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April 20 CCE Meeting In-Person at VFW Plus on Zoom

The April CCE membership meeting will be held upstairs in the main meeting room of the Villa Park VFW, 39 E St. Charles Road, Villa Park. Doors open at 7:00. Meeting starts at 7:30. All members are welcome. **COVID requirements of the VFW will be observed.** For members who do not attend in person, the meeting will also be broadcast on Zoom. Information will be sent out by e-mail via the CCE Alert system.

2022 CORSA Convention

Peachtree City, Georgia

July 12 – July 16, Tuesday to Sunday
Crowne Plaza Atlanta SW Peachtree City Hotel and
Conference Center
201 Aberdeen Parkway
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Five Hosting Chapters

Schedule, events, host hotel registration:
<https://2022corsaconvention.com>

more of you coming to the meetings as the weather improves and the sun sets later in the evening!

Of note, the Constitutional Amendment adding the first amendment to the CCE constitution, Force Majeure, passed by a wide margin at the meeting and will be written into the document as soon as possible.

A couple things from CORSA that I'd like to emphasize. The latest CORSA Communique has a great article explaining the difference between CORSA and CPF (Corvair Preservation Foundation) and emphasizes they are completely separate organizations. This is an important distinction as we consider future of the Corvair Museum, its funding and the need for a permanent site. Please check out the article and consider being a part of our museum's continuation and success!

CORSA also purchased the Corvair Center Forum which I was happy to hear. This is a very searchable and useful forum with many, many Corvair related subjects that I have used extensively during the resurrection and maintenance of my car. Please check it out and recommend it to peeps new to the Corvair.

For our April Meeting we'll be having our Pizza Night and in May we'll start the driving season with Burt Neuner presenting his practical recommendations for a road-trip tool kit. Our cars are Chevys but there are plenty of things about Corvairs that make being prepared an important part of driving them even short distances.

Speaking of servicing our cars. With the retirement of Larry and Mike from the Corvair Repair biz (The Vairshop and Accurate Auto, respectively) we have lost the two places we trusted most with our cars. My friend, and organizer of the Oak Park Cars and Coffee events, Mark Salazar, owns Gary's Wheel Alignment in Franklin Park. He will work on any car and has worked on my Corvair several times for brakes,

From the President

Andy Allen

Happy Spring!

I love those first rains that wash all that nasty road grime and salt off the pavement so we can wake up our Corvairs! It's been a pretty mild winter but sloppy enough that my '66 never got out of the garage so I'm really looking forward to firing her up and going for a shakedown cruise! Here's my challenge to those so inclined—let's see how many of us can manage a post a video of that first start-up of the season on our Facebook page!

We had our annual Chili Cook-Off at the last membership meeting with good attendance and equally good chili. The last time we pulled this off was in 2019 so, again, it's another move in the right direction in terms of getting back to normal but, participation was down quite a bit. Hopefully we'll see many

suspension, and carburetor work when I didn't have the time. His shop also has a very nice alignment rack. Mark has a thing for vintage Volkswagens, understands our 60's era Corvairs and isn't afraid to work on them. So, if you need mechanical work or an alignment, please consider Gary's Wheel Alignment in Franklin Park to be a viable option. The shop is on Grand Avenue and the number is 847-455-7748.

With that, I think I'll go down the block and tidy up my Corvair for that first drive of 2022!

Cheers!

—Andy

From the Director

Diane Johnson

By the time this April Airhorn issue arrives, the 2022 CCE Awards Banquet will be history.

On April 2nd, we held our first CCE Awards Banquet since before the Pandemic began. It was great to see friendly faces, and have a good time together!

The Awards given out were to our outgoing Board Members. They were given beautifully custom engraved brass and wood engraved plaques.

Past President - Jeff Wentz

Past Treasurer - John Meyer

Past Board Member at Large - Kirk Parro

Additionally, unique to this year, we awarded ongoing Operational Committee Chairs something new. They each received Custom engraved brass key chains with the CCE Logo, their name, and committee that they chair. We thank each one of them for many years of faithful dedication to their committees.

Membership - Dawn Castro

Airhorn - Charley Biddle

Library - Ray Johnson

Facebook - Shelly Claypool

Due to the unique nature of the past several years, the Board voted to forego the New Member of the Year. The Big award of the Day was for the 2021 Member of the Year. That Award was given to Shelly Claypool!

As a club, we are very fortunate to have so many dedicated members who have stepped up to help our club continue on so successfully. Not all Corvair Clubs across the country survived this difficult time in history. With strength and determination, and a lot of our members stepping up, we got through the roughest time in the 50+ years of our clubs existence! We did this by a combination, of strong leadership, our Website, our new Facebook social media presence, our flexibility in moving to Zoom Board and Membership meetings, and most importantly....our Airhorn Newsletter! All of this kept us present and accounted for in our club members minds and lives.

So, again, thank you to all who kept us "alive" and socially present!



From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from your Humble Editor—

April Fools: Be aware. Or is it Incredio Products? You will have to decide.

