

Corvair Chatter



Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- Thursday, June 26, 2025
- 5:30pm Social / 6:45pm Meeting
- Brookfields Restaurant
4343 Madison Ave.,
Sacramento, CA (at Highway 80)

Membership Dues 2025:

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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www.northern-california-corvairs.com

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Message From The CCRC President

Hello Classic Corvairs of River City Members:

I hope everyone is having fun this month! Thank you, Chris for conducting last months meeting and hope everyone is ready for the June 21st Plymouth Tour. Thank you, Chris and Carol for organizing these Tours. The 2025 CORSA Convention was well attended and lots of fun! Thank you for those club members that helped out at registration. Greatly appreciated!

The club hosted a work party at Leo's place on May 31st. Quite a few club members attended and participated working on two 140 hp engines. Thank you for those members that attended.

Reminder, the CCRC event calendar, club event photos, club Corvair parts and reference documents are available on the club's website.

Cheers and see you at the June meeting.

John Heiser, President



Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: May 22, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Vice-President Chris Medeiros. The total in attendance was 9.

Minutes of meeting on April 24, 2025, as presented in the newsletter, were unanimously approved.

President's report by Vice-President Chris Medeiros for President John Heiser:

- Welcome to new member Curt Thue (present).
- 2025 CORSA Convention in San Luis Obispo is ongoing at this time with several members in attendance
- Club shirts and hats available for purchase at cost before and after the meeting from Kari and Danita.

Treasurer's report submitted to Chris Medeiros by Jim Kindley for May, 2025.

Sales and acquisitions report provided by Wes Nichols. A work party is scheduled at Leo's garage on May 31, 2025. E-mail to membership to be sent out with particulars. Ken Edwards has a 140 engine that needs reassembly. Ken had agreed to pay the club for work on the engine. The club owns a 140 engine that needs to be evaluated. If we can get it running, it will be available for sale. The inventory spreadsheet is available on the website

Membership report by Dean James: 49 members paid to date for 2025. The cut off for payment of annual dues was end of February. We had 66 paid members last year. Dean will continue to encourage former members to rejoin this year.

- **Vice-President's** report by Chris Medeiros:
- The River Tour was another successful outing for the club, leaving from Leo's in West Sac and traveling Highway 84 and River Road, ending at the Sugar Mill for food and refreshments.
- Veteran's Day will be celebrated at the California Auto Museum on Monday, May 26. Fee is \$35 in advance/\$45 on day of event - military vehicles are free for the day.
- 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:

June 21	Plymouth Tour
TBD	Ice Cream Social; BBQ/Picnic

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

Latest CCRC News (cont.)

Old Business:

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

New Business:

- CCRC work party as above.
- Dean recently purchased a bag of parts for \$50, which he will inventory. He also has a 1965 power glide- the torque converter appears to be in good condition.
- New member Nelson Black has a Fitch Sprint convertible that needs to be cleaned up.

Tech Presentation: Chris Medeiros led a discussion about good motor oils for Corvair engines including Shell T5, and Rotella T5 10/30 (available at Walmart). Also appropriate is diesel lubricating oil, which is in part synthetic. T6 is a thinner oil. Per the CORSA website, Richard Widmer, engineer and oil expert, recommends NOT to go over 30 weight, as the engine was originally designed for 30 weight. The benefit of the lower number is in viscosity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 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

Welcome New Members

Curt Thue Nelson Black

Birthdays (Current & Upcoming)

June Birthdays:

Joe Aguirre Michael Brassil
Russ Magee Susan Peterson
Susan Shoen

July Birthdays:

Dee Smirlis

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://northern-california-corvairs.com)

Events & Activities

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

Current & Upcoming Events:

June 21, 2025: CCRC Cruise Day - Plymouth Tour – meet at Brookfields, Rancho Cordova at 9:30 for 10:00 departure to Highway 16 for wine tasting at Coopers Vineyards and lunch at Marlene & Glen's Dead Fly Diner. Please RSVP. See updated flyer sent out on June 14, 2025

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.

