



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

September 26, 2018 at 6pm – 8pm

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

(Corner of Greenback & Hazel)

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Message From the Club President

Fall is already approaching and the leaves are starting to turn but there is still some car shows you may be interested in attending. So check out Corvair Meetup and don't miss the big show – Ironstone Concourse in Murphy.

This will be my last newsletter to the club. I will be heading out to Florida on September 21st with my Corvair on the back end of the SUV, all covered and shrink-wrapped. My Camaro has already been loaded and shipped to Orlando and will be in storage for about 3 months.

CCRC has been informed of the passing of Finn Halbo. Finn was the former Treasurer for our club when I met him in 2016. I've posted the obituary on Page 8 of this month's newsletter. Thank you, John Heiser for letting me know of Finn's passing.

I'm please to announce that Tabitha Heiser has volunteered to be the Acting Secretary and will be taking the meeting minutes for the rest of the year.

The national convention in Pittsburg, PA from July 23rd to the 28th with CCRC being represented Rich Eastburn. I will post Rich Eastburn's write-up on Page 7 of this newsletter. So take a moment to read his story about the National Convention. Thanks, Rich.

On September 8th South Coast Corvair held their show in Los Angeles and had a great turnout. More news to follow in CCRC Facebook. The final major Corvair show will be held on October 26th thru 28th is the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs. Hope you can attend and represent CCRC.

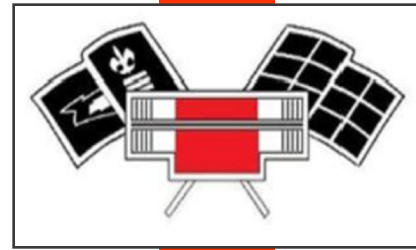
As say good-bye to all the club members in this newsletter, I have enjoyed the 2 ½ years of meeting a lot of you personally at our monthly club meetings, attending our Spring Fling and Autorama. Plus being at other local car clubs' shows too. I will always remember the good time had by all. This isn't my good-bye but rather....until we meet again on the open road in our Corvairs.

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



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

SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE 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).

Meeting Minutes

By Bruce Leonard – Acting Secretary



The August 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. George Morales spoke briefly about purchasing Leslie Beardsley's award-winning Corvair. Welcome George! Travis Fowler has a '63 convertible and a '64 coupe. Welcome Travis!

Talk about a small world! John Heiser and Travis Fowler were in attendance and it dawned on both of them – hey....we're high school classmates. So a brief reunion was held before getting back to business.

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

Leo discussed the club's raffle engine is a 95hp but with some work, can be upgraded to a 110hp. There will be some costs to complete this upgrade and CCRC needs to buy any and all parts or members can donate parts to complete this task. This is the same type of grand prize that was awarded in 2017 by Central Coast Corvairs (CCC) and was very successful in raising funds for their club.

Next up was Ironstone Concourse and we need 6 members or more to attend. This will allow CCRC to be judged as a group and awards given out to those Vairs voted highly. Everyone who is attending needs to meet at Sloughhouse, Meadowland Restaurant at 7am; then caravan up to Murphys for the show.

Cark Funk addressed the club about the Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 2nd. The event will start with a "no-host" happy hour from 4pm to 5pm followed at 5pm with dinner. After dinner, the election of officers will be held for: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Car Show Director, Activities Director. Please make it a point to attend this important event and support the election or reelection of officers for another 2 years.

Finally, two new mechanics are willing to work on Corvairs by appointment only.

-David Gray: phone #: [\(916\) 531-0905](tel:9165310905). David owned a business in Sacramento County called the "Tune-Up Man" David has over 20 years experience working on Corvairs and was involved with the Sacramento Corvair Tour Group. David has experience working on Corvair engines, engine modifications ie. triple Weber carburation, fuel injection, differential, transmissions, rebuilds, brakes, electrical, tune-ups and all other aspects or mechanical repair. Address: [1480 Salem Court, Fairfield, CA 94534](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1480+Salem+Court,+Fairfield,+CA+94534).