Corvette & Corvair Car Show: Vettester Magazine is sponsoring the 15th Annual Corvette and Corvair Car Show on Sunday, May 15. Members who receive the *Airhorn* in printed form will find a flyer for this event inside their *Airhorn*. Members who receive their *Airhorn* in digital PDF format will find a flyer for this event as the last page of the PDF file. See the flyer for details on this event.

Thought: "Any fool can know. The point is to understand."
— Albert Einstein

Thought: "Whoever is trying to bring you down, is already below you." — Internet meme

Thought: "We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children." — Jimmy Carter



Board Meeting Minutes

Lyle Rigdon

[Minutes taken by Diane Johnson in Lyle Rigdon's absence]

March 9, 2022 (via Zoom)

1. Welcome from President Andy Allen - 7:35 PM

- Board member roll call: Andy Allen-President, Rich Carroll-Vice President, Diane Johnson-Treasurer, Burt Neuner-Director at Large. Absent: Lyle Rigdon-Secretary
- Others in attendance : Jeff Wentz, Dawn Castro, Charley Biddle, John Meyer, Barb Carroll, Lin and Kirk Parro.
- Notes:
 - * Incoming participants had trouble finding the meeting link . Kirk states the CCE alert sent the link. However, the same meeting number is used each month.
 - * Constitutional Ballots can be brought to next week's meeting in person. Board members to count them.
 - * Awards Banquet reservations can also be brought to meeting next week

2. Treasurers Report - Diane Johnson

- Beginning Balance - \$15,548.33, Deposit Total - \$877.00, Payments - \$554.00
Ending Balance = \$15,871.33
- Banquet reservations have come in and we need to push for more response. Expecting more in the mail and at the general meeting next week. The venue is fluid with our required numbers to a point. Gloria Zanon will once again be assisting with reception of guests onsite.
- Discussion of Awards/Trophies. The vendor we will be working with is set. The awards will receive discussion and approval from the Board in private session.
- Repeating, Board to meet in private session immediately upon conclusion of this Zoom meeting for discussion of candidates for various award areas.
- Kirk sent Diane the "Vector" file with our electronic logo, used for engraving awards, saving us \$75.00!
- Kirk to send E Blast promoting the Awards event.

3. Airhorn Report - Charley Biddle

- PDF sent to Board members of Airhorn day prior to Board meeting. Went to printer week prior.
- This month's issue is thinner, to accommodate the three flyers included. Was able to get labels on, collate, stuff, and got Airhorns out to the P.O. today.
- Amendment ballots are coming in. Expects more at the meeting. Sent out 200 ballots, got 35 back to date.
- Member surveys printed. SASE envelopes and postage are being funded by Lyle and Andy. 122 were sent out. Spares will be available at the meeting for handout upon request.
- Next Airhorn "From the Director" author will be Diane Johnson.

4. Membership - Dawn Castro

- Dawn sent out emails to members requesting dues payment by March meeting.
- Discussion of further deposit to be coming to treasurer. See Dawn's complete report in next Airhorn.

5. CORSA - Diane Johnson

- Lyle and Lonny are out of town. He passed the word along that the CORSA website has been down off and on for three days. They are working on it. Brief discussion of resources within our member community to assist.

6. Library - Diane Johnson

- Nothing new to report at this time

7. Social Media - Shelly Claypool - None (not in attendance)

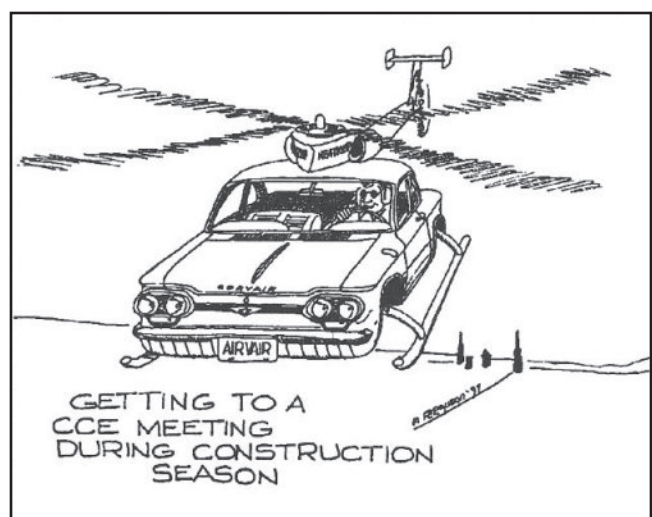
8. Close in Activities

- Chili Cook Off - Lin Parro - Discussion of set up time, layout of room, steps for the evening and adding that DeeDee Dickinson to give instructions. Positioning of Zoom cameras, power strips, and extension cords are arranged. Diane to contact agent at VFW to ask for set up early entry and if kitchen will be open and available to use for cleanup. Winners to be tallied and announced. Gift cards awarded to winners in each category.

