



# Corvair Chatter

## President's Ramblings

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

I announced at the October meeting that I am stepping down from the office of President effective December 31, 2024. I explained my reasons at the meeting. I have enjoyed my three years as your President, but personal matters require my attention elsewhere. That being said, there will be nominations at the November 21st meeting.

Kari is also looking for someone to take over the newsletter.

I want to thank Bruce Wiemer of Otis Automotive for his presentation at the October meeting. He will be a willing and capable resource for Corvair repairs of all types.

The club was successfully represented at the Ironstone Concours. The tour to Christy Barden's barn and surroundings was enjoyed by all in attendance, as was the Empire Mine Tour. A spring revisit is being considered to see the flowers in both Grass Valley and Nevada City.

The November meeting is November 21st, a week early to avoid the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please make note of the date and attend if possible. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

The Christmas party is December 1st, and RSVP's need to be made no later than the November meeting unless you have made arrangements with our treasurer Jim Kindley. Seating is limited, and cost for members is minimal. Hope to see you there.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely  
Jim Brown



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

### Next meeting:

- **Thursday, November 21, 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
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<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: October 24, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by President Jim Brown. The total in attendance was 14, including our guest speaker Bruce Weimer of Otis Automotive.

September meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Treasurer's report presented by President Jim Brown in Jim Kindley's absence-unanimously approved.

Sales and acquisitions report by Wes Nichols was unanimously approved.

President's report by President Jim Brown:

- Welcome to new member Michael Brassil, owner of a 1965 Corvair 110.
- Club shirts and hats available for purchase at cost before and after the meeting from Kari and Danita.
- Officers Meeting in November cancelled. Future meetings to be scheduled as needed.
- Christmas party December 1, 2024 at Vince's Restaurant & Bar in West Sacramento. Additional information to be sent via email – cost for club members and immediate family \$10 each, additional guests \$30, special menu of 4-5 items, venue holds up to 80. Members encouraged to RSVP ASAP.

Vice-President's report by John Heiser

- Recurring gatherings at shows (Folsom Cars N Coffee, Carmichael BelAir Sunday Cars N Coffee)
- Red Bus gatherings second Thursday of each month
- Auburn Car Show every 2nd Friday of the of month are FINISHED until spring.
- North Delta Cruises on hold until spring.
- Ironstone Concourse September 27th and 28th was "awesome" with 11 members. Congratulations for ribbons of merit to Howard & Bonnie Joseph and the Schluschers.
- Empire Mine, Grass Valley & Christy Barden Visit & Tour October 19<sup>th</sup>- "awesome" day/great weather /beautiful gardens. Christy Barden is a published author-history of a family in China in the 1920's.
- Central Coast Corsa Convention 2025 – May, 2025 for 4-5 days. John H went to Santa Maria for planning meeting. Our club is asked to contribute volunteers for registration table during the weeklong event – Radisson Santa Maria reservations (805) 928-8000 Corvair Convention group rate \$119 + tax
- Christmas Party December 1st , 2024 (see above)

Membership – no report - Dean absent

New Business

- Wes has our club's inventory of parts for sale – please let him know what you need.
- Presentation by Bruce Wiemer of Otis Automotive in downtown Fair Oaks. He has been in business in old Fair Oaks for 25 years with 3 mechanics in 5 bays, 1 of which is dedicated to classic cars. He and his lead man, Brian, are able to provide full mechanical services and has the tools for up to 2 old cars at a time, by appointment. Wait list depends on what is in the shop at the time- he welcomes our business.

Old Business

- Howard Joseph and Laurie Daniels are still trying to find a source for bulk purchase of key blanks – all General Motors cars from 1935 – 1966 used same key blank.

Publication Reports

- Newsletter published by Kari – she will be able to continue publication through the end of the year and then we will need a NEW NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER in the new year. Please volunteer.
- Website: no updates – Jim Kindley handling the website Tech Presentation – none

Additional business

- Jim Brown is unable to continue as President-the club will need a NEW PRESIDENT in the new year.
- Next meeting NOVEMBER 21, 2024, instead of regular 4th Thursday in light of Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 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)

## 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)**

## Welcome New Members

Shawn Holmes  
Stephen Tamaribuchi  
Eric Rossow  
Nick Rebholtz

## Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

### November Birthdays:

Danita Emery-Cotner  
Karen Kramer Michael Murphy  
Gary Pevey Nick Rebholtz  
Shaun Stalker Paul Wong

### December Birthdays:

Alan Almeida Rich Eastburn  
Mike Johnson Ron Mainer  
Barbera Miller Dave Oyler  
Denis Schoen Amy Stalker  
Michael Valdez

# Events & Activities

Full Calendar of Events available on <http://northern-california-covairs.com>

## Current & Upcoming Events:

**December 01, 2024:** Christmas Party – Vince’s Restaurant & Bar, 840 Harbor Blvd, West Sacramento  
\*\*\*\*\*RSVP NOW\*\*\*\*\*

**May 19-23, 2025:** 2025 Central Coast Corsa Convention: Santa Maria, CA. More info to follow.  
Volunteers to represent the club are needed.

## 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).



## **2024 Christmas Party**

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> (5 - 8pm)

Vince’s Ristorante



**RSVP Due Now**

please indicate which dinner(s) you would like to order

**Send payments by 11/25/2024**

### Menu Choices:

**Prime Rib**

**Sirloin Steak**

**Chicken Marsala**

**Seafood: Deep Fried Prawns**

**Vegetarian: Gluten Free Pasta with vegetables**

**The Kids menu will be available**



The dinners come with salad, baked potato, hot bread with butter, coffee and tea.

The club will have a Christmas cake and provide carafes of wine.

The bar will be open for no- host drinks.

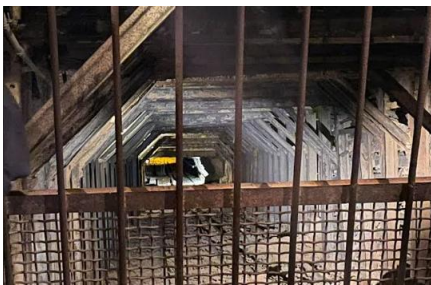
840 Harbor Boulevard - West Sacramento, CA 95691



# Empire Mine State Park Tour

Grass Valley, CA

October 19, 2024





# Christy Barden's Yellow Barn

Grass Valley, CA

October 19, 2024



# Article of the Month

**A Couple Simple Tech Tips  
-By Larry Forman, CCRC Member**

## **How to tighten the side view mirrors**

Thanks goes to Wes Nicholas for this tech tip. Wes explained to me that if the side view mirrors are not staying where they belong, they can easily be tightened. The mirror glass is held in place with a large ring clip that can be carefully removed with a standard Harbor Freight small hooked pick. However, it is best to plan that the mirror glass might drop and possibly get broken. To help prevent that from happening, I like to place one or more foam pads on the ground under the mirror. The cause of the loose mirror is usually the internal spring becoming weak over the years. The solution is to place a washer or quarter or other device to take up some space and make the mirror slightly tighter. The spacer can be duct taped into place before installing the spring, then the mirror, and finally the mirror retaining clip ring.

## **How to easily remove windshield wiper assemblies**

There is a proper tool for removing the windshield wiper assemblies. I don't think it is well known as I see Youtube videos where Corvair owners use pliers and struggle to remove them. Also, the proper tool helps prevent scratching the assemblies. The photos show what the tool looks like and how to use it. The little end hook clips on the bottom end by the post and once the tool is held downward against the wiper blade arm, the assembly with

