



Meeting Location: Spaghetti Factory

- **Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023**
- **6:00pm Social / 6:45pm Meeting**
- **12401 Folsom Blvd.**
- Rancho Cordova, CA 95742**
- Phone# (916) 985-0822**

RSVP: 2023 CCRC Christmas Party - December 3, 2023. Sun City 7600 Whistlestop Way, Roseville, CA 95747

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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(Maintained by: Dean James)

Corvair Chatter

Message From the President:

Hello Classic Corvairs of River City Members:

Lee and I pulled in back home Saturday, October 14 after a 2+ month RV trip across America, focusing on the New England states, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Highlights were lobster in Maine, Cape Cod in Massachusetts, the Pocono Mountains, Gettysburg, and Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania. We toured Antietam in Maryland, and Mt Vernon, National Marines Museum, Monticello, Appomattox, Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Richmond in Virginia. We started home once we arrived in North Carolina, but cut across Tennessee to Bowling Green, Kentucky where we toured the Corvette factory on its first week of to 2024 models. Next was Branson, Missouri, followed by Arkansas, Oklahoma, and then down to the Gulf of Texas to visit our son and granddaughter for a week. The way home included New Mexico, Arizona via Interstate 40 and Route 66. We put in excess of 10,000 miles on the fifth wheel and a couple thousand more on the truck. We visited 32 states, and only need to visit Alaska to have been in all 50. No mishaps, so a great trip.

I have always loved history, and I learned a fair amount of new insight and had a few of my preconceived notions changed. It was a great trip, but I'm glad to be home.

My next Ramblings will concern itself with Corvair information.

Till next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely
Jim Brown



Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: By John Heiser September 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order by past President John Heiser at 6:51 pm and 8 members were in attendance. President Jim Brown is on vacation. Approval of the August meeting minutes was motioned and seconded for approval and approval vote was unanimous.

Jim Kindley presented the treasurer's report of positive balances, expenditures and income, and it was unanimously approved. The sales and acquisitions report was presented by Wes Nicholas and the club has continued to show profits for the year thus far. Wes requested a fixed amount from the club to acquire a late model Corsa turbo coupe and parts/engine from the estate of Ted Lechner, Jr. Motioned and seconded for approval and approval vote was unanimous.

Carl Funk was not present to provide the vice-president's report.

John Heiser presented the activities report:

October 20-22nd is the 45th annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss. There is a Friday evening welcome party and the Caliente Tropics Resort host hotel has special rates for members who mention their Corvair Club membership. Individual registration and t-shirts are available at <https://gwfbt.com/>. Reminders of reoccurring gatherings at varied Cars N Coffee locations; Sacramento Hollywood Park Auto Club Classic Cars meets every 3rd Sunday at 10am at Leonardo DaVinci School, Carmichael Bel Air Sunday Cars and Coffee at 4005 Manzanita Avenue at the intersection of Fair Oaks Blvd and Manzanita Avenue near the corner of Cypress from 7-10am, Folsom Cars n' Coffee at Town Center El Dorado Hills from 7-9:30am and the air-cooled drive in gatherings at the Red Bus Brewery on Reading Street in Folsom the second Thursday of each month at 6pm. The NOR CAL Cycle & Car Swap will be November 12th and December 10th at Motorcycle/Hot Rod/Vintage Goods West Wind Sacramento 6 Drive-In 9616 Oates Drive Sacramento 95827; 951-852-3800. See club's website for Calendar updates.

Kari & Danita Emery-Cotner were not present to provide the newsletter report.

Dean James reported that we currently have 68 members, with new member Tav Byerhoff as our newest member.

New business was discussed:

- The Club needs a volunteer to take the position of Secretary.
- Discussion held regarding club parts pricing for members vs. non-members. Board members have discussed the possibility of adding additional language to the Bylaws for pricing clarification.
- The National Corvair Preservation Foundation – Capital Campaign to acquire and purchase a new museum. Donations being accepted. Up for Club vote to approve a donation.
- California Automobile Museum Club Membership: The Car Club Membership is now \$150. One of the benefits is either 50 passes for your club or a free use of our conference room for a meeting or get-together.
- Starting tech sessions and tune up parties was discussed.

Wes Nicholas shared a Honda steering u-joint coupler that can be used as a replacement on the stick shift coupler for late model Corvairs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Information

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

Upcoming Birthdays-

Nov 01 – Danita Emery-Cotner
Nov 07 – Karen Kramer
Nov 10 – Michael Murphy
Nov 10 – Brian Kanamu
Nov 17 – Patricia Morgan
Nov 21 – Joshua Kirk
Nov 23 – Erin Sicard
Nov 25 – Gary Pevey
Nov 26 – Shaun Stalker

New Members- No new members

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** and give him the details on what you require in the way of assistance.

***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, articles, and photos 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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- 62-63 Simulated wire wheel covers in good condition set of 4 \$175.00
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- Front Bucket seats (3) for LM price each. \$125.00
- EM crossover with Oil Bath filter \$35.00
- LM 4 door "B" pillar cover blue \$35.00
- LM Ball bearings, wheel front and rear \$10.00 ea.
- Tires 13" and 14" in good condition. varies
- FC chrome bumpers \$200 ea.
- EM 4 door vent shades \$100.00
- Corsa dash complete with gauges \$150.00
- LM Bumper guards PR \$75.00
- Starter motor \$75.00 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. Contact **Wes Nicholas at (916) 989-8929.**

- **Complete Chrome Molding Trim for Front Window Corvair Rampside**-\$200.00- Contact Danita Emery-Cotner at (916) 521-6067



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) 989-8929.

Events & Activities

Full Calendar of Events available on <http://northern-california-corvairs.com>

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: Nov 12, Dec 10- Motorcycle/ Hot Rod/ Vintage Goods- West Wind Sacramento 6 Drive-In. 9616 Oates Dr., Sacramento, CA 95827/ 951-852-3800
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Upcoming Events:

45th Annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet Oct. 20-22, 2023: Sunrise Park, 401 Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA

Sacramento International Auto Show Oct. 27-29, 2023: Air Cooled Java Cruisers presented by Oyler Insurance. Cal Expo Sacramento, CA <https://www.sacautoshow.com>

CCRC Christmas Party December 3, 2023: 7600 Whistlestop Way, Roseville, CA 95747 located in the Sun City Roseville community. Please RSVP by November 25, 2023.

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





Join us Sunday December 3rd from 5-8pm
at Sierra Pines @ Sun City
- 7600 WHISTLESTOP WAY ROSEVILLE, CA 95747-
The party will start at 5pm followed by dinner,
an optional gift exchange (\$25 Max)
and live music from Todd Morgan @7pm

Todd Morgan & the Band

Get ready to dance to music
across rock n' roll and
pop/rock genres!

RSVP by 11/25

Bring this form and payment to the next CCRC meeting
-OR-

Mail this form and a check made out to CCRC to
4035 Canyon Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Members Name(s) _____

\$30 Per Member/ Family _____ \$40 Per Guest _____

Article of the Month

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.



Article of the Month, continued

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.



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. 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.

