



Corvair Chatter

President's Ramblings

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

I just returned home from a great day at the annual Membership Appreciation Picnic at Mather Regional Park. The venue was very nice, the weather cooperated with mid 80's temperature, and the food was very good and plentiful. There were games (fan belt toss), a raffle, a coloring contest, and a scavenger hunt. It seemed that a great time was had by all. Thanks to all who put so much effort in making it a success.

It was also great to see so many members wearing CCRC shirts and hats. Yes, they have arrived and are available for purchase at cost-contact Kari.

The next officers meeting will be THURSDAY, July 11th at the home of Dean James starting at 6:30. Thank you for opening your home to provide us space for the meeting.

The Christmas Party has tentatively been scheduled for Sunday December 1st, 2024 at Vince's Ristorante in West Sacramento. More details in future newsletters.

We are trying to have a club activity every month, weather permitting. Next is a South Delta Tour scheduled for July 13th. For more info, see the Vice Presidents report.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely
Jim Brown



Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- **Thursday, June 27, 2024**
- **6:00pm Social / 6:45pm Meeting**
- **Dad's Kitchen**
8928 Sunset Avenue
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Membership Dues 2024:

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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WEBSITE QR CODE

Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: May 23, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Brown, at 6:52pm. 19 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.

- The club needs a Secretary to take notes at the meetings. Please volunteer.
- Club shirts/hats are available for purchase (see Kari)
- Next Board meeting is July 11th 6:30pm at Dean and Cyndi James's home.
- Club Picnic is June 8th at Mather Regional Park, please RSVP and pay \$5/pp by May 30th.

John Heiser presented the Vice-President/activities report:

- Recurring gatherings at shows: Cars N Coffee Folsom (Saturdays), Carmichael Bel Air (Sundays)
- Red Bus gathering: 2nd Thursday of each month
- Auburn Cruise night-2nd Fridays
- California Auto Museum Veterans's Day Car Show May 27th
- Club Day Trip: July 13th Touring the South Sacramento Delta
- State Fair-July 25th One Day Event
- Ironstone Concours d' Elegance September 27th and 28th, 2024. Deadline to enter is August 30th.
- Central Coast Corsa Convention 2025

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. Note: New QR codes for Parts for sale, Venmo and the website.

Dean James reported that we currently have 51 current paid members. He will be working on business cards for the club.

New business was discussed:

- Christmas Party 2024: Reservation for December 1st at Vince's Restaurant & Bar in West Sacramento. Members will pay \$10/per person (members + family) and \$30/per person for guests.

Old business was discussed:

- The Club still needs a volunteer to take the position of Secretary. If you are already attending, it is just a matter of taking notes and typing them up for the newsletter. Please consider helping,

Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

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

Scott Bird

Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

June Birthdays:

Michael Brassil
Patricia Graham
Russ Magee
Scott Pedicord
Susan Schoen

July Birthdays:

Mike Hess
Dee Smirlis



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 - 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 John Heiser at JohnHeiser6@gmail.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)

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.

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

June 29, 2024: California Automobile Museum has sent out an invitation to the Corvair Club for the Museums grand opening of the current air-cooled vehicle exhibit along with a cars and coffee event with food trucks. Beer and wine available.

July 4th, 2024: Terra d'Oro Winery Car Show: Registration deadline June 10th. \$35.00. \$45 after June 10th. 20680 Shanandoah School Road, Plymouth, CA 95669. 7am – 3pm.

July 13, 2024: Delta Cruise. 9am - 3pm. Details forthcoming. Look for an email blast and events listed on the clubs website.

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.

August 10, 2024: "Hot Gears & Cool Beers" car show. Log Off Brewery. 5 pm – 9 pm. 60's-80's cars, music, food trucks. 3054 Sunrise Blvd. Suite J. Rancho Cordova, CA

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.

December 01, 2024: Christmas Party – Vince's Restaurant & Bar, 840 Harbor Blvd, West Sacramento

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: 7:00am to 10:00am.

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

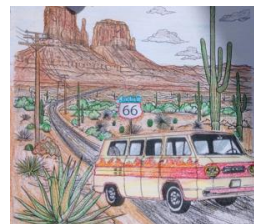
Red Bus Brewery: Air-cooled drive-in gathering at Red Bus Brewery on Reading Street in Folsom –2nd Thursday of each month at 6pm.

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

CCRC Annual Picnic

June 8th

So Much Fun!



CCRC Annual Picnic June 8th



Article of the Month

Corvair Heaven

Thursday, May 7, 1998

From Associated Press

People who drive Corvairs often fall in love with them. Why this happens is a bit of a mystery, but it does. Witness the story of Rose Martin, who, at 84, proved you're never too old to love a Corvair. So attached was she to her '62 Monza, she decided to "take it with her."

PROVIDENCE, R.I.--Three decades after Ralph Nader portrayed the Corvair as a casket on wheels in his book "Unsafe at Any Speed," 84-year-old Rose Martin was laid to rest in her beloved 1962 model. "She prearranged with us, and this was her wish. It was very well known throughout Tiverton that she wanted this," said Robert Ferreira, a director of the Oliveira Funeral Home in Fall River, Mass.

The widow and mother of three, who died Saturday, drove the flat-looking rear-engine white car around the town of Tiverton, population 14,000, for 36 years. "She just loved the car. She didn't care what it cost to fix the car. If the car was broken, she wasn't one to ask you how much. 'Just fix it,'" recalled Tiverton Auto Body owner George Murray.

