



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

July 25, 2018 at 6pm – 8pm

Denny's Restaurant
8841 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662
916-987-6119
(Corner of Greenback & Hazel)

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Firing Order

President	Bruce Leonard
Vice President	Carl Funk
Activities	Chris Medeiros
Secretary	Open
Membership	Harry Spence
Treasurer	Wes Nicholas
Editor	Jean Colegrove
Historian	Christy Barden

Finding Us

Website:
www.northern-california-corvairs.com
Facebook; [Classic Corvairs of River City](#)

Message From the Club President

CCRC car show attendance was down again from last month but there was a showing at the Central Coast Corvair – VairFest. One club member's car was there and it came home with 2 awards; 2nd Place Early Open and Spectator's Award. Adding to the trophy haul was Ken Lawyer's '63 Spyder with 1st Place Early Open and Best of Show. So the Early Opens brought home the most awards.

CCRC has stepped up with a current count of about 10 cars and a possible late entry to the State Fair on Friday, July 27th. We will meet at the cul-de-sac of Ethan Ave. around 8:30am, enter about 9am and set up in our usual location under the canopies. The show will end around 7pm. If you want to leave your Vair for the day, have an extra car follow us in and pick up a special pass for re-entry after 7pm. We will be joined by the Metro Club too. I look forward to seeing all Vairs running, shining, and revved up to go show off our "air cooled stuff".

Also, a special invitation was presented to the club by the Sacramento River Cats minor league baseball team for July 15th. After discussing the lack of interest by CCRC members with the event planner, CCRC will be dropped from this year's season of car club attendance. Perhaps next year, the club will want to participate – if invited back.

As always, there are a few favorite shows that members like to attend; Antique Trove in Roseville on July 15th, August 12th and September 16th. Also, Auburn Cruise Night on August 10th and September 14th.

In between all of these shows are CORSA shows. The national convention convenes this month in Pittsburg, PA from July 23rd to the 28th. On September 8th is the South Coast Corvair show in Los Angeles and the final major Corvair show on October 26th to 28th is the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs.

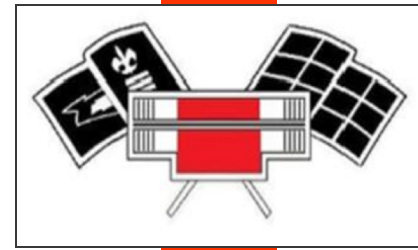
I would appreciate it if more members could look at their calendars and see what shows they can attend to show off not only our cars, trucks and vans, but show a sense of pride in being a member of this club.

Finally, I want to thank Chris Medeiros for handling June's meeting plus taking notes.

If you have any other ideas, suggestions or inquiries, please feel to contact me at; 916-600-4215 or email me at; my95vette@yahoo.com



Latest CCRC News



Car Shows for 2018

July

- July 4 – Cru-Zin Car Show – Terra d’ Oro Winery
- July 13 – Auburn Cruise Night – Auburn
- July 14 – Auto for Alzheimer’s – Auburn Gold Country Fair Grounds
- July 15 – Antique Treasure Trove – Roseville
- July 23 – CORSA National Convention – Pittsburg, PA
- July 27 – California State Fair, Corvair Day – Sacramento

August

- August 7 to 11 – Hot August Nights– Reno
- August 11 – Hot August Bites Show – Citrus Heights
- August 11 – Oakmont of Roseville – Roseville (RSVP by Aug. 1st)
Amanda at 916-771-6700 FREE Admission
- August 12 – Antique Treasure Trove – Roseville

Be sure to check: corvairmeetup.com for additional listings of events

Meeting Minutes

By Bruce Leonard – Acting Secretary



The May meeting of Classic Corvairs of River City was called to order by Chris Medeiros, Activities Director, at 7:00pm. Bruce Leonard, President, was not available.

Chris asked if there were any new visitors and asked them to introduce themselves and tell about their Vair. The club welcomed the newest “younger” visitor to the meeting.

Wes Nicholas, Treasurer, gave an brief overview of the club’s finances and announced we have 58 members.

This issue of selecting a new Car Show Director was discussed again by Chris Medeiros and the members in attendance showed no interest in taking on this position. There was a discussion about having the Spring Fling by yearly. Further discussion will be addressed at the July meeting.

The next topic was the vacant position of Secretary. The offer was extended and. Again, no one was interested in taking on this position, which expires on December 31, 2018.

