



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

August 22, 2018 at 6pm – 8pm

Denny's Restaurant
8841 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662
916-987-6119

(Corner of Greenback & Hazel)

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Website:

www.northern-california-covairs.com

Facebook; [Classic Corvairs of River City](#)

Message From the Club President

As we head into the last half of a smoky summer and poor air quality, at least we can say: "it won't last forever." I hope. And that brings me to my next announcement.

It is with deep sadness that I will be leaving CCRC as president effective September 1, 2018. I am relocating to Florida and I asked Carl Funk to take over in my absence until December. At that time, the club will elect a new president to take the club forward into 2019. Wes Nicholas will help Jean Colegrove with the club's newsletter in addition to handling the club's finances. I'm asking that the club members and local chapters support Carl and Wes through this transition. I have enjoyed being a member of CCRC, the friendships made, and the working the 2017 and 2018 Spring Flings. Best of luck to the club in the future.

CCRC stepped up State Fair on Friday, July 27th with 11 cars on display. Great turnout and thanks to everyone who came out and supported the club. We were joined by the Metro Club with their vehicles. You can check out our Facebook page at: Classic Corvairs of River City. Mike Barnes posted the pictures for the us. Thanks, Mike.

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

The national convention in Pittsburgh, PA from July 23rd to the 28th with CCRC being represented by Christy Barden and Rich Eastburn. I look forward to hearing their adventures and will try to get them posted in the upcoming newsletter. 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.

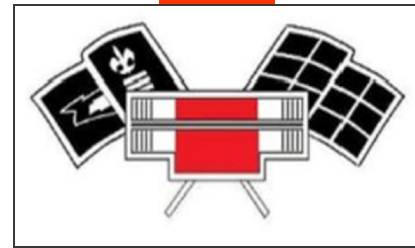
I would appreciate it if more members could look at their calendars and see what shows they can attend to show off not only our cars, trucks, and vans, but show a sense of pride in being a member of this club.

If you have any other ideas, suggestions or inquiries, please feel to contact Carl Funk, Vice President, at: 916-764-1721 or email him at: edieboopboop@yahoo.com



Latest CCRC News

Car Shows for 2018



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

September

September 8 – South Coast Corvairs car show - Los Angeles

September 16 – Antique Treasure Trove – Roseville

September 22 – Galt Car Show – McFarland Ranch 7am – 3pm

September 22 – Ironstone Concourse d' Elegance – Murphy

\$60 entry fee will be split with the club paying \$30 for the first car. Fill out the entry form and mail \$60. CCRC will send a reimbursement check for \$30.

The Ironstone event is coming up on September 22nd, entry forms must be in by September 1st. To get an entry form, go to; www.ironstoneconcourse.com go to Events and download the entry form.

Why should we go in strength to this event? If we get six cars from our club to enter we will get our own class for judging. This means we will have one of our cars presented at the winners circle. There are a lot of car enthusiasts at this event, over 350 cars entered plus spectators. For this gathering to see a Corvair at the winners circle just makes our cars more recognized and valuable. Who knows, someone in the crowd may buy a Corvair after seeing us at the show.

October

October 6 – MADD Walk – CCRC asked to display cars

October 7 – Niello Concourse – Serrano

October 13 – Woodbridge Winery – Acampo - 9am-3pm

October 21 – A&W Rootbeer Car Show – Lodi – 9am-3pm

October 26th to 28th – Fan Belt Toss – Palm Springs

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

Meeting Minutes

By Bruce Leonard – Acting Secretary



The July meeting of Classic Corvairs of River City was called to order at 7:00pm by Bruce Leonard, President.

Bruce asked if there were any new visitors and asked them to introduce themselves and tell about their Vair. There were 17 members in attendance.

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

The Car Show Director and CCRC Secretary vacancies were discussed and the members in attendance showed no interest in taking on these position. Therefore the positions will remain vacant until club's elections in November. It was also discussed, moved (Leo), seconded (Dave) and voted (17-0) that in the future, the Spring Fling be held every other year. The next Spring Fling will be held in 2020. In addition, the members were asked to include a 'People's Choice Award" based on the selection by the spectators attending the show. A different colored ticket will be handed out and the Corvair with the most votes is the winner of an award. This DOES NOT replace the Best of Show award. Finally, the club has a raffle engine to be awarded in the 2020 Spring Fling. Leo has the engine but members need to step up and help Leon prep, assemble and test the engine. Plus CCRC needs to buy any and all parts or members can donate parts to complete this task.

