

## Corvair Resources as of November 2024

### Mechanics:

#### Howard Pilon: (Retired)

Vaca Valley Corvair

1079 Stillspring Dr. Vacaville, CA 95687

(707) 446- 3769

[barbarapilon@comcast.net](mailto:barbarapilon@comcast.net)

**David Gray:** David owned a business in Sacramento County called the "Tune-Up Man". David has over 30 years experience working on Corvairs and was involved with the Sacramento Corvair Tour Group. David has experience working on Corvair engines, engine modifications ie... Triple weber carburation, fuel injection, differential, transmissions, rebuilds, brakes, electrical, tune-ups and all other aspects of mechanical repair.

David is available by appointment only.

Address: Fairfield, CA. Phone #: (916) 531-0905.

**Tim Bradstreet:** Tim can work on all aspects of the Corvair - mechanical, engines, rebuilding transmissions, transaxles, brakes, electrical, fuel systems, and carburetors. No bodywork, paint or upholstery. Tim has over 10 years' experience working on Corvairs and has experience working on Corvair engines, engine modifications, differentials, transmissions, rebuilds, brakes, electrical, tune-ups and all other aspects or mechanical repair.

Personal Info: Daily drives a 66 Corvair and a 71 Beetle, has also worked on air-cooled Porsche's. He charges based on the job and is very reasonable, he have a good job so just works on cars because he like to, so please understand if he can't get to you right away.

Tim is available by appointment only.

Address: Fair Oaks, 95628.

Phone #: (916) 296-1346.

**Otis Automotive:** 8019 Sacramento St, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. (916) 961-5058

Otis Automotive has been serving Fair Oaks, California with the best auto care in the area since 2000.

Bruce Wiemer: Owner Kristine Stone: Manager

**Holt Motorsports:** 10062 Streeter Road, Suite 1, Auburn CA, 95602. (530) 615- 3336

<https://holt-motorsports.com> At Holt Motorsports , We specialize in Classic and domestic vehicles.

**MandichAutomotive:** 5154 Auburn Blvd., Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95841. (916) 487-2886

**Automotive Service of Roseville:** 1080 Douglas Blvd., Roseville, CA 95678. (916) 783-7600

#### **Mel's Vair Mart:**

Mel's vaimart has been in business for over 30 years. We've been working on Corvairs for over 40 years. We restore/repair Corvair's.

1443 Laurelwood Road

Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 267-8164

#### **Zaki, - Corvair Unlimited**

Zaki was a GM mechanic in the 60's and has been running his shop in San Francisco since the 70's. He's down in Hunters Point not too far from Candlestick.

1275 Thomas Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94124

(415) 822-5344

**SeaBirds Corvair Rebuilds:** John Siebert, Corvair Mecahnic and parts vendor. Carlsbad, Ca. VP, Coyote Corvair Club, San Diego.

(858) 232-0055

<https://seabirdsgarage.com/>

**Machine Shops:**

- Nichols & Sons Auto Parts (Corvair Heads, etc) (Ive heard that this business may be closing. Call 1<sup>st</sup> to inquire.  
2355 Sutterville Bypass # D, Sacramento, CA 95822  
(916) 446-7806
- Kenmonth Engine Dana Motors (Corvair Heads, valve seat replacements) Larry Forman recommended Kenmonth Engine Dana Motors. Howard Pilon of Vaca Valley Corvairs uses Kenmonth for Corvair Head Machine work.  
email: [fcorreia@danamotorssac.com](mailto:fcorreia@danamotorssac.com)  
2319 Lexington St.  
Sacramento, CA  
916-920-0150
- Rex Hutchison Racing Engines (Cylinders, head Machine work, valves, balance clutch/flywheel/pressure plate parts) (Updated 12/5/18)  
Auto parts store in North Highlands, California  
4526 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95841  
(916) 483-9563
- Performance Engines: (Corvair Heads, valve seats, stems etc. Balance crankshafts, pistons, rods, re-bore/hone cylinders, balance flywheels/pressure plates. Owner: Rich Salmeron. (916) 482-8053. Address: 4046 Wayside Ln. Suite K. Carmichael, CA 95608. Website: [Performanceengines@live.com](mailto:Performanceengines@live.com)
- Motor Machine Super Shop. They can spin balance Corvair flywheels and pressure plates. Suggest contacting them for other Corvair Engine related services.  
Motor Machine  
7620 Fair Oaks Blvd  
Carmichael, CA 95608  
1-916-944-0649  
<http://www.motormachine.com/>  
[mmachine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmachine@sbcglobal.net)  
[don@motormachine.com](mailto:don@motormachine.com)
- Bud Walmer's Machine Shop  
6236 Main Ave. #6  
Orangevale, CA 95662  
(916) 989-4342
- ThermoFusion, Inc. (Nitrate and other hardening services)  
2342 American Ave., CA 94545  
(510) 782-7755  
Email: [info@thermo-fusion.com](mailto:info@thermo-fusion.com)
- Commercial Speedometer  
2446 Evergreen Ave.,  
W. Sacramento, CA 95691.  
916-371-8107.

