



# Corvair Chatter

### **Quick Facts**

### **NEXT MEETING**

December 8, 2019, 5pm

**CCRC – Christmas Party** 

Sierra Pines Sun City 7600 Whistlestop Way Roseville, CA

(Corner of Del Webb Blvd & Whistlestop)

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### **Firing Order**

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### **Finding Us**

Website:

www.northern-california-corvairs.com Facebook; Classic Corvairs of River City

### Message From the President:

Greetings! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Now its time to get into the Christmas spirit and attend the Clubs Christmas party!

Just an update on club activities and events.

I want to reach out to Wes, Leo and other club members that have been assisting fellow club members with getting their Corvairs back on the road. A major Thank You!

Folks have been contacting me regarding Corvairs for sale and Corvair parts. Well, the club responded and the Club acquired a shipping container to be located at Leo's place to store Club materials for events, Corvair parts, engines, transaxles. This resolves the monthly storage rental fees. Thank you Wes and Leo for making this happen!

Carl, a big thank you for planning and organizing the Christmas Party! Don't forget to bring a gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.

Thank you Wes for providing this months tech article on LED dash bulb replacement.

Please provide an update on your current email address if you would like to receive emails such as event information and newsletter.

The club is here to support! 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.

#### Items up for discussion at the next club meeting:

Club Elections: Newsletter Editor, Membership, Activities. Corvair tech sessions.

**Events: Autorama and Spring Fling, Tours Membership: Yearly Dues** 

Newsletter advertisement fees



### **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 Palladio, every Saturday morning 7 to 9:30. 430 Palladio Parkway.

### Car Shows:

SAVE THE DATE! Yes, it's early, but save the date, Sunday, December 8th, for CCRC's Xmas Party! The Flyer has been mailed out. Please pay by November 20<sup>th</sup>, if attending this Party!

**2020 CORSA – National Convention: San Diego**, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Please check out <a href="www.sandiego.com">www.sandiego.com</a> for registration information and location. The San Francisco club would like to caravan down to the National Convention.

From Central Coast Corsa: Central Coast Corsa has volunteered to run the registration table. We have a number of our members who have stepped up and volunteered to put in some hours working registration. In order to not have a few people working the bulk of the time and not being able to participate in the convention, we are trying to find others to help. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. So, this message is a shout out for help. Can you please get the word to your membership that if they are planning on attending this rare California CORSA Convention, this first since 1999 (technically Lake Tahoe), would they consider volunteering some time staffing the reg. table. Any time would be greatly appreciated. By the way, I was a member of CCRC in 1999.

If anyone in your chapter expresses interest, kindly give them my contact info so that we can link-up.

Thank you very much, Jim 805-474-1316 almajim@att.net

### **Message from the Vice President:**

What a wonderful time of the year. Edie and I have our decorations up and are ready for the Christmas parties. We have already had two here at Sun City, and are looking forward to our Corvair party this coming Sunday. I think everyone will enjoy Sister Swing. They have entertained all over the country, and sometimes for thousands of people. What does its take to have a good club.?? It takes members to attend all the meetings, and to get to know each other, get involved in projects of the club. The fun of going on outings and going to car shows with members and showing off our cars. The general public loves Corvairs and they all have Corvair stories. I hope all of us will make a New Years resolution to attend every event.

### <u>Meeting Minutes</u>

By John Heiser

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 pm, by club president, John Heiser.

16 members were in attendance.

Pre-Planning and discussion on the 2020 Spring fling. Date: April 25, 2020. Location: Fry's Electronics in Roseville or Lowe's at Birdcage Mall in Citrus Heights. Spring Fling Committee is requesting donated items for themed gift baskets and raffle items as well as items for the goody bags. Thank you for volunteering! Leslie will be in charge of the raffle. Carl & Bill to help organize the car show and awards. Brenda and Tabitha to help run registration and donut sales. Still have assignments to help out at the Spring Fling for those that have volunteered.

Discussion regarding the Estate of Gary Hubbert and reaching out to Ms. Hubbert regarding Corvair parts, cars, motorcycles and tools. The Club voted and approved an initial offer including additional funds for the Cars and Parts. It appears that Ms. Hubbert did not accept the clubs offer.

Discussions on the upcoming Christmas Party. Please bring a gift for the gift exchange!

The treasures report was presented, including another mention regarding club assistance to get members Corvairs running. Club assistance has been approved to help Laurie Daniels with her Corvair with battery and flushing out the fuel tank.

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!

Wes presented pictures of the shipping container to be used for Club purposes to be located at Leo's. The members present at the meeting voted to approve the purchase of the shipping





Meting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

## Birthdays November 7: Karen Kramer

### 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 - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1">www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1</a> www.deansgarage.com







### **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.

#### **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, <u>Johnh1@thegrid.net</u>

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 <u>roberth89@surewest.net</u>, 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.

George Morales is selling his 1960's Corvair



1968 Monza. 95-HP, automatic transmission, AM radio, shoulder-belt seatbelts, F41 front and rear special performance suspension. Chris Medeiros, <a href="mailto:cmedeiros@mac.com">cmedeiros@mac.com</a>, 916-992-3198.

**Wanted:** In search of a 1966 Corsa Convertible turbo, 4 speed car, either a #2 or a 3 if its original, straight, complete and running. Chester Keeton: (832) 281-8009

### Corvair -Tech Article: LED lights for the dash by Wes Nicholas.



Replace the LM Corsa tack bulb sockets with the EM version

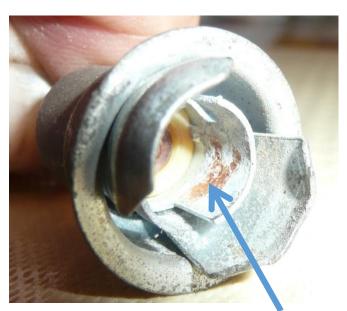


LED is to long and will not fit in Tack with plastic diffuser installed.



Grind the posts off the lamp to keep the bulb from bottoming out.





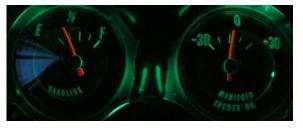


Bulb installed past stop, will fit in tack.

Insert the bulb in the socket with the flats aligned with the tab in the socket. The bulb should slide past the original stop position.

### Instruments illuminated with green LED's





The advantage to this method is the car is not modified only the bulbs. The sockets are replaced but functionally all is the same including wiring





Current draw is 0.05 amps per bulb. Bulb life is forever.

EM Spyder dash can be updated with LED bulbs except for the GEN and Oil Pressure lights. These lights have polarity problems as in the polarity reverses. There are some LEDs available with built in diode bridges that make them work with reversed polarity but I have not tried any. The bright head light indicator can be replaced however it may be to bright for night driving. The turn signal lights can be replaced also. The glove box light can only be replaced if it is modified to reverse the polarity.

EM standard dashes can be updated also, all is the same as above. Remember the dash lights have a grey wire running to each bulb socket. The dimmer switch will not work with the LED's since they will remain bright and turn off as the dimmer is turned. There is a solution to the dimmer problem. A device called a Pulse Width Modulator (PWM) can be used to dim both LED's and incandescent lamps, however the electrical noise it makes may interfere with the radio. I will be testing a few PWM's and will keep you posted with another update from the testing. The downside using a PWM is a second dimmer control that will need to be installed.

You can use either green or white LED's the choice is yours. The bulbs you want are BA9 base style. The cost about \$1.00 each when bought in packs of ten.

### Dash Gauges with LED's Installed.





Dash Gauges with incandescent bulbs



