



**NEXT MEETING:**

**March 22, 2023 at Denny's  
Dinner & Social starts at 6:00pm  
Meeting starts at 7:00pm**

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additional questions.

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# Corvair Chatter

**Message From the President:**

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

The first officer's meeting was held after many years on March 7, 2023. Numerous club items were discussed, including making the officers meeting a regular event on the second Wednesday of every odd-numbered month. The purpose of the meetings is to give the officers the opportunity to discuss club issues in a venue that allows a more in-depth investigation of club topics. The March Officer's Meeting finally allowed the coming together on the bylaw revisions that are needed to make the club more compatible with current accounting standards, authorize specifically who may open and close a checking account, signatures required of the signature cards of such accounts, and finally authorizes the new board position of Sales and Acquisitions Manager. The revisions are printed in this newsletter and will be voted on at the March General Meeting.

The March 4<sup>th</sup> work day at Leo's garage was well attended. It was encouraging to see the younger members and their enthusiasm. Perhaps we need to schedule more workdays on the weekends to allow still-working working members to attend.

I hope everyone survives the second atmospheric river storm of the season. Seems weird for such a storm in March, just ahead of spring. But it is what it is.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely  
Jim Brown



# Latest CCRC News

## Meeting Minutes: By Kari Emery-Cotner 2/22/2023

Call to Order: 6:50pm                      Members present: 19 + 1 potential

July meeting minutes: Motion: Wes Nicholas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Carl Funk. Approved.

Treasurer's report (Wes Nicholas) Motion: Christy Barden, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Danita Emery-Cotner Approved.

President's Report (Jim Brown):

Still looking for someone to take over as Treasurer.

Autorama signups are very encouraging. John Heiser reports 17 vehicles currently.

Activities Report (John Heiser):

Recurring Cars N Coffee: Saturday: Folsom, Sunday: Carmichael Bel-Air

Red Bus Brewery Air Cooled event: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month

Work Party at Leo's: March 4, 2023 10am. Dismantle 1964 4-dr that belonged to Ted.

Autorama: April 28-30, 2023. Theme is "Keep on Truckin". 17 vehicles currently entered + stretch rampside will participate. Suggest red, white, blue theme.

Will Rodgers Middle School: May 19, 2023 Introduction to Transportation Class

American Graffiti Modesto: June 9-11, sign ups start 3/15.

Membership (John Heiser):

New Members: Dean and Cyndi James (1961 Monza 4-door).

Potential Member/attendee: Lauren Winkler (1965 Corsa Turbo, light blue convertible)

New Business:

Venmo/PayPal will no longer be an option for dues, fees, or parts purchases. Cash/Check only from here on.

Suggestion to allow for investment CDs for funds in account (further discussion needed)

A meeting of the Board will be held 3/7/23 at 7pm to discuss business.

Old Business:

Bylaws modification needed to add Sales and Acquisitions position and allow certain officers to open accounts.

Publication Report:

Wes would like a list of all parts for sale to be added as a section in the letter monthly

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm

## 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.

**NOR\*CAL Cycle & Car Swap:** May 7, July 9, Sept 17, Nov 12, Dec 10- Motorcycle/ Hot Rod/ Vintage Goods- West Wind Sacramento 6 Drive-In. 9616 Oates Dr., Sacramento, CA 95827/ 951-852-3800 @THECYCLESWAPTHECYCLESWAP.COM

**In Planning:** Monthly Sunday meet-up at a restaurant for breakfast/brunch then a tour or cruise.

## Upcoming Events:

**Autorama- Butch Gardner Clubhouse- Cal Expo:** Cal Expo Pavilion April 28-30, 2023. Applications were sent out in January's CCRC Newsletter.

**Will Rogers Middle School:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Will Rogers Middle School-This event is hosted by the Introduction to Transportation Class. (free event where cars/engines and automotive equipment is presented to the students).

**American Graffiti Show & Festival:** June 9-11 in Modesto will open on March 15th

## Upcoming Events, Cont.:

Casa Robles Car Show 2023: This show is a benefit for the High School. One of the few high schools that still have auto mechanics curriculum. The 9th Annual Casa Robles High School Car Show is Saturday April 22, 2023, 9am-2pm at Casa Robles HS, 9151 Oak Avenue. Cost: \$20.00

VairFest 2023: Arroyo Grande, CA on June 23-25. "...it's more than just a car show". The 3-day event includes the Friday evening pasta dinner and movie, Saturday car show and benefit raffle, Saturday evening live performance at the Melodrama Theater, and Sunday morning breakfast. It's a great way to spend a weekend in the beautiful Central Coast region of California. Go to Central Coast CORSA website at [www.centralcoastcorsa.org](http://www.centralcoastcorsa.org)

