



**Meeting Location:**  
**Spaghetti Factory**

- **Wednesday, July 26, 2023**
- **6:00pm Social / 6:45pm Meeting**
- **12401 Folsom Blvd.**
- **Rancho Cordova, CA 95742**
- **Phone# (916) 985-0822**

**Watch For:** An email from Activities Specialist John Heiser, notifying club members about upcoming events.

**Membership Dues 2023:**

**Please renew & pay your membership dues now. They are due by the last day of February annually. The price per year is \$20.00.** Please send checks or cash to Dean James, CCRC Membership. Make checks payable to: "CCRC". Please contact CCRC Treasurer Jim Kindley for additional questions.

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# Corvair Chatter

**Message From the President:**

Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

It is with regret that I have accepted the resignation of our secretary, Erin Sicard. Erin will remain active in the club but is unable to fulfill the secretary duties at this time. If anyone would be willing to step into this position, please let me know.

The club picnic was a great success. Great food, perfect weather, and great friends all together at once. It just doesn't get much better.

The first meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory went well. A few bumps occurred and the officers will work to iron them out. The officers held the regular Executive Board meeting at John Hafkenschiel's residence on July 12th . Topics considered were how well the first meeting went at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Discussed were the subjects of background noise and the fact that it took two hours from the time we ordered our meals until dessert was served and the bills were presented. Also discussed was the arrangement for the Christmas Party catering. In general, few were dissatisfied with the food in 2022, so we have been looking for a new caterer. The caterer for the club picnic has provided us with a reasonable price for providing service for the 2023 party. The club will be presented the options at the next general meeting. The next officer's meeting will be hosted by John Hafkenschiel on September 13th .

Don't forget about the State Fair Day on July 27, 2023. Also, it's time to start planning for the Ironstone event September 23, 2023. The club will be helping with the entry fee again this year.

I will not attend the August or September meeting as my wife, Lee and I are out in the RV for a couple of months. John Heiser will be graciously filling in for me.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely  
Jim Brown



# Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: By Erin Sicard June 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brown at 6:41pm and 23 members were in attendance. This was the first meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Orangevale. Approval of the May meeting minutes was motioned and seconded for approval and approval vote was unanimous. The sales and acquisitions report was presented by Wes with totals, expenditures and acquisitions and the club has shown profits for the year thus far. Jim Kindley presented his first treasurer's report of balances, expenditures and income and it was unanimously approved. The president welcomed everyone and presented his report which included a summary of the very successful club picnic held on the grounds of his homestead and reminded members that a sweater and some serving utensils had been left behind. Jim announced that he will be on an extensive traveling vacation near the end of August until mid-October and past president John Heiser will be chairing the club meetings in August and September. The officers meeting will be held July 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of John Hafkenschiel and the officers appreciate this hosting.

Carl presented the vice-president's report which included beginning to make plans for the holiday party in December. Ideas may be submitted at any club meeting or directly to Carl. John Heiser presented the activities report with a summary of the June club picnic, reoccurring gatherings at varied Cars N Coffee locations and reminded members of the gatherings at the Red Bus Brewery in Folsom the second Thursday of each month. The CA State Fair is upcoming in July and the club day will be on Thursday, 7/27. Ironstone d'Elegance has been set for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. It has been decided that the club's annual ice cream social will be on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Leatherbee's on Sunrise. Other upcoming and reoccurring events were reviewed with discussion of an ice cream social and annual picnic.

Dean presented the membership report and is updating social media presence for the club and continues to improve our website. Kari and Danita were not able to attend this evening but have let our President know that they will continue with the publication of the newsletter each month and always appreciate contributions and articles for inclusion.

There was no old business to discuss and there was no tech presentation this evening. New business was left open to the attending membership and there were no items proposed. Many positive comments about the new venue and menu were noted and a lively discussion continued after the meeting adjourned. A new club logo is still up for a development of the design, and it will continue as a discussion at future meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

## 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:** 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:**

**2nd Annual Vairs at the Vault:** Napa, CA Sept 9,2023- 10AM-2:30PM- LOCATION: 1055 Socal Ferry Rd. Napa, CA 94558 Near Junction Hwy 29 & 221 /// RSVP for this is MANDATORY, so please RSVP here with your name and email address or send an email to [sfbacorsa@gmail.com](mailto:sfbacorsa@gmail.com).

**Ironstone Concours d'Elegance:** September 23, 2023. Applications are due before August 31, 2023. Please send the applications and fees, picture of your car to John Heiser, 4804 Crestview Drive, Carmichael, Ca 95608, so that I can submit the entries all together as a package. The Club will reimburse a percentage off the entry fee this year.

### **Corvair Resources (Online)**

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[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 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. Members can write articles to review events (event photos, etc.) and submit for consideration to be included in the 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 at [JohnHeiser6@gmail.com](mailto:JohnHeiser6@gmail.com).

