for your continued help, volunteering and assistance! Recent events included the Route 40 shop crawl and Air Cooled Java Cruisers picnic cruise in October. Both fun events! Look for another Air Cooled Java Cruiser's tour in November.

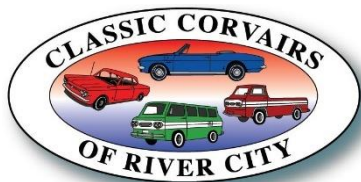
Thank you for attending local Cars and Coffee events. This is a great way of letting folks know that Corvairs are still around, know about the club and available resources.

CORSA: Special Offer through 12/31/2020: All CORSA members receive a subscription to the CORSA Communique magazine, access to online documents, classifieds, membership roster, Corvair vendors, bookstore, purchase the CORSA Tech Guides and other items and for new members, receive a free copy of Corvair Basics. Buy a gift membership and ask for a free 2-month extension on your own membership. Call the CORSA Club Office at (630) 403-5010.

The next Club meeting and Club Elections for officers will be at Leos' place on November 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Please attend and enjoy the coffee, donuts and camaraderie! Please consider running for office!

Upcoming events: Lets discuss at our November 17th Club 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"



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 to 9:30.

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:

Vice Presidents Message:

Welcome everyone to post Halloween, post elections, (I hope everyone got who they wanted). And a beginning for this new fall season. About two months ago I put in a reservation on the room we had in Sun City, where we had our last two Christmas parties. At the time they said if we are open you have the room. Well they called last Friday and said nothing will be open. If anyone knows of a hall, meeting place, or a lodge that would be suitable, please let us know. Our Christmas parties have been very special.. There have been a lot of cool car shows and cruises lately that I have missed and I really enjoy them and meeting with other car people.. About 5 weeks ago, I took my car to Howard Pilon in Vacaville. The car ran fine, but it did have a small oil leak, and didn't have the power it used to have.... Edie told me I don't have the power I used to have either..... To make a long story short, I bought a 110 engine from a club member and Howard told me that it needed to be rebuilt also.. so we did it..Five weeks later, he called and said I could pick it up last Saturday. That Friday Howard got up feeling really really bad. His wife called and said they took him by ambulance to the hospital. They said he had heart attack. They were going to put in a stint.... After more checking, they said he needed more than that... he is going to a hospital in San Francisco on Friday and having open heart surgery on Saturday. I know we will wish him a speedy recovery... Wes and John have been doing a great job with the newsletter and keeping the club going.... The meetings and work parties at Leo's have been great social events... To all club members, join in the fun when you can...

Meeting Minutes

By John Heiser

October 17, 2020- Meeting Minutes:

John opened up the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and inquired on how every one is doing these days. I then went through the agenda, discussed upcoming events.

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!

The club engine work party was a success in that the engine was sealed up, tested and ready for sale. Wes and other club members assisted and helped out with painting the Club's Corvair Parts storage container. Thank you all for helping out!

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

Corvair Resources (Online)

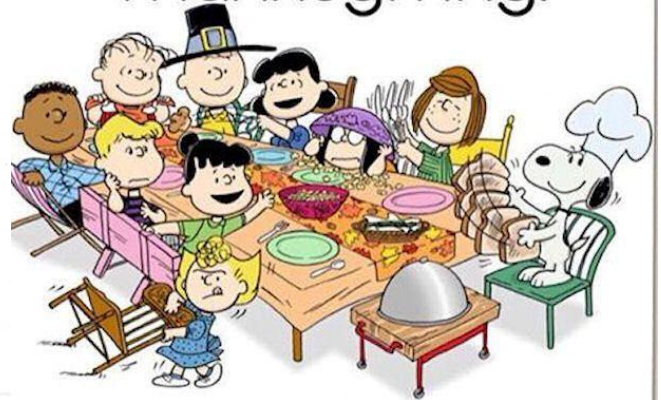
Q&A - www.corvaircenter.com
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www.californiacorvairparts.com
www.mikescorvairparts.com
www.rockauto.com
Sale - www.jaxed.com
www.corvairtrader.com (Parts & Sales)
Resources –
<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics>
Car Building – <http://autoexer.skiblack.com>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



Birthdays

November 7: Karen Kramer

Happy Thanksgiving!