More info on these events: Contact Vince Petrie, Treasurer - Central Coast CORSA [vwvince@pacbell.net](mailto:vwvince@pacbell.net) (mailto:[vwvince@pacbell.net](mailto:vwvince@pacbell.net)) or 805-481-5757

## 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)



## Birthdays

**March 01 ... Bill McDonald**  
**March 07 ... Joseph Spruell**  
**March 15 ... Bonnie Joseph**  
**March 30 ... Jim Kindley**  
**March 31 ... Jon Von Kahle**

## New Members

Kelly Hildebrandt, Dean & Cyndi James,  
Gary & Debra Peavey, Lauren Winkler

## 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 is in need of 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 help. 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** - Let us know if there is something that you'd like to see in our monthly newsletter. Email your thoughts to Kari Emery-Cotner 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 Carl Funk at: [edieboopboop@yahoo.com](mailto:edieboopboop@yahoo.com) & John Heiser, [JohnHeiser6@gmail.com](mailto:JohnHeiser6@gmail.com).



# Classified Section



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1. LM Push button AM radio in excellent condition \$50
2. Rear speaker fader for all Delco radios (used with a rear speaker) including wire harness \$100
3. 1964 95 HP 164 cu in. engine running and ready to install, has carbs & generator \$1,400
4. 1964 Transaxle, Powerglide in good running condition with torque converter \$350
5. 1965-67 Air Conditioner parts, all parts necessary to add AC to your late model. \$500
6. Late Model rear windows in good condition \$125
7. Early model rear bumper with bumper guards \$150
8. Late Model rear bumper in good condition \$100
9. Late Model wheels (5 lugs) \$35
10. '62-'63 Simulated wire wheel covers (set of 4) \$175
11. Corsa dash w/all instruments-condition unknown \$150
12. Front air spoiler-fits early/late model-fair condition \$35

\* Additional Corvair parts are available for purchase. Please contact us to see if we have what you have been looking for to complete your project. **Wes Nicholas at (916) 202-8762.**

## WANTED:

#1: 1966 Corsa Convertible turbo, 4 speed car, either a #2 or a 3 if its original, straight, complete and running. **Contact Chester Keeton: (832) 281-8009**

#2: Corvair engines in any condition. 102 hp, 110 hp, 140 hp and turbos. **Contact Wes Nicholas at (916) 202-8762.**



## 10 Things Only Real Gearheads Know About The Chevrolet Corvair

BY [LUKE ZIETSMAN](#) PUBLISHED DEC 30, 2022

Built in response to the Volkswagen Beetle, the Chevrolet Corvair also features a rear-mounted, air-cooled engine.



The Corvair is one of the most infamous cars in the automotive industry. With Ralph Nader choosing it as the unfortunate antagonist in his critically acclaimed, if flawed, *Unsafe at any Speed*.

Much of the criticism directed at the car was merited, but what most don't seem to realize is that much of what he outlines in his book actually applied to the entire automotive industry at the time. For most, the Corvair got singled out and blamed for [all the collective sins](#) of the automotive industry.

However, [Chevrolet](#) didn't just sit on their heels either, they pressed on and improved the car. It was an innovative car, a [classic](#) car that still looks objectively great today, and [handles better than most contemporaries](#).

At the time, VW were making money hand over fist selling their simple, but efficient Beetle. It became the default small car all over the world and GM wanted a piece of the pie. This was to be their compact car rival, with an air-cooled engine in the rear just like the Beetle. Unlike the simplistic Beetle, the Corvair was rather innovative. It had a monocoque design and independent suspension, virtually unheard of in the US at the time.



## (Cont.) 10 Things Only Real Gearheads Know About The Chevrolet Corvair 10 Innovative Chassis

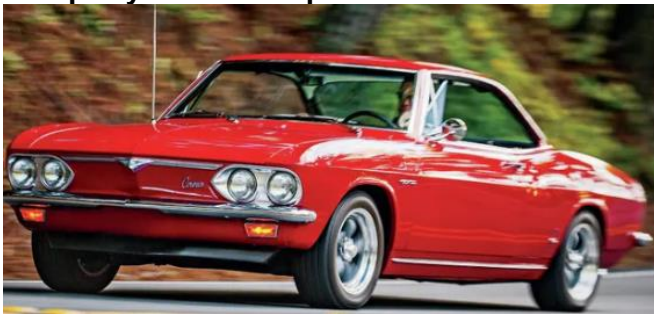


### 9 Futuristic Platform



Most people will associate the Corvair with the popular 2-door coupes, but they also made 4-door sedans, wagons, vans and even a pickup, all based on the same platform. It was effectively one of the first truly modular vehicle platforms and was also made all over the world, making it one of their first true global cars.

### 8 Sporty Monza Coupe



The '60s was something of a golden era for the coupe, with all shapes and sizes getting built for different parts of the market, and all selling well. For most gearheads, this is what a Corvair is, the two door Monza, because it was the top-selling version. Early models only made around 80 horsepower, but the introduction of the 95 horsepower option made it sporty. Though this was always more about being different than being fast.

