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July 17 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00!

The July 17 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 6:30 PM. **Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.** All members are welcome. **Room closes at 9:30, with further socialization down stairs in the bar until 11:00.**

August 14 CCE Board of Directors Meeting at Manny's Ale House

The August 14 board meeting will be held at Manny's Ale House, 683 St Charles Road, Elmhurst. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. All members are welcome. Come at 6:30 and eat dinner.

From The President

Kirk Parro



Well, here it is, July already! And things are still moving forward.

Just concluded is the "A Day On The Dixie" tour, which traveled down the Dixie Highway, which starts in Chicago and ends in Florida.

Obviously, we did not travel all the way to Dixieland, the tour started at the Markham Roller Rink, which has had a remake, and the redo was well done. The tour ended up down in Saint Anne, IL, a small pleasant town not far from Kankakee.

A number of CCEers attended the tour: Gene and Jackie Miller, Larry and Shelly Claypool, Vic Heen and Dee Dickinson, Brad Adcock and Lynda Neuner, and, of course, Lin and I. This tour, very well organized by the "A's Are Us" Model A Car Club, showcased a number of lesser known spots down in the South suburbs and exurbs. We met a number of other car aficionados on the tour, and we had a great time.

One of the sites we visited was the Thornton Distilling Company on Thornton, IL. This building is over a hundred years old and, down in the basement is an artesian well that has provided top quality water for breweries across the Chicago area. In fact, most of the Chicago breweries used their water, as the city was still dumping raw sewage into the Chicago River,

which still (at that time) emptied into Lake Michigan, the source of Chicago's drinking water.

Not good beer, right?

Well, that issue was solved when the powers that be reversed the flow of that Chicago River. But the artesian well in the bottom of the Distilling company is still flowing water from an aquifer 1500 feet deep- and the other end of the aquifer is Lake Superior!

We visited a number of other sites of interest on the tour, like a group of original "Sears" homes, the Art Deco building at Bloom High School (built during the Great Depression), a local Auto repair place that specialized in restorations of classic cars, and the one of the oldest continuously operating Dairy Queens in Illinois.

A long day, but worth it!

Coming up (as if you didn't know) is the 2024 CORSA Convention in Dayton, OH. This, folks, is going to be a good one, and I expect many of our members will be attending. Unfortunately, something has come up that prevents me from attending, but I am looking forward to hearing all about it.

Well, that's all for now, we'll see you at the next General Meeting on the 17th!



From the Director

Paul Polster



Hello again, everyone—

The Greenbrier "git 'er running" adventure has officially begun. My thanks to our fellow club member, Joe Lynaugh for coming to my house on Tuesday, July 2nd, to lend his skills to the project. I treated Joe to breakfast while we waited for the rain to let up. We were both wearing rain gear as we experienced intermittent drizzle.

Joe started by bypassing the fuel tank line using a small pipe directly to the fuel pump, drawing directly from a small tank filled with fresh gas so we wouldn't draw any of the bad smelling fuel from the van's tank into the carbs. I told Joe that there was no spark, he looked at the points, which were pretty worn out and installed the new set as well as the condenser I had purchased the night before, and still no spark.

Joe now asked me to turn the engine over again, he noticed that the cable to engine ground was glowing orange, having a bad connection. The bolt holding the cable to the engine broke as he attempted to tighten it so he moved it to the back of the alternator. I attempted to start the engine, again no spark.

Upon further investigation, Joe discovered that the wires going to the coil were connected backwards. Once reversed, she fired up, boy was she loud! We were both pleased to see that no blue, or any color smoke was coming out of it. I asked if he would look underneath and see what condition the exhaust was in. His answer was, "There is no muffler on it". I asked if the pipe itself was good and he said that the pipe was fine, just needs a muffler to which I said that is good.

We let the engine run for a few minutes, checking the charging system as well as the lighting, needs a new turn signal flasher. A spark plug wire was pulled and it looks like mice have been building nests inside the shroud so no more running the engine until I pull the shroud and remove all of the nests.

Overall, I'm quite pleased to hear my first Corvair/Greenbrier engine run. Thanks again to member Joe Lynaugh for working on the van.

