



Central Coast Corsa - Newsletter

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Here's what's happening:

Name our Newsletter – Win a Prize

Our newsletter needs a name. Historically, it's been called the *Flywheel Clatter*. But that was years ago. So, I'd like to give this revitalized newsletter a new name.

If you have a suggestion for a name, please send it to me by **April 30**. All names will be considered, and a winner will be chosen either by popular vote or random draw. Send suggestions to mail@centralcoastcorsa.org.

Whoever submits the winning name will win a \$10 gift card.

Vairfest News

SLO Food Bank has been chosen as this year's Vairfest beneficiary. All net proceeds from the Saturday car show and benefit raffle will be donated to SLO Food Bank.

www.slofoodbank.org

Remember, Vairfest details including dates, registration form and more can be found on our website www.centralcoastcorsa.org.

Monthly Raffle

Erik Forbes was the winner of March's raffle. He won a \$10 Amazon gift card.

Join our zoom meeting on April 14 to see the next winner.

Upcoming Activity

Estrella Warbirds Museum – Paso Robles, CA

Spring Swap Meet – May 8, 7A – 2P

Automobile parts, petrolina collectables, tools, shop parts, aircraft parts, car corral, boat parts, motorcycles, bicycles, power tools, airplane parts, home appliances, construction materials, yard maintenance equipment, military vehicles, housewares, etc.

Full details at [Spring Swap Meet \(ewarbirds.org\)](http://Spring Swap Meet (ewarbirds.org))

Amsoil Products for your Corvair

For CCC Members Only

Our Chapter member, **Jim Pennell**, is also an **Amsoil Preferred Customer**. As such, he's able to buy Amsoil products at discount prices. If you're in need of premium synthetic lubricants for your Corvair, contact Jim and maybe he can add your items to his next order.

almajim@att.net or 805-474-1316

Next Chapter Meeting will be held via

Zoom on **Wednesday, April 14** at 5:30 PM.

Please watch for an email with details. New faces are always welcome.

Events Calendar

April 14 – CCC Meeting via zoom

May 8 – Estrella Museum Swap Meet (see Upcoming Activity item above)

May 12 – CCC Meeting via zoom

June 4-6 – Pismo Beach Car Show

June 9 – CCC Meeting

June 25-27 – Vairfest Corvair Show

New Members

We gained **three** new members in March, and **two** more so far in April. Please join me in welcoming them.


Jeff Artmen of Morro Bay, CA with his '67 Monza 95hp, 3-speed convertible.

Alice & Russell Parlato of Solvang, CA with their '65 Corsa hardtop awaiting restoration.

Zack Williams of San Luis Obispo, CA with a '65 Corsa 140 convertible daily driver.

Ron Scott of Paso Robles, CA with a '65 Corsa Turbo coupe, slightly customized.

Looking forward to meeting them in person at Vairfest in June.



Any CCC member who refers a new member to our Chapter, will get a free year added to their membership. This offer is good through 5/31/21 and can be used only once by each member.

CORSA – New Merchandise Site

CORSA's new merchandise site went live on March 30, 2021. CORSA has introduced a whole new line of apparel including T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Polo shirts, pullovers and ball caps, with many new items coming soon. And CORSA members get a discount.

Access the new site via CORSA's web site www.corvair.org
or directly at <https://shop.primodesigns.net/corsa/shop/home>



Member Spotlight

John & Eloise Goni. 1965 Corsa Turbo owned since 1968

Here's John's story in his own words:

My first recollection of being in a Corvair was when my Dad ordered a '65 Impala Super Sport, and due to some delay in delivery my Dad was given a '65 Monza 140 demonstrator to use until his ordered car was available. I was a senior in high school at the time, and I really enjoyed driving the Monza. (I never imagined some 56 years later I would be driving a '65 Corsa turbo.)



I soon went off to college, and after the first year we bought a second car for the family (a '61 Corvair 500 "business sedan", 80 BHP with Powerglide trans.) which I got to take to college (Cal Poly Pomona-some 400 miles from home). I majored in Civil Engineering (with an effective minor in Mechanical Engineering). Spent a lot of time in the Automotive labs, learning a lot about vehicle and engine design. And learned a lot about car safety and vehicle dynamics in Traffic Engineering classes. A fellow at college had a 1965 Corsa 140, and I realized this was the car of the future for me. In 1968 I found a Sierra Tan '65 Turbo Corsa, which I still have today, 53 years later. Fortunately for me, this Corsa had every performance option available when ordered from the factory (turbo engine, 4 speed trans, Positraction, simulated wood and telescopic steering) plus most of the other options available-unfortunately quick steering and sport suspension were not available yet.

Plus, this Corsa had owner installed quick steering arm and radial tires-Dunlop SP-41's.



This Corsa was my only vehicle until after I graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in 1973, moved to San Luis Obispo, and could afford another vehicle for everyday use. My Corsa has original paint, chrome, and interior (Saddle). I truly believe this is one of the better original Corvairs in the country. At car shows many ask me how I kept my car looking so good for so many years, and I usually reply this car was always covered when not in use and has many many coats of wax put on over the years to protect the paint. And then I would add, how do people get a new car to look so bad after just a few years.

Parts of my car were repaired as needed, but never "restored". Rebuilt the engine in 1974 to factory specs at 90,000 miles, and rebuilt the rear suspension shortly thereafter. Current mileage on the odometer is 117,926. A few improvements were made over the years; Crown front and rear suspension modifications, 14-inch wheels and high- performance tires (which is probably the best improvement I ever made to any vehicle), '66 front "valence panel/spoiler", oil pressure and temp gauges, 3-inch racing style front seat belts with shoulder harnesses, safe guard ignition, and roller rocker

arms. The more I work on my Corsa, the more I realize how much engineering and 'out of the box' thinking went into the Corvair, and what this car could have been had the engineering team been allowed to continue developing the Corvair. A truly remarkable car. And to this day we are still learning about how remarkable this car is.



John's Corvair featured on Vairfest 2015 poster



Eloise & John with 2019 Golden Cooler Award

My brother and mother liked my Corsa so much they went on to own their own Corvairs. My brother Dwayne had several Corvairs, but has sadly moved on to other makes. My mother, Lou Goni, however, had Corvairs to her dying day. She was very active in the San Francisco CORSA chapters, and was also active at the national CORSA Board level, was a Concours judge, helped new chapters get started, helped with a few CORSA national conventions, and many more activities to help CORSA. My mother was very much interested in the social activities of being a CORSA member. I joined for the technical info and help afforded by being a member. Not sure when I joined national CORSA, but I can't remember ever not being a member. I participated in many Central Coast CORSA activities for many years, but finally joined after Jim Pennell kept lobbying me to join and promised we have technical advantages at Central Coast Corsa-which turned out to be very true.

Corvair for Sale - '64 140 PG Convertible in Santa Maria, CA. \$7,900

This Corvair has been in our community for several years and is now being offered for sale by the owner. It's listed on Facebook Marketplace. Here's the seller's description.

"Some rust on the lower body, otherwise great condition. Call/text 805-245-1624. Can deliver locally."

If interested, contact **Tim Bennett** at 805-245-1624



CORSA YouTube Channel - Update

A new video has been added. If you haven't discovered it already, CORSA has its own **YouTube** Channel. It's relatively new but there are already ~~four~~ **five** videos to view. Four of the videos are recordings of CORSA's monthly Meet-Up zoom events. So, if you haven't attended them live, you can watch the videos.

To find the CORSA Channel, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf2gOckRq2GLOHDhHBgvTXA> and look for the image below.



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
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