

Corvair Chatter



Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- Thursday, January 23, 2025
- 6:00pm Social / 6:45pm Meeting
- Dad's Kitchen
- 8928 Sunset Avenue
- Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Membership Dues 2025:

Membership Dues of \$20 are due annually in January.

Venmo:



Cash/Checks: Send to Dean James
Make checks payable to CCRC

Please contact CCRC Treasurer Jim Kindley for additional questions.

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Board Members

President	John Heiser
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(Maintained by: Dean James)



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Message From The CCRC President

Hello Classic Corvairs of River City Members:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration! The Club Board members met on January 15, 2025 to discuss this upcoming year regarding membership, events, car shows, tours, tech discussions/sessions and/or work parties including the 2025 CORSA. Great Club Board meeting with excellent ideas and suggestions provided! Thank you all for your contributions! I'm looking forward to all these events and I hope Club members can attend these events as well!

A suggestion from the Kindley's was to request Club members send me via email Corvair related repair/tech discussion prior to the monthly meetings. So, please send me via email, Corvair related tech items such as rebuilding carburetors, electrical issues, or mechanical related items on Corvairs for discussion.

Email: ClassicCorvairs@gmail.com

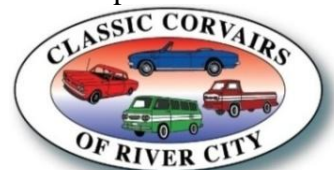
If you have not had a chance to check out the Club's website, please do and open up the References tab at the top of the page. https://www.northern-california-corvairs.com/ccrc2023_008.htm

Several Club Members have contributed uploading these articles, documents, Repair Manuals, Mechanics, Machine Shops and Corvair Parts Vendors. These documents are in Adobe PDF format that can be downloaded to your Cell Phone or Computer.

Reminder: Please pay your Club Membership Dues this Month.

Cheers and see you at the meeting!

John Heiser, President



Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: November 21, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President Jim Brown. The total in attendance was 26 members and 1 guest.

October meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Treasurer's report presented by Jim Kindley-unanimously approved.

Sales and acquisitions report by Wes Nichols was unanimously approved.

President's report by President Jim Brown:

- Club shirts and hats available for purchase at cost before and after the meeting from Kari and Danita.
- Christmas party December 1, 2024 at Vince's Restaurant & Bar in West Sacramento. Additional information to be sent via email – cost for club members and immediate family \$10 each, additional guests \$30, special menu of 4-5 items, venue holds up to 80.

Vice-President's report by John Heiser

- Recurring gatherings at shows (Folsom Cars N Coffee, Carmichael BelAir Sunday Cars N Coffee)
- Red Bus gatherings second Thursday of each month
- North Delta Cruises on hold until spring.
- Central Coast Corsa Convention 2025: May, 20-23, 2025 for 4-5 days. John Hafkenschiel went to Santa Maria for planning meeting. Our club is asked to contribute volunteers for registration table during the weeklong event. Note Hotel and location change: San Luis Obispo, CA., Embassy Suites. Registration is now open. CORSA Website for registration information or from Central Coast Website.
- Christmas Party December 1st , 2024 (see above)

Membership report given by Dean- 6 new members

New Business:

Old Business:

- Wes has our club's inventory of parts for sale – please let him know what you need.

Publication Reports

- Newsletter published by Kari – she will be able to continue publication through the end of the year and then we will need a NEW NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER in the new year. Laurie Daniels volunteered. Thank you Laurie!
- Website: no updates – Jim Kindley handling the website

Additional business

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Information

Corvair Resources (Online)

Q&A - www.corvaircenter.com
www.corvairforum.com
Parts - www.corvair.com (Clark's)
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

CCRC CLUB MEMBER ASSISTANCE:

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 possible financial assistance. If you have a Corvair that needs work, **contact John Heiser at ClassicCorvairs@gmail.com** and give him the details on what you require in the way of assistance.

***A committee will review the requests and select 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.**

LET US HEAR FROM YOU:

CORVAIR CHATTER Newsletter - Members can write articles and send photos and articles they wish to have included in the newsletter. Email to Kari at 4484.business@gmail.com.

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 Chris Medeiros at cmedeiros@mac.com.

Club T-Shirts & Hats - Members attending 2 meetings receive 2 shirts for free. T-shirts and hats are also for sale \$21/shirt (\$23/shirt tall sizes) (Henley shirts are \$29). Hats are \$16.

CLASSIFIED – Corvair Parts for Sale



-or- Click Here: [CCRC - Classified \(northern-california-corvairs.com\)](http://northern-california-corvairs.com)

Welcome New Members

Jim & Linda Lewis Chris Medeiros
Rick Peterson Eric Rossow
Diane Slusher

Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

December Birthdays:

Alan Almeida Rich Eastburn
Mike Johnson Ron Mainer
Chris Medeiros Barbera Miller
Dave Oyler Denis Schoen
Amy Stalker Michael Valdez

January Birthdays:

Pablo Castellanos Liz Cockrell
Lisa Davis Robert Dominguez-Gadson
Ken Edwards Miya Francis
Trish McDonald Carol Medeiros

Events & Activities

Full Calendar of Events available on <http://northern-california-corvairs.com>

Current & Upcoming Events:

May 19-23, 2025: 2025 Central Coast Corsa Convention: Santa Maria, CA. More info to follow. Volunteers to represent the club are needed.