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: 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: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

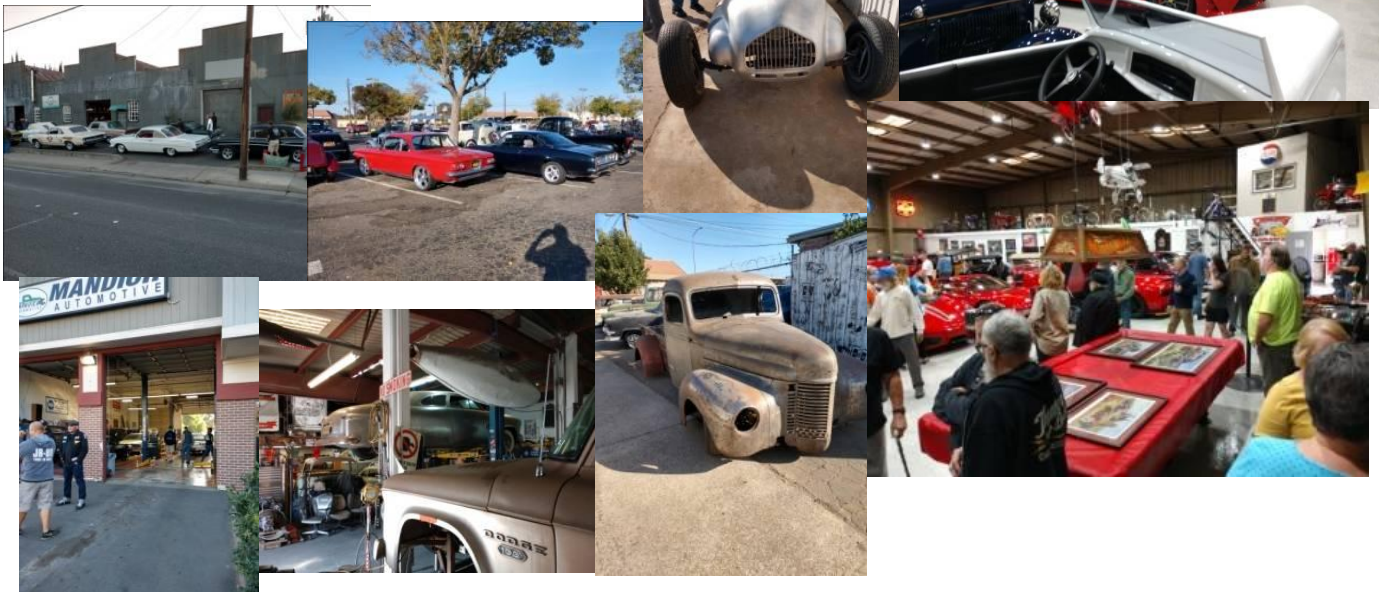


CCRC October 2020 Events

Air Cooled Java Cruisers October Picnic Tour - Highlights:



Route 40 Shop Crawl - Highlights:



Automotive History: How The 1960 Corvair Started A Global Design Revolution - Part 4.

By: [Paul Niedermeyer](#)
– January 23, 2019



Through 1958, every major American car still sported these basic design elements, most of all the prominent high-set, wide-apart headlights, including the dramatically new 1957 Chrysler products. Predicting 1960 turned out to be harder than they thought.



The only major exception in the US was the brief mid-fifties fling with close-set headlights at AMC. By 1958, Rambler headlights were back in their customary place.



It was GM's grandiose 1959 big-car redesign that finally broke the mold, at least in mass market (along with the '59 Edsel). Although all the attention is often directed to the wild fins, it was really their front ends that were a lasting radical departure from the norm. No one had done this before, except on show cars. By 1960, almost every American car had lost its high headlights. The face of American cars was changed forever.



And of course, GM stylist Carl Renner's "flying wing" rear window debuted here too.



Arguably the weakest of GM's 1959 designs, the Oldsmobile, has a front end that predicts the 1960 Corvair's. Below that strong horizontal line that dips in the middle, is a relatively flat face, with too much chrome, of course. It's the work of Irv Rybicki.



He either had a hand in the Corvair's front end too, or it was just a case of internal copying. Take a good look at it, because we're about to hop a [Constellation](#), and fly to Europe, to see where things were at when the Corvair crashed their party, and all the love children it quickly spawned. But before we do that, let's keep in mind that in the fifties, automotive design was in a very different state of development, especially in Europe.



The Big Three, led by GM (1952 LeSabre above), invented the concept of in-house design studios, because they could afford it. Independents and most European companies commonly contracted out their design work, or hired freelancers for a specific job. This largely explains why Pininfarina became so influential; it offered a high-class service on a mass scale; unprecedented up to then. And it was largely the Big Three, Pininfarina, and a few smaller design houses that predominated the trends in the industry until well into the sixties, or later.



American design had already exerted its influence in Europe prior to the Corvair, but often in ways that Europeans had mixed feelings about. Fins, gaudy multi-tone paint jobs, chrome...these were imported particularly through the Big Three's captive European operations, like this German Ford 17M. And although these design trends influenced other European companies, it was Pininfarina who most of all cultivated a distinctly European design language, and one so influential, that it kept American influence in check.

Stay Tuned for Part V.