### **New Members**

➤ **Mike & Patricia Morgan**

### **Current Birthdays -**

**July 10 - Dee Smith**

**July 14 - Carol Rhode**

**July 16 - Brandon Scott Matharu**

**July 23 - Mike Blanchard**

### **Upcoming Birthdays-**

**August 04 - Brian Berry**

**August 05 - Laurie Blanchard**

**August 06 - Kelly Miller**

**August 08 - Grayson Burch**

**August 13 - Larry Forman**

**August 15 - Curt Tate**

**August 21 - Brian Miller**

**August 29 - Paul Beretta**



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**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) 989-8929.**

## Events & Activities

CA State Fair & Ironstone Concours d' Elegance 2023: from John Heiser

Greetings all: I contacted the organizer for the car club shows regarding the Cal Expo State Fair. We are scheduled to attend on July 27th, 2023. We need to arrive around 9:00 am at the Century Theatre parking lot off Ethan Way (across from Cal Expo). At 9:30 am we will caravan over to Gate 12 to enter and park our Corvairs by the grandstand.

The organizer indicated we can bring in at least 30 Corvairs. So, any interested folks from the San Francisco Club, please consider attending.

You get free parking and free State Fair entrance. The caveat is that we can't move our Corvairs until close to 7pm. You can bring in your own food, snacks, drinks etc. in your Corvair.

In Addition, the club attends the Concours d' Elegance on Saturday September 23, 2023. However, the event starts on September 22, 2023 for those that would like to arrive early and participate in both Friday and Saturday events.

The deadline to submit your registration with fees is August 31, 2023.

You will need to include a picture of your Corvair with the vehicle entry form and or email a picture of you Corvair to: [embock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:embock@sbcglobal.net)

If you email a picture of your Corvair, please include your name and address with each photo.

For convenience, I am collecting vehicle entry forms, checks made out to "Ironstone Concours Foundation", photos of your Corvair, and I will be submitting the group entry forms all at once. We will need at least 8 to 15 Corvairs to attend to be placed in a class. If less than 8 Corvairs, we may be parking in separate areas.

The entry fee has been increased to \$90.00 for Saturday. This includes entry for 2 folks including lunch for 2. The Club will be voting on the reimbursement cost at the July meeting.

Again, all cars need to be parked and in place by 9:00 am. We will be meeting up in Jackson, to Caravan to Ironstone as a club. There will be more information and details provided before the event.

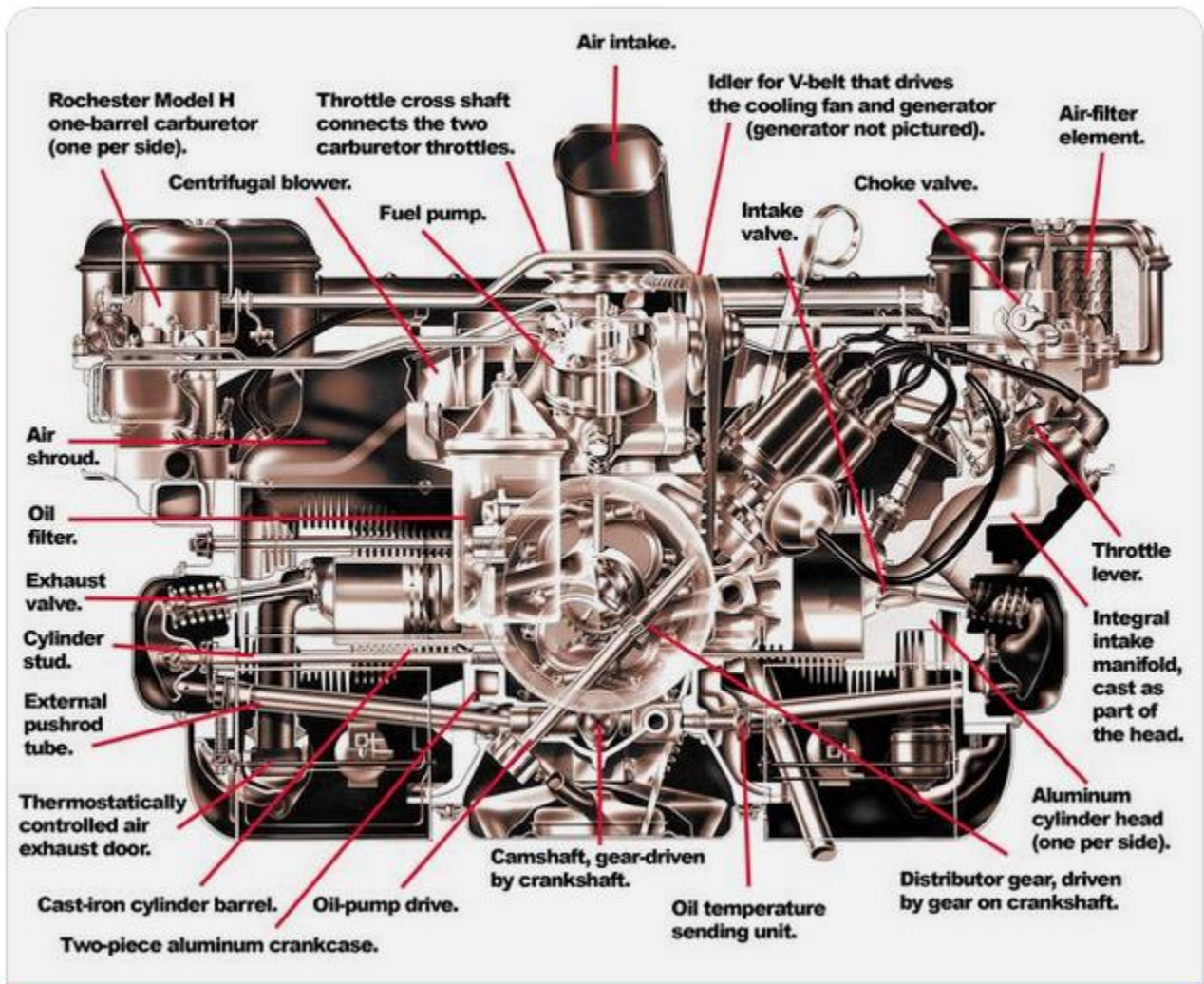
Thank you and I hope we can get at least 15 Corvairs entered!

