



Meeting Location: Denny's
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
6:00pm Social / 7:00pm Meeting
8841 Greenback Ln
Orangevale, CA 95662

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Corvair Chatter

Message From the President:

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

The amendments have been incorporated into the existing bylaws document to produce the CCRC Bylaws that were accepted at the monthly meeting March 22, 2023. I am hoping to post them on the website or to email a copy to each member interested in a personal copy. The document is 5 pages in length.

We have three nominations for officers this month. Jim Kindley has volunteered to be Treasurer, which will allow Wes Nicholas to move over to the newly created position of Sales and Acquisitions Manager. Dean James has volunteered to head up membership. We will vote on these nominations at the April Monthly Meeting.

The venue for our meetings has been under examination, and Brookfield's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova has been suggested as an alternative to our current location. We will discuss this at this month's meeting also.

A suggestion to the officers has been made to provide scholarships for persons going into the automotive repair and technology fields. Ken Edwards and John Hafkenschiel have agreed to form a committee to explore this proposal and report to the officers.

A proposal to update the club to a more contemporary logo has been made. I will bring some logos of past clubs I've belonged to and see if we can gain some ideas.

The next officer's meeting is May 10th at Jim & Theresa Kindley's home at 7 pm.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely
 Jim Brown



Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: By John Heiser

March 22,2023 meeting started at 6:35 pm. Adjourned at 7:47 pm. There were 18 members in attendance. The group discussed the amended bylaws set for approvals at the April 26,2023 meeting. The discussion of Cal Expo Autorama and to be discussed at the April 26,2023 meeting regarding move in date, time and moving cars assistance.

Officers meeting will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the odd numbered months. The next meeting will be held May 10th, 2023, 7pm to 8pm. The location of the meeting will most likely be held at Jim & Theresa Kindley's house in Fair Oaks.

The Treasurer's report was provided to the group in attendance.

CCRC Christmas Party Planning: Carl was able to secure 2 rooms on the first Sunday in December (12/3/2023).

April 2023 meeting Officer elections-nominations;

- Jim Kindley - Nomination for Treasurer.
- Dean James - Nomination for Membership.
- Wes Nicholas - Nomination for Sales and Acquisitions.

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: 1st & 2nd Saturdays -Town Center, El Dorado Hills, 3rd & 4th and occasional 5th 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.

Will Rogers Middle School: May 19th, 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. Entry opened 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

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

Corvair Resources (Online)

Q&A - www.corvaircenter.com
www.corvairforum.com

Parts - www.corvair.com (Clark's)
www.californiacorvairparts.com
www.mikescorvairparts.com
www.rockauto.com

Sale - www.jaxed.com
www.corvairtrader.com (Parts & Sales)

Resources – <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics>

Car Building – <http://autoexer.skiblack.com>

Fun-www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1 / www.deansgarage.com



Birthdays

April 1 – John Heiser

April 6 – Debbie Smirlis

April 7 – Jeane Aguirre

April 10 – Nora Meadows

April 17 – Chris Myers

April 16 – Casey Cockrell

April 19 – Scott Fairbanks

April 20 – Robert Miller

April 23 – Laurie Daniels

April 27 – John Hafkenschiel

April 28 – Nancy McCormick

New Members

Grayson Burch, Bill Crocker, Joshua Kirk

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** 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.

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 & John Heiser at JohnHeiser6@gmail.com.

Classified Section



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| 4. EM Differential 3.55 | \$200 |
| 5. LM 1965-67 Air Conditioner Parts (Complete) | \$500 |
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| 7. LM Rear Bumper (Good Condition) | \$100 |
| 8. LM Wheels (5 Lug) | \$35 |
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#2: Corvair engines in any condition. 102 hp, 110 hp, 140 hp and turbos.
Contact Wes Nicholas at (916) 989-8929.

The Chevrolet Corvair and the Hidden Holden Connection

Posted on [December 26, 2020](#) by [MCG](#)



To throw industrial spies off the track in the early days of the Corvair's development, the revolutionary air-cooled Chevy was slyly disguised as an experimental Holden.

Edward N. Cole (1909-1977) rightly could be called the father of the Chevrolet Corvair. He was also father of the Chevy small-block V8, the Chevrolet Vega, and the ubiquitous catalytic converter. Indeed: With the exception of Charles F. "Boss" Kettering himself, it's difficult to name another engineer at General Motors with a greater impact on the automaker's products.

Shooting up through the executive ranks, Ed Cole was promoted to chief engineer at Chevrolet in 1952, general manager of Chevrolet in July of 1956, and president of GM in 1967. And when the revolutionary Chevrolet Corvair made its debut in early October of 1959, *Time* magazine boldly featured Cole and the Corvair on the cover.

April Featured Article



With an air-cooled, flat-six engine mounted in the rear and independent suspension at all four corners, the Corvair was sensational—for an American car of the period, anyway. The project was destined from the start to attract special scrutiny from the press, the public, other automakers, even Cole's corporate rivals within GM. As the program took shape in 1956-57 in relative secrecy, early versions of the Corvair drivetrain were tucked inside a Porsche 356 and a modified GM Vauxhall sedan.



April Featured Article

As the project advanced to the road prototype phase in 1957, Cole and his team raised their counterintelligence game another notch: They camouflaged the test mule as an experimental Holden. (GM's Australian subsidiary, Holden was acquired by the General in 1931 and the division's vehicles were marketed as "Australia's Own Car.") Nameplates, trim, hubcaps, steering wheel, and so on were borrowed from the 1956-58 Holden FE Special, Special being the top model in the Holden line at the time above the Standard and Business. (More about the Holden FE [here.](#)) Our Australian readers may enjoy seeing how many Holden items they can spot on the test mule in these photos. To make the subterfuge complete, stationery and purchase orders for the project also featured Holden letterheads.

By the spring of 1959 the Corvair name (first used on a 1954 Motorama show car) became official and the exterior look of the eventual 1960 production model (below) was taking shape. We can see a hint of the '57 test mule's styling in the '60 production Corvair created by Bill Mitchell and crew in the GM styling studios. By the way, you can view the Corvair-Holden in testing in the GM film, [The Corvair in Action.](#) With just a touch of irony, we note the Corvair was never officially imported or marketed by GM in Australia. Reportedly, the Holden-badged Corvair prototype (we know there was one but there may have been more for all we know) was last seen in the mid-'60s, quietly moldering in a storage lot at the GM Proving Ground in Milford, Michigan.



Sacramento **AUTORAMA**

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CCRC has 17 Corvairs registered in this year's Autorama!



Photo taken by Michael Nyberg at Cars & Coffee Carmichael