- Concord area for speedometer repair: Speed-O-Tach.  
4090 Pike Ln,  
Concord, CA 94520  
(925) 521-3510

## **Online-Parts**

- **Clark's Corvair Parts**  
400 Mohawk Trail  
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370  
(413) 625-9776  
[clarks@corvair.com](mailto:clarks@corvair.com)  
[www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.com)
- **California Corvairs**  
15088 La Palma Dr. Chino, CA 91710  
Phone: (909) 287-0741  
Fax: (909) 287-0744  
<http://californiacorvairparts.com/index.php?>
- **Mike's Corvairs Parts**  
PO Box 1564  
Lake Forest, CA 92609  
(949) 294-5699  
[mdeklotz@earthlink.net](mailto:mdeklotz@earthlink.net)  
<https://mikescorvairparts.com/>
- **The Source, Inc**  
Proprietor: [David C. Herrin III](#).  
David has a large number of 1960-69 Corvair Parts and Accessories, replacement, heavy duty, and performance parts (~2,500 part numbers).  
Remainder inventory from The Source Inc., plus 59 years of GM NOS collection.  
  
Contact him for info.  
Credit cards: Master card, Visa, & Discover.  
Catalog: No catalogue yet, product bulletins available on request.  
HD, Repro, and replacement parts, 24 hr phone & E-mail orders.  
  
Web: <https://thesourceparts.wordpress.com/>  
E-mail: [thesourceparts@hotmail.com](mailto:thesourceparts@hotmail.com) or [thesourceparts@gmail.com](mailto:thesourceparts@gmail.com)  
Facebook: [David C. Herrin III](#)  
13975 Mira Montana  
Del Mar, CA. 92014-3113  
Phone: (858) 668-9006  
Office hours 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm Monday - Friday.
- **Steve Morton:** Morton's Classic Garage, Corvair Parts, Sales & Service  
428 W. Lincoln Ave.  
Nampa, ID 83686  
(208) 593-1907  
(208) 861-7823  
Email: [mortonsclassicgarage@gmail.com](mailto:mortonsclassicgarage@gmail.com)

- **John's Corvair Parts**  
1264 Walnut St.  
Stoneboro, PA 16153  
**Phone:**  
814-336-9033  
**Email:**[js189@zoominternet.net](mailto:js189@zoominternet.net)
- **RockAuto**  
<https://www.rockauto.com/>
- **Original Parts Group:**  
(800) 243-8355  
[www.opgi.com](http://www.opgi.com)

### **High Performance Vendors:**

In other words, folks who sell parts to make your 'Vair faster.

### **Ray Sedman: Corvair Performance Parts and American Pi, Inc**

<http://www.american-pi.com/corvair/corvhome.html>

Located in Southern California, we currently operate as a hobby and not a full time business. If you require additional information on a part or service listed on this site or would like to purchase some of our fine products, please send us a note using the link below.

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**We do not rent, share, sell or release any private information. This includes email addresses.**

Sell: New parts, HiPo and Specialized only. Individual cylinder knock control, HO ignition systems, Weber Carbs and Linkage, Electronic Fuel Injection, Custom forged pistons, billet products and other performance products as required/designed.

- Services: Machine shop services, Custom engines, EFI, Head work and flow bench testing/development, Specialized rebuilding services: carburetors, (turbos and HV's) Turbo Chargers, Custom EFI systems, Custom fabrication intake systems, etc.  
Catalog: Via e-mail, free. Via mail, enclose a SASE.

