



# Corvair Chatter

## President's Ramblings

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

Club events since the last newsletter include a day at the state fair and the monthly Auburn Car show on the second Friday of the month. I, unfortunately, was unable to attend either. Upcoming events include a North Delta Cruise, the Ironstone Concours September 27th and 28th (entry deadline August 30th). We have been invited to Vairs at the Vault in Napa on September 14th from 10am to 3pm. A trip to the Empire Mine, Grass Valley, and Christy Barden's spread is scheduled for October 19th. With cooler weather on the horizon, hopefully more members will be able to attend these events. If it is too hot for your Corvair, please join us driving your everyday car. Just a reminder regarding cruise rules. Corvairs go first, other classics go second, and everyday drivers bring up the rear.

An Officers Meeting is scheduled on September 12th at 6:30pm. Location to be determined.

There was no new or old business at the July meeting and it looks to be about the same for the August meeting.

Remember to pick up or purchase club clothing or hats at the meeting from Kari or Danita. It is available at cost.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely  
Jim Brown



## Meetings (4th Thursdays)

### Next meeting:

- **Thursday, August 22, 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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## Board Members

<b>President</b> .....	Jim Brown
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## Finding Us

[www.northern-california-corvairs.com](http://www.northern-california-corvairs.com)

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

Instagram; [classiccorvairs\\_rivercity](#)

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**WEBSITE QR CODE**

# Latest CCRC News

## Meeting Minutes: July 25, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Brown, at 7:05 pm. 17 members were in attendance. Unanimous approval of the June meeting minutes-Motion carried.

Jim Kindley presented the treasurer's report of positive balances, expenses and income - 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 still needs a Secretary to take notes at meetings. Please volunteer-it's not too much work.
- Club shirts and hats available for purchase at cost before and after the meetings. See Kari or Danita
- Officer's meeting 7/11/24 at the home of Dean and Cyndi James was cancelled, so nothing to report
- Great tour of the South Delta. Thanks John.

John Heiser presented the Vice-President/activities report:

- Recurring gatherings at shows: Cars N Coffee El Dorado Hills Town Center (Saturdays), Carmichael Bel Air (Sundays)
- Red Bus gathering: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month
- Auburn Cruise night-2nd Fridays
- State Fair July 25<sup>th</sup> report given regarding arrival time, what to bring and free parking/entrance for attendees. Fun day at the Fair!
- Hot Gears and Cold Beers car show at Logoff Brewing August 10<sup>th</sup>
- Possible North Delta cruise August – September, date to be determined.
- Vairs at the Vault, Napa September 14<sup>th</sup> (Please RSVP with SFBA CORSA: <https://www.sfbacorsa.org/event-info/3rd-annual-vairs-at-the-vault-1>)
- Ironstone Concours d' Elegance September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Deadline to enter is August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Empire Mine, Grass Valley and Christy Barden visit and tour October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Central Coast Corsa Convention May 2025 (Will need volunteers to assist with registration)

Reminders of reoccurring gatherings at varied Cars N Coffee locations; Sacramento Hollywood Park Auto Club Classic Cars meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Dean James reported that we currently have 58 current paid members. He is creating business cards.

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.

New business was discussed:

- Scott Bird has a lot of parts and John Heiser will help to catalog
- Suggestion to assist with training an air-cooled mechanic was given. To be discussed in further detail at the next officer's meeting.

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 serving.

Announcements: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

# Information

## Corvair Resources (Online)

Q&A - [www.corvaircenter.com](http://www.corvaircenter.com)  
[www.corvairforum.com](http://www.corvairforum.com)  
Parts - [www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.com) (Clark's)  
[www.californiacorvairparts.com](http://www.californiacorvairparts.com)  
[www.mikescorvairparts.com](http://www.mikescorvairparts.com)  
[www.rockauto.com](http://www.rockauto.com)  
Sale - [www.jaxed.com](http://www.jaxed.com)  
[www.corvairtrader.com](http://www.corvairtrader.com) (Parts & Sales)  
Resources –  
<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics>  
Car Building – <http://autoexer.skiblack.com>  
Fun-[www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1](http://www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1) /  
[www.deansgarage.com](http://www.deansgarage.com)

## Welcome New Members

Miya & Melissa Francis  
Ron Mainer & Beth Solheim  
Michael & Kathy Valdez

## Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

### August Birthdays:

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

### September Birthdays:

Maria Castellanos  
Edie Durham      David Graham  
Char Gray      Theresa Kindley  
Dan Kramer      Deb Oyler  
Brenda Tate      Deric Treon  
Kathy Valdez



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

Vairs at the Vault, Napa September 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 - 3:00

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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays -Town Center, El Dorado Hills, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and occasional 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> come/1<sup>st</sup> serve-until gone).



# California State Fair

## Cal Expo

July 25, 2024





# Hot Gears & Cold Beers Logoff Brewing-Rancho Cordova August 10, 2024



# Article of the Month

## Bent Wrench

-By Larry Forman, CCRC Member

Earlier this month, as I was driving to an evening meeting I noticed my engine was suddenly running HOT. I pulled over, knowing that I must have tossed a fan belt. Sure enough, it was totally shredded. I always carry one or more spares, so I was not worried. I also carry a "bent wrench" in the engine compartment for precisely that reason. I realize that most Corvair owners have seen a bent wrench, but in case you are not familiar with what they are, here is how they work and what they look like. A "bent wrench" is a standard long  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $\frac{9}{16}$ " closed end wrench that has been heated then bent so the  $\frac{9}{16}$ " end can easily tighten or loosen the  $\frac{9}{16}$ " fan belt idler pulley nuts and the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " end is bent so it can easily reach the lower carb mounting nut. With my bent wrench, it only took about 5 minutes to swap in the new fan belt. BTW, I have found over the years that the Gates 3VX560 fan belt is about perfect for our Corvairs. It seems to work well especially for those areas where other fan belts don't seem to work. I also used a long screwdriver to help push the fan belt past the harmonic balancer and around the upper fan belt pulley since the engine was HOT, and way too hot for bare hands.



There is no need for buying a bent wrench from a Corvair parts seller when they can be easily made at home. They are usually available at Corvair swap meets.

A propane or MAPP gas torch can heat the wrench with each end held in a bench vice. Make sure you have a fire extinguisher handy, just in case. A long closed end wrench might be available at Harbor Freight or even at a garage sale. The bent wrench costs around \$25 plus tax and shipping from an East Coast Corvair vendor. So bending your own is very cost effective, when an unbent one on Amazon costs about \$11 plus tax. See the photo as an example of what you want after bending. Note that my bent wrench is different from the Clark's one, but it works just as well.