



**Quick Facts**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**October 26, 2022 at Denny's  
Dinner & Social starts at 6:00pm  
Meeting starts at 7:00pm**

8841 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA  
95662 (Corner of Greenback & Hazel)  
If you have a Corvair, come on out to the meeting.

**\*DUE TO Thanksgiving, the next meeting is moved to Nov 16, 2022**

**Membership Dues: Please pay your membership dues! \$20.00 for the year.** Please send checks or cash to Wes Nicholas. Checks made out to: "CCRC." For PayPal options, contact Wes Nicholas, CCRC Treasurer.

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# Corvair Chatter

**Message From the President:**

Hello Classic Corvairs of River City Members:

Thank you to John Heiser for taking my place at the September meeting. My wife and I and our two dogs enjoyed the Northwestern United States in our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel. We went through Oregon up to Washington near the Canadian border. We then crossed Idaho to Montana, staying in 3 different campgrounds across the state. Then we entered North Dakota and explored the Theodore Roosevelt National Park for a few days before departing for South Dakota and the Black Hills area. Next was Wyoming, a place I could easily live if there was no snow. We stayed in Buffalo, then Cody, and finally Dubois for a few days and spent time in Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and the Wind River Valley and Gorge. Then we were off to Colorado, followed by Utah, Nevada, and back to California. We traveled secondary roads after Montana and saw gorgeous scenery. We were able to take our time and see what we wanted. We explored five national parks: Glacier, North and South Theodore Roosevelt, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and Mount Rushmore. Disneyland has nothing over our national park system!

Congratulations to Erin Sicard on her 1965 Corvair's win in the Corvair Class at Ironstone Concours D'Elegance. Additionally, congratulations to the club for fielding enough vehicles to form a class.

Kari and Danita Emery Cotner have produced a great newsletter. Thanks for stepping up to the plate and doing such a good job.

Upcoming events include the Great Western Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs October 28-30. John has a get together for those loving craft beer and trains. See John's flash e-mail or his report in this newsletter. Date is November 5<sup>th</sup>. Last but not least, the annual Christmas Party is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget that the November meeting will be moved to the 16<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Til next newsletter,  
 Drive Life Safely  
 Jim Brown



# Latest CCRC News

## 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: 7:30 am to 10:00 am.

**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.

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

## Upcoming Events:

**The Great Western Fan Belt Toss:** Palm Springs October 28-30 (see page 8)

**River Fox Beer Train:** Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. For those who love craft beer and trains. See John's e-mail.

**CCRC Christmas Party:** December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Sun City Roseville we will have the 2022 Club Christmas Party. The Christmas Party fliers are being mailed out to all current members in November. Please save the date!

## Meeting Minutes

By Erin Sicard  
9/28/22

Meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by past president John Heiser, as current president Jim Brown is on vacation. There were eight members present. Larry gave a tech talk on E-stop, a push button emergency brake that replaces cable operated emergency brakes. The National Street Rod Association chose this as their New Safety Product of the Year. It's about \$600 but Larry is going to build his own version and will keep us updated on progress.

In old business, the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance in Murphy's was attended by several club members and friends of the club. There were eight club members cars entered; Kari and Danita's 65 Monza convertible, Wes's 61 Lakewood, Carl's 63 Monza convertible, Rich's 62 Monza wagon, Leo's 68 Monza, Brenda's 63 Monza convertible, Kurt and Brenda's 63 Monza convertible and Erin's 65 Corsa convertible. Awards of Merit were given to Rich and Carl and best in class was given to Erin.

Upcoming events were discussed, including the CA Auto Museum Fulton Street on 10/8 and the Great Western Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs October 28-30.

The Treasurer's report was given and balances/expenditures listed and approved. The Wells Fargo account has been emptied and closed with all accounts settled and the new account is open at River City with the President, Treasurer and Secretary as authorized users. The next meeting will be held on 10/26/22 at the Denny's in Orangevale with dinner beginning at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at  
7:37pm.

## Corvair Resources (Online)

Q&A - [www.corvaircenter.com](http://www.corvaircenter.com)  
[www.corvairforum.com](http://www.corvairforum.com)  
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<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/corvanatics>  
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Fun - [www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1](https://www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1)  
[www.deansgarage.com](http://www.deansgarage.com)



## Birthdays

October 04...Carl Funk  
October 08...Bob Florence  
October 11...Bonnie Joeseeph  
October 11...Mark Dandeneau  
October 14...Wes Nicholas  
October 15...Michael Nyberg  
October 18...Melissa Spruell  
October 21...Christy Barden  
October 22...Mike Barnes  
October 24...Lee Brown



## CCRC Club Member Assistance:

### CLASSIC CORVAIRS of RIVER CITY CLUB MEMBERS

In the last couple of years, our club has lost several members with cars that participated in club outings. It is getting more difficult to get a respectable number of cars at club-sanctioned events. Car shows, concourses, the Autorama and State Fair participation require strong showings.

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 financial assistance.

If you have a Corvair that is in need of work, contact John Heiser and give him the details on what you require in the way of help. A committee will review the requests and select those we think are 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.

## 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 John at [JohnHeiser6@gmail.com](mailto:JohnHeiser6@gmail.com) & Kari and Danita 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, [JohnHeiser6@gmail.com](mailto:JohnHeiser6@gmail.com).