### **Levair Performance and Restoration.**

Proprietor: Michael Leveque.

Michael has been racing Corvairs for several years now, his father [Warren](#) is another long time Corvair racer who started Levair Performance Products. LPP offers many performance parts, especially for turbo engines. Notable are QuadraJet 6-tube intakes, Q-Jet turbo adapters, and modified side draft Weber carbs for turbos.

4627 St. Rd. 9  
Anderson, IN 46012  
Phone: 765-617-9307

## [Stinger Motorsports.](#)

Proprietor: David Clemens.

Specialist in high performance engines, suspensions, disk brakes, specialty racing parts, custom machining, etc., etc. David is a long time Corvair enthusiast and racer, you can be sure that he's tested what he sells.

Payment through snail mail, or PayPal to [stingermotorsports@cox.net](mailto:stingermotorsports@cox.net)

2736 Calloway St.

Roanoke VA 24012

Phone: 540 204 0917

## [Magnificent Machine LLC](#)

Proprietor: [Brady McCormick](#)

Full service machine shop:

- Serving the Automotive, Marine & Experimental Aircraft markets
- Custom welding, Fabrication & machine work
- CAD/CAM & 4axis CNC milling, Prototype development & small batch manufacturing

Online Catalog at [www.magnificentmachine.com](http://www.magnificentmachine.com)

PayPal, Credit cards, Personal Checks & cash :)

Magnificent Machine LLC

17970 Thompson PL NE

Poulsbo, WA 98370

1-866-606-4152 toll free

360-635-6042 Office

360-626-8212 Fax

## [Performance Corvairs.](#)

Proprietor: [Seth Emerson.](#)

Seth has been road racing and autocrossing Corvairs for probably way longer than he'd care to admit, and is one of the few people who has been successful in Street Prepared in a 'Vair. His 8mm wires should be considered standard equipment if you're doing any sort of upgrade to your ignition.

## [Silicone Wire Systems/ Performance Corvair's](#)

3462 Kirkwood Drive San Jose, CA 95117

(408) 247-2237

[sethracer@aol.com](mailto:sethracer@aol.com)

<http://www.perfvair.com>

## [Tristram's Garage and Restorations.](#)

Proprieter: Bob Coffin.

Bob has semi-retired, but still has a few parts left. Bob's e-mail address is [DrYenko@surry.net](mailto:DrYenko@surry.net), e-mail him if you have a specific thing you're looking for that you can't find elsewhere.

PO Box 187

Dobson, NC 27017

E-mail: [DrYenko@surry.net](mailto:DrYenko@surry.net)

## **Otto Parts.**

Finally, a note about Otto Parts. Blake Swafford worked for Otto Parts back in the sixties, then bought the company and expanded the line of parts to make your Corvair go faster. A few years ago (1994 or so), he sold his company to [Clark's Corvair Parts](#). They have discontinued some of the Otto line, but do carry many of the special parts. You can also find many of the items once offered by Otto Parts new or used at Corvair swap meets. The Otto

Parts catalog, which still shows the discontinued pieces, is available from Clark's as part of their Specialty catalog. Sadly, Blake was killed while training on his racing bicycle a couple of years ago.

## **Specialty Vendors.**

These are folks who just sell a few selected items.

### **SDCS.**

Proprietor: Bob Slusher

SDCS has done several hobby based specialty re-production items of interest to the Corvair fringe.

- Aluminum license plate "180 hp Turbo CORSA" \$9.00 ea. includes shipping.
- Three colourlitho Canadian Washer bottle label. \$10 ea. US includes shipping.
- Two colourlitho Canadian air cleaner decal. \$10 ea. US includes shipping.

**Classic Corvairs of River City:** Used Corvair parts, engines, transaxles. On occasion will have new parts. Inquire.

### **~~Roger Parent: Full Bearing Throttle Linkage, Accessories and Tools~~**

**(Roger retired and closed up his business in 2024)**

~~1349 Clove Street~~

~~El Cajon, CA 92021~~

~~[Email: rlparent@cox.net](mailto:rlparent@cox.net)~~

### **Russell Davis, Blue Chip Tools**

[www.bluechiptools.com](http://www.bluechiptools.com)

(757) 642-0665

### **Tom Knoblauch: Repairs Corvair heads**

<https://www.facebook.com/tom.knoblauch.5>

## **On-Line Resources and information**

- **Corvairs of River City:** <http://www.northern-california-covairs.com/>

The purpose of the Classic Corvairs of River City (CCRC) organization is to promote, educate and training unique to the Chevrolet Corvair automobiles, trucks and related hybrid vehicles. This purpose includes the preservation, enjoyment and maintenance of said vehicles. CCRC provides a social and recreational forum to facilitate the exchange of ideas, information, and activities.

