



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

January 23, 2019, 6pm – 8pm

Denny's Restaurant
8841 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662
916-987-6119
(Corner of Greenback & Hazel)

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www.northern-california-covairs.com
Facebook; [Classic Corvairs of River City](#)

Message From the President

Greetings, just wanted to say a big thank you for those who organized the December 2018 Christmas gathering held at Sierra Pines, Sun City in Roseville. Quite the turnout with gift exchange and musical guests. A few new faces and members attended the event. Thank you all!

Registration and fees for the Cal Expo Autorama have been sent in. 13 Corvairs are entered. This year's theme at the Autorama is "Luck of the Irish". The Club will have a table with Corvair and club-related information including raffle car information. It's time to start planning and acquiring Irish-themed items to place on the Corvairs. Any suggestions and ideas are welcome.

For those who entered their Corvairs for the Autorama, we will be meeting the first weekend in January 2019 to discuss the theme items etc. I will be sending out an email regarding date, time, location for this meeting.

The club is in the early planning stages for the 2019 Spring Fling and hopefully will have an update in the next newsletter regarding dates and location. It has been suggested to combine this show with air-cooled VW Car clubs and the Nash Metropolitan club.

The raffle car and parts have been acquired and is located at Leo's place. The raffle car is in really great shape. Parts acquired with the raffle car are up for sale. Will be looking at folks volunteering and or helping out working on this car and of course, selling raffle tickets. Current efforts on the raffle car: Carburetors have been rebuilt and Leo installed the new fuel sending unit. The car engine fired up after being idle for 15 plus years! An electrical check of the car was completed, all OK.

Items up for discussion at the next club meeting.

Once a month – Saturday/Sunday morning breakfast/coffee meetups/meetings/gatherings.

California Automobile Museum: The Museum has sent the word out to have another display for Corvairs. If interested, will need to coordinate with the museum on dates. The cars on display will need to be in the museum for a month.

Corvair Resources and help: the draft document was emailed to the Club members via email in the hopes of adding to the resource document. If possible, please email me back with resources, mechanics, parts, etc, so that I can update the resources document. 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



Latest CCRC News

Message from the Vice President

If you missed the Corvair Christmas party, you missed a good time. The location was great with lots of room. Food was great and we had good entrainment. Looks like our club is off to a great start with our club activities for 2019. It appears we have 13-14 cars in the upcoming Autorama. Our club is in the process of planning our next mini convention. The club has already bought a raffle car as our main fundraiser. The fundraiser enables us to help pay for the many things we use as a club, like buying the supplies we need and help pay for the events we attend. I would encourage everyone to participate where they can at our meetings and events. Merry Christmas to all.

If you have not done so already,

Pay Your 2019 Dues!

If you have paid, thank you!

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 and click on the "Merchandise" link for more information.

Meeting Minutes

By Tabitha Heiser, Secretary

November 28, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called into order by John at 7:02 p.m.

20 members were in attendance.

Carl Funk presented a slide show on the current SEMA event with Christy and Paul providing commentary.

The club obtained the raffle car and it is a '64, 95 horse power, 4 speed, in really good shape.

Possible Spring fling in April 2019, could team up with VW club or the Nash Metropolitan club for a full showing, to be located at Fry's Electronics in Roseville, or another location.

The Spring Fling is an excellent opportunity to sell raffle car tickets.

California Automobile Museum wants another Corvair showing, a one-month event.

Possible merchandise opportunities for the club in shirts, accessories, etc. to sell

Registration forms for Autorama are already up, theme for this year is "Luck of the Irish"

Forms are due December 1st

13 Corvairs so far have been registered for this event. Still room for more. The Club covered half of the Autorama entry fees, and Wes mailed in the registration forms and entrance fees.

The Christmas party had 41 attendees registered.

Treasures report by Wes.

The meeting was closed at 7:55p.m. by John

Upcoming Events

Birthdays

January 3	Lester Ballerstein
January 3	Hallie Windt
January 4	John Heiser
January 30	Carol Medeiros
January 31	Trish McDonald



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 2019)

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

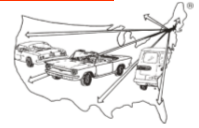
Club Activities - You may have some great ideas for club activities. We want to hear them! Better yet, we'd like you to participate in the planning of your activity idea. Email your ideas to Carl Funk at; edieboopboop@yahoo.com

Classified Section



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(413)625-9776 www.corvair.com email: clarks@corvair.com

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.

