

Corvair Chatter



Message From The CCRC President

*HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!*

Greetings fellow Club members and friends: Hope everyone is doing well and hope everyone is looking forward to this years Club activities, tours and events. I will briefly go over this years activities, event and tours at the club meeting on January 22nd with Chris providing details on the events and tours. If you have suggestions for events and tours, please let us know.

We will discuss the upcoming Cal Expo Autorama, February Valentines Tour and March thru May events and tours.

Cheers and see you at the club meeting on the 22nd.

John

Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- **Thursday, January 22, 2026**
- **5:30pm Social / 7:00pm Meeting**
- **Brookfields Restaurant**
4343 Madison Ave.,
Sacramento, CA (at Highway 80)

Membership Dues 2026:

Membership Dues of \$20 are due annually in January.

Venmo:



Cash/Checks: Send to Dean James
Make checks payable to CCRC

Please contact CCRC Treasurer Jim Kindley for additional questions.

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Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: November 20, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President, John Heiser.

Minutes of meeting on October 20, 2025, as presented in the newsletter, were unanimously approved.

President's report by President John Heiser:

- California Automobile Museum yearly membership dues of \$150 have been paid.
- Club shirts and hats available for purchase at cost before and after the meeting from Kari and Danita.

Treasurer's report by Jim Kindley for November, 2025.

Sales and acquisitions report by Wes Nicholas:

Membership report by Dean James: 61 members paid to date for 2025, but almost 100 on our roster including spouses and plus ones.

Vice-President's report by Chris Medeiros:

- A reminder that we have passes for free entrance to the California Automobile Museum.

Activities report by Chris Medeiros: Upcoming cruises/events are as follows:

New Events:

Discussion for multi-day cruise in the spring – 100 to 200 miles total, destination with activities, stay in hotel – Murphys, Truckee, Petaluma, Pacifica – next Board meeting will map out events for next year.

Ongoing events:

- Sacramento Hollywood Park Auto Club-Classis Cars meets every 3rd Sunday, 10:00 am at Leonardo Da Vinci School, 4701 Joaquin Wy, Sacramento.
- Carmichael Bel Air Sunday Cars N Coffee, meets every Sunday, 7:00 am to 10:00 am at 4005 Manzanita Ave., at the intersection of Fair Oaks Blvd. and Manzanita Ave., and near the corner of Cypress
- Folsom Cars and Coffee meets Saturdays from 7:00 am to 9:30 am, at the El Dorado Town Center, 2101 Vine St, El Dorado Hills, CA
- Red Bus Brewery hosts an air-cooled drive-in gathering on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm on Reading St. in Folsom, providing specials on beverages and pizza

Old Business:

- The Board will review suggested board member definitions/duties at next business meeting.

New Business:

- No December meeting. Next meeting January 22, 2026.
- Christmas Party on December 7, 2025 beginning at 5 pm at Vince's Restaurant in West Sacramento. CCRC to presell tickets, with firm deadline to RSVP and pre-select menu items. Price to be \$10/member and family members, up to 4 people; additional guests \$30/person
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

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

CCRC CLUB MEMBER ASSISTANCE:

In order to get more cars on the road, the club leadership is offering assistance to members who 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 the Corvair Club at ClassicCorvairs@gmail.com** and give 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 - Members can write articles and send photos and articles they wish to have included in the newsletter. Email to Laurie Daniels at lauriedanielsca@att.net

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 Chris Medeiros at cmedeiros@mac.com.

Club T-Shirts & Hats - Members attending 2 meetings receive 2 shirts for free. T-shirts and hats are also for sale \$21/shirt (\$23/shirt tall sizes) (Henley shirts are \$29). Hats are \$16.

CLASSIFIED – Corvair Parts for Sale



-or- Click Here: [CCRC - Classified \(northern-california-corvairs.com\)](http://CCRC-Classified(northern-california-corvairs.com))

Welcome New Members

Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

January Birthdays:

Roberty Dominguez-Gadson Ken Edwards
Miya Francis Reginal Joaquin Cliff Lander
Liz Cockrell Lisa Davis

February Birthdays:

Jim Brown Tav Byerhoff Leo Scopes
Tabitha Heiser Beth Solheim Carol Medeiros

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Events & Activities

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Current & Upcoming Events:

2026 Activities to be scheduled by Chris Medeiros, Vice-President and Activities Guru – further information and details to follow.

Tentative date of February 14 (Saturday) – CCRC CRUISE DAY – VALENTINES TOUR - TBD

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: Saturdays -Town Center, El Dorado Hills. 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.