9. Upcoming Activities

- April meeting entertainment will be Mike McGowan providing a 30 minute presentation on his collection of Corvair related publications. April is also Pizza night.
- May meeting entertainment will be Burt Neuner doing a presentation of what to pack in a kit for Road Trips.
- June will bring the Milwaukee Corvair Club "All Corvair Car Show" on Saturday June 11th 9 AM to 4 PM. (see flyer in March Airhorn)
- Discussion of future ideas for entertainment.
- During a brief discussion of promoting the club, it was suggested that we use the business card sized promos already in hand. They will be made available for distribution.

10. Adjournment - 8:22 PM



General Meeting Minutes

Lyle Rigdon

March 15, 2022, 7:30 at Villa Park VFW and via Zoom

1. Welcome from Andy Allen, CCE President

- Andy opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and gave a brief overview of the topics we will cover. Andy reminded everyone to turn in their Constitutional Amendment ballots so they can be counted. Andy also reminded anyone interested in attending the Awards Banquet make sure they send their registration/funds to Diane.
- Board member roll call: Andy Allen–President, Rich Carroll–Vice President, Lyle Rigdon–Secretary, Burt Neuner–Director at Large. Absent: Diane Johnson–Treasurer.
- Committee Chair roll call. Charley Biddle–*Airhorn* Editor, Activities–(open), Rich Carroll–Outreach, Dawn Castro–Membership, Lyle Rigdon–COSA Liaison, Shelly Claypool–Social Media. Absent: Ray Johnson–Librarian, Diane Johnson–Awards Banquet Coordinator.
- There were no new attendees at the meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report – Diane Johnson

- No report

3. Airhorn Report – Charley Biddle

- Everyone in attendance indicated they received the *Airhorn* newsletter at the time of the meeting. The membership survey and a flier for the Milwaukee cruise in were included. Note: Andy Allen and Lyle Rigdon paid the expenses for the survey.
- Next *Airhorn* "From the Director" author will be Diane Johnson.

4. Membership Report – Dawn Castro

- The membership drive for 2022 has concluded.
- Dawn urged everyone to start wearing their name tags. Anyone needing one should contact Dawn.

5. COSA News – Lyle Rigdon

- A fresh supply of the Corvair Basics books has been received. The free Basics Book with a new membership promotion continues.
- Tech Guides 1-4 on flash drives will be available April 1st
- Convention registration opens April 1st.
- The CPF/Museum will have an important announcement to look for in the March "News You Can Use" report.
- Shelly Claypool reminded everyone that Larry will be presenting an overview of brakes in the next COSA Meet Up (March 16).

6. Library Report – Ray Johnson

- No report.

7. Social Media – Shelly Claypool

- Shelly reports continued good progress on the Facebook page. We currently have 679 "followers".

8. Close-in activities

- The awards banquet is April 2nd at the Allegra Banquet Hall in Villa Park. Diane Johnson and Andy Allen put together the awards for the board to

approve. Diane has urged everyone to register now rather than waiting to the last moment.

- April's meeting is Pizza Night. Look for more information in an upcoming Eblast.
- In May Burt Neuner will make recommendations for a 'trip kit' toolbox and what items we should have with us on any Corvair road trip.
- The Corvairs and Corvettes car show in Wood Dale is scheduled for May 15th. It is held at the Thornwood Bar and Grill.
- Mike McGowan will present his collection of Corvair Publications at the June Meeting.

9. Upcoming Activities

- We have an Activities Chair! Barb Carroll has volunteered for the position. By the rules we have to publish and vote on the position. In the meantime, President Allen gave Barb a temporary appointment to the position. Barb has created a position description for the board to consider at its next meeting.
- The Frankfort car club is traveling to Elkhart Indiana to tour the RV Hall of Fame Museum Saturday, March 26th. See Larry Claypool for details. For those of you into model railroading it was pointed out that there is also a very well done train layout in Atlanta, Indiana. Atlanta is about an hour south of Elkhart.
- The Milwaukee Corvair Club is hosting their annual All Corvair Car Show June 11th. Please let Rich Carroll know if you plan to attend. Andy has suggested that, if enough members are interested, we should try to caravan together.
- Franklin Park is having a downtown cruise in June.
- Oak Park has a Cars and Coffee show on Sunday mornings. President Allen attends this event and highly recommends it (go early – parking is limited).
- It was highly recommended that the club try to set up a trip to see the Klairmont collection of cars in Chicago. Apparently, it is an extremely large and diverse collection, including a Corvair Stinger that was formerly owned by Al Huston.

10. Old Business

- After a brief break to count votes, Constitutional Amendment One was approved by ballot and show of hands.

11. New Business

- We have an Activities Chair! Barb Carroll has volunteered for the position. Barb has also created a position description and some important policy and direction for event and activities chairs. By Roberts Rules the board will discuss Barb's appointment to the position, her position description and Rules of the Road either at the next meeting or by convening a special session. In the meantime, President Allen gave Barb a temporary appointment to the position and allowed the establishment of the Activity Coordinator's rules for events and activities chairs to go into effect in May of 2022.