- Tim Bradstreet: phone #: (916) 296-1346. Tim has over 10 years experience working on Corvairs and has experience working on Corvair engines, engine modifications, differentials, transmissions, rebuilds, brakes, electrical, tune-ups and all other aspects or mechanical repair. Address: 4326 Bannister Rd, Fair Oaks, 95628

More information: He daily drives a 66 Corvair and a 71 Beetle, has also worked on air-cooled Porsches. He charges based on the job and is very reasonable. He has a good job so he works on cars because he likes to, so please understand if he can't get to you right away.

The meeting was closed at 7:55pm.

Upcoming Events

Birthdays

October 4 Carl Funk
October 8 Bob Florence
October 11 Howard Joseph
October 14 Wes Nicholas
October 15 Sue Gloor
October 21 Christy Barden
October 22 Mike Barnes



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 Carl Funk at; edieboopboop@yahoo.com

Classified Section



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Bob Hooker would like to trade his '64 daily-driver Spyder for a Greenbrier. Please contact Bob for details at roberth89@surewest.net, 916-772-6097.

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 Haeger. 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.

1966 CORSA project car for sale. Can see at craigslist listing.

<https://sacramento.craigslist.org/cto/d/1966-corvair-corsa/6668707728.html>

I have lots of parts for this car. I also have body parts and a complete 140hp engine, 4sp transmission and transaxle from a 1965 Corsa I need to get rid of all these items as I can no longer work on a project. If interested or have any questions, please call Jim @ 916/869-4415

A very nice looking '64 Corvair 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

Corvair Owner's Stories

Continued From August 2018 Newsletter

Beloved by its fans, but criticized—perhaps unreasonably—by its detractors, the Chevrolet Corvair may well qualify as the Rodney Dangerfield of 1960's American cars. In its struggle for post-production respect, America's rear-engine, air-cooled production car has a new ally—the Corvair Museum, maintained by the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) and housed within the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur, Illinois.



With 9,000 square feet of floor space, the Corvair Museum currently houses 14 vehicles, plus a range of automobilia that includes everything from experimental wheels through a forward-control Corvair scale model used for wind-tunnel testing. The models on display cover the gamut from the ordinary, like a 1960 Corvair 500 sedan and a 1962 Corvair Monza station wagon, to the truly bizarre, including a 1962 Rampside pickup converted into a tow truck, and a custom-built 1965 Corvair five-door limousine. High-performance production models are also represented, and the collection includes both a Fitch Sprint and a Yenko Stinger.

There are historically significant Corvairs in the collection as well, including the 1960 Corvair Super Monza, designed and built for Bill Mitchell and driven by his daughter, Lynn. The last Corvair convertible built, a 1969 model carrying serial number 5997, is displayed, as is a 1969 Corvair coupe with serial number 5999, thought to be the last-produced surviving example.

While serial number 6000 is the last complete Corvair built, the Olympic Gold 1969 Monza coupe has been lost to history. Even this may not be the last Corvair body built, as the museum also owns the Corvair XXXXXXXX body shell, assembled by Fisher but never finished by Chevrolet. An important piece of Corvair history, the museum identifies the shell as the only example of a complete, as-delivered-to-GM-but-never-assembled Fisher body known to exist, making it a unique bit of American automotive history.

Corvairs aren't typically associated with land speed record attempts, but a heavily modified 1966 Corvair Corsa coupe on display was driven by Tom Schwabe to a G/production class record of 139.2 mph in 1973. Tom's first record attempt at Bonneville, in 1968, used the Corvair's stock 164-cu.in. engine, but his average speed of 119 mph wasn't enough to best the 125-mph class record. By 1973, he'd upped displacement to 180-cu.in., adding strengthened internals, an Iskenderian camshaft, modified cylinder heads, and 46mm Weber carburetors to achieve his goal.

While some of the vehicles displayed—five, to be precise—are owned by the CPF, the remainder are on loan from museum supporters. We asked Mike Hall, CPF president, if the museum had any specific vehicle requests, to which he replied, "a Corvair Ultravan motor home, and a Greenbrier with the camper option." Of course, donations of any kind relating to Corvair history are always appreciated, and as with any museum (and most non-profits), cash donations are both needed and welcomed.

The museum opened its doors last August, though it's yet to hold its grand opening. This is slated to take place—complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrity guests, a car show, and Corvair product vendors—from May 18-20, 2018. Monthly car shows will be held in warmer weather, likely promoting both the Corvair Museum and the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum.