The club meets once a month, attends various car shows, picnics, tours, local cars & coffee events and social gatherings.

Anyone interested in more information can contact us or attend the club meeting held the fourth Thursday of the month at Dad's Kitchent at the corner of Hazel and Sunset in Fair Oaks.

CCRC is a member of the national Corvair Society of America (CORSA) Chapter 956

- **Corvair Meetup:** <https://www.corvairmeetup.com/>

This website is dedicated to providing you information about where other Corvair owners are meeting up to drive or display their cars together. If that interests you, you've come to the right spot.

- **Autoxer:** <http://autoxer.skiblack.com/> By Bryan Blackwell. Information on car building, wheel/tire combinations, engine and carburetor information, plus links to corvair books etc.
- **CORSA:** <https://www.corvair.org/> Corvair Society of America.

- **CORVAIR CORSA:** <https://www.corvaircorsa.com/index.html>  
Corvair Corsa is a plentiful source of Corvair history, information and pictures. Here, you can explore the entire collection of production Corvairs including the Corsa, Monza, Monza Spyder, Corvair 700, 500, and the Corvair 95 truck series. Also featured are the many variants created by Corvair lovers like Don Yenke and John Fitch, builders of the remarkable Yenke Stingers and Fitch Sprints. Hot Rod fans can examine large displacement Corvairs like the Crown Corv-8 and Kelmark V-8 conversions and even a superbly engineered V-12 conversion by Jay Eitel. Rounding out this all-Corvair site are Corvair funny cars, sand rails, Corvair-powered Ultra Vans and a number of Chevrolet's experimental Corvairs and design studies. The site contains hundreds of pages, so get comfortable and enjoy your visit!
- **Corvairkid:** <http://corvairkid.com/>
- **Corvanatics:** <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics/resources.php>
- **Corvair Tech Pages Index:** [http://1969corvair.com/techpages/Corvair Tech Page Index.html](http://1969corvair.com/techpages/Corvair_Tech_Page_Index.html)
- **Corv-8 Registry:** <http://v8registryforum.com/>
- **Dave Watson (Dave Motohead)** (Engine/transaxle cradle and other related Corvair tools)
- **Corvair Gold, by David Trull:** David has compiled a wealth of Stock Corvair information in this publication. <https://stock.corvair.org/2022/01/david-trulls-corvair-gold/>

## Corvair Bibliography. (Bryan Blackwell's Autoxer web site)

There are two types of books here that you may find useful, general purpose racing books, and Corvair specific manuals. They cover many of the common questions and go into much greater detail than I have here, plus the Corvair books cover many things which are not specific to autocross or other racing but are often useful. For example, the CORSA Tech Guide has tables for ID numbers for cylinder heads, crankcases, etc. Oh, and for the record, the lack of the Chilton's guide on this list is not an oversight.



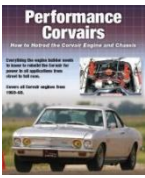
## Corvair book list.



### Chevrolet Chassis Shop Manual

This is the official guide to servicing Corvairs used by the dealer mechanics. They are still available new, just make sure you get a supplement for your specific year if you need one (for example a '67 needs both the '65 manual and '67 supplement). If you want to do any work on your Corvair, you **need** one of these. If you don't want to spring for a new one, they can often be found used at Corvair swap meets for very low prices.

Available from: [Most Corvair vendors.](#)



## Performance Corvairs

by Seth Emerson. This is the book we've waited for. Starting with How to Hotrod Corvair Engines, Seth has expanded on every topic from the book with a huge amount of information from the intervening years, and added entirely new sections. If you're building a performance Corvair of any kind, this book is a great place to start.

Available from: [Performance Corvairs](#) and Clark's Corvair parts.