12. Announcements

- Mike Schiera and Brian Elliott both had cars on

display at this years World of Wheels event. Mike won a second place in his category. Brian won first place in his class.

13. Adjournment:

- Burt Neuner made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Lou Zanon. President Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:16.

14. Tonight's Social Event: Chili Cook Off!

- This evening we had the annual Chili Cook Off. Lin Parro chaired the event with Dee Dee Dickinson. Dee Dee went over the details/rules for us. Submissions were judged in four categories including Wimpy, Spicy, Inferno and Alternative. This year's winners were Inferno – Vic Heen, Spicy – Kirk Parro, Wimpy – Barb and Rich Carroll, Alternative – Dee Dee Dickinson. If you missed this meeting, you missed a fun event. Needless to say, a good time was had by all!

Respectfully submitted,
—Lyle A. Rigdon

Membership Report

Dawn Castro

New Members:

No new members to report.

The May Birthdays are:



1—David Scoble; 2—Connie Meeder; 5—Diana Summers, Kenneth Eakin, Larae Hirsch; 8—Peter Biskis; 9—Jim (Edwin) Nicolalde; 15—Joe Lynaugh; 16—Pete Koehler; 20—Doug Trezise, Ray Hill; 21—Barb Carroll; 22—Robert Lyons, Sr.; 24—Ray Morales; 27—Algis Deckys, Richard Voboril; 28—Diane Johnson; 29—Jim MacDonald; 30—John Schiera Jr., Mary Mechenes

The May Anniversaries:



1—Leon & Rose Stonis; 3—John & Patty Schiera Jr.; 7—Harry & Kathy Jensen; 12—Ray & Diane Johnson; 13—Gary Ross & Ruth Ann Morgan; 16—George & Elli Hauser; 17—Wayne & Mary Mechenes; 20—Mike & Rhona Hall; 26—Ken & Laura Johnson; 28—John & Kathleen Meyer

Membership Totals:

32 Individual, 76 Family, 10 Honorary members = 118 Total

Name Badges:

Do you have a CCE name badge? If not, please let me know so I can make one for you! It would also help if you could wear your name tag to CCE meetings and events. We have new members who attend meetings, but not everyone knows "who's who." Wearing them can put a name to a face for some, and for others, it's a way to approach members and begin a conversation.



Treasurer's Report

Diane Johnson

03/01/2022 – 02/31/2022

Fifth Third Checking

	Debit	Credit	Balance
03/11 Beginning Balance			15,548.33
03/11 Airhorn Printing	161.00		15,387.33
03/11 Airhorn Postage	78.00		15,309.00
03/16 VFW Rent	200.00		15,109.33
03/11 Burt Neuner - DVD	110.00		14,999.33
03/11 Secretary of State	5.00		14,994.33
02/28 Membership - #6		487.00	15,481.33
03/11 Membership - #7		307.00	15,788.33
03/21 Awards - #2		90.00	15,878.33
03/24 Awards - #3		210.33	16,088.33

03/31 Ending Balance **16,088.33**

Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance
Fifth Third Checking	16,088.33

03/31 Grand Total **16,088.33**

Treasurer's Notes

From now, going forward, we have eliminated the Savings account line and the Petty cash line.

We are currently not using either, so only the Checking account is to be reported.

The previous Treasurer closed the CD and Savings account and we no longer need to carry the \$30.00 cash, so it is reflected in the beginning balance as it has been deposited into the checking.

To further clarify, the Secretary of State of Illinois fee of \$5.00 was to transfer the existing Registered Agent from John Meyer (former Treasurer) to Diane Johnson (current Treasurer). This was a Board decision to bring us current to existing Job Descriptions. The \$110.00 check made out to Burt Neuner was also a Board approved expenditure to restore and copy a VHS tape that was deteriorating of Larry Claypool working on a '63 engine for another members car. The Board felt it was important to preserve this priceless Corvair information and we had been trying to get this accomplished for several years! Thank you Lou, Burt, and all that finally made it happen!

The deposits are self explanatory. The Membership dues deposits, and the Awards Banquet Deposits. I have numbered them for clarity. The items are listed as the form requests them, so the Airhorn printing, postage, and VFW Rent are ongoing and monthly items, that will always appear in the first three lines.

Anything after that are one time payments.

This Treasurer is happy to act on any Board approved expenditures, and request all members use the reimbursement form available from the Treasurer.

It is my pleasure to always be transparent, and for all to know the Club's monies are safe and well accounted for!

Spring Tour

Rich Carroll

We're off to Utica

"Barb and Rich Carroll would love to announce the CCE Spring Tour to Utica and surrounding areas. We will start gathering at the Starved Rock Lodge Main Dining Room (1 Lodge Ln, Oglesby, IL) about 8 AM on Saturday, April 30."