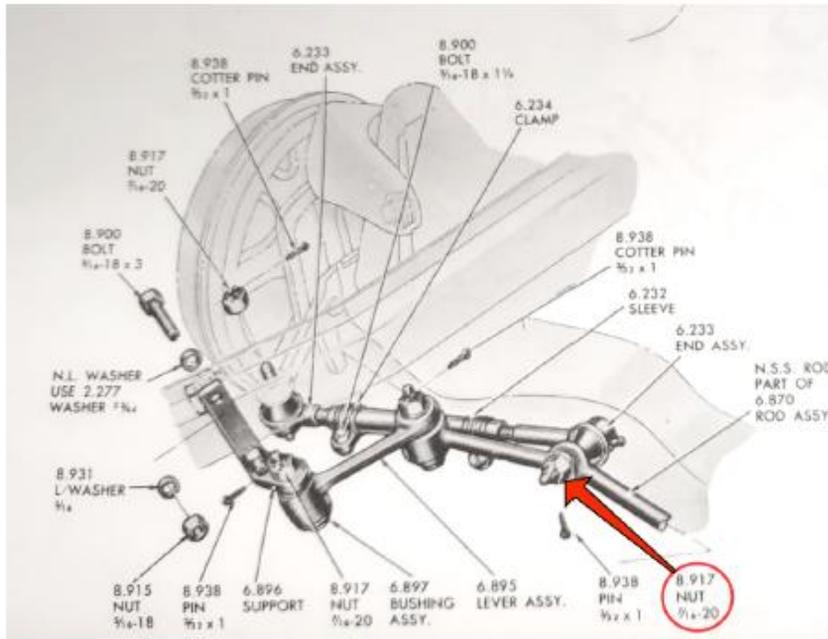
California Auto Museum: See Jim Kindley-**FREE** tickets for members (1st come/1st serve-until gone).

REMINDER

NEW MEETING LOCATION:
BROOKFIELDS RESTAURANT
4343 MADISON AVE.,
SACRAMENTO, CA 95842
(Madison Ave. & Highway 80)
5:30 pm Social/6:45 pm Meeting

Not All Castle Nuts Are Created Equal

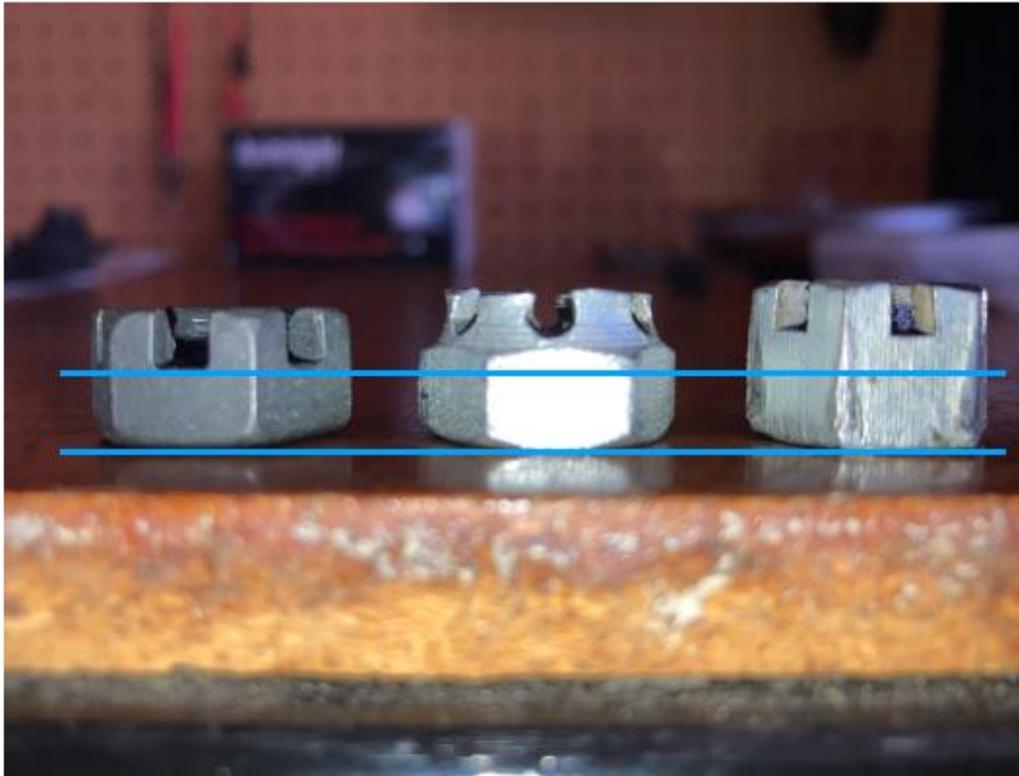
Please be advised that the castle nuts specifically designed for the tie rod ends of the Corvair are not readily available at your local auto parts store.



Here are three 7/16 - 20 castle nuts. All three will screw down and tighten the tie rod end in place.

However, let's take a closer look at these castle nuts.

From the perspective shown here, the distinctions become quite evident. Notably, the dimension between the bottom of the slots and the bottom of the nuts is the most significant distinction.



	LEFT	CENTER	RIGHT
SUPPLIER:	Clark's Corvair Parts	Local Parts Store	Unknown
BRAND:	Unknown	Dorman	Unknown
HOLE & THREADS:	7/16 - 20	7/16 - 20	7/16 - 20
SLOT BOTTOM TO NUT BOTTOM DIMENSION:	.217"	.302"	.315"

After tightening each nut into place, only the Clark's supplied castle nuts allowed enough clearance to insert the proper sized cotter pins.

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