Ongoing Events:

Sacramento Hollywood Park Auto Club -Classic Cars: Meets every 3rd Sunday 10:00 am at Leonardo DaVinci School. CCRC Club Member started this gathering, so let's join in.

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: 7:00am to 10:00am.

Folsom Cars and Coffee: Saturdays -Town Center, El Dorado Hills. 7:00 am – 9:30 am.

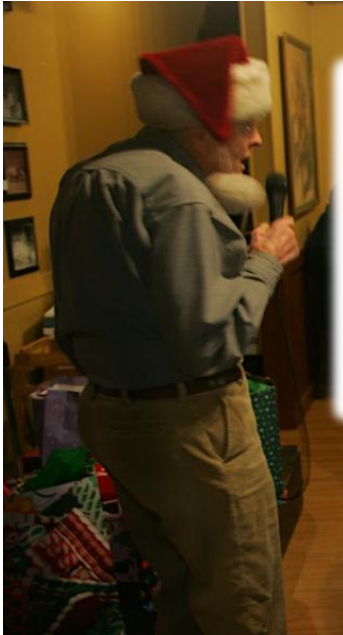
Red Bus Brewery: Air-cooled drive-in gathering at Red Bus Brewery on Reading Street in Folsom –2nd Thursday of each month at 6pm. There will be specials on beverages and pizza.

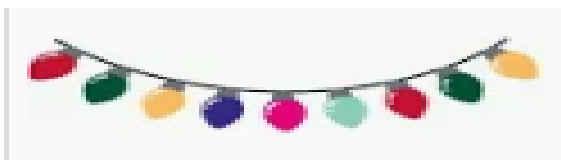
California Auto Museum: See Jim Kindley-**FREE** tickets for members (1st come/1st serve-until gone).

CCRC Christmas Party

Vince's Ristorante

December 1, 2024





Article of the Month

Tradition versus Safety, no hate mail please

-By Michael Brassil, CCRC Member

My late convertible came with two seat belt issues because it has bucket seats with lap belts. The first issue is the lack of protection from the steering wheel and shaft. The second is the large metal buckle directly in the middle of the lap belts. I want protection from the solid steering column and the large metal buckle in the event of an accident. My car is a driver, not a concourse vehicle and I will be driving my family around in it. I just couldn't leave the safety issue alone. I know some owners will disagree with me.

Here is what I did:

I removed the lap belts which were somehow bolted to the seat mounts. I replaced the extended seat mounts with the factory mounts. The car had Clark extensions and they made the new belts difficult to install because they are too close to the factory belt mount holes. I used the seat bolt holes that place to seat to the most outside position. This allows for the increased width of the seat buckle tube. The plastic tube on the buckle side is important for easy attachment of the belt. It does have width.

I cleaned out the factory belt mounts. These may have a plug or just dirt in them. They are to the rear of the seats, with one the floor and one in the outside rail.

The new three points belts came with 7/16 bolts and washers. The buckle end of the belt has a hard plastic sleeve to keep it in place on the inside of the seat. However, because of the floor bolt hole location the buckle will not reach the front of the seat back. I bought 6 inch extensions for this buckle side only. I cut the tip of the plastic buckle tube and attached the 6 inch extension with 7/16 24 bolts and Loc Tite. I bolted to extension the floor with the metal end facing up and forward . This puts the buckle where it is easy to attach, but not in a position to contact my body in an accident. The buckle is at the very inside end of the seat.

I didn't want to drill anymore holes than needed, so I used the outside seat belt mount hole to attach both the spring return mechanism and the lap belt mount. I left a little play here for easy movement of the mechanism and belt. On the shoulder mount I drilled a hole 1.7 inches below the window and 2.5 inches back from the plastic in the inside panel of the rear side window. I considered other areas and this seemed the best option.

To attach the shoulder mount is a bit tricky because there is not much room in the panel. The window regulator takes it up. You don't want to drop a bolt here . I cleaned up the burrs and slightly opened the hole. Take a piece of cardboard and poke a hole in it. Place the 7/19 bolt and washer through the cardboard and then through the rubber opening forward of the window. Using a finger or tool push the bolt though the hole from the inside out. (The mount has a nylon bushing for a bearing surface.) Place a castle nut on the bolt. I used a castle nut here to get a tight closure while leaving enough slack for the mount to move easily. This will make use of the belt easier. The kit has a plastic cover that makes the whole thing look like it has always been there.

The finished product looks great and is very comfortable to drive with. See photos (pg 8).

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