Respectfully Submitted,

—Paul Polster, Director at Large

From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from your Humble Editor—

Early Airhorn: This issue of the *Airhorn* is being delivered to members a few days earlier than usual. I will be attending the Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming event, July 11 to 13. The Homecoming is where DACC calls all Corvairs to come home to where they were built, Ypsilanti, Michigan. This year the event is being held in Ann Arbor, a few minutes west of Ypsilanti. This is the closest hotel they could find large enough to hold the event, to Ypsilanti. This event is held every year, but it usually conflicted with our Orphan Auto Picnic, which was usually held in August. Now that we no longer host an OAP, the time is opened up. The Homecoming used to compete for hotel space with families of students returning to Michigan

State University and a racing event at Michigan International Speedway. There have also been close conflicts to when the CORSA Conventions were held. This year, they are about a week apart. Next year should be better for attending the Homecoming, in that the CORSA Convention will be held in California in May.

Election Heads Up: In August we will begin to accept nominations for the election of board members for the 2025 board. We will accept nominations in August and September. Ballots for electing board members will be mailed out to members about the time the October *Airhorn* is delivered, with the results announced at the break in the October CCE meeting. The ballots and the October *Airhorn* will be sent out a week early, to allow members to read candidate statements and mail in their ballots. The newly elected board of directors will meet in the November board meeting where they will decide who will serve as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The remaining board member will serve as Directory at Large.

When members are nominated, they will invited to submit Campaign Statements to be published in the *Airhorn*, explaining who they are and why they want to be on the Board of Directors.

The newly constituted board will take office at the November CCE membership meeting.

Regardless, think of who you would like to see on the board in 2025.

Deadline for Articles: This is a reminder that articles for the *Airhorn* should be submitted by the fourth Wednesday of the month before the month of publication. This year that occurs in the middle of the Dayton CORSA Convention. So, submit articles when you get back from the convention.

Thought: "Our economy should be measured by how the bottom 30% are doing in the supermarket, not how the top 1% are doing in the stock market." — Internet meme

Thought: "If you are not a scientist, and you disagree with scientists about science, it's not actually a disagreement. You're just wrong. Science is finding the truth. When science changes its opinion, it did not lie to you. It learned more." — Neil deGrasse Tyson

Thought: "Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain and most fools do." — Benjamin Franklin

Board Meeting Minutes

Kevin Kloker

Date: June 12, 2024

Location: Manny's Ale House, Elmhurst, IL

Start time: 7:20 PM

Roll call: Board members present:

President—Kirk Parro, **Vice President**—Mike McGowan, **Treasurer**—Mike Charewicz, **Secretary**—Kevin Kloker, **Director at Large**—Paul Polster. **Absent:** none. **Committee Heads Present:** *Airhorn* Editor and **Membership**—Charley Biddle, **Activities**—Lin Parro, **Librarian**—Diane Johnson. **Other Members Present:** none.

1. **Welcome from Kirk Parro, Presiding Board member.**

We enjoyed a meal together, and then started talking

business.

2. Treasurer's Report – Mike Charewicz

The CCE balance is \$15,686.93 as reported in the *Airhorn*. Two member dues were received.

3. Airhorn Report – Charley Biddle

The June *Airhorn* is finished with lots of pictures and is going out on time. There is another US postal increase on July 14th. The board approved buying enough stamps ahead of the increase to save money over the next year.

4. Membership Report – Charley Biddle

No new members since last month. Several people expressed interest, and Charley invited them to our next meeting.

Diane asked when can we get a member directory? We discussed the possibilities, and many board members offered to help Charley make this happen. But we did not decide on a plan.

5. Special Reports or Announcements:

None.

6. Activities – Lin Parro

- Please see the June *Airhorn* for upcoming June-September activities. A lot of fun and worthwhile events are coming up. Time to get your Corvair out!
- Next week's general meeting is our Parking Lot Beauty Contest, where we bring our own Corvairs and vote for our favorites. Please arrive at 6 PM to register your cars and socialize ahead of the 7 PM start.
- For the June 22nd "A Day on the Dixie" classic car tour, please meet at Kirk and Lin Parro's house at 8:30 AM if you want to travel together.
- Please note some events require online preregistration which can save you money.
- Our "CCE Fall Tour" date is set for Sunday Sept 22nd. Please volunteer to help Lin, she needs help planning and organizing this event!

7. Old Business

- A "Garage Squad" session to replace Stan Naymola's brake hoses was held on June 1st in Rolling Meadows. It was fun, a technical success, and Jeff Wentz has a write-up in the *Airhorn*.

8. New Business

- Diane gave copies of the VFW Hall Contract and Revised Addendum to the board members and discussed the changes. Ray Johnson will close the meeting room at 9:30 PM per VFW rules. The VFW Hall does not allow a substitute if Ray Johnson cannot close the meeting and will assess an additional \$50 fee per meeting.
- Diane also gave the board an overview of the current library and promoted its ongoing value. The CCE web site has a list of library contents.
- Kevin will miss the June general meeting. Paul agreed to take the meeting minutes.

