



Central Coast Corsa - Newsletter

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Here's what's happening:

Golden Cooler Award

I am happy to announce that Chapter member **Mike Thomas** is this year's recipient of the **Golden Cooler** award.

Every December, our Chapter president, Jim Pennell, bestows this prestigious award on a member who has made a noteworthy contribution to our Chapter during the year.

Mike Thomas is a steadfast chapter member who is always willing to lend a hand to his fellow members. In the past several years he has generously allowed us to hold our Holiday Party at his home in Atascadero. And specific to 2020, he has been instrumental in allowing us to continue having contact by hosting virtual meetings. These online meetings have allowed us a modicum of continuity during this time of restricted activity. Thankyou Mike.
(For more on the award, see pg. 2.)



Mike Thomas with Golden Cooler Award

Vairfest 2021

T-Shirt Ideas. We need ideas/designs for this year's T-shirt image. If you have a suggestion, please send it to me.

Charity. We also need suggestions for a local charity to be the recipient of the donation from our Vairfest benefit raffle. Please remember, to be eligible, the charity must be local to San Luis Obispo County, and must not have a religious or political affiliation. Send suggestions to me. The winning charity will be drawn at random from all eligible submissions.

Corvair Meet-Up/Swap Meet

This is an annual, informal gathering of Corvair folks to hang out, swap parts and stories, and have lunch.

February 13, 2021, 10AM, at Bravoland
33341 Bernard Dr., Kettleman City, CA

This is a bring-your-own-lunch event, held in the Bravoland parking lot. There are several

restaurants within walking distance that will probably be opened for takeout.

CCC Members will meet at the Shandon Rest Stop on Hwy 46 at 9AM to caravan.

NEW! Monthly Raffle NEW!

Our Chapter is introducing a new benefit for members. Beginning this month (Jan. 2021) we'll be holding a monthly raffle for all eligible Chapter members. Each month at our Chapter meeting, we'll draw a name out of a hat and the winning member will receive a **\$10 gift card** redeemable at a well-known establishment such as Clark's, Home Depot or Amazon. To be eligible, you must be a current member (dues paid for the current year), and you can only win once every 12 months. Winners will be announced in the newsletter and the gift card will be mailed to them. So, stay tuned.

Next Chapter Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday, Jan. 13** at 5:30 PM. Please watch for an email with details. New faces are always welcome.

Events Calendar

Jan. 13, 2021 – CCC Meeting
Feb. 13, 2021 – Corvair Meet-Up
Feb. 17, 2021 – CCC Meeting
Mar. 10, 2021 – CCC Meeting
Apr. 14, 2021 – CCC Meeting
May 12, 2021 – CCC Meeting
Jun. 11–13, 2021 – Vairfest
Jul. 27-31, 2021 – CORSA Nat'l Convention

Membership Dues

I haven't received 2021 dues from several members yet. If you're one of them, please send payment of \$12 to me. Make checks payable to **Central Coast Corsa**. Mail to me at 286 Tally Ho Rd., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Golden Cooler Award

This award was introduced in 2017 to recognize Chapter members who make noteworthy contributions to our Chapter. It replaces the Golden Blower award that had been retired several years earlier. The winner is chosen by our Chapter president and is usually presented at our annual holiday party in December. The winner gets to keep and display the award for one year until the next winner is chosen.

The award was hand-made and painted by Chapter president, Jim Pennell. The cooler is a rarely-seen **3-plate design** that was originally used only on 1963 Corvairs. It's mounted on a wood plaque that was hand cut and the edges routed. The Corvair model car was purchased from Wolf Enterprises, a well-known rebuilder and supplier of Corvair carburetors, located in Florida. Attached to the plaque are tags with the engraved names of each year's winner.

Previous winners are:

- 2017 – Vince Petrie
- 2018 – Bob Wilcox
- 2019 – John & Eloise Goni
- 2020 – Mike Thomas



Member Spotlight

Tom & Linda Le May. 1966 Corsa 140 4-speed



Tom & Linda joined the Chapter in December 2018. Tom's dad worked for Chevrolet and during Tom's childhood the family owned 8 Corvairs. This is Tom's third. He bought it in North Hollywood in 1988 from the second owner. After some essential repairs, Tom drove it for about ten years. After that, it sat until early 2020 when he took it to Paolo Galli in Atascadero to bring it back to life. Paolo rebuilt the heads, carbs, brakes and did other repairs as needed. The Corvair is now back on the road and looks and drives great.

Highlights:

Built at the Van Nuys plant in Los Angeles, 3rd week of February 1966.

Still has original Protect-O-Plate.

Original interior in great condition.

Original engine bottom end.

Carburetors, brakes and original heads all rebuilt (by Paolo).

Dual master brake cylinder conversion (by Paolo).

Repainted by previous owner in original color, Ermine White (code C).



New Members Wanted

If you know of a Corvair owner that's not a member of our Chapter, please encourage them to join. Any current member who refers a new member will get a **free year** added to their membership. This offer expires on 6/30/21 and can be used only once by each member.

Product Review

PREVAL Portable Spray Gun, model #267

This product is not new, but I just learned about it so it's new to me. The box copy describes it as "THE PROFESSIONAL PORTABLE SPRAYER". It consists of a 2oz aerosol can of some unknown compressed non-CFC gas that attaches to the top of a glass bottle. It can be used to spray paint or other liquids. Simply thin & mix the liquid, fill the bottle, attach the aerosol can and spray away. Perfect for small jobs. Easy clean up too. It's available at hardware and home supply stores for less than \$10. Thanks to Jim Pennell for showing me this neat tool.



Stuff for Sale

Early Model Fan Pulley

Similar to Clark's part CU120, in excellent condition. Powder coated. **\$5**. Call Vince at 805-481-5757



Transmission cross-member ('65 4-speed) & rear cross-member (horse collar, '65-'69) with stabilizing rods (similar to Clark's parts CU266, CU1829), \$40. Call Vince at 805-481-5757



Patches. Central Coast Corsa sew-on patches. \$6.50 each. 3" diameter. Contact me if interested.



Submissions

If you have an item you'd like to include in the next newsletter, please call me to discuss or send it to me at vwvince@pacbell.net

Cheers
Vince Petrie
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