Next up, the low attendance at other car shows by CCRC members and the possible impact to the club’s annual invitation to the State Fair. If there are not enough cars, vans or trucks attending, the fair’s organizer has notified the club president, they will be dropped permanently. About 12 members indicated they will be attending on July 27th.

The invitation to the Sacramento River Cats baseball game on July 15th was met with silence.

No new business was discussed.

Wes Nicholas gave a demonstration of LED lighting compared to standard lamps used in tail lights and instrument clusters.

The meeting was closed at 7:50pm.

Upcoming Events

August Birthdays

Pat Hansen	August 2
Rosie Walker	August 2
Brian Barry	August 4
Robert Windt	August 4
Ginger Hess	August 7
Bob Hooker	August 9
Larry Forman	August 13
Betty Sica	August 13
Donna Oppelt	August 21
Rita Moeller	August 23
Richard Hansen	August 26
Frank Dotson	August 31



Corvair Resources (Online)

Q&A - www.corvaircenter.com
www.corvairforum.com

Parts - www.corvair.com (Clark's)
www.californiacorvairparts.com
www.corvairunderground.com
www.mikescorvairparts.com
www.rockauto.com

Sale - www.jaxed.com
www.corvairtrader.com (Parts & Sales)

Fun - www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1

Events – www.corvairmeetup.com (CAR SHOWS ANNOUNCMENTS FOR 2018)

CORVAIR CHATTER Newsletter - I don't go to club meetings because

Email your completed sentence to Jean,
jeancolegrove@comcast.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 Bruce Leonard at, my95vette@yahoo.com

Classified Section



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Wanted: a place to park/store my car hauling trailer. I have a very low full-sized car hauling trailer and am looking for someone who has some room to store it for me. While there you would have full use for it anytime you wanted to haul something. It is about 20 feet long and comes with ramps to load the car. It can haul nearly any full sized car as well as any smaller car like a Corvair or Nash Met. Call Larry Forman for details 916-421-2130 or 916-216-9801 or send me an email at larry@forman.net.

It is with deep sadness that the following classified is being placed on behalf of Geoff Hager. This award winning 1963 John Fitch Corvair Spyder Sprint is up For Sale. This Corvair is drop dead gorgeous with many engine upgrades, body enhancements and kept in pristine condition.

Please call Geoff at; 916-539-0718 for more information and asking price.

If you have any spare parts that you no longer need, want or care about, please let me know so I can post them in our Classified Section. The club has parts from Ritt Rittenhouse's estate plus donation parts from an 2 other source who restored Corvairs. These items are for sale to CCRC members and other CORSA Chapter members. Please contact Wes Nicholas, Leo Scopesi or Bruce Leonard for details.

If you're looking for a Corvair, check out Corvair Trader.com or Corvair Owners Group to join and get free notices in your email Inbox. You can also sell items on the site as well.

Corvair Owner's Stories



Classic Corvairs of River City have been asked to display their cars on Friday, July 27th.

We will meet at the end of Ethan Ave. in the parking lot at 8:30am and then be escorted in at 9am for set up.

If you wish to have a guest vehicle, please be in the same parking lot at 8:30am to receive your free pass for the day.

Due to limited space, Ultravan(s) will not be permitted this year. We can stay cool inside the racetrack building and enjoy the food from the concession stands.

Also, we will be paired up with the Metro car club again.

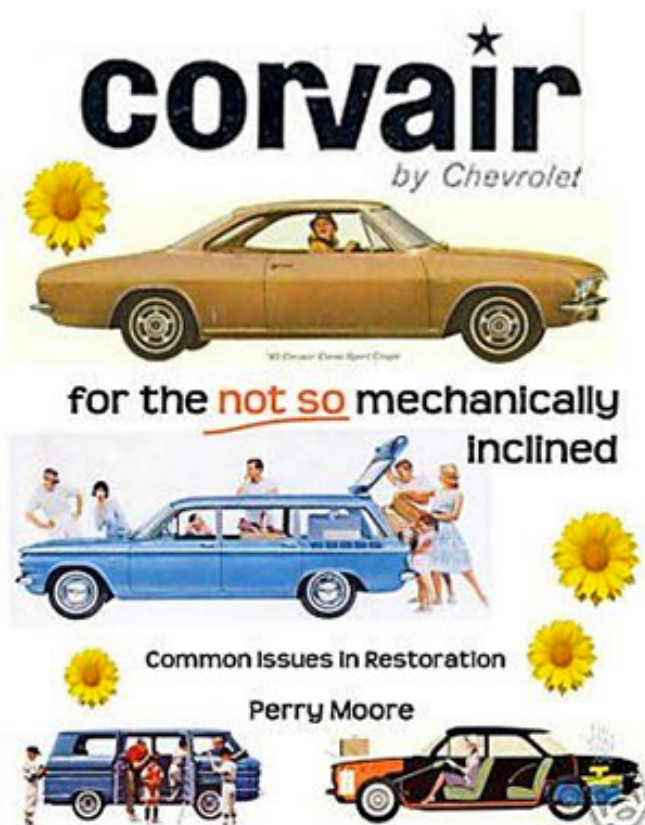
If you would like to attend, please contact; Bruce Leonard, 916-600-4215 or email; my95vette@yahoo.com