# Classified Section



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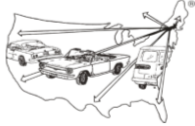


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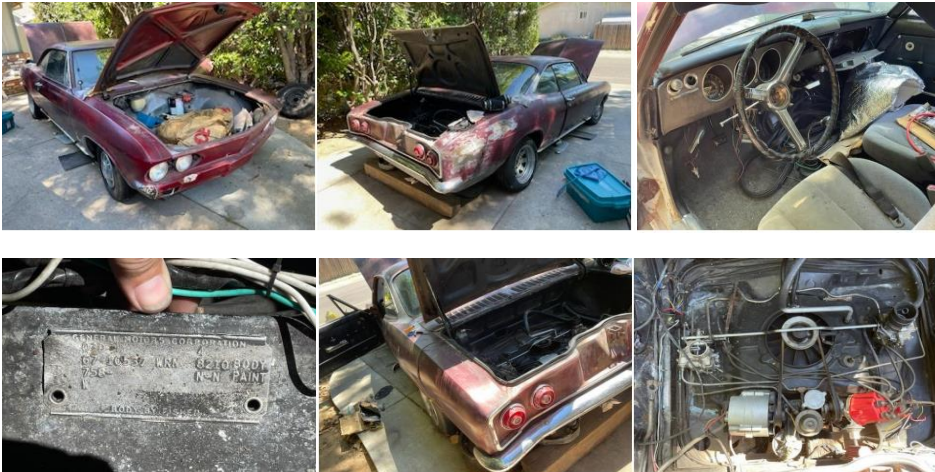
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**For Sale:** 1967 Corvair Monza, 110hp, 4 speed for sale. \$1,000 Contact Phone: (916) 622-6172. **Please text messages for additional information to Travis Fowler**, CCRC Club member. Travis is assisting the owner of this Corvair. The engine was rebuilt and runs. Location: Carmichael, CA



## WANTED:

#1:

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

#2:

Corvair engines in any condition. 102 hp, 110 hp, 140 hp and turbos. Contact Wes Nicholas.



# Congratulations to our Blue Ribbon Winner at the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance September 24, 2022

Congratulations to our Blue Ribbon Winner, Erin Sicard from the entry of her 1965 classic Corvair at Ironstone Concours d'Elegance on September 24, 2022.

It was a gorgeous, hot and sunny day in Murphys, CA. Our club showed up to display eight (8) of the club members Corvairs. The judges were wow'd by the beautiful corvairs and awarded the Blue Ribbon to Erin Sicard's 1965 Corsa 140HP convertible Corvair. (Yes, we actually heard them say WOW as they inspected the Corvair). Erin's beautiful Corsa was once her Mom and Dad's car and they were also there to see their daughter win this prestigious award. By the way, she was the only female blue ribbon winner this year! Additionally, our club also earned three green ribbons, Ironstone Award of Merits that were presented to Leo Scopesi, Carl Funk, & Rich Eastburn.



### Corvair History:

As the 1950s rolled into the 1960s, General Motors was at the top of its game, leading the industry in style and engineering excellence. GM was not afraid to be creative and push the boundaries of what an American car company could do. The 1960s were rich with experimentation and creative design - the decade bringing us the four-wheel independent Pontiac Tempest, Buick's compact light-alloy 215 cubic inch V8, Oldsmobile's turbocharged F-85 Jetfire and the later front-drive Tornado. But it was the Chevrolet division that led the engineering charge with the introduction of the Corvair in 1959.

Starting with a clean slate, Chevrolet engineers under the leadership of Ed Cole designed a new compact family car with a decidedly European influence. Called the Corvair (a merger of "Corvette" and Bel Air"), this revolutionary new car was quite unlike any mass-market American automobile ever built. With a sheet-steel type semi-unibody platform, the compact Corvair featured a rear-mounted, air cooled flat-six engine, and the chassis featured independent suspension at all four corners.

The interior and exterior design of the early model Corvair is credited to Ned Nickels and Carl Renner. Over 250,000 were sold in the first year, showing that buyers quickly warmed to the idea of this entirely unconventional family car. Despite its economical underpinnings, sports car enthusiasts quickly adopted the Corvair as a "poor man's Porsche" and GM was happy to accommodate their needs as well. In 1962, Chevrolet added a turbocharger to the Corvair's engine (becoming the first production turbocharged car just before the Olds Jetfire) which upped output to a very respectable 150 horsepower. For the 1965 model year, the Corvair would be redesigned and refreshed by the great stylist Bill Mitchell, assisted by Larry Shinoda.

The facelifted design was inspired by a sleek Pininfarina-designed concept on the Corvair platform that was making the rounds on the European show circuit. The stylish new Coke-bottle shape was more grown-up and sportier than the earlier car, and the shape has been much admired by fellow designers and influential journalists. The great David E. Davis considered the 2nd generation Corvair to be the prettiest post-war American car of all time, and we are sure there are plenty of loyal enthusiasts who would agree!

Mechanically, the car was upgraded with improved suspension, and more powerful versions of the air-cooled engine, including the turbocharged unit which now put out a very impressive 180 horsepower, putting it square in Porsche 911 territory at a fraction of the cost. Despite being plagued by bad publicity and urban legend, the Corvair stands as a truly revolutionary American car, and serious collectors are finally taking note of its importance.



# 2022 Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet Hosted by Inland Empire Corvair Club

## Schedule

Fri Oct 28 2022 at 12:00 pm to Sun Oct 30 2022 at 12:00 pm  
UTC-07:00

## Location

Sunrise Park, Palm Springs | Palm Springs, CA