9. Adjournment

Motion by: Kirk Parro, Seconded by: Paul Polster, Time: 8:05 PM.

General Meeting Minutes

Paul Polster

Date: June 19, 2024

Location: Villa Park VFW

Start Time: 7:54

(Note: membership Meeting was delayed due to problems with the audio system)

Roll Call:

Board members present at meeting start:

President–Kirk Parro, **Vice President**–Mike McGowan, **Treasurer**–Mike Charewicz, **Secretary**–absent. **Director at Large**–Paul Polster, **Absent**–Kevin Kloker. **Committee Heads Present:** *Airhorn Editor And Membership*–Charley Biddle, *Activities*–Lin Parro, *Librarian*–absent, *Social Media*–Shelly Claypool, **Absent**–Diane Johnson.

1. Welcome From Kirk Parro, Presiding Board Member

Kirk welcomed everyone, then told a story about proper planning. A bank robber called ahead to the bank and told them he was coming over to rob them. His intent was to speed up the process of the crime, one of the bank robbers called the bank in advance to let them know they were coming to rob it with intent to give the bank plenty of time to get the money ready so he could so he could just pick it up and leave quickly. The bank called the authorities and notified them of the robber's arrival and two men were arrested without incident, always plan ahead. A member added a story, A bank robber walked into a bank and asked the teller for the money. She said "I don't have any". He went to the next teller, she gave him seventy four dollars, half of it he dropped and he left his cell phone on the counter.

Kirk asked if there is anybody here for the first time tonight?

A gentlemen by the name of Tom Godar stood up and said he purchased a 1965 Glenn Prey Cord 8/10 with a turbocharged Corvair engine and drivetrain and someone recommended to him that he join the Corvair Club.

2. Treasurer's Report–Mike Charewicz

The CCE financial report is in the *Airhorn*. The grand total is \$15,686.93. Last month, we basically paid for the hall and that Ray Johnson volunteering to be our liaison to the VFW hall, we paid for his association, that is what the forty five dollars was for. Mike thanked Ray for supporting the CCE. What we may see in a couple months, Charley recommended buying up around five hundred dollars worth of stamps in prior to the postal increase coming, which will last for a long while. Kirk mentioned that Ray's volunteering to be our sponsor is saving us Fifty dollars a month.

3. Airhorn Report–Charley Biddle

Charley stated he is working on a software problem in the computer program. He mentioned that he got the garage squad into this edition. He also included an article on brake hoses.

Andrew Golt mentioned that there is an alternative supplier of brake hoses and brake lines. [Brake Hoses Unlimited on eBay]

Charley reiterated what Mike mentioned earlier concerning the coming increase in postal rates, saying that the increase is coming in July and that the supply of stamps should last until about the middle of next year.

4. Membership Report–Charley Biddle

A man named Tom Godar is a new member, he has submitted his membership application at this meeting. We have 129 members with 13 non-renewals from last year. 103 PDF's and 26 printed *Airhorns* went out.

5. CORSA Report–Larry Claypool

Elections results are finalized, I got suckered into being a director, the vote was around two to one in my favor.

Larry mentioned the upcoming CORSA Convention. He asked who is driving there, almost everyone that is going raised their hand. He mentioned that the ones driving could meet next month to discuss how to go there. He mentioned that the Detroit Homecoming is coming up a week before the Convention and he asking for help getting a body panel there.

6. Library Report–Ray Johnson filling in for Diane

Nothing to report

7. Social Media–Shelly Claypool

Summer pictures are being requested from the membership, there are around 200 pictures now and she would like to see an increase.

8. Activities Report–Lin Parro

Lin reminded the membership of the numerous upcoming events: cruise nights in Rolling Meadows, Frankfort and Worth, the Day on Dixie Highway, Larry Claypool mentioned the Illinois Railway Museum Show on August 4th, Lin continued with the Mt Prospect cruise night, the CCE picnic, Geneva Concourse, pizza night and the Fall Tour. Lin is asking for ideas for the fall tour. Details are in the *Airhorn*.

Brad Adcock mentioned that the Great Lakes Region Vintage Chevy show is coming up in Sugar Grove. Jimmy Sikora mentioned the 73rd annual car show.

9. Old Business

Jeff Wentz told us about the garage squad held at Stan's Naymola's house.