We urge you to come early for a great breakfast, then walk through some of the park trails. If Sunday mornings are something you enjoy at a leisurely pace, be aware that all other items on the tour open at 11 or noon, so forgoing the park walk, you could arrive for breakfast at 9:30. While there is lots of items to visit in the area, the trails of the park are the obvious highlight. If you plan to walk, dress for the weather. Most of the areas are easy walking, but a few are more difficult, and the most challenging become somewhat slippery during rain. We strongly suggest planning on some short park walk even if it rains.



All of the items on the tour are within minutes of I-80 in the Utica area. Starved Rock State Park is slightly less than an hours drive from the I-80 and I-55 intersection in Shorewood/Joliet.

We'll stop on the way home at an extremely nice restaurant in Morris, along I-80 on the drive back.

There is so much to see in Utica; we initially thought it would be a two day long tour, but a couple of places won't open in time, so we squeezed, shoehorned, compressed and optionalized (ha, a new word that isn't in the dictionary, but you can figure out the meaning), reducing things to one day. We'll start in Starved Rock State Park, you can drive through the park for free, but the better way is to take a historic Trolley Tour. Park admission is free, but the tours range in price, and vary on time of day offered. Highly suggested is the Waterfall and Canyon Tour, which includes lunch in the Main Dining Room at noon. See times and costs at: <https://tinyurl.com/y9gy29fq> and also in the area are ghost tours <https://tinyurl.com/yatto6qz>.

Wineries, Distilleries, and Vineyards.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3n6ck20>. If you are hungry, we recommend Nonie's Bakery and Cafe <https://tinyurl.com/y5rq7sgs>.

Barb and I heartily recommend seeing the splendor of

nature in Starved Rock State Park; We encourage hikes, tours and rides through the park. No cost to hike, drive trough, or ride bikes.

If you are out and want to walk a little, Utica puts on their Sweet Stroll 2022 on April 30, <https://tinyurl.com/ycxbxuyo>. There are cupcakes, <https://tinyurl.com/yd885wcx>, and chocolates and ice cream, <https://tinyurl.com/y8o47sbs>.

If it's rainy you'll want to visit the LaSalle County Historical Society, <https://tinyurl.com/y85bfpsz>, which offers (sometimes they claim free, sometimes they claim a \$5 admission for all attractions, sometimes \$3 for seniors.

- ✓ A Canal Museum.
- ✓ The Aitken One Room School House from 1865.
- ✓ William Curtin's 1892 Blacksmith Shop, working on most weekend days.



- ✓ An 1875 barn with veterinary tools, sleds, horse-drawn field equipment and much more.
- ✓ The Radium Girls exhibit, in which the Westclox workers hand painted luminous radium dials on Westclox, making thousands of glow in the dark clocks and an accidental industrial poisoning on a ridiculous scale.



- ✓ The 1858 Carriage that Abraham Lincoln used for the Ottawa debate with Steven Douglas on August 21, 1858.



Near Utica is the LaSalle Lock 16 visitors center. <https://tinyurl.com/ydbv3rg9>.

We have stopped there for breakfast, lunch, homemade desserts and specialty coffees and teas. We've never been disappointed. They have tickets here to the I&M Canal boat ride, pulled by mules, unfortunately the mules don't start their work until later in May. The fee for the Canal Boat Ride is \$20, but they will offer discounts to a group.

1. There is a new stern drive paddle wheel tour boat (the Sainte Genevieve) for Ottawa, but we talked to the owner, and he is refitting the boat for tours, and hiring staff. Opening is planned for late summer, <https://tinyurl.com/ybnm6eld>. Tours will go from Ottawa (where River Rescue was) to Buffalo Rock or Heritage Harbor near Marseilles. Owners are hoping for a soft opening during June, and a celebratory opening on July 4. Fees have not been determined.

And, perhaps, we saved the best to last. Laura Johnson is a young lady who is an artisan, a business woman, a community leader, and a fun person. She claims to be the "hot chick in Ottawa, blowing glass", <https://tinyurl.com/ybjelp6e>. Her work is mindboggling beautiful. She runs a school teaching others how to handle colored glass, and operates her own shop. Her shop is TINY, holding about a half dozen folks at a time. Her Facebook page tells a better story: <https://tinyurl.com/yaxu2zzw>.

What about preregistration. We set up this tour so we do not need numbers beforehand. There is no entrance fee or timeline for MOST of what we direct you to. That said, the LaSalle County Historical Society has, on some weekends, set an entry table with collections of \$2 for seniors, \$5 for adults, free for children, and offers of ??? discounts for tours. But their website mentions that all displays are free. They tend to open the one room schoolhouse and the barn only on busy weekends, but there is no (extra) fee for these. If you want to

see the splendor of Starved Rock State Park, and it is WORTH it, driving through is free, hiking is free, but the trolley tours have schedules and prices for various tours.

We would hope that the money you perhaps allotted for the Spring Tour gets spent on local artisans and local attractions.



