

Corvair Chatter



Meetings (4th Thursdays)

Next meeting:

- Thursday, September 25, 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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Message From The CCRC President

Hello Classic Corvairs of River City Members:

The Econo-Run tour was a blast! Thank you Chris for organizing this tour. The tour started out at Brookfield's Restaurant (Club meeting place) and the official starting point was at the Chevron Gas station across the street with 5 Corvairs. With full tanks of gas, the 100-mile tour began. Traveling on local roads with stop signs, intersections, two-lane county roads and portions driving on Highway 65 to Marysville and then over to Lincoln using both Highway and local roads for lunch at Rum Thai Bistro for a wonderful lunch. Return trip, Lincoln, Highway 65 to Highway 80 back to the starting point to fill up the gas tanks. The miles per gallon (mpg) results were very interesting to see how all five LM Corvairs, with one being a convertible compared. John Hafkenschiel with a 110 engine got about 30.30 mpg. Wes with a 140 engine got about 27.10 mpg, Chris Medeiros with a 140 engine about 21.28 mpg. John Heiser with a triple Weber engine about 21.23 mpg and Jim and Theresa Kindley with a 140 engine about 20.83 mpg. John Hafkenschiel won the trophy! Congratulations John! More tales to be brought up at this month's meeting for sure about the whereabouts of the trophy and the tour.

The Club's Picnic is scheduled for October 4, 2025. Details to be discussed at the September 25th club meeting.

The 2025 CCRC Christmas party and planning will also be discussed at the August 28th club meeting.

Cheers and see you at the September meeting.

John Heiser, President



Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: August 28, 2025

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

Attendance: 20 members

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

President's report by President John Heiser:

- Ironstone Concours d' Elegance September 26-27 registration deadline today. CCRC has registered 7 cars.
- CCRC Picnic – proposal to hold it at McMillan Hall at Fair Oaks Library @ Madison & Fair Oaks Blvd (not in the village); facilities include kitchen, bathrooms, picnic tables, huge parking lot; cost \$55/hr, minimum 4 hours; Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce will publish in events calendar. Date of Saturday, October 4th and cost of \$5.00 per person previously set at July meeting. Motion to have CCRC Picnic as proposed above approved. Further discussion regarding food, catering and/or potluck to be carried to September meeting.
- 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 August, 2025.

Sales and acquisitions report: CCRC has received payment of the club engine sold to John Paley for \$2,450. Sales of parts for \$973; expenses of \$394.60.

Membership report by Dean James: 58 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:

- Ironstone Concourse d' Elegance on September 26-27 with 7 members registered.
- Vairs in the Vault to be held September 14 – monitor their website for additional details.
- CCRC Cruise Day on Saturday, September 13 to be an Econo-run tour. Tour begins at Brookfields, then to Chevron to top off tanks before Marysville loop and back to Chevron to top off and calculate MPG's. Motion to allocate \$35.00 for a trophy approved.
- 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:

Sept. 26-27	Ironstone Concourse d'Elegance - \$125 with \$75 rebate, supports 4H club
October 4	CCRC Picnic – McMillan Hall, Fair Oaks Library @ Madison & Fair Oaks
October 12	Sutter Creek Car Show - \$25 registration fee
December 7	CCRC Christmas Party – further information to follow

Latest CCRC News (cont.)

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.
- The CCRC Picnic/BBQ will be postponed from August 9 to October 4 in consideration of the high temperatures projected for early and mid August. Location, food and price TBD.
- Motion to reimburse Bonnie Joseph \$55.53 for food purchased at last work party approved.

New Business:

- Mike Slusher – while at McCloud car show, he was made aware that 3 old Corvairs (2 coups and 1 convertible) in really rough condition may be available for tow away. He will get more information about years and models. Question about whether CCRC might be interested.
- Christmas Party – last year at Vince's Italian in West Sacramento was a good choice for size, food selection and location. Can hold up to 60 people, we had 56 last year. To avoid problems related to menu choices/availability, 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. To be held 1st Sunday in December, which is December 7 – doesn't back up with Thanksgiving as last year. Wes and Leo will check availability. Motion to proceed with Christmas Party planning as above approved.

Tech Presentation:

Chris Medeiros gave a presentation explaining that when the electrical connections to a plastic junction box (LMs) heats up, it can cause the wiring to loosen and cut off power to the entire system. He explained how to address the problem in late models and avoid getting stranded on the road.

