

Corvair Chatter



Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- Thursday, February 27, 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
Vice President	Chris Medeiros
Secretary	Laurie Daniels
Membership / Web	Dean James
Treasurer	Jim Kindley
Sales & Acquisition	Wes Nicholas
Newsletter Editor ...	Laurie Daniels
Historian/Photos	Michael Nyberg

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www.northern-california-covairs.com

Facebook; [Classic Corvairs of River City](#)

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Message From The CCRC President

Hello Classic Corvairs of River City Members:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day! The CCRC Valentine's day cruise/tour was a lot of fun and an awesome day for the cruise! Looking forward to the next cruise event!

A few events that club members should consider and or participate in: Cal Expo Autorama – Butch Gardner Clubhouse. Registration form was emailed out. Dates: May 2nd-4th 2025. 2025 CORSA International Convention, San Luis Obispo. Registration is now open. Dates: May 20th – 23rd. CORSA website has the updated event schedule and online registration.

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

Several Club Members have contributed uploading event photos and thank you Dean James, Chris Medeiros and Chris Myers for filming the Valentine Cruise and Chris Medeiros creating a video of the Valentine's day cruise. Reminder, the CCRC event calendar is also available on the club's website.

The club is also looking at a different restaurant location for club meetings.

Reminder: Please pay your Club Membership Dues this Month. For those that have paid their membership, a huge thank you!

Cheers and see you at the meeting!

John Heiser, President



Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President John Heiser. The total in attendance was 24.

Minutes of meeting on November 21, 2024 were unanimously approved

Treasurer's reports presented by Jim Kindley for (1) Year End 2024, and (2) January, 2025 were unanimously approved.

Sales and acquisitions report by Wes Nichols was unanimously approved.

President's report by President John Heiser:

- The Christmas party on December 1, 2024 at Vince's Restaurant & Bar in West Sacramento was a great success! Everyone is encouraged to have fun at club events and be respectful of one another.
- Club shirts and hats available for purchase at cost before and after the meeting from Kari and Danita.

Vice-President's report by Chris Medeiros:

- A reminder that we have passes for free entrance to the California Automobile Museum.
- We encourage the membership to tell board members what you like and what you don't like about our activities and events, so as to encourage greater member participation.
- Wes has a 140 engine to rebuild, will coordinate a date to meet at Leo's garage and make it a learning event, maybe live-stream it for those present so more people can see the work being done

Activities report by Chris Medeiros:

- In the spirit of encouraging greater member participation, Chris has put together a schedule for a car tour each month in 2025, and has proposed the following schedule of events, with details to be provided closer to the date:

February 8	CCRC Cruise Day – Valentine Tour
March TBD	California Auto Museum Display
March 15	CCRC Cruise Day – St. Patrick's Tour and Lunch
April 12	CCRC Cruise Day – Spring Tour
April TBD	Casa Robles Car Show
April TBD	Ice Cream Social
May 2	Autorama
May 10	CCRC Cruise Day – Test Run Tour
May 19	National Corvair Convention
May 26	Veterans' Memorial Day Car Show

- Ongoing events:

- Sacramento Hollywood Park Auto Club-Classis Cars meets every 3rd Sunday, 10:00 am at Leonardo Da Vinci School, 4701 Joaquin Wy, Sacramento.
- Carmichael BelAir Sunday Cars N Coffee, meets every Sunday, 7:00 am to 10:00 am at 4005 Manzanita Ave., at the intersection of Fair Oaks Blvd. and Manzanita Ave., and near the corner of Cypress
- Folsom Cars and Coffee meets Saturdays from 7:00 am to 9:30 am, at the El Dorado Town Center, 2101 Vine St, El Dorado Hills, CA
- Red Bus Brewery hosts an air-cooled drive-in gathering on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm on Reading St. in Folsom, providing specials on beverages and pizza.

Latest CCRC News (cont.)

Membership report given by Dean:

The club has a roster of 66 active members, with 27 members paid up for 2025.

New Business:

- Laurie Daniels has volunteered to take over as Newsletter Editor – a motion for her appointment was unanimously approved.
- Kari Emery-Cotner will provide suggested board member definitions/duties at next meeting.
- CORSA Convention 2025 to be held in San Luis Obispo (moved from Santa Maria) during the week before Memorial Day. Because of the move, the local club will have increased costs, needs financial support, and has asked for contributions from other clubs. Christy Barden recommended that CCRC donate \$1,500 to the Central Coast club. After a lively discussion, a motion to spend \$1,500 to sponsor the auto-cross event and the concourse event, with the \$1,500 to be divided between the 2 events was approved.
- CORSA will publish information regarding the convention in February, and should provide the registration forms by its March issue. The national organization expects coverage of the registration desk from 8 am to 5 pm. We have committed to assisting with registration.
- A proposal to introduce a two- tiered membership scheme was discussed and tabled.

Publications Report:

- Website updates by Dean and Jim K. to include Corvair resources, Classifieds, the event calendar and photos. Anyone who wishes to upload pictures or PDF's to the club's website should contact Dean or Jim K.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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

Welcome New Members

Erin Sicard – rejoined 2/5/2025

Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

February Birthdays:

TC Arbuckle Jim Brown
Tav Byerhoff Tabitha Heiser
Dawn Ann Johnson
Beth Solheim Leo Scopesi

March Birthdays:

Linda Almeida Melissa Francis
Jim Kindley Linda Lewis
Bill McDonald Hailey Tolson

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 the Club's Gmail at ClassicCorvairs@gmail.com** and provide 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 Laurie Daniels at lauriedanielsca@att.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 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)

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: San Luis Obispo, 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: 7:30am to 10:00am.

Folsom Cars and Coffee: Saturdays -Town Center, El Dorado Hills, 3rd & 4th and occasional 5th Saturdays, 430 Palladio Parkway in Folsom at the Palladio. 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 Valentine Cruise

February 8, 2025



Article of the Month

Saving Gas with GasBuddy

By Larry Forman, CCRC Member

I have been using the GasBuddy app on my iPhone for years, and I believe it saves me a lot of money. They also have a GasBuddy gas card which I recently signed up for. I thought if they are so good at saving money with the app, maybe I can save even more by getting cash back with their gas card. Note that if you are thinking of trying their gas card, make sure you check all the terms and interest rate they charge. After getting their gas card, I was shocked at how high their interest rates were as well as the terms. They charge a monthly fee to use the card. So, after considering all the pluses and minuses, I decided their gas card would not work for me. Maybe your situation would be different.

For their GasBuddy app, I find that is a different story. What I like is that they have ALL the current gas prices up to date. I select Premium gas and the prices for using a credit card. When I select “find gas”, it tells me the lowest and highest gas prices for stations near to where I am located, plus the range of prices. Recently, with gas prices having risen, the lowest for Premium was \$4.29 with a range of about a dollar to the highest price. By clicking on the lowest price, GasBuddy takes me to the location of the station, with the name and street address or intersection as well as the distance from my location.

Another approach is to select the map feature and you see a map with all the local stations identified with their prices for the gas I am looking for. You can also scroll along the map to various locations you might be considering driving to. For me, living in the Pocket area of Sacramento, our prices seem to be higher than along Auburn Boulevard south of I-80, and the difference can be a savings of perhaps 25 cents per gallon.

Generally, gas prices seem to be less expensive on Mondays versus Fridays or the weekends, so I try to avoid filling up on the more expensive days. After using the map feature for your local and surroundings you can quickly learn where the least expensive stations are located and plan to fill up when you are headed in those directions.

For me, I am somewhat shocked that people would spend about a dollar per gallon more for gas when it can be had for so much less.