



Corvair Chatter

Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- Thursday, May 23, 2024
- 6:00pm Social / 6:45pm Meeting
- Dad's Kitchen
8928 Sunset Avenue
Fair Oaks, CA 95628
916-241-9365

Membership Dues 2024:

Membership Dues are due by the last day of February annually. The price per year is \$20.00. Please send checks or cash to Dean James, CCRC Membership. Make checks payable to: "CCRC". Please contact CCRC Treasurer Jim Kindley for additional questions.

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President's Ramblings

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

The new venue at Dad's Kitchen has been a success. We are going to rearrange the room a bit so that we can accommodate more members comfortably and so that everyone can hear. Another thing that needs to be done is to limit the cross talking once the meeting has started. Everyone talking at once stalls the meeting and causes many not to be able to hear well. Please be courteous to your fellow club members. There is plenty of time to visit before and after the meeting and I will try to keep the meetings short.

Club hats and shirts should be available at this month's meeting for purchase. They will be available at each meeting, and pricing for members is at club cost.

The club picnic is scheduled for June 8th at Mather Regional Park. Please get your RSVPs in by May 30th so that adequate food can be ordered. More details are found in this newsletter.

If you need Corvair maintenance parts for a tune up or a carburetor rebuild, see Vice President John. He has a small stockpile of items at a good price for club members.

Day trips or tours are being planned by John around the local area. I am looking forward to leisurely drives the Delta, Amador County, and Nevada-Placer counties. Information should be coming out soon, and the first tour is tentatively scheduled for the South Sacramento County Delta on July 13th .

We are already planning the Christmas Party for 2024, and a restaurant venue is being considered.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely
Jim Brown



Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Brown, at 6:33pm. 21 members were in attendance. Unanimous approval of the March meeting minutes-Motion carried.

Jim Kindley presented the treasurer's report of positive balances, expenses and income, and it was unanimously approved.

The sales and acquisitions report was presented by Wes Nicholas - it was unanimously approved.

Jim Brown presented the President's report. Next Board meeting is May 8th at Jim and Theresa Kindley's home.

John Heiser presented the Vice-President/activities report: Upcoming events: Casa Robles Car Show on April 27, 2024; Auburn Cruise nights starting on May 10, 2024 (2nd Fridays of the Month); Club BBQ Picnic date is June 8th; Cal Expo Autorama May 3-5, 2024; and Ironstone Concours d' Elegance September 28, 2024. John sent out a Club email blast regarding these events with more details. So Please check your email.

Reminders of reoccurring gatherings at varied Cars N Coffee locations; Sacramento Hollywood Park Auto Club Classic Cars meets every 3rd Sunday at 10am at Leonardo DaVinci School, Carmichael Bel Air Sunday Cars and Coffee at 4005 Manzanita Avenue at the intersection of Fair Oaks Blvd and Manzanita Avenue near the corner of Cypress from 7-10am, Folsom Cars n' Coffee at Town Center El Dorado Hills from 7-9:30am and the air-cooled drive in gatherings at the Red Bus Brewery on Reading Street in Folsom the second Thursday of each month at 6pm.

Kari & Danita Emery-Cotner gave the newsletter report and welcome your articles and ideas.

Dean James reported that we currently have 48 current paid members.

New business was discussed:

- Kari is working with JG Graphics to purchase club shirts and hats and membership approved spending not to exceed \$3,500. Shirt and hat pricing to members will be at cost. Kari believes they will be available at the next meeting.
- Reimbursement for Autorama participants will be \$50.
- Annual club picnic: The club voted and approved the picnic to be held at Mather Regional Park on June 8th at 11:00am. Mexican food will be provided and members are asked to bring one desert or fruit dish per family to share. Motion to approve a budget of \$2,500. Motion carried.
- Reimbursement for Ironstone Concours de Elegance will be between \$25 and \$75 depending upon registration fees.

Old business was discussed:

- The Club needs a volunteer to take the position of Secretary.

Announcements:

- Scott Pedicord is organizing an air-cooled cruise to be held on June 22nd...stay tuned.
- Scott Pedicord told membership about the California oil filter exchange program that occurs two times per year, usually February and May at O'Reilly and Napa Auto Parts. Huge savings for all.
- The San Francisco MOMA has an industrial engineering of classic cars exhibit that is worth the trip. Bus trips are being offered through the CA Auto Musuem for \$100 per person (incl. lunch).

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

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

Rhonda Odom
William Stallard

Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

May Birthdays:

Carolyn Wong
Cyndi James
Kari Emery-Cotner
Rafael Arroyo

June Birthdays:

Michael Brassil
Patricia Graham
Russ Magee
Scott Pedicord
Susan Schoen



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 JohnHeiser6@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 - Let us know what you would like to see. Members can write articles, provide photos, and send articles they wish to have included in the newsletter. Email your thoughts, articles, and photos to Kari Emery-Cotner 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 John Heiser at JohnHeiser6@gmail.com.