Thanks and look forward to seeing you all at the State Fair.

Corvair Owner's Group Stories

About the Corvair

She's our little engineering marvel, ahead of her time on so many levels, and yet so often maligned and misunderstood. More so than many other collector's vehicles, the Chevy Corvair story continues to fascinate classic car enthusiasts and automotive historians almost 60 years after the Corvair debuted in dealer showrooms on October 2, 1959.



Almost 2 million Corvairs were made during its abbreviated 10-year run. Models included 2 and 4-door hardtops, convertibles, station wagons, passenger vans, cargo vans, pickups, even a line of Corvair-powered motorhomes. They stand as an iconic vehicle of the 1960's and are routinely used in "period" TV and motion picture projects.

Today, the internet enjoys a wealth of Corvair-centric articles, images, videos, forums, and more, so rather than attempting any kind of lengthy historical retrospective here, we invite you to check out our CORSA page for a few "rabbit holes" of online Corvair information. You'll find a little bit of everything, and you'll be amazed how fast you can burn up a few hours.

In the meantime, click the link for a cheat sheet of Corvair fingertip information to wet your appetite for supreme Corvair knowledge and get you ready for your next car show - because you know Corvairs always draw a crowd and someone will invariably walk up to you and try to tell you the "real story of the Corvair!" - btw, this is the same fact sheet we encourage all our members to keep handy in their own glove boxes...enjoy!

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"CORVAIR FUN FACTS"

- ✓ Motor Trend magazine named Chevy Corvair "Car of the Year" in 1960
- ✓ The first Corvair concept vehicle debuted at the 1954 General Motors Autorama, six years prior to its official 1960 model year release.
- ✓ Corvair is the 1st and only mass produced American vehicle offering an air cooled rear engine design, unibody construction, factory turbo charging, and 4 wheel independent suspension.
- ✓ The 1962 Corvair Spyder and Oldsmobile F85 Jetfire were America's 1st vehicles offering factory turbo charging.
- ✓ 1965 Car & Driver magazine called Corvair "undoubtedly the sexiest looking American car of the new crop and possibly one of the most handsome cars in the world." Almost 2 million Corvairs were made during their 1960 - 69 run, including 2 & 4 door models, convertibles, station wagons, pick-ups, service fleet vehicles, and panel/passenger vans.
- ✓ The 9 passenger Corvair Greenbrier van produced from 1961 thru early 1965 is considered by many auto historians to be the forerunner of the modern minivan.
- ✓ The August, 2007 edition of Hemmings Classic Car Magazine called the Chevy Corvair "GM's Mechanical Marvel...Pure and simple, these are still great cars...And extremely advanced for their time."
- ✓ Milestone production dates in Corvair history include October 2, 1959 (Day One), and May 14, 1969 (Last Day).The Corvair's unique rear engine configuration has served as a platform for a wide variety of concept and spinoff vehicles, including the Meyer's Manx dune buggy, Corvair Super Monza, Corvair SS, Corvair Roadster, Astro 1, the Fitch Sprint, and the Yenko Stinger.
- ✓ Corvair parts, supplies, vendors, and active social media forums are readily available throughout the USA.
- ✓ The Corvair Society of America (CORSA) boasts a strong enthusiast following of over 4,000 active members and over 100 local CORSA chapters across the U.S.A. The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) is CORSA's non-profit arm dedicated to Corvair history & preservation and management of the Corvair Museum in Decatur, IL.
- ✓ The Corvair is steadily appreciating in value while remaining one of the world's least expensive collector cars.

