



Corvair Chatter

Quick Facts

NEXT MEETING

February 21, 2018 at 6pm – 8pm

Denny's Restaurant
8841 Greenback Lane
Orangevale, CA 95662
916-987-6119
(Corner of Greenback & Hazel)

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Website;
www.northern-california-corvairs.com
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Message From the Club President

Happy Valentine's Day (belated) to all married and members who have significant others. I hope you all had a good time with your sweetheart.

Autorama starts on February 16 – 18, 2018 at CalExpo. CCRC has committed 11 CCRC members to attend this event and this year's theme is; Pirates. Paul Bender is taking the lead for CCRC pirates with adding a number of items donated from club members for the pirate's booty. And the Black Pearl has been sighted sailing up the Delta to do battle with the Metro Club to bring home the \$200 booty prize.

We have added 2 new members to our rolls. Please welcome Adam and Andreas to the fold. Both young men have purchased their first Corvairs; Adam has a '64 and Andreas has a '60. With the help of a club member's generosity, the guys now have engines for their Vairs and will be asking for help in the near future. So please welcome them and be prepared for a lot of questions from them.

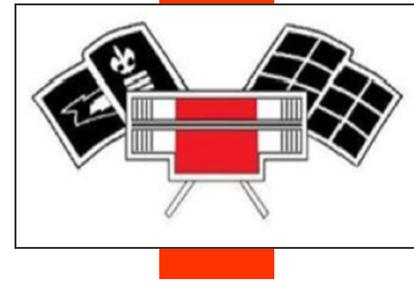
WE HAVE A SITE! The 2018 Corvair Spring Fling is officially starting. I have completed the designs for this year's publications, awards, dash plaques, and awards. Also, Central Valley Corvairs, Silicon Valley CORSA, and Bay Area CORSA will be co-hosts, and dinner will be at Outback Steakhouse on the patio. I will discuss this further at our February 21st meeting, and will have draft copies of the items for the show. **So please make it a point to attend this very important meeting.**

Finally, as with any car show, it takes volunteers, donations, equipment, and good weather to make the show an eventful outing. I hope that some of the CCRC members will come forward and help with setting up and tear down.

If you have any other ideas, suggestions or inquiries, please feel to contact me at; 916-600-4215 or email me at; my95vette@yahoo.com



Latest CCRC News



Car Shows for 2018

January

None

February

Feb.16 -18 Sacramento Autorama, CalExpo Fairgrounds

March

March 17 – 9am – 2pm, Casa Roble High School Car Show, Oak Avenue between Hazel Ave. and Chestnut Ave., Orangevale

April

Sunrise April 21 - 2018 Corvair Spring Fling, Fry's Electronics, 180 N. Blvd., Roseville, CA 95661. Dinner will be at Outback Steakhouse; across the street from Fry's Electronics.

Meeting Minutes

By Bruce Leonard – Acting Secretary



The December meeting of Classic Corvairs of River City was called to order by Bruce Leonard, President, at 7:00pm.

Bruce Leonard introduced 2 new members and then went around the room to have everyone introduce themselves as well. There were 21 members present at the meeting. Great turnout.

It was brought to the club's attention that former member Roy Hall had passed away in December.

The club has 11 members signed up for Autorama on February 16 – 18, 2018 and it was mentioned the \$200 prize for the best pirate-themed club. Paul Bender is taking the lead on this year's set-up which includes a pirate ship, skeletons, banners, and a treasure chest. A \$200 booty is at stake.

Wes Nicholas and Bruce Leonard have taken the lead in finding another venue. Leslie Beardsley recommend trying Fry's Electronics in Roseville. There are a number of car clubs who use the parking lot for their shows and has high traffic visibility plus it's across the street from Roseville Auto Mall. Finally, Leslie mentioned there were some local restaurants in the area for the club's dinner.

Wes Nicholas gave the Treasurer's report for 2017. Based on our assets and liabilities, the club was down about \$700 from the previous fiscal year (2016).