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.

Finally, Larry Foreman is looking for some trailer storage. If you know of anyone or have some space. Roy Cox in Grass Valley has a '62 Monza coupe and '63 parts car available. Contact Larry for more info.

No new business was discussed.

Free donated Corvair items were given out to the attending members.

The meeting was closed at 7:45pm.

Upcoming Events

September Birthdays

Gary Gloor	September 8
Adam Boruff	September 9
Bill Moore	September 17
Howard Pilon	September 21
Dan Kramer	September 27



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 ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2018**)

Your Comments

CORVAIR CHATTER Newsletter - Let us know if there is something that you'd like to see in our monthly newsletter. Email your thoughts to Jean, jeancolegrove@comcast.net

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

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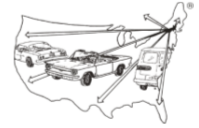
Our 2018 Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 2, Sun City Club House (it's early to announce this, but we can avoid conflicts if everyone is informed well in advance).

Classified Section



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Please notify us when your car or car parts have sold so that we can remove ads from newsletter and website.

Paul Bender has announced that "Rosie", his award winning 65 Monza is up For Sale. Please contact Paul at: 916-756-0508 or email him at: prbender1@yahoo.com regarding price.

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 has been 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 sources 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.

A very nice looking '64 Covair convertible with power glide car is for sale. Pictures show the convertible to be red body with black vinyl top. Interior is black with a Clark's Corvair center console and has a 110hp engine. Contact John for additional pictures, information or pricing.



Call John at: 916-631-9407 or email at: newjerseycrab54@aol.com

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



The Grand Opening of the new Corvair Museum on Saturday, May 19 was a big success!



CPF/CORSA President Mike Hall was the master of ceremonies and Pam Cole cut the red ribbon to officially open the museum. Pam's dad Cecil Cole hand-assembled the first production prototype Corvair way back in 1959 and then trained the folks on the assembly line. A couple hundred Corvair enthusiasts were there to participate in the event, and it was wonderful to see them pour into the museum after the ribbon was cut.

Other notables were in attendance, including Richard Lentinello of Hemmings Magazine, Tom Keosababian of land speed record fame, and various CPF/CORSA officials including Paul & Mona Bergstrom and several members of the CPF/CORSA Board. Pam Cole gave a speech about her father's experience on the Corvair pilot line and Sonny Balcaen of IECO fame sent a message which was read at the ribbon cutting ceremony visitors



Many of the participants brought their own Corvairs and entered them in the car show held in the museum's parking lot. All types and kinds of Corvairs were there, filling four aisles in the parking lot. Notable entries included several senior-level concourse cars, a Solar Cavalier, four mid-engine V8/V6 Corvairs, Mike McGowan's immaculate Devin C, an Ultra Van and many others.

Hats off especially to CPF/CORSA President Mike Hall, who was the driving force in making the museum a reality, CPF Publicist Eva McGuire, who got the word out to the entire Corvair community, Teresa Miller, who was our official photographer, and to the members of the Prairie Capital Corvair Association who arranged the banquet and managed registration for the event. Located in Decatur, Illinois.



Corvair Owner's Group Stories



CORSA History Early 1960s

Since the beginning, Corvairs have attracted smart, sociable people. After the introduction of the upscale Monza models with their deluxe bucket seat interiors – and especially after the introduction of optional higher performance engines and 4 speed transmissions - the interest in Corvair clubs really took off. Chevrolet was already promoting Corvette clubs by supporting dealer efforts to organize them. They soon recognized the same level of enthusiasm among Corvair owners. Several Corvair clubs were started in the early 1960s at Chevrolet dealerships, and some are still going strong as CORSA chapters. There was even an effort in the mid-1960s to organize a national Corvair club out of Eugene, Oregon. It did not get off the ground. But the effort was renewed in 1969, and a year later, the Corvair Society of America was fully established.

Richard Langworth, 1969 Corvair Monza owner and automobile enthusiast, was a member of other collector car clubs. With the final day production of the Corvair creating some national press and interest among enthusiasts, he decided to do something about creating a national Corvair club. He placed ads in several car magazines and was rewarded with an avalanche of responses from eager Corvair enthusiasts. Now he had *hundreds* of new friends! Fortunately Richard was the "man with the plan" and he managed to arrange, reply to, encourage, and enroll these folks in the effort at hand. He also got busy and wrote, produced, labeled, stamped & mailed the first preliminary newsletter out to his new friends.