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

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.

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

**PM
OWNERS
REPORT**

CORVAIR

**A Nationwide Survey Based on
995,118 Owner-Driven Miles**

Style, Handling Snap Offset Wind Noise

*Marginal and boldface comments by Ed Nelson,
PM's Automotive Editor*

I DRIVE MY CORVAIR in sports car competition," a Florida production control man told *PM*. "It has won me a first, two seconds, and a third place; I don't think that's bad for the first four times out. The car handles very well in the turns and, with the 3.55:1 positraction rear end, gives me enough low end torque to compete."

The styling comments, too, supported the theory that owners of the new Corvaire feel they're edging toward the sports car—or "sporty car"—crowd. Another Californian told us his Corvaire, "sitting beside other cars, looks like something right off the track."

A telephone technician from Connecticut spoke for his

REAR ENGINE GIVES extra traction for hill-climbing as well as deep snow. This 110-hp test car climbed this steep hill in high gear with no strain



Owners Like

Sleek styling (55.3%)
Easy handling (47.3%)
Comfortable bucket seats (25.2%)

But Dislike

Excessive wind noise (13.4%)
Cramped rear seat (12.6%)
Water leaks (11.7%)

GAUGES ARE DEEPLY recessed, yet readable. Power-glide control is inconvenient, one engineer felt, but other owners didn't find it worthy of comment. PM testers found no distracting windshield reflections at night



Only two percent had considered any Plymouth, including Barracuda →

In the other five cases, an average 86.6 percent said they'd buy again →

fellow Corvair owners when he said, "The all-new styling is more competition for Mustang and foreign cars." And indeed, 19.4 percent of the owners reporting said they'd considered a Mustang before deciding on their Corvair Monza. (About 80 percent of Corvair sales are Monzas, so that's what we concentrated on.)

Nevertheless, Corvair owners aren't as overwhelmingly enchanted with their new cars as we've found the owners of other cars checked during the '65 model year to be. Although nearly 85 percent said they'd buy another Corvair, this is a bit below the average of the other five '65 cars on which we've presented owners' reports. And the percentage who called their Corvairs Excellent—only 50.8—is also the lowest below the 59 percent average for '65s reported.

A major complaint, as often seems the case lately, is traceable to the curved windows. Wind noise topped everything in the brickbat list; leaks, largely at the windows, were third; and the windows themselves were seventh.

The Corvair, increasingly, has the flavor of a more-or-less high performance little rig, so not many of the owners complained about fuel mileage. The 110-hp version of the Corvair engine is clearly the most popular: 77.8 percent of the owners have it. And the biggest overall fuel consumption figures came from the 23.9 percent who reported 19 to 20 miles per gallon.

For performance and fuel consumption checks, Chevy provided a four-speed, 140-hp Corvair. We hooked up the PM Tracktest fifth wheel with electric speedometer, odometer and fuel meter for precise results (and found the Corvair speedometer one to three miles an hour slow, the odometer a surprising 7 percent slow). Here are the mpg figures:

True mph	30	40	50	60	70
Fuel consumption	29.07	27.61	23.82	21.43	19.37

How about acceleration times? They don't give a full indication of the fun of driving the Corvair with its new parallel-link rear suspension, since they're taken, of course,

in a straight line. But, averaging several runs at each speed in each direction to compensate for wind and terrain variations, here's what we did, shifting at the 5500-rpm red line:

