



# Corvair Chatter

## Quick Facts

### **NEXT MEETING**

November 28, 2018 at 6pm – 8pm

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

(Corner of Greenback & Hazel)

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<b>President</b> .....	<b>John Heiser</b>
<b>Vice President</b> .....	<b>Carl Funk</b>
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<b>Secretary</b> .....	<b>Tabitha Heiser</b>
<b>Membership</b> .....	<b>Harry Spence</b>
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## Finding Us

Website:

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

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

## Message From the President

Hello from the new President. I would like to say a big thank you for electing me to fill this spot! I look forward in the next two years helping out this club. I would like to thank the current members and past members that have served this club in various capacities! Jean Colegrove for producing the newsletter, Carl Funk for filling in as Vice President and temporary President. Bruce Leonard and Chris Medeiros, to name a few. A big thank you to Wes Nicholas as Treasurer and helping the club obtain a raffle car and car parts. Leo Scopesi for hanging in there and being a wonderful person that has helped the club in many aspects. So many names and club members to list here, but a major thank you! A big thank you for those continuing their current elected positions and help! I also would like to invite former members to consider joining the club again.

Events to consider in attending such as car shows, the Spring Fling, Autorama at Cal Expo, Christy Barden's Barn Party, and upcoming tours. Autorama starts mid-February 2019 at CalExpo. Need a minimum of 12 cars to attend. Please consider attending!

The raffle car and parts have been acquired and will be located at Leo's place. Will be looking for folks volunteering and/or helping out working on this car and, of course, selling raffle tickets.

CORSA is providing a great incentive for new members to join our club. If you have never been a member of CORSA before, this is for you.

Between now and December 31, each new CORSA member will receive a free copy of Corvair Basics - a 190-page technical manual for anyone new to Corvairs or thinking about Corvair ownership. This book is a compendium of articles written by acknowledged experts and covering all aspects of Corvair repair, maintenance and restoration. This is an especially useful resource for anybody who is new to the Corvair hobby. Please allow four weeks for shipping. We imagine that most of our existing members already have a copy of Corvair Basics, but for those of you who don't, copies are available for purchase at the CORSA website. Visit [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) and click on the "Merchandise" link for more information.

If you have any other ideas, suggestions or inquiries, please feel to contact me at: (916) 365-6589 or email me at: [Johnh1@thegrid.net](mailto:Johnh1@thegrid.net)



# Latest CCRC News

**Message from Carl:** During the last years, we have not had a November Corvair meeting because it usually falls on the day before Thanksgiving. This year Thanksgiving is early, and we will have our meeting as usual the fourth Wednesday, Nov 28. If you have not RSVPed for our Christmas party, please do it now; the caterer needs a count by Nov 23. It will be a delicious buffet dinner with tri-tip and chicken, vegetables, salad, and dessert, wine, coffee, and soft drinks. There will be entertainment after dinner. Make your check payable to CCRC, for \$25 per person. Send to Wes Nicholas at 132 Southcreek Cir. Folsom, CA 95630.

Paul Bender, Christy Barden, and Carl Funk all made a trip to the SEMA convention in Las Vegas in October. Time permitting, we will try to have a slide show of the trip.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and are able to spend time with the people who are important to you. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

## **New members:**

Zachary Starr of Chico. '64 Monza convertible 110 4-speed.

Zachary is the grandson of James Starr, a former club member who passed in May of this year. James Starr's obituary can be viewed here:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/paradisepost/obituary.aspx?n=james-starr-jimmy&pid=189110883&>

Bob and Suzy Chrisoulis of Shingle Springs. '65 Monza coupe 4-speed.

Garry Montierth of Rocklin. '65 Monza 4-door.

Travis Fowler from Roseville. '63 Spyder convertible.

## **Welcome to CCRC!**

Our 2018 Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 2, Sun City Club House.

You should have received an invitation by mail to the Christmas Party. Please be sure to complete the form and return it to Wes Nicholas by Nov 21.

ON THE REVERSE of the invitation is a reminder to pay your 2019 dues.

# **Meeting Minutes**

By Tabitha Heiser, Secretary

CCRC Club meeting minutes 10/24/18

The meeting was called by Carl at 7:02pm.

Brief introductions with a possible new member, Reggie of Roseville. Reggie arrived on his Corvair trike, which some of us went to admire after the meeting. 18 members were in attendance during that meeting.

After the treasurer's report, the Vice President made some comments on his latest cruise. A motion for the new elections was made and all have been approved.

After some discussion about a possible raffle car the meeting was moved to the new president, John Heiser. The talk about the raffle car continued further. A possible offer on the car and for additional parts was brought up and a motion was made to make the offer. The motion passed. The Fulton avenue cruise fest is mentioned with one win with a Corvair. Possible support for the fest by the Corvair club was discussed. Next the Christmas dinner was brought up. The gift exchange is optional. Carl would like for the meet to be a function with everyone in attendance. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:05pm.

