



Corvair Chatter



Message From The CCRC President

Greetings fellow Club members and friends: Hope everyone is doing well and hope everyone is looking forward to this years Club activities, tours and events. The recent no award Econo-Run up to Auburn and back was a blast! Thank you Chris for organizing the Econo-Run and those that participated! I'm sure more conversations will occur at the Club meeting this Thursday.

Hope folks are keeping busy including a few Corvair projects. Speaking of which, occasionally I find a few moments to work on the 1964 Spyder regarding rebuilding parts and for this month, its rebuilding the turbocharger. Next will be replacing the clutch assembly on my 1965 Corsa along with additional rebuilt parts that are ready to install. For my daughters Corvair, its still on hiatus with the goal of having it completed by the 2028 National CORSA convention in Sacramento.

The Clubs Picnic BBQ has been rescheduled with a proposal to go to Coloma State Park. Will discuss again at this months Club meeting. Christy Barden will be hosting his Birthday party on October 18th. Will also discuss the upcoming tour to Sutter Creek including a tour of the Knight Foundry. Ironstone Concours d'Elegance is September 26th with registration forms to be sent in on August 28th.

Cal Expo State Fair Car Show: August 2nd.

For those that we didn't list in the previous newsletters,

Happy Birthday!

Cheers and see you at the club meeting on the 23rd.

John



Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- Thursday, July 23 2026
- 5:30pm Social / 7:00 pm Meeting
- Brookfields Restaurant
4343 Madison Ave.,
Sacramento, CA (at Highway 80)

Membership Dues 2026:

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 25, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President, John Heiser.

Minutes of meeting on May 28, 2026, as presented in the newsletter, were unanimously approved.

President's report by President John Heiser:

- Club shirts and hats available for purchase at cost before and after the meeting from John Heiser. Members receive 2 free T-shirts after attending 2 meetings. Cost for items is as follows:
 - T-shirts \$21
 - Henley shirts \$29
 - Crew neck shirts \$23
 - Hats \$16

Treasurer's report by Jim Kindley for April, 2026.

Sales and acquisitions report by Wes Nicholas. Sold parts for \$115.00. Wes took a trip to Vacaville to investigate purchase of '64 convertible for \$1.00. Although it had been stored in a shed for 14 years, he decided to pass because it was badly rusted, and had a bad interior and ripped top. If anyone else is interested, get in touch with Wes.

There is an estate in Angel's Camp that has 45 Corvairs, 2 Ultravans, Greenbriars, Rampsides. and lots of parts. Contact Mike Fitch or Chris Medieros for add'l information. Wes, Ben French and Tim Eastburn Tim Eastburn said they'd like to check it out.

CCRC website has inventory of parts for sale.

Membership report by Dean James: **49** members paid to date for 2026. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2026, please pay Dean James or Jim Kindley ASAP.

Vice-President's report by Chris Medieros:

The June 20th CCRC cruise to Cooper Winery in Plymouth was a great success with 6 cars, and lunch a Villa Toscano for pizza. Thanks to everyone who attended.

7/20 – Time rally by Porche Club @ Moonraker in Cameron Park – info by email blast.

8/2 – State Fair – CCRC will meet at Black Bear Diner @ 9:15 am and caravan together into the fairgrounds – entrance to the fair is FREE to everyone in the car.

TBD - We're looking at Coloma State Park, near Sutter Mill, for the CCRC BBQ/Picnic. Suggested menu is club hosted steaks and pot-luck side dishes/snacks/desserts. We will need a reservation, and Ken Edwards has volunteered to coordinate with the park.

CORSA is planning for the 2028 Convention in Sacramento, and will need support with manpower and money. The AutoCross will need timing equipment (already secured), cones, staff for timed rallies and tours.

Latest CCRC News (cont.)