### 7 A Practical Wagon





(Cont.) **10 Things Only Real Gearheads Know About The Chevrolet Corvair**  
(Cont.) **7 A Practical Wagon**

Forget small pickups, minivans, crossovers, and even hatchbacks. In the 1950s and 1960s, the station wagon was the people's carrier of choice. It is comparatively rare though, but there is something rather appealing about this wagon version. Its lines are complete and as much as this might have been the "boring" car back then, today, it is arguably the most interesting.

**6 Turbocharged Pioneer**



Although Oldsmobile beat them to the punch, Chevy were effectively the first to put a turbo on a mass-produced car. With forced induction, it made 150 horsepower, and back in the early 1960s, that was a lot for a relatively light car. Arguably too much for a car that really wasn't safe at any speed.

**5 Eternal Underdog**

Initially, the Corvair sold in huge numbers, defying the odds stacked up against it. It was not the most affordable, nor the most powerful, but it offered great value. Those who bought them loved them. They were fun to drive, spacious, and relatively efficient compared to the competition.

**4 Attainable Classic**



You will find fully restored examples, or special editions like the Yenko going for decent money at auctions, but those are the exception to the rule. Most of these cars are still very affordable.

**3 Somehow Crossed The Darien Gap**



GM, in a moment of madness, approved an expedition through the Darien Gap. The Darien Gap is an infamous bit of jungle only a few modified modern off-roaders have been able to pass. Of the three cars they took, two actually made it through. One got left rotting away in the jungle, confounding explorers for decades. It proved that if you have the finances and will power, any vehicle can go anywhere. We are not sure if it proved much else though. These cars obviously didn't do much under their own power, as they were effectively dragged all the way through the Jungle.



(Cont.) 10 Things Only Real Gearheads Know About The Chevrolet Corvaire  
2 Still Unsafe At Any Speed



In truth, the Corvaire was no more dangerous than any other vehicle getting sold back then. It got used as something of a case study and most people who read the book told others “don’t buy this car.” The main issue with the suspension got rectified before his book was even published in 1965, rendering most of his points moot for the second generation Corvaire.

**1 Classic Cruiser**

These cars were not designed to go fast. In fact, that turbo car was probably packing too many horses for its own good. These are comfy cruisers, everything is outdated and rather obviously dangerous by modern standards. They are still very cool cars, and they will never really be worth all that much, thanks to their reputation. So, if you are in the market for an unusual project car, this might be for you.

**CCRC Work Party**

We acquired a 1964 4 door that we are parting out. It has a 95 HP PG, the bumpers front and rear are good. Some where along the way it had new cylinders, pistons and rods replaced. It has the transverse spring in the rear and sway bar in the front. There is a replacement windshield in the back-seat. We will email broadcast the next date for another work party. Any club member that needs parts from this car **contact Wes Nicholas 916 989 8929.**

I will be sending out the work party dates and times as we schedule them.

Thank you, **John Heiser** [JohnHeiser6@gmail.com](mailto:JohnHeiser6@gmail.com)

**The photos below are from the most recent work party on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>.**





Article V – Officers:

The elected officers of CCRC are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Sales and Acquisitions Manager**, Membership, Activities, Newsletter Editor, and Photographer-Historian. All elected officers are to serve as board members. All officers shall be elected by a vote of the active membership.

Article VI – Financial Obligations

The Treasurer and **two officers** will be authorized to sign all club checks. **The Treasurer will be authorized to establish bank accounts (including checking, savings and other deposit accounts). Signatures of three officers will be required on all account signature cards. The Treasurer and the Sales and Acquisitions Manager may open a separate checking account for the use of the Sales and Acquisitions Manager for the sole purpose of purchasing assets and the sale of such assets. Accounting of such account shall be presented to the general meeting monthly. All accounts shall be audited yearly. Treasurer is authorized to close accounts no longer in use with consent of the 50% of the eligible voters present at the monthly meeting.** No more than one member of the same family can be authorized to sign checks. **President and Vice-President are prohibited from being treasurer during their respective terms**

~~A petty cash fund of \$100 will be established, accessible to the board for club expenses. All petty cash expenses will be reported to the membership at the next general meeting~~

Article VII - Board of Directors

The board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of CCRC noted in Article V, paragraph A. The board shall speak and act on behalf of CCRC. Such action shall be confirmed by a vote at the next general meeting. In cases when the Board of Directors consists of less than **nine** members, such as when one person holds more than one office, additional members shall be elected from the general membership to bring the number of directors up to **nine**.

Article IX – Bylaws

Any Active Member may propose an amendment to the Bylaws by submitting it in writing **to the officers meeting**. Approval as described in paragraph A above is required for acceptance.