



# Corvair Chatter

## President's Ramblings

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

Excitement at the Brown household as our computer crashed and had to be replaced. Computer has been replaced, data recovered off the old hard drive, and slowly getting back to normal. What a pain. Since the old computer was a 2012 model, I guess I should have replaced it earlier, but why when it worked, though slowly, until it didn't.

There was no new or old business at the August meeting. Remember to pick up or purchase club clothing or hats at the meeting from Kari ore Danita. It is available at cost.

The officer's meeting was cancelled at the last minute when the member scheduled to make a presentation was unable to attend.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> at Vince's Restaurant and Bar in West Sacramento.

Don't forget the Ironstone Concours September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> . Next is the Empire Mine, Grass Valley and Christy Barden visit in Nevada City on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Leaving the best for last, we have a Secretary! Laurie Daniels graciously volunteered for the position, and we couldn't be happier. Come and meet her at the next meeting.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely  
Jim Brown



## Meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)

### Next meeting:

- **Thursday, September 26, 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
<b>Vice President</b> .....	John Heiser
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Laurie Daniels
<b>Membership / Web</b>	Dean James
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Jim Kindley
<b>Sales &amp; Acquisition</b>	Wes Nicholas
<b>Newsletter Editor</b> ...	Kari Emery-Cotner
<b>Historian/Photos</b> ....	Michael Nyberg

## Finding Us

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

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

Instagram; [classiccovairs\\_rivercity](#)

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# Latest CCRC News

## Meeting Minutes: August 22, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Brown, at 6:41pm. 15 members were in attendance. Unanimous approval of the July 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 needed a Secretary and Laurie Daniels volunteered! Thank you.
- Club shirts and hats still available to purchase at club cost. See Kari & Danita
- Officer's meeting is scheduled for 9/12/24 at the home of Dean and Cyndi James
- Ironstone Concours entry deadline is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 Hwy 50 & Sierra College Blvd (last one will be 9/13/24)
- Possible North Delta Cruise when the weather cools down
- Vairs at the Vault, Napa September 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 3:00
- Bella Vista High School Show – Sept 21 \$15 pre-register / \$20 the day of
- Ironstone Concours d' Elegance September 27th and 28th, 2024.
- Empire Mine, Grass Valley and Christy Barden visit and tour October 19th
- Central Coast Corsa Convention May 2025

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, 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.

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:

- Chris Maderas is looking for a Late Model '68 or '69 with a 140 Engine

Old business was discussed:

- None

Tech Presentation:

- Howard Joseph brought a scope that will help view the internal function of the vehicle. It can be purchased on Temu or at Harbor Freight.

Announcements: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

# 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

Shaun & Amy Stalker

## Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

### September Birthdays:

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

### October Birthdays:

Christy Barden     Lee Brown  
Marium Byerhoff     Bob Florence  
Carl Funk     David Gray     Dean James  
Howard Joseph     Wes Nicholas  
Michael Nyberg     Debra Pevey

## 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-covairs.com>

## Current & Upcoming Events:

May 13–Sept '24 - California Automobile Museum: Air Cooled Display May 13th thru Sept. 2024.

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

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

October 19, 2024 10:00am: Empire Mine State Park Tour - Grass Valley, CA & Christy Barden's Yellow Barn. Empire Mine State Historic Park, [10791 East Empire St, Grass Valley, CA 95945](#) (530) 273-8522 <https://www.sierragoldparksfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/EmpireMineSHPWebLayout2016.pdf>

Park opens at 10am – Tours start at 10:30am and are \$10 per person. Tour size is restricted to 25 people (first come, first serve).

After the tour (about mid afternoon) we will caravan to Christy Barden's barn at [10141 Cedarson Rd., Nevada City. 530](#) 263-1001. Bring your lunch and everything you will need for your picnic. There is the old Etna mine on his property. He'll give you the story during the picnic. Questions: call Christy Barden at [530](#) 263-1001.

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).





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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vairs at the Vault - Napa, CA September 14, 2024



# Article of the Month

## Battery Disabling Theft Protection, Revisited

-By Larry Forman, CCRC Member

A few months ago I wrote an article on how to protect your vehicle from theft by completely disabling the battery. I was asked to add a schematic to help explain how this works. I will include a schematic as part of this article.

There are two ways to disable the battery with a simple On/Off battery switch. The switch can go in either the positive or negative battery line. While either approach will work perfectly, adding a switch to the positive line likely means it is more difficult to move the ON/OFF battery switch to a more convenient location. Adding the ON/OFF battery switch to the negative line usually will only involve making the negative line longer for a more convenient position, plus a short line from the chassis ground to the other switch terminal. For my 65 Monza, I will add a longer negative ground line so I can mount the ON/OFF switch right next to the under rear seat heater duct. Thus I can easily reach around to turn that switch OFF for protection and ON so I can drive again. Since I purchased a battery switch with a removable handle, I could remove that handle for added protection.

Adding the negative battery lead switch will require me purchasing a slightly longer negative battery lead and also running a short ground lead from the switch to the chassis, making darn sure the ground lead makes a very good electrical contact and removing any chassis paint at the connection point. I also need to make sure that that longer negative battery lead uses grommets as needed to ensure the battery lead will not contact ground as it goes through chassis sheet metal.

As I mentioned in the other article, an additional advantage of cutting off the battery will stop any small battery draining devices and keep your battery in perfect condition for long term storage. This also means if you have an auxiliary charger plugged into the lighter socket, it will not work when the battery is switched off.