One of the first officers of CORSA, **Woody Schwartz**, recalled the early days of CORSA in **Tony Fiore's** book, "**The Corvair Decade**". Here is what he wrote:

In May of 1969, roughly ten years after Corvairs first appeared in American showrooms, Chevrolet division of General Motors Corporation threw in the towel. From a production peak of 292,531 in 1962, the Corvair completed 1969 model run with number 6000. The final tally? 1,786,243 Corvairs according to Chevrolet. At something over a million and a half copies, America's only attempt at a technically sophisticated and economical post-war Gran Turismo was gone.

Now, Corvair, its problems notwithstanding, was a really great little car and there were a lot of people around the country that felt the same way. Richard Langworth was one such person. I quote:

I became interested in a club to maintain and restore classic cars that sit across this great country. As a longtime member of the Kaiser-Frazer Owners Club, Studebaker and Packard clubs I know what a group of enthusiasts can do. The K-F Organization, for example, numbers 1200 members, publishes a quarterly magazine, a monthly bulletin, offers large varieties of parts to members through member-run warehouses sponsors scores of regional meets and one National Convention each year and has won respect and admiration for K-F cars throughout the automotive world. Like K-FOC, CORSA can do the same thing for the CORVAIRS we own, love, and admire.

My purpose is not to arrange an organization merely to "keep them on the road", GM is obliged to do that for 10 years. Nor do I want to endorse any commercial activities. IECCO's Classic Corvair Club, a buying club for IECCO Corvair accessories is already doing this and doing it admirably... what I want to do is to promulgate an enduring organization dedicated to the preservation of Corvairs for all time to come, so that in twenty, thirty years from now on Concourse fields across America people will nod their heads at hundreds of maintained original or restored Corvairs and say "now that was a great car".

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Well, Richard was not only interested in a national Corvair Club, but he was the first one to do something about making that club a reality. I had a 1969 copy of Car and Driver magazine in my hands at the time and lo and behold, what should appear to my wondering eyes but, you guessed it, an ad instructing people interested in a Corvair Club to get in contact with Richard Langworth. Now the end result of that ad was that I, along with a great number of other people did indeed, get in contact with Mr. Langworth.

The Corsa newsletter #1 was in the mail. By the time Corsa preliminary newsletter #2 was sent in January of 1970, the membership rolls had increased to 165 and was climbing at a steady rate. Possibly the single most important piece of information to be included in the #2 newsletter was the official announcement of the organizational meeting of the Corvair Society of America scheduled to take place March 7, 1970 in Camp Hill Pennsylvania at the home of Richard Langworth.

The fact that Richard had been involved in the leadership of other auto clubs was certainly evident when the meeting participants arrived at his apartment on that cold March morning. There to greet us was a full agenda dealing with the appointment of Directors, Club incorporation, discussion of a club constitution, fiscal considerations, club activities, judging standards and the initial work on an official club insignia. It proved to be a full day of work for the directors that attended that first meeting.

The group that met at Camp Hill was referred to as the "temporary board of directors" as there had not yet been established any means for the club at large to ratify their board members. Ratification, however, was soon to follow along with the acceptance of the club's constitution, the election of club officers, the completion of club incorporation and the myriad of other details that had to be attended to in order to see the club built on a solid foundation.

The directors present at the Camp Hill meeting were: George Domer PA, Bill Guerin OH, David Hammond OH, Richard Langworth PA, Frank Leffert NY, Ken Leffert NY, Bill Miller PA, George Nuse MD, Woody Schwartz MD, Wendell Shanks MD, and Sue Schindler OH.

Directors unable to attend: Raoul Balcaen CA, Diana Brodman IL, Tom Georgeron CA, Dave Newell CA, M.B. Randall MI, and Gerald Scharf IL.

Eleven directors present. Six, because of the great distance involved, were not able to be there physically. Still, if you study club history, you will come to the realization that the above group of seventeen men and women were, to a large extent, responsible for the fact that CORSA exists today. In addition, I find it significant and exciting that some of those people are still interested and active in CORSA at this time.

In the beginning Chevrolet created the Corvair, and it was good.... No, it was great!

TO BE CONTINUED