



Corvair Chatter

President's Ramblings

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

My wife Lee and I have just returned from the Delta Cruise from West Sacramento to Rio Vista. It was a great day with the weather breaking enough that some were comfortable driving their Corvairs-I was not one of them. I joined the group in Walnut Grove, traveled through Isleton, and ended up at Foster's Bighorn Restaurant in Rio Vista. Great and unusual food was enjoyed by all. Thank John Heiser for a great tour.

We are trying to have a club activity every month, weather permitting. Next is the North End Delta Cruise possibly August 10th or 11th, and a journey to the Empire Mine in Grass Valley followed by a tour of Christy Barden's place scheduled for October 19th. For more info, see the Vice Presidents report.

The Christmas Party has been scheduled for Sunday December 1, 2024 at Vince's Ristorante in West Sacramento. Keep the date open.

In my garage, the red rampside has been experiencing some issues. The voltage regulator has taken a dump, so the switch to an alternator is taking place. Unfortunately, the demise of the voltage regulator took out the Pertronix ignition system, so a replacement is on the way. Hopefully it will be back together by the meeting. The blue rampside is running great.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely
Jim Brown



Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- **Thursday, July 25, 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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Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Brown, at 6:40pm. 14 members were in attendance. Unanimous approval of the May 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 meetings. Please volunteer-it's an important position.
- Club shirts/hats are available for purchase (see Kari)
- Next Board meeting was going to be July 11th. It has been cancelled as there is no Board business.

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
- 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. There are QR codes throughout the newsletter for Parts for sale, club Venmo, and the website link.

Dean James reported that we currently have 54 current paid members. He will be working on business cards for the club.

New business was discussed:

- Christmas Party December 1, 2024 Budget: Unanimous approval of \$3,000 budget. 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: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

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

T.C. Arbuckle
Laurie Daniels
Carol Marcopulos

Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

July Birthdays:

Mike Hess
Dee Smirlis

August Birthdays:

Gina Dominguez-Gadson
Larry Forman
Brian Miller
Kelly Miller
Patrick North
Rhonda Odom
Curt Tate



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 \(northern-california-corvairs.com\)](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.

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

**This
Sunday
July 21st**



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

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

October 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: 7:30am 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).

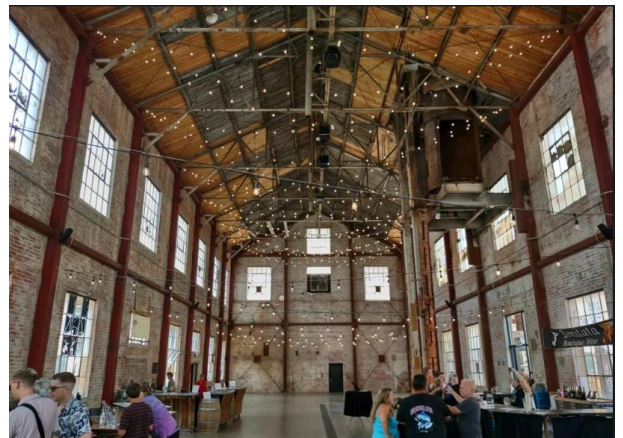
CCRC Delta Cruise

July 13th

Perfect Weather!



CCRC Delta Cruise July 13th



Article of the Month

A Simple and Effective Vehicle Anti-Theft Device -By Larry Forman, CCRC Member

Recently, we were with some friends who also have a Nash Metropolitan, like my wife, Rosie. They explained how simple and effective this anti-theft device is. It is an On/Off switch that disables the vehicle battery until it is switched back on. You can disconnect either the positive battery lead or the negative battery lead to disable the vehicle. One advantage of using the negative battery lead is that you can run one battery lead wire to the switch and then a very short lead to ground or chassis.

Operation is simple: After you have shut off the engine, then turn the battery switch OFF so it disconnects the battery, and the car will be disabled until the switch is turned back on connecting the battery. The battery switch can be located somewhere close to the battery or close to where it is convenient to turn it on and off. For my Late Corvair Monza, I will locate the battery disconnect switch under the rear seat so that just the switch lever is showing and convenient to reach from the driver's seat position. I can also remove the switch lever for even more security and hide it somewhere. I will run the negative battery lead from the battery position in the rear engine compartment forward and up through the floor pan close to the front of the rear seat. I need to use grommets to make sure the battery lead does not short to the chassis and defeat the anti-theft protection. A very short lead from the other battery switch terminal to chassis ground completes the wiring.

For the Nash Metropolitan, the battery is located under the rear seat on the passenger side. For that vehicle, I will install the battery cutoff switch so it is mounted on the forward wall of the rear seat mount under the rear seat. It will be easy to reach back and turn the switch on or off. In that location, only the small battery lever will be visible and it will not be very noticeable.

I purchased two of these battery cutoff switches from Amazon for \$12.99 plus tax and free shipping. The two-piece switch order was from the Gogonfly store on Amazon and the switches have a waterproof cover and removable switch lever. I might need to lengthen the one spare battery lead I have with a battery terminal on one end, but I might need to lengthen it for the Corvair using a heavy-duty connector. The Nash Metropolitan battery lead will be just a few feet in length, plus the chassis connection from the switch to chassis ground. Be sure to use the same thickness battery leads with a solid connection to chassis ground.

Our friends who installed their anti-theft battery cutoff switch, also explained that switch serves as a protection against any draining of the battery. One battery salesman said that often an unexpected battery drain can completely kill a battery, but a battery cutoff switch can often save a battery from being drained and potentially ruined. For the cost of maybe a total of about \$25 for each car, this is good insurance. Our friends said that when they use the switch, they can leave the battery disconnected for over six months without any damage or battery drain and the battery switch eliminates the need for running a trickle charger.

The nice thing about this anti-theft switch system is that it is extremely simple and effective. Unless someone finds the hidden battery cutoff switch, there are few ways to defeat it and it would take a heavy battery lead to defeat it.