## How to Hotrod Corvair Engines

by Bill Fisher. This was the best overall manual for Corvair Performance for many years. At this point you should really buy a copy of Performance Corvairs above, this book is best thought of as a conversation piece and is no longer in print.



## Corvair Basics

Also known as the Beginner's Manual, this book was written by a group of volunteers from Virtual Vairs (myself included) and is oriented toward the enthusiast who is new to Corvairs. Although oriented toward the novice, there are a lot of accumulated tips and tricks, along with a good general discussion of how the systems are supposed to work. If you are just getting into Corvairs, this book is for you!

Available from: [CORSA](#) (you have to fill out the form and mail it in), as well as [most Corvair vendors](#)..

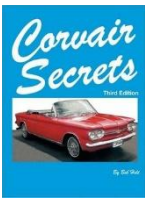


## The Classic Corvair

Bob Helt's The Classic Corvair, is aimed at all Corvair owners but is more in depth than Corvair Basics, so he covers many of the more popular performance modifications and has more detail on the technical aspects of the car. Bob is well known in the Corvair community for his technical knowledge, and his book is a great illustration of his extensive background, he explains many of the crucial details that are helpful if you're going to modify your Corvair. 330 pages.

Available from: [Most Corvair vendors](#).





### **Corvair Secrets**

Another Bob Helt Corvair title, things you probably don't know about the design and operation of the Corvair automobile. 250 pages.

Available from: [Most Corvair vendors.](#)



### **How to Keep Your Corvair Alive**

A very good book on Corvair repair by [Richard Finch](#). He details a number of refinements to Corvairs, as well as outlining many of the repairs in a way that will be easier to the backyard mechanic who doesn't have a dealer service bay. He also covers the buildup of a Stinger engine back in the 70's. A new edition has just been released. Available from: [Clark's Corvair Parts](#) or [Most Corvair vendors.](#)

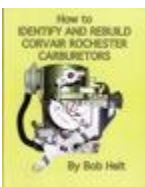
### **Solo Is...**

by Warren Leveque. Warren has compiled his column along with other tech articles into a bound book - no more searching for a particular issue of the Corsa Communique! Available from: [Warren Leveque](#). Available from: A reprint is **available again** from [Clark's Corvair Parts](#).

### **CORSA Technical Guide**

The collected technical articles published in The CORSA Communique, it has lots of good info and little improvements in many areas, including many performance mods (I refer to some here and there). There is also a supplement now available, both are quite useful.

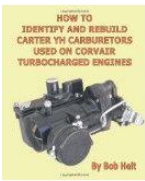
Available from: [CORSA](#) as well as [most Corvair vendors.](#)



### **How to Identify and Rebuild Corvair Rochester Carburetors**

Another book from Bob Helt, only deals with the Rochester carbs that came on Corvairs, this will guide you through figuring out what you want, especially given that you may well have the wrong or mismatched pair on your engine.

Available from: Amazon, most Corvair vendors and Clark's Corvair parts.



### **How to Identify and Rebuild Corvair Carter YH Carburetors Used on Corvair Turbocharged Engines**

Like the book above, but for the Carter YH carbs that came on turbo Corvairs, comprehensive turbo carburetor rebuild information.

Available from: Amazon, most Corvair vendors and Clark's Corvair parts.

### **The Corvair Decade**

by Tony Fiore. Tony was one of the founding Corsa members, and he wrote this history of the Corvair, published in 1980. It has information on how the Corvair came about, production changes, and includes information on the major independently built Corvair derivatives.

Available from: [CORSA](#).

### **Corvair...A History and Restoration Guide**

by Bill Artzberger. Oriented more towards building a show car, this book is useful since it covers the full sequence of buying, tearing down, and rebuilding a Corvair. An extensive section of tables and reference pages from the assembly manuals is included.

Available from: [Clark's Corvair Parts](#).

### **Assembly manuals**

This is the manual used by the assembly line workers to build your Corvair. Clark's sells "reproduction" manuals, basically a photocopy of the original. You don't really need one unless you're going to do a major restoration, or are building a stock class concours car, though they are handy when figuring out how to install something that wasn't originally on your car or how to remove something - e.g. the heater.

Available from: [Clark's Corvair Parts](#), or [Most Corvair vendors](#).