California Auto Museum: See Jim Kindley-**FREE** tickets for members (1st come/1st serve-until gone).

Delta Shores – Cars and Coffee.

Bridgeway Church 8150 Industrial Ave, Roseville, CA.. Cars and Coffee. 1st Saturdays of the month.

MEETING LOCATION:

BROOKFIELDS RESTAURANT
4343 MADISON AVE.,
SACRAMENTO, CA 95842
(Madison Ave. & Highway 80)

5:30 pm Social/7:00 pm Meeting

Here's Why Only True Enthusiasts Like The Chevy Corvair Monza

BY [KENNY NORMAN](#)

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The Corvair Monza received some bad press, leading people to believe that it was a worse vehicle and had more severe flaws regarding engine placement.



The [Chevrolet](#) Corvair Monza was not one of Chevy's [more well-known models](#). It was first constructed in 1962 as an experimental prototype car, based on Chevy's standard Corvair. It didn't quite enter production immediately, due to its concept car status, but enthusiasts considered it a "gorgeous" car and were fans of it right away. Two generations were manufactured between 1960 and 1969. One Corvair Monza vehicle was even featured in the World of Tomorrow attraction at Disneyland.

The Corvair Monza received some bad press, leading people to believe that it was a worse vehicle, and had more severe flaws regarding engine placement and crash protection, discouraging people from driving it.

A new generation of Monza debuted in 2019, but is quite different from the original generation that seems to be a major hit with mostly hardcore, dedicated enthusiasts.

Production Was Discontinued



When muscle cars such as the Ford Mustang rose to power, Chevrolet decided to discontinue the production of the Corvair. The Corvair was produced for nine years between 1960 and 1969, and in that time, critics pointed out [its many design flaws](#). It had an air-cooled flat-six engine placed in the rear, as opposed to under the hood, making the Corvair susceptible to spin-outs. Further, the vehicle was missing a simple roll-bar to protect passengers should the car flip over. Most of all, its single-piece steering column could impale a driver upon impact.

However, by 1972, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a 134-page report denouncing the critics for exaggerating minor flaws. Sadly, by that time, production had already been discontinued. Also, [GM redesigned suspension in the Corvair in 1965](#) as a response to the criticism, increasing awareness of safety to the manufacturers.

In 1962, Chevy introduced a convertible in the Monza Series 900 line, pacifying any enthusiasts who wanted a car open to the elements. Also notable for 1962 was that it was Corvair's highest production model year, producing more than 306,000 were produced. For the record, the Corvair Monza only produced around two percent of that amount in 1969, its final production year.

Enthusiasts Sympathize With Its Misconception



Despite the amount of fear from the public, enthusiasts tend to be devoted to the Corvair Monza, partially because they sympathize with the aforementioned misconceptions. Corvair enthusiasts love seeing the car featured in [movies](#), at [low-rider rallies](#), and in [Jay Leno's garage](#). After critics spoke out regarding the Corvair Monza had several flaws, enthusiasts took the defensive stance, explaining to the public how the car isn't as dangerous to the general public as it had been made out to be.

In addition, enthusiasts noted how the [criticisms of the Corvair Monza were exaggerated and overblown](#), and how they had to dissuade the general public from perpetuating these beliefs. Further, enthusiasts explained that vehicles throughout automotive history were similarly configured and potentially dangerous to drive, such as Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, Porsche, and Triumph, which all showcased similar swing-axle designs in their cars as the Corvair Monza used.

One fortunate aspect of the whole story is, years after the Corvair Monza was discontinued, the vehicle was vindicated by history, resulting in Corvairs being better understood now than they ever had been before, when they were [heavily maligned over the years](#). Enthusiasts maintained how the Corvair was used as a scapegoat to expose the manufacturers designing car features and aspects that the public had previously let go unnoticed. These days, Corvairs have a well-organized club and parts network to give practical ownership of a Corvair to any enthusiast.

Engines Had Too Many Annoying Quirks



Unfortunately, one point about the Corvair Monza that gave the critics merit was that [the engine had many quirks that annoyed drivers](#). The original Corvairs were simple, four-door sedans Chevy designed with a three-speed manual transmission that came standard. Two-door coupe versions arrived soon followed, along with the 900-series Monza convertible, featuring sportier seats and a more athletic, four-speed, manual transmission.

However, after drivers started taking the Corvair Monza out on the road, [valid complaints arose regarding the cars](#). First, the heating system would sometimes leak noxious fumes into the cabin. Second, the cars would leak oil profusely. Third, the tires were often overinflated so they could overcompensate for dicey handling. Fourth, the sun hit the polished metal dashboards, blinding drivers as a result.

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