If you are going to be able to bring out your Corvair for either event, please contact me. Please let me know if you plan on attending any events via Gmail at: [Johnheiser6@gmail.com](mailto:Johnheiser6@gmail.com) or text me on my cell phone at (916) 365-6589.

Cheers! John

# July Featured Article

## Cutaway Illustration In Detail of the Flat Six



Cutaway illustration in detail of the flat six, horizontally opposed air-cooled engine of the Chevrolet Corvair. Let's appreciate what a feat of engineering this was back in the day. Vairy Cool!

Brief Background: Work for the Corvair engine began as early as 1952 when Ed Cole (then Chief Engineer at Chevrolet) wanted to create a small compact economy car with an aluminum engine that would make a lightweight vehicle.

Choosing aluminum would be a costly decision over iron as GM didn't have an aluminum plant to accommodate this need. GM made a deal in 1956 with Alcoa Reynolds Aluminum and made plans to secure a site in Massena, New York. In 1957, GM signed a deal and Chevy began to build a foundry to create Corvair engine parts. The plant was completed in 1958 and the first production parts began in April, 1959 with 70 Corvair engines being built per hour at the Tonawanda Engine Plant. Talk about a time crunch! The first Corvair car (including putting the engine together) was hand assembled at the Willow Run Assembly Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan, by Cecil Cole (no relation to Ed Cole) beginning on May 20th, 1959, with the first production car rolling off the assembly line on July 7, 1959. The Corvair was officially introduced to the public on October 2, 1959.



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In the end, the Corvair's air-cooled engine was reputed to be more expensive to make than any other engine in Chevrolet's line-up except for the limited-production aluminum block 427 V8. GM spent 19 million dollars just to manufacture the engine parts for Corvair which would be \$198,570,892.00 today!!!

Corvair engine fun facts: Ed Cole's inspiration and influence to develop the Corvair engine was partly based on his own personal pursuits of being a private airplane pilot during the early 1950's where he logged many hours on a Continental powered small aircraft. During this same time frame, he was working on military projects as Senior Engineer at Cadillac in 1950 and assigned to make a light weight military tank that would involve another Continental, horizontally opposed, flat six engine. These engines made a great impression on him that would set the stage when time came for Mr. Cole to have the final say on what power unit would be chosen for the light weight compact Corvair vehicle.

All the Corvair engines were made at the Tonawanda Engine Plant in Tonawanda, New York, and that is why you will see the letter "T" stamped on your engine. The month and date manufactured will follow that letter "T" followed with a one, two, or three letter code (like YC, ZF, RH to signify type of engine, horsepower, whether it's a Powerglide or manual, etc. To understand the breakdown on Corvair engine codes, go to <https://www.tpocr.com/corvairec.html>

By: Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire

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Photo: CCRC 2023 Annual Picnic



## 2023 CCRC Annual Picnic Photos

The CCRC Annual Picnic was a great success this year full of friends, great BBQ and of course Corvairs. We had approximately forty (40) people in attendance which made the car tour, coloring contest, and playing horseshoes even more fun! (Below are additional photos from the picnic)



Above Photos from 2023 CCRC Annual Picnic