Larry Foreman presented a follow-on to his news article regarding electronic ignitions located in January's newsletter. He also presented some information of having a professional photographer take pictures of CCRC. The costs were \$300 per car with a maximum of 12 cars. A 30" x 42" photo would be approximately \$1,200.

And Ron was in attendance again and drove himself to the meeting. Great news!

The meeting was closed at 8:06pm.

The 2018 Spring Fling Committee needs volunteers. P-L-E-A-S-E remember, this is the club's only annual event and any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

March Birthdays

Suzanne Barnes March 9
Bonnie Joseph March 15
Ron Eversden March 16
Pat Spence March 17
Tony Sica March 30



Corvair Resources (Online)

Q&A - www.corvaircenter.com
www.corvairforum.com
Parts - www.corvair.com (Clark's)
www.californiacorvairparts.com
www.corvairunderground.com
www.mikescorvairparts.com
www.rockauto.com
Sale - www.jaxed.com
www.corvairtrader.com (Parts & Sales)
Fun - www.youtube.com/user/davemotohead1
Events – www.corvairmeetup.com (CAR SHOWS ANNOUNCMENTS FOR 2018)

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 Jean, jeancolegrove@comcast.net

CORVAIR CHATTER Newsletter - I don't go to club meetings because _____.
Email your completed sentence to Jean, jeancolegrove@comcast.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 Bruce Leonard at, my95vette@yahoo.com

Classified Section



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Looking for a Corsa speedometer. If you have one and even if it's not working, but can be repaired, please contact Jean Colegrove, 916-338-1660.

Leslie Beardsley is selling her lovely 1960 Corvair. More information to follow but if you want to be the first to see it and hear it run, better call her right away. This car is a show stopper and attention getter. Please call Leslie at: 916-989-8525

If you have any spare parts that you no longer need, want or care about, please let me know so I can post them in our Classified Section. The club has parts from Ritt Rittenhouse's estate plus donation parts from an other Source who restored a Rampside and '62 coupe. These items are for sale to CCRC members and other CORSA Chapter members. Please contact Wes Nicholas, Leo Scopesi or Bruce Leonard for details.

1962 Corvair Monza 900 with factory air. Car has been sitting outside for 25 years and started until last year. This is a project car and needs full restoration. Pictures are available, just contact Bruce Leonard or call Glenda and/or Ron at; 916-849-4446.

If you're looking for a Corvair, check out Corvair Trader.com to join and get free notices in your email Inbox. You can also sell items on the site as well.



25 Things You Didn't Know About the Corvair

Depending on how you look at it, July 7, 1959, witnessed one of the most creative, or foolhardy, steps in by the U.S. auto industry: Production began on the Chevrolet Corvair. A response to the VW Beetle, which had sold more than 100,000 copies in four years to 1958, Corvair remains America's only successful effort to build a rear-engine, 6-cylinder, air-cooled sedan, the most competitive compact segment, from scratch.

To mark this occasion, Corvair Preservation Foundation historian Dave Newell and technical adviser Larry Claypool came up with these "25 Things You Didn't Know About Corvairs" -- or which you will enjoy anyway even if you did:

1. The secret of the Corvair was leaked 18 months early, on April 11, 1958, when United Auto Workers official Dave Mann told the press that General Motors would build a small car at the Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti, Mich.
2. Motor Trend magazine's Car of the Year for 1960, Corvair had GM's first all-independent suspension. To use an existing manual transmission, the engine rotation had to be reversed so as not to have one low forward gear and four reverse.
3. Unibody construction with welded front fenders, a first for GM, meant that Fisher Body employees aligned the whole car.
4. Some 8,000 Corvairs were stockpiled at the GM's Milford, Mich., Proving Grounds in preparation for the October 1959 launch; 250 were "swimmers" (caught in a flood) but cleaned up, reupholstered and sold.
5. Oct. 2 was the official launch day and will be national Drive Your Corvair To Work Day this fall.
6. Initial Corvair models were 500 and 700 four-door sedans. The most basic 500 is known as the Caveman for its simplicity. Coupes followed in January 1960, then the Monza coupe with 4-speed on the floor in the spring.
7. Surviving early Corvairs are Nos. 375 and 428, both sporting original front fenders, which lasted only 500 cars into the production run.
8. Chevrolet dealers were dismayed by the initial price, which could climb to \$2,500 with Powerglide, heater and radio, only \$200 less than a full-size Biscayne.
9. Gas mileage could be as high at 26 m.p.g. highway, until the VW-style gasoline-powered heater was fired up at a loss of 6 to 8 m.p.g.
10. A boatload of 1960 Corvairs was sent to Cuba before the revolution. At last count, three survive; two reportedly running with front-mounted Russian motors.
11. Dick Doane Chevrolet in East Dundee and Chicago Tribune writers made two attempts to drive to Rio de Janeiro in three Corvairs, with a support truck and fuel truck. They got as far as Colombia in 1961, where one car remain in the jungle, according to a British Army photograph from 1972.

Covair Owner's Group Stories



12. In 1961, the Corvan panel van, Greenbrier passenger van and Lakewood station wagon and Rampside pickup were introduced. Air conditioning was optional.
13. GM built several front-wheel-drive prototypes in 1961, based on Alfa Romeo 1900 and Renault Caravelle platforms; a four-wheel-drive Corvan was tested.
14. One of the rarest Corvairs is the 1962 Loadside pickup. Only 369 were made, with a well in the center of the floor that could not be swept out.
15. The Corvair was an enormously popular base for show cars: the 1961 Sebring Spyder and Pininfarina Speciale, 1962 Super Spyder and Bertone Testudo, 1963 Monza GT and SS, 1966 Fitch Phoenix, 1967 Astro 1 survive.
16. A radical 1965 redesign with Fisher Z body saw the rear suspension resemble Corvette's to address safety issues (see "Unsafe at Any Speed"). And the heater and A/C were improved. But without the pop of the V-8 Ford Mustang, sales dwindled and opened the door to the Panther (Camaro).
17. Don Yenke extracted up to 240 h.p. from Yenke Stinger Corvairs, which were competitive Sports Car Club of America racers. He built 100 in one month in 1965, with a total of 185 from 1965-67.
18. In 1968, XP-892 was shown as a full-size model for the 3rd-generation Corvair, planned for 1970, but scrapped. However, the 1974 Holden Monaro HJ coupe borrowed some styling cues.
19. Corvair was down to two coupes and a convertible for 1968-69. A/C was discontinued because of the engine load added by an emissions air pump.
20. Modular Corvair engines were built to bolt together in 4-, 8- and 10-cylinder configurations. One, a 10-cylinder front-wheel-drive configuration, was used in the development of the Olds Toronado.
21. The rarest Corvair is the amphibious Corphibian Loadside pickup. One was built. The GM plant in Oshawa, Ontario, built 100 amphibious Corvair Dynatrack articulated vehicles for the U.S. and Canadian Armies. The Australian Army ordered 500 but didn't have the money upfront.
22. Apollo astronauts trained on a Corvair-based lunar rover in New Mexico.
23. The last Corvair was VIN:105379W106000, an Olympic Gold 1969 coupe with black interior. It's reported to have been destroyed, but ...
24. In the 1970s, Viton finally made a rubber seal that resisted the heat around Corvair pushrods and cured the oil leaks that had plagued the cars since they were new.
25. By 1971, the National Highway Safety Transportation Board declared the Corvair no less safe than anything else on the road in the early 1960s. Take that, Ralph Nader (the consumer crusader who made his name in 1965 with "Unsafe at Any Speed," the book that targeted Corvair).

If you have not paid your
2018 club dues...

...this could be your last newsletter.