New Activities and Events: See pages 5

Ongoing events:

LOCAL CARS & COFFEE EVENTS

- Sacramento Hollywood Park Auto Club-Classic Cars meets every 3rd Sunday, 10:00 am at Leonardo Da Vinci School, 4701 Joaquin Wy, Sacramento.
- Carmichael Bel Air 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 – Town Center, El Dorado Hills, 7:00 am to 9:30 am
- Grass Valley Cars & Coffee, 7:00 am to 10:00 am, Saturdays at Daily Donuts in Target parking lot, 117 West McKnight Way @ Highway 49.
- Delta Shores Cars 'n Coffee – 8270 Delta Shores Circle – 1st Sunday of the month 8:00 to 10:00 am – South Sacramento exit Highway 5 at Consumnes River Blvd.
- Bridgeway Church – 8150 Industrial Ave., Roseville – 1st Saturday of the month.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Larry Forman advised to check out your auto insurance policies for any increases that may be attributed to accidents where you were NOT at fault, and to dispute the increase. To obtain a record of your involvement in an accident, google Clue Driving Record Dispute – consumer.risk.lexisnexis.com This service provides information to insurance companies. You can request your driving record/report. No fee for the service.

Larry also advised that Hagerty policies may show an increase. Company was previously family-owned, but has been sold. New underwriting automatically imputes 3,500 miles driven per year, which is basis for premium. You will need to sign a declaration regarding your correct mileage to reduce the premium.

Ken Edwards needs help finding a vintage/classic dashboard Jesus. And does Jesus face the people in the car or the road in front? A discussion followed with recommendations to search on-line, eBay, etc., with consensus that Jesus should face the people in the car.

Ken is also giving amnesty until the end of June for the person who inserted the dipstick tube upside down. He has spent 3 years trying to figure out who did it, and just wants them to own up.

Tech Presentation:

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 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

CCRC CLUB MEMBER ASSISTANCE:

In order to get more cars on the road, the club leadership is offering assistance to members who 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 Corvair Club at ClassicCorvairs@gmail.com** and give 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 lauredanielsca@att.net or Wes Nicholas at Nicholas.tds@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 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)

Welcome New Members

Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

July Birthdays:

Mike Blanchard Dee Smirlis Sherry Lozano

August Birthdays:

Ricky Alves Roy Arimoto Michael Brashear
Larry Forman Jim Lewis Rick Peterson
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Events & Activities

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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. 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).

Current & Upcoming Events:

AUGUST

- 2 – California State Fair – CCRC Club Day
- 15 – Auburn Cruise Night – meet at In & Out Burger, Rocklin
- 22 – CCRC Cruise – Cool Stop on Hot Night – evening at an ice cream shop
- TBD – SFBA/Valley Picnic at the Quarry in Fremont
- TBD – Vairs at The Vault – Napa – great food, wine and speakers

SEPTEMBER

- 11 – Auburn Cruise Night – meet at In & Our Burger, Rocklin
- 12 – CCRC Cruise – Econo-Run
- 26 – Ironstone Concours d'Elegance – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Ironstone Vineyards, 1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys, CA. Registration fee is \$125.00 which includes entrance and lunch tickets for 2. CCRC will reimburse \$75.00 per car that shows up.

OCTOBER

- 17 – CCRC Cruise – Sutter Creek, to include a scavenger hunt.
- 18 – Christy Barden's Birthday Party
- TBD – Friday to Sunday – Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet

NOVEMBER

- 7 – CCRC Cruise – Care/Nursing Homes
- 28 – CCRC Cruise – Apple Hill Tour

DECEMBER

- 6 – Christmas Dinner

AND ADDITIONAL POP-UP EVENTS on the spur of the moment by members – notify membership by email blast, and by putting the event on the website calendar!

Look out world, 1965–69 Chevy Corvairs are rising fast says Hagerty



“It’s hard to tell what Ralph Nader thinks about the second-generation 1965–69 Chevrolet Corvair. (We know what buyers have been thinking lately, but we’ll get to that in a bit.) We’re guessing that if Chevy had rolled out the ’65 Corvair first, Nader wouldn’t have devoted an entire chapter to the first-generation rear-engine compact car in his best-selling book, *Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-In Dangers of the American Automobile*.