Corvair Owner's Group Stories



2018 International Corvair Convention

The International Corvair Convention was held in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. It Was hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club and they did a great job.

The convention was held at the Double Tree Hotel. The hotel had a separate inflatable air-condition dome for all the new parts vendors. Clarks Corvair had a full display of parts to sell. There were a lot of other smaller new parts vendors as well. Outside was plenty of parking for Corvairs and space for sellers of used parts. We had a great turnout. I counted 165 Corvairs and I am sure I missed some as they were coming and going all week long. It rained a little off and on but it did not affect anything.

There were 46 cars in Concourse with many beautiful cars. Competing for the highest gas mileage in the Economy Run, a couple of numbers were 36.6 in a 65 Corsa, 29.8 in an automatic Forward Control. Of course they make adjustments to increase gas mileage.

The Autocross course was smaller than usual. Seth Emerson drove a borrowed car and came in first in his class, IS5 which is cars with racing tires.

The Ed Cole award is given to a person who competes in all car events and has the highest total score. A young lady named Marilyn won the award.

The longest driving distance in a Corvair was from Salem, Oregon, 2,600 miles.

The Convention had shuttle buses to downtown. Linda and I got off where all the shops are located. Later we took the shuttle bus to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. The bottom floor was filled with Tyrannosaurus Rexs and every other dinosaur you could think of. We only did the first floor because Linda is still recovering from foot surgery.

We signed up for the baseball game. The bus picked us up at the hotel and took us to PNC Park. The Pittsburgh Pirate as major league baseball team played the New York Mets. The Corvair group had third base side seating with views of the city. The concessions were inside with air conditioning. People were inside playing pool and eating at tables. Did they know a baseball game was on? The score New York 12- Pittsburgh 5. A one-sided game but still fun to watch.

Saturday was the car display outside Heinz Field. There were 61 Corvairs and a few real nice ones that didn't come to the convention. We went on our own to Fort Pitts, the birthplace of Pittsburgh and a major player in the French and Indian War. After the convention we then returned back to Smokey California.

The 2019 Convention, will be held July 23-27, 2019 in St Charles, Ill.

Rich & Linda Eastburn, Classic Corvairs of River City

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Finn Thore Halbo

OCTOBER 3, 1929 ~ AUGUST 2, 2018 (AGE 88)

Finn was born in Staten Island, N.Y. but was raised in Stockholm, Sweden for 14 years. He returned to the USA in 1949 and in 1950, started college at General Motors Institute (now called Kettering University) in Flint, MI.

It was a cooperative college and he alternated working for Fisher Body for 4 weeks and attending college for 4 weeks. In 1954, he married Irene E. Mahler in Detroit. After graduating in 1955 with a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering, he joined the US Navy and had duty on Guam and Port Hueneme, CA, for 4 years. He subsequently served in the Naval Reserve and retired as Lieutenant Commander, Civil Engineering Core, United States Naval Reserve.

After 3 years with the Fisher Body plant in Oakland, CA, in 1963, Finn started work at the Stanford Linear Accelerator and did not retire completely until the year 2000. For most of his 37 years on the job he was the Mechanical Installation Manager in the Research Yard.

Finn and Irene built a house from the ground up in Warm Springs, CA, and with that experience under their belts, in 1965, decided to add 1450 sq. ft. to a house they bought in Menlo Park, CA. They raised their two daughters in that house and remained there until 2011, when they moved to the University Retirement Community in Davis, CA. Their daughter Lisa lives in Hartford, CT, and their daughter Karen is married to Mark Perlberger, and they live in Sacramento, CA. Karen and Mark are the parents of Finn's two granddaughters, LilyAnn and Rachel, and his bonus granddaughter, Megan Ferris.

Finn spent 24 years as an elected member to the board of Directors of the West Bay Sanitary District and was immediately appointed to the board of the South Bayside System Authority that operated a 24 mg sewage treatment plant.

Finn was a longtime member of several Corvair clubs and a longtime member of the Earthquake Engineering Institute until 2011 (when he and Irene moved to URC). Finn also traveled extensively in the last 20 years, and particularly enjoyed Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Finn is survived by his wife, daughters and granddaughters, his devoted sister Sonja Lindstrom Halbo, nephews Rolf, Steig, and Lars Lindstrom, and nieces Inger Lindstrom and Tanya Pederson.