Mourners at her burial at Pocasset Hill Cemetery grinned through their tears as six police officers acting as pallbearers slid the inlaid wood coffin into an opening in the rear of the Corvair, which had been altered to accommodate the casket. The car was then lowered into the ground with a crane. It took up four burial plots. An old handicapped license plate, held with a rubber band on the visor, was removed and handed to Martin's relatives.

The Corvair was a popular car in the 1960s before it was buried by the rise of the muscle car and the 1965 expose written by Nader, who said it had serious steering and control problems. But to Martin, a talkative and no-nonsense woman who served as a police matron tending to female prisoners at the town jail, the low-slung car with four front headlights was a gem. She was laid to rest next to her husband, with a headstone showing a picture of her and the car.



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Article of the Month, Continued

5-7-1998 By LIZ FORAN

Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

TIVERTON -- Rose Martin bought a white Corvair for \$2,500 in 1962, mainly to have around the house for her son, Robert, home from the service. "He wasn't interested," said Marion Linhares, a long-time friend and neighbor of Mrs. Martin. He preferred the hot rods that were becoming popular in the early '60s. At her son's urging, Mrs. Martin had learned to drive only a couple of years earlier. Driving the car that her son had scorned and consumer advocate Ralph Nader had called "one of the nastiest-handling cars ever built," Mrs. Martin discovered new freedom. "She loved it," Robert recalled Tuesday. "It was her baby."

Though she never drove it very fast or very far -- it had 87,000 miles on it when she passed away Saturday at age 84 -- Mrs. Martin delighted in tooling around Tiverton and occasionally crossing the state line to Westport, Mass., to visit her daughters. "As far as she would drive is to Westport," Linhares said, reminiscing after a game of bingo at the Tiverton Senior Center. "She wouldn't drive it in the rain," Gilda Boyer, 75, added.

Years ago, Mrs. Martin made it clear she never wanted to be separated from the car.

"That was decided 16 years ago," said police Lt. Thomas Kaminski, "and as far as I know, it never once changed." Yesterday, in the four adjoining burial plots she bought at the Pocasset Hill Cemetery, Mrs. Martin took her last trip in the white Corvair. Hung from a chain over a long, deep hole, the car and its owner came to their final rest a few feet below the ground.

THE FIRST CHAPTER of Ralph Nader's 1965 report "Unsafe at Any Speed," which focused on the Corvair's handling problems, apparently never bothered Rose Martin. She drove her white Corvair with red plush interior up until a few weeks before her death. It had been her wish for decades to be buried in her car. "My sisters and I couldn't talk her out of it," said Robert Martin.

A lifelong resident of Tiverton, Mrs. Martin worked at the former Goulet's Bakery and at Vintex Fabrics, of Fall River. She continued working from home in her later years, sewing curtains and pillowcases and running a small fabric store from her basement. "Everyone in town has pillowcases from Rose Martin," said Linhares, 77. "When I made lieutenant, I got a nice pair of satin ones," Kaminski said.

Mrs. Martin chose Kaminski, Chief George Arruda and four other members of Tiverton's finest as pallbearers. She had called them "her boys." Mrs. Martin was Tiverton's first police matron. She was called in at all hours of the night to search and tend to female prisoners. "She'd get called at 1, 2, 3 o'clock in the morning," said Marion Linhares. "Sometimes she'd be there until morning."

Article of the Month, Continued

Mrs. Martin was also her extravagant Christmas parties. She hosted more than 200 people each year at a local hall, and started preparations for the next one the day after the party ended. A moment of silence was observed at last night's annual Financial Town Meeting, which Mrs. Martin frequently attended to oppose new taxes. "It's so appropriate that she was buried on the day of the Financial Town Meeting," said Town Councilwoman Claudia Linhares, who asked for the tribute.

THE WHITE CORVAIR at Tiverton Auto Body looked like it had seen some wear and tear, but not 30 years' worth. Martin said his mother would apply household paint as soon as she saw a trace of rust. DEM regulations require the gas tank and all fluids to be removed from the car prior to burial. George Murray, owner of the body shop across the street from the cemetery, spent about 12 hours preparing the car on Monday and Tuesday. Murray removed the seats and the still plush red carpet to lay boards to support the casket. The red steering wheel was next to go. Mrs. Martin will rest her head for eternity against the car's AM radio. "I've built race cars, I've built everything," he said, standing in the space where the engine used to be. "Never done this, though."

Because the Corvaire, produced only from 1960 to 1969, has its engine in the rear, the whole thing was removed to accommodate the casket. The burial plan hit a snag when measurements of the vault determined that the compact car was 8 inches too long. Working with a blowtorch, Murray cut off the back end, shaved off the extra inches, and reattached the rear section with bumper. As the smoke cleared and the smell of burning rubber filled the open garage, Murray explained that there would only be 4 inches of extra space to maneuver the car into the vault.

As the car dangled above the deep hole, a vault company crew steadied the swaying car while a bright orange crane jerked it up and down, trying to find the right position. After several attempts, the car and driver glided down for one last ride, barely scraping the concrete walls.

Michael Rego, a long-time friend of Mrs. Martin's, said she was probably watching the spectacle that stopped cars up and down Main Road. "She's laughing her head off right now," he said.

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