Chris also brought a grab bag of items available for the pickin'. John P. picked up a fuel regulator, Dean James got a fuel pump and someone else snagged a low beam bracket.

Wes issued a warning about an order he made through Ebay for a set of ball joints for '65-'69 Corvairs. The company he bought from charged him \$100 for the set and then sent him a set that cost \$28 (\$7 each) from Rock Auto. Lesson is to buy from reputable Corvair suppliers! Note that there are no US manufacturers of ball joints for Corvairs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 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)

September Birthdays:

Deric Treon Maria Castellanos
Edie Durham Deb Oyler

October Birthdays:

Christy Barden Lee Brown Marium Byerhoff
Carl Funk Shawn Holmes Dean James
Howard Joseph Wes Nicholas
Michael Nyberg Debra Pevey

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Events & Activities

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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).

MEETING LOCATION:

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

5:30 pm Social/6:45 pm Meeting

Fitch Sprint Corvair Part III



The Fitch Sprint in *CAR and DRIVER*

"It's real grand touring on a shoestring, thanks to the old pro, John Fitch" - *Car and Driver*, September, 1965

<https://www.corvaircorsa.com/>

CORVAIR CORSA SPRINT

Manufacturer: John Fitch and Company
Falls Village
Connecticut

Price as tested: \$2983.15

ACCELERATION

	Seconds
Zero to	
30 mph.....	3.2
40 mph.....	5.1
50 mph.....	7.2
60 mph.....	9.8
70 mph.....	12.8
80 mph.....	15.9
90 mph.....	23.3
Standing 1/4 mile	79 mph in 17.0

ENGINE

Air-cooled flat six-cylinder, aluminum block, 4 main bearings
Bore x stroke..... 3.44 x 2.94 in, 87 x 75 mm
Displacement..... 164 cu in, 2688 cc

CHECK LIST

ENGINE

Starting..... Good
Response..... Good
Noise..... Fair
Vibration..... Good

DRIVE TRAIN

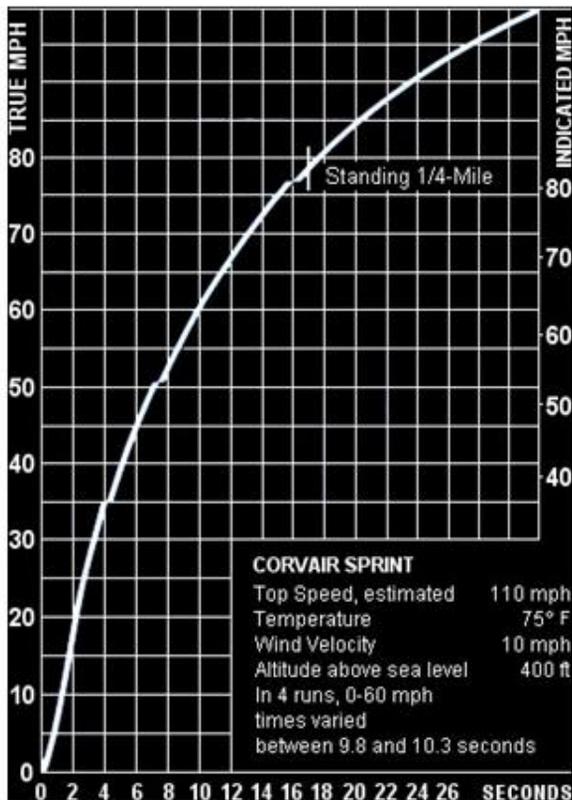
Clutch action..... Good
Transmission linkage..... Very Good
Synchromesh action..... Good
Power-to-ground transmission..... Good

BRAKES

Response..... Excellent
Pedal pressure..... Excellent
Fade resistance..... Good
Smoothness..... Good
Directional stability..... Good

STEERING

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So, that was the story in 1965. Today, the Sprint remains a popular variant of the Corvair, and still turns heads at Corvair events. A superlative example is seen below. Robert Landers' restored '65 Sprint closely resembles the *Car and Driver* cover car.



John Fitch stayed in Connecticut and is often seen at Corvair gatherings, where he is known to show up in the Corvair sports car of his own design, the Fitch Phoenix. To see the Phoenix, click [here](#).

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