10. New Business

None

11. Adjournment

Kirk called for a motion to Adjournment, motion by: Jeff Wentz, seconded by: Ron, Time: 8:25

Special note:

The Parking Lot Beauty Contest was held before the start of the membership meeting. Members were offered ballots to vote for their favorites in the following categories:

- Early open (convertibles)
- Early closed (coupes and sedans)
- Early open (convertibles)
- Early closed (coupes and sedans)
- Forward Control
- Work In Progress

Votes were tallied after the membership meeting was adjourned and the winning results were announced by Lin Parro:

- Early open: Mike Charewicz
- Early closed: George Hauser
- Late open: Nassar Ghazaleh
- Late closed: Jeff and Ann Wentz
- Work in progress: Fred Castro
- No forward controls were present

Treasurer's Report

Mike Charewicz

06/01/2024–06/30/2024

Fifth Third bank Checking Account

	Debit	Credit	Balance
06/01 Beginning Statement Balance			5,236.38
06/19 VFW Hall Rent	200.00		
06/19 Meeting donation		18.00	

06/30 Closing Balance **5,054.38**

Five Month CD, We will rollover in August 2024

	Debit	Credit	Balance
06/01 Opening Balance			10,450.55
06/15 June Interest		41.15	

06/30 Closing Balance **10,491.70**

Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance
Checking Account	5,054.38
Five Month CD	10,491.70

06/30 Grand Total **15,546.08**

Membership Report

Charley Biddle

Welcome New Members

Charles & Linda Wascher
8126 W 46th Street
Lyons, IL 60534
(708) 447-0615 (home)
1963 Monza 2-door

Thomas & Julie Godar
420 Cliff Ct.
Lisle, IL 60532
(630) 329-7001 (cell)
t.godar@sbcglobal.net
1965 Cord 810

Membership Status: Two new members, one renewal.

Birthdays for 8/1 thru 8/31 are: 8/1—Jerry Nagles; 8/5—Ed Thompson; 8/8—William Sutton; 8/10—Eileen Cermak; 8/11—Maureen Burns, Kurt Mueller, Jeanette Short; 8/14—Alan Morgan; 8/19—Renee Schiera; 8/23—Dan Morgan; 8/24—Monica Kowalewski; 8/28—Tim Ricordati.

Anniversaries for 8/1 thru 8/31 are: 8/3—William & Carol Neufeldt; 8/7—Brad & Connie Meeder; 8/9—Ray Morales Jr. & Jeannette Alberte, Stanley & Donna Naymola; 8/17—Ted & Pat Malo; 8/21—Jerry & Susan Malloy.

Membership Numbers: CCE has 56 Active members, 72 Family members, 7 Honorary members

Activities and Events

Lin Parro

July

Friday, July 19th, Rolling Meadows Cruise Night, 5–8 PM

Meadows Christian Fellowship, 2401 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows, IL

For a good spot may want to consider arriving around 4p or earlier. Food and beverages available for purchase. For more information visit the church's Facebook page called "Meadows Cruise Nights" or website: cruisenight@meadowsfamily.org.

Sunday, July 21st, 73rd Annual Car Show, 8 AM–3 PM

Carpenters Park, 300 Carpenter Blvd., Carpentersville
Hosted by The Illinois Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA)

Featuring full size 2-door and 4-door sedans 1950-1970. Being this is a judged show all vehicles must be 25 years old (1999) and older. If you wish to participate registration fees are as follows: Preregistration - \$20 Judged/\$15 Display Only; Day of Show - \$30 Judged/\$20 Display Only; no entrance fee spectators. (An e-blast was sent out with a copy of the registration form in order to preregister by the deadline date of Tuesday, July 16th.) Have any questions you can contact Jim Sikora at 708-691-9854 or email jamessikora@att.net. If you're not attending the convention, and looking for something to do, check out the show.

M-Th, July 22- 25, CORSA International Convention- Dayton, OH

Host hotel: Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd, Dayton, OH

Visit website daytoncorvairclub.com for event details.

August

General Meeting: Board of Directors nominations begin.

Friday's, August 2nd, August 16th, and August 30th, Rolling Meadows Cruise Night, 5-8 PM

Meadows Christian Fellowship, 2401 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows, IL

For a good spot may want to consider arriving around 4 PM or earlier. Food and beverages available for purchase. For more information visit the church's Facebook page called "Meadows Cruise Nights" or website: cruisenight@meadowsfamily.org.

Sunday, August 4th, 33rd Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza, 8 AM–5 PM,

Illinois Railway Museum (IRM), 7000 Olson Road,

Union IL. Open to vehicles 2004 and older. Entry fee: \$15.00/preregistration

MUST be received on or before July 27th, \$20/day of