The Wonderful Electric Forward Control

Larry Scrivener

[This article is reprinted from the April 2022 issue of The Drip Line, the newsletter of Rocky Mountain CORSA of Denver, Colorado. This article has appeared in the newsletters of various CORSA chapter newsletters since being written by Larry Scrivener of the San Diego chapter, about 30 years ago. I have seen several adventures of Gene Brier over the years. For some reason, they seem to always appear in April newsletters...]

An exercise in Perpetual Motion

It all began when Gene Brier was having trouble getting his 1964 8-door Rampside Deluxe started in the mornings. The thing just wouldn't "catch" with the first round of cranks, and from there on, it was downhill. He'd tried just about everything, for Pete's sake, and was rapidly running out of ideas and batteries.

Now you'd really have to know a thing or two about Gene Brier to appreciate what eventually happened. First off, he's a really creative man. Also, he's one of those people whose brain seems to work an entirely different way than yours or mine; he just automatically cuts across all those lines that seem to hold the rest of us back. Not only that, he doesn't have a whole lot of money, and can't solve every problem simply by dumping it off, at some "specialist".

So, there he was with a truck that wouldn't start except when it felt like it, which wasn't very often. Well, Gene had been a "Ham" radio operator a lot of years back and had a real "feel" for electricity. Seems like he could just SEE what was happening inside a balky toaster or corroded flashlight! Which got him to thinking about the way starters and generators work in the first place. A couple things had bothered him for a long time. They were the fact that—A STARTER DRAWS LESS AND LESS CURRENT AS IT SPEEDS UP and the way A GENERATOR'S OUTPUT GOES UP AS THE FIELD EXCITATION IS INCREASED.

He figured if he could just get the cranking speed HIGH enough, maybe the starter wouldn't draw any current, AT ALL! Hey, it might even put a little back, if he REALLY got the thing winding up!

So that's what got the project off the ground. The way he did it was of course, to remove three of the sparkplugs, 'cause that always made the engine turn faster when he was making a compression check. Not only that, this particular Rampside usually ran on three cylinders even when he could get it started. So, with #2, #4, and #6 out of the picture, that little old 102 spun around like crazy! Try as he might though, he still couldn't get the starter to put electricity back into the battery, even at 700 RPM cranking speed.

Then he remembered that other thing: the mysterious generator. He tried bypassing the voltage-regulating coils in the hopes that full battery voltage at the "field" would give him a higher output to help crank the starter. (After all the Generator doesn't know it's the starter that's turning it, so it just keeps putting out juice). Now, that worked a little, but still not enough to cure his problem.

What about the 6-volt "hot shot" battery he had bought for his camping lantern? Well, that's what did it. He hooked that battery in SERIES with his 12-volt Delco, wired the whole thing straight into the 'F' terminal of the Generator, and MAN—did it ever take off!

With the starter working on only half the compression, and the generator producing somewhere around 35 volts, that thing cranked at 1200 to 1400 RPM and he had plenty of electricity LEFT OVER!

That's when the real stroke of genius took over: why, those other three spark plugs were just holding the thing BACK! So, Gene took the other three ACs out, and let 'er rip!

I ran across Gene and his wonderful Electric Forward Control just the other day. There he was, tooling down University Avenue in high gear, doing close to 37 MPH, with the ignition key held to the "start" position. And all you could hear was the ffft-ffft-ffft of those six empty spark plug holes.

So, as Gene Brier says, Keep-On CORVAIRing.

Electrical Theory

"Joe Lucas"

[Editor's Note: This was found running loose on the Internet. All I can say is, "Thank goodness we use Delco."]

Positive ground (they meant "earth") depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as smoke.

Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another.

When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units

manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

And remember: A gentleman does not motor about after dark.

—Joseph Lucas—The Prince of Darkness

A few Lucas quips:

- ▶ The Lucas motto: Get home before dark.
- ▶ Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.
- ▶ Lucas—Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.
- ▶ Lucas—Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.
- ▶ The three-position Lucas switch—DIM, FLICKER and OFF. The other three switch settings—SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.
- ▶ The Original Anti-Theft Device—Lucas Electrics.
- ▶ If Lucas made guns, wars would not start either.
- ▶ Back in the '70s, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which did not suck.

Q: Why do the British drink warm beer?

A: Because Lucas makes their refrigerators.

What To Do Corvair Related

Pete Koehler

On a Cold January Day?

Yes. It is cold outside. Single digit cold. Too cold to play in the unheated garage. Since it is warmer in the basement and there happens to be a lot of Corvair parts down there perhaps that would be a good place to start?

It is immediately evident that I have too many Corvair parts. Can we get past that for a minute? While searching through some boxes of miscellaneous stuff it became apparent that somebody in the past bought a lot of parts from Clark's Corvair. Wasn't me!! Well, maybe I did buy some of this stuff. Some of the boxes came from either car purchases with extras or maybe buy-outs from some other Corvair enthusiast. What this is leading up to is that I have a whole bunch of tiny little brown envelopes with "C" numbers marked on them.

So I am sitting in front of all of these goodies and it makes me wonder why so many parts were purchased and then never used? I know about the "He who dies with the most toys wins" line. But he is still dead! Does it follow that you could be at least a runner-up if you die with gobs of Corvair parts in your basement?