Alas, the second generation naturally follows the first generation, and the first-gen Corvair drew Nader’s ire. Contending that the car possessed a rear-suspension design flaw that made it prone to flipping if forced to make a severe, sudden turn, Nader called the Corvair “the one-

car accident.” Oh, sure, in 1971 the National Highway Safety Transportation Board declared that the Corvair was as safe as any car of its era (and our own Larry Webster [tried his best](#) to flip one in 2017), but the model was long dead by then.

Ironically, the second-gen Corvair had already received a fully independent rear suspension for 1965—prior to the release of *Unsafe at Any Speed* in late '65. Similar to the one in the Chevy Corvette, the Corvair's suspension had been redesigned to reduce the rear roll center to half its previous height, and the suspension was equipped with fully articulated half-axes that provided constant camber on the rear tires.

Bye, bye, handling problems. Bye, bye, “one-car accident.”

Although the Corvair had a solid 10-year run (1,839,439 were sold), many automotive enthusiasts today consider it tainted by the Nader situation and a bit of a cult car. Although both panned and praised, the Corvair certainly has a stout and loyal following. Proving the point, second-gen models are heating up in the marketplace, and Hagerty associate editor Kyle Smith offers a few reasons why.



“The second generation seems to have a good mix of the quirky aspects and the overall Chevrolet aesthetic of the late 1960s,” says Smith, owner of a 1965 Corvair that he [endlessly dotes on](#). “The early model is more polarizing, mostly due to Nader’s take on it, but the



second-gen Corvair—with its revised rear suspension and stylish looks—is a great car for those people who want to be different from all the Mustang or Camaro owners at the local car show.”

Originally designed to compete with the Volkswagen Beetle, the Corvair actually followed the

horizontally-opposed flat-six engine in back. The 1965–69 versions carried a 2.7-liter powerplant that produced 90–140 horsepower, mated to a three-speed or four-speed manual transmission or Powerglide automatic.

“It has a reputation as ‘the American Porsche,’ but that’s likely a bit inflated,” Smith says. “The top trim levels certainly pack the power to give a 911 a run for its money, but Chevrolet’s original intention was to build an engaging and economical car for the everyman. The flat-six engine is reliable and sturdy, and any handling complaints from the past can typically be ironed out with correct tire pressures front and rear.”

Smith isn’t alone in his appreciation of the 1965–69 Chevrolet Corvair. After the car’s Hagerty Vehicle Rating hit an all-time low of 15 in July 2018 and was sitting at a sickly 27 in January 2019, it began a steady rise to its current 81.

The Hagerty Value Rating, based on a 0–100 scale, combines insurance quoting activity and the number of new insurance policies, along with sales data, auction activity, and other metrics to rank vehicles compared to the overall collector car market. A vehicle with a score of 50 is keeping pace with the collector market. More popular vehicles score above 50; vehicles with a sub-50-point rating are lagging behind the rest of the market. The HVR is not an indicator of future collectability, but it says a lot about what’s trending hot and what’s not.

One factor that has elevated the Corvair is the rise of its #3 (Good) condition value by 4.6 percent in the last two *Hagerty Price Guide* updates. “That’s the second-generation Corvair’s strongest *HPG* score since 2014,” says Hagerty information analyst James Hewitt. The average #3 value of a [1965 Corvair 500 two-door hardtop coupe](#) is \$4600, while a [1966–67 Corvair 500 Sport Coupe](#) is \$4800, a [’68 Sport Coupe](#) is \$6400, and a final-year [’69 Sport Coupe](#) is \$9200.

The most expensive second-generation *production* Corvair is the [1968–69 Monza two-door convertible](#), which has a #3 average value of \$18,600. The [1966–68 Corvair Yenko Stinger two-door coupe](#), on the other hand, carries a #3 value of \$36,000.

According to Hagerty data, 30 percent of 1965–69 Chevrolet Corvairs sold in the last 12 months went for more than their insured value, and the average sale price has risen every month since August 2019. That’s not all: “[Second-gen Corvairs] saw their highest 12-month quote increase since 2015,” Hewitt says.

Clearly, 1965–69 Corvairs are quickly moving up in the collector car market. Wonder if Ralph Nader knows.