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 13–Sept '24 - California Automobile Museum: Air Cooled Display starting May 13th thru Sept. 2024. The museum is looking for a Late Model Corvair coupe or convertible to be on display. You will also have in-n-out privileges during this time frame to drive your car to other events etc. Contact Scott Mikkelson at (916) 768-3465 or Shavolla (Exhibits Mgr) at (916) 233-9629 if interested in entering your LM Corvair.

May 27, 2024, 8am-12pm: CA Automobile Museum Veterans Day Car Show. Register at museum website.

June 8, 2024: Club Picnic: Mather Regional Park at 11:00am. 4111 Old Eagles Nest Road, Mather, CA 95655. \$5/person. **Please RSVP by May 30, 2024** so we can let the caterers know how many will be in attendance. We need volunteers to set up and clean up. Please contact Kari 4484.business@gmail.com.

Auburn Cruise Nights: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the second Friday of each month between May and September.

June 22, 2024: Cruise from Auburn to Grass Valley. Details forthcoming. Email blast to come.

July 13, 2024: Delta Cruise. 9am - 3pm. Details forthcoming. Email blast to come.

July 13-14, 2024: California Capitol Airshow - Mather AFB.

July - August 2024: 2nd Delta Cruise. Details and dates pending. Email blast to come.

July 21-26, 2024: 2024 International Corvair Convention: Marriott at the University of Dayton, OH. More information: www.daytoncorvairclub.com (www.daytoncorvairclub.com)

July 25, 2024, 9am to 4pm: Cal Expo State Fair Club Day: Will need RSVP's to get a head count very soon! Meet up at the theatre parking lot around 9 am to head over to Cal Expo at 9:30 am.

September 27-28: Ironstone Concours de Elegance. Deadline to register is August 30th.

August-September 2024: Tour up to Grass Valley Empire Mine and Christy's Yellow Barn. Details coming.

May 19-23, 2025: 2025 Central Coast Corsa Convention: Santa Maria, CA. More info to follow.

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: 1st & 2nd 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 Annual Picnic

June 8th / 11:00am – 5:00pm

Save the Date

Mather Regional Park

4111 Old Eagle's Nest Road, Mather, CA 95655

\$5 per person / RSVP by May 30th

JKindley@gmail.com



**Those who wish to fish:
Fishing License Required (age 16 +)**

Sacramento Autorama May 3-5, 2024

Photos Courtesy of
Dee Smirlis



Sacramento Autorama, Cont.

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John Heiser



Sacramento Autorama, Cont.

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Bruce Brinka



Auburn Cruise Night May 10, 2024



Article of the Month

A Few Easy Tech Tips - By Larry Forman, CCRC Member

First, I would like to highly recommend CORSA's Tech Guides. There are currently four versions of them and they should be considered as essential for owners of Corvairs. Here is one of those tech tips that I really enjoy. The Tech Guide shows that a modified Corvair ignition key can be glued into a spare radio knob. This works especially well for Lates. The handle end of the key can be cut using Dremel tool and then JB Welded so that once completed, the ignition key looks like a radio knob or the cigarette lighter knob. Everything matches so well that one could leave the modified ignition key in the ignition switch and very few people would realize it is the ignition key.



An easy tech tip is to purchase a locking gas cap and take one gas cap key and JB Weld a small rare earth magnet to the handle end. Consider hiding that magnet key inside the car body above the gas access cover. Home Depot or your local hardware store had rare-earth or Neodymium disc magnets. This way, no one is able to tamper with your Corvair gas, but you'll still have easy access when gassing up.

For my Late convertible, the radio antenna became broken after a couple of years that I owned it. I have been looking for something that would look stock, but never seemed to run into one. Most old used Corvair antennas are just broken like mine. I decided to look around on Amazon and surprisingly found one that not only looks pretty close to stock, but can be pushed down into the body so that when going into a car wash or putting a car cover on and off, it is much more difficult to break if it is retracted. The one I purchased is "Metra 44-UL09 Universal Retractable Top-Mount Antenna" and costs about \$21 plus tax. It has a small "key" that can be used to pull the antenna up when it is fully retracted into the body. The antenna top mount is similar to the stock Corvair mount except it is slightly smaller. I replaced that antenna mount with the stock top mount from my broken antenna so it looks closer to stock. The very top is steel like the rest of the exposed antenna, but has a small slit in it, so if someone looks closely, it is obviously not stock. The individual antenna sections are not as long as the stock antenna. I like knowing that it can be protected and is less likely to get broken.



Dash without
radio knob key



Dash with
radio knob key



Fully retracted
w/key to
extend antenna



Fully extended