Here is what I think happened; Many of the small envelopes contain screws. Screws for this and screws for that. Lots of screws! Since I am bored and it is cold outside. I fire up the computer and log on to Clark's on-line catalog. I could waste hours looking up the part numbers to find out what the screws screw into and what they cost originally. And then it hit me. I know why all of these screws are still in their little brown envelopes.

Somebody(s) started a tear-down of their Corvair. They wanted to do a complete nut and bolt restoration. They immediately started ordering parts toward that goal. The boxes from Massachusetts kept piling up as the work progressed. At some point either the car was finished or the project tanked

and the car was sold in "Good Restoration Project" status. And what about the bags-O-screws? Well, if complete then it was just a nut and bolt resto. No screws were mentioned? If not complete then the new owner probably didn't want to have to sort out legions of tiny brown bags of screws.

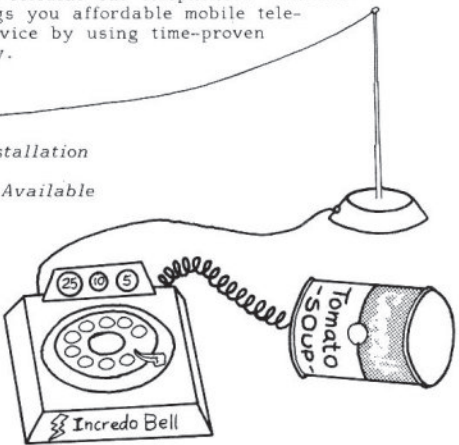
So if you ever wanted to start a collection of the hundreds of different screws used in the construction of our favorite cars (and trucks) hit me up. I can help.

New & Hot

Too Weird To Index

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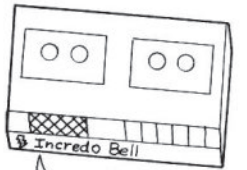


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Insane Auction Prices

Fred Bachrodt

[Fred is a long time CCE member, mechanic and autocrosser, who now lives in Arizona.]

I'm not sure if anybody reads Hemmings Motor News (I'm sure someone does), but they covered RM Sotheby's Monterey auction from back in August. (I'm referring to the March 2022 issue).

At that auction, somebody paid \$72,800 for a 61 Lakewood 700!!!! Yes it looks nice in the photo, and it has a 110 engine, and 64 front and rear suspension, and some other minor updated items. But SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND????? I really hope it doesn't drive up the cost of buying a Vair under more normal circumstances.

I just thought maybe you could mention it at a meeting—I'm still not sure if this is a good or bad thing. Anyway, just thought you might wanna know.

—Fred

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1964 Monza Spyder, red with white interior. Car gone thru at a very good body shop. Interior from Clark's Corvair and the engine, transaxle, brakes, suspension and a new gas tank, plus other things were done at the Vair Shop by Larry. Two sets tires and wheels, original hubcaps and some spares. \$9,000. Jack Dunn, (815) 509-1029. [submitted 2022-02]

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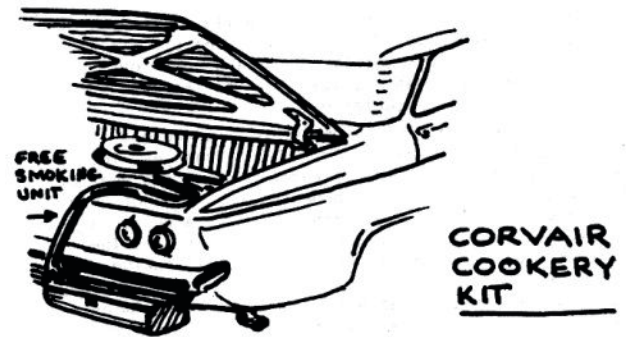
MODEL A -- suggested for 140 h.p., all turbo -- cook a whole slab of ribs in minutes - hot dogs in seconds.

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UnClassified Ads

For Sale: 1965 Plymouth Belvedere, 440 Street Wedge engine, automatic trans, tach, gauges, many extras, low mileage. Last clocked at 150 MPH. Tree (it's okay) was doing 0 MPH. Needs work. Call Joe, 213-555-1212, Arcadia, CA area.





Activities Calendar

CCE Board

CCE SPONSORED OR RECOMMENDED EVENTS

A number of CCE and CORSA meetings and events have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Apr 2, 2022 – CCE Awards Banquet, Allegra Banquet Hall, 237 W St. Charles Road, Villa Park, Illinois. New afternoon time: 12:00 Cocktails (Cash Bar), 1:00 Lunch. See article and RSVP flyer in last month's *Airhorn*.

Apr 13 – Board Meeting, VIRTUALIZED on Zoom, 7:30 PM. Meeting particulars will be sent out to board members and committee chairs via CCE_Alert e-mail.