0-60 mph (true)—12.1 seconds, in 1st, 2nd and 3rd

40-60 mph (true)—6.0 seconds

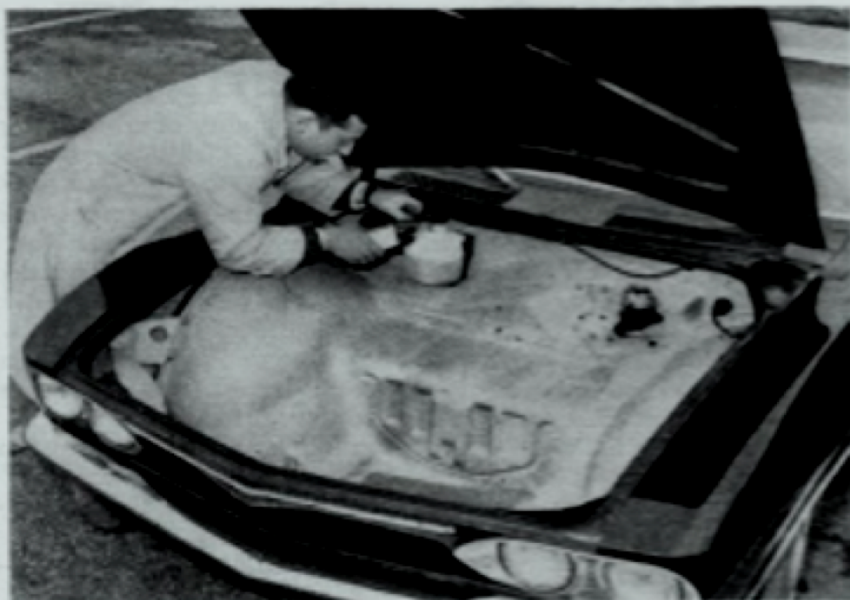
50-70 mph (true)—7.3 seconds

Corvaire this year got the bigger Chevelle's drum brakes. We checked them for fade with the regular six hard stops from 60. They got pretty aromatic, but didn't pull either way and required pedal pressure rose from 22 to only 30 pounds. In two extra stops it rose to only 32 pounds.

Now let the Corvaire owners tell you in their own words what they've found about this sleek new compact. Here are remarks picked to illustrate the most widespread reactions, starting with the five most popular praises:

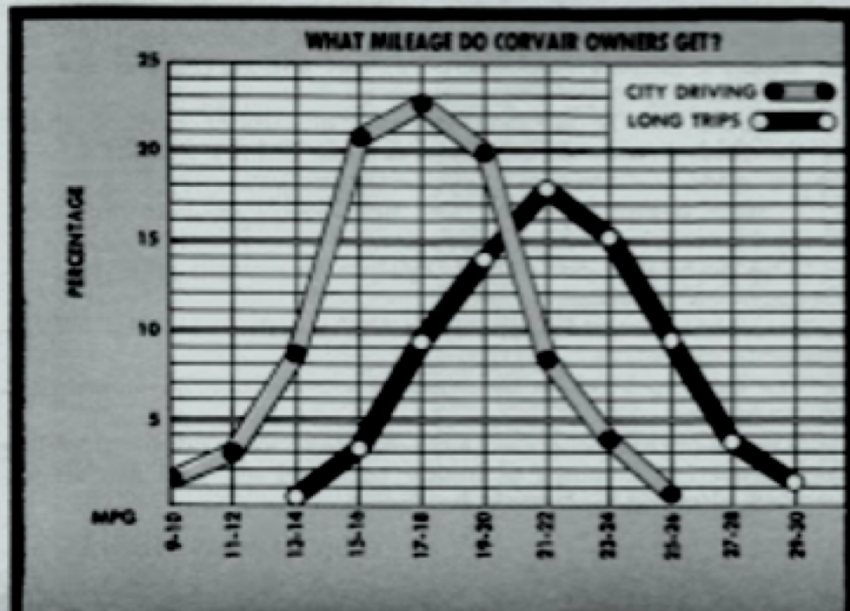
"I like its continental look. It makes people stop to look it over."—Michigan office supervisor.

"The new body style doesn't look like a box."—Texas pharmacist.



WEIRDLY CONVOLUTED

Manza luggage compartment is dictated by the necessity for room to turn the front wheels. Filling windshield washers is easy. Only a few owners are still disturbed by lack of grille



CORVAIRE ECONOMY isn't particularly outstanding for a small, lightweight car. But owners, who consider it a hot little semi-spartster, no longer demand great economy. Some commented that consumption is up slightly