# Upcoming Events

## Birthdays

December 6	Julie Von Kahle
December 7	Danny Rohde
December 11	Linda Eastburn
December 16	Zachary Starr
December 18	Chris Medeiros
December 19	Rich Eastburn
December 31	Barbara Kluender
December 31	Kris Moore



## 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.corvairunderground.com](http://www.corvairunderground.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)

Fun - [www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1](http://www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1)

Events – [www.corvairmeetup.com](http://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](mailto:jeancolegrove@comcast.net)

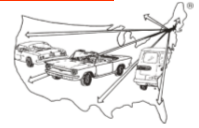
Club Activities - You may have some great ideas for club activities. We want to hear them! Better yet, we'd like you to participate in the planning of your activity idea. Email your ideas to Carl Funk at; [edieboopboop@yahoo.com](mailto:edieboopboop@yahoo.com)

# Classified Section



## Clark's Corvair Parts®

Our catalog lists over 15,000 parts for your Corvair. We carry engine parts, body panels, upholstery and much more! There are 1,000's of reproduced items available, pages of technical information and lots of other helpful hints.



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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](mailto:roberth89@surewest.net), 916-772-6097.

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This is just a reminder that we have reduced the price on Betty's '63 Corvair Monza Spyder convertible to \$10,000 obo. We want to see if we can find a good home for her. Tony & Betty Sica 530-621-1385

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Jim Messick in Stockton has a '64 Spyder convertible for sale. Similar in appearance to Bonnie Howard's car. May need engine parts, has a ding near left tail light, and upholstery needs replacement. Asking \$1500. Contact Jim at 209-969-2069.

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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

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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](mailto:newjerseycrab54@aol.com)

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California Automobile Museum Cruise Fest:

Two Corvairs were entered in the Cruise Fest and the Morales's scored a "2018 WOW!" award with their 1960 Corvair 4-Door. Congratulations! The Cruise Fest was a blast and I highly recommend attending this event next year! Would love to see other club members enter the Cruise fest as well! FYI, the Porsche Club outnumbered the Corvairs for sure!



Number of cylinders type: Opposit six-cylinder, OHV, Air-cooled.  
Displacement: 140 cu. in.  
3.38 in. bore x 2.60 in. stroke.  
Induction: 2 single barrel carburetors.  
Horsepower: 90 @ 4400 RPM.  
Compression Ratio: 8:1.  
Transmission type: Two-speed Powerglide automatic.

Chassis  
Wheelbase: 108 in.  
Weight: 2,310 lbs.  
Brake type: Hydraulic four wheel drums.

Production Information  
Original list price: \$2,100



# Corvair Two-Seater: The 1961 Sebring Spyder Concept



More than once, General Motors played with the idea of transforming the sporty Corvair sedan into a real two-place sports car. Here's the first official effort, the 1961 Sebring Spyder.

Among other things, GM styling boss Bill Mitchell was a sports car enthusiast. And like any sports car guy, he could see that Chevrolet's Corvair sedan provided all the necessary components to create a real two-place sports car: air-cooled flat six, a rear transaxle, a light and compact chassis. Eliminate the back seat, add some authentic sports car styling elements, and there you have it—the Corvair Sebring Spyder, a proper sporting two-seater.

Carrying the internal GM designation XP-737, the Sebring Spyder was created by shortening a production 1961 Corvair floor pan some 15 inches, eliminating the rear seat region and shortening the wheelbase from 108 to 93 inches. This same shortening technique was used on another GM two-seat concept around that time, the Pontiac Tempest Monte Carlo. Racy split windscreens and a fiberglass tonneau section with a center divider and twin headrests closed out the upper bodywork.



Racing car accoutrements included a custom dash with full instruments, wire wheels, rear brake ducts, and petite split bumperettes front and rear. Initially, a Paxton centrifugal supercharged was installed, but when the turbocharged Monza Spyder engine became available for '62, a substitute power plant was swapped in. Wearing a bright coat of candy apple red paint with white racing stripes, the Sebring Spyder made the rounds of the auto shows and appeared at the annual June Sprints at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. In November of 1961, the Corvair two-seater appeared on the cover of *Car and Driver* magazine.



The Sebring Sprint was scrapped in 1966, the official story goes, but it launched a string of similar Corvair-based sports car and GT concepts starting with the Sebring Super Spyder of 1962. (The Super Spyder still exists and can be found at the GM Heritage Collection.) Meanwhile, the Sebring Spyder's split bumperettes found immortality of their own. Cal Custom, the famed Los Angeles hot rod parts purveyors, offered knockoffs of the attractive design, and the pieces are highly prized by Corvair enthusiasts today.