Apr 20 – General Meeting, 7:30 PM, in person at the Villa Park VFW on St. Charles Road. Meeting upstairs. COVID face masks will be required per the VFW. Meeting will be also on Zoom, link will be sent out via the CCE Alert system. Entertainment will be Pizza Night.

Apr 27 – Articles are due for the May *Airhorn*.

Apr 30 – Spring Tour, the Utica, Illinois, area. See article by Rich Carroll in this *Airhorn* for start time, location and tour itinerary.

May 11 – Board Meeting, VIRTUALIZED on Zoom, 7:30 PM. Meeting particulars will be sent out to board members and committee chairs via CCE_Alert e-mail.

May 15 – Annual Corvette & Corvair Car Show, T-Wood Sports Bar & Grill, 1051 N. Wood Dale Road, IL. 9:30 to 2:30. Entry fee \$20.00, spectators free. See flyer in this *Airhorn*.

May 18 – General Meeting, 7:30 PM, in person at the Villa Park VFW on St. Charles Road. Meeting upstairs. Doors open 7:00. VFW's COVID-19 restrictions in place at that time will be followed. Meeting will be also on Zoom, link will be sent out via the CCE Alert system.

May 25 – Articles are due for the June *Airhorn*.

June 8 – Board Meeting, VIRTUALIZED on Zoom, 7:30 PM. Meeting particulars will be sent out to board members and committee chairs via CCE_Alert e-mail.

June 11 – Milwaukee Corvair Club's 50th Anniversary ALL CORVAIR Show. Everyone in milwaukeeecorvairclub.org hopes our friends in CCE will be able join us at our Big Event (postponed from 2020) on Saturday, June 11, at Frame Park, on the river, in downtown Waukesha WI, just west of Milwaukee, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Several vehicle

classes, free food and beverages, including beer, for all participants. Register by May 15th, only \$10 — attend in your Vair, and get your \$10 back, and several neat take home items, what's not to like! We hope to see many of you, and your Vairs, in June. Please contact (fellow CCE member) Bill Scherer at 847-812-8849, or mccpushrod@gmail.com, for a show flyer, and more information. Thank you. See flyer in last month's *Airhorn*.

June 15 – General Meeting, 7:30 PM, in person at the Villa Park VFW on St. Charles Road. Meeting upstairs. Doors open 7:00. Meeting will be also on Zoom, link will be sent out via the CCE Alert system.

June 22 – Articles are due for the July *Airhorn*.

DOWN THE ROAD

*Some of the following events may be canceled or postponed, depending on the COVID-19 epidemic. Stay tuned to the *Airhorn* or the CCE website at ccecorvair.com.*

Jul 7–Jul 10 – DACC Homecoming, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Wyndom Inn. See DetroitCorvairs.com for more information.

Jul 12–16, 2022 – CORSA International Convention, Peachtree City, Georgia. See corvair.org for details.

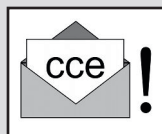
Second Wednesday of the Month – CCE Board Meetings, 7:30 PM, on Zoom. Meeting particulars will be sent out via CCE_Alert e-mail.

Third Wednesday of the Month – CCE General Meetings, Villa Park VFW Post 2801, 39 East St. Charles Road, Villa Park 60181, at the eastern end of the Jewel parking lot. Meeting is upstairs in the main hall. Meeting starts 7:30 PM. Doors open 7:00. **Note: May be virtualized due to pandemic.**

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Please let us know about any other events that you think should be listed here.

ALERTS AND REMINDERS



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CCE Meetings: Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Villa Park VFW, Post 2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, Illinois 60181 (0.7 miles west of Route 83). Doors open at 7:00 PM; meetings begin at 7:30. Guests are welcome.

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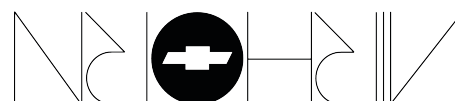
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Sponsored by Vettester Magazine – Fund Raiser for CHILDS VOICE

WHO

- Open to all makes and models of Corvettes and Corvairs only!
- Entry Fee: \$20.00 per vehicle. \$5.00 each entry goes into the 50/50 raffle (2 tickets per vehicle entry) with registration card. Additional extra chance raffle tickets available for separate purchase.
- Spectators = Free

WHEN

- Sunday, May 15, 2022
- Show Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Registration is open until 11:30 a.m.
- Trophy presentation for all years – stock, modified, restored, and the coveted Vettester Award

WHERE

- T-Wood (Thornwood) Sports Bar & Grill - 1051 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL (1 Block North of I-355 Expressway - Wood Dale Road Exit)

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- PARTICIPANT VOTING
- T-WOOD IS OPEN FOR BREAKFAST (AWARD WINNING BLOODY MARY'S), LUNCH, BEER & WINE SPECIALS. INSIDE AND OUTSIDE DINING.
- TELEVISED SPORTS AND NASCAR ON TWO PATIOS OVERLOOKING THE VEHICLES
- COVID PROTOCOLS (IF ANY) ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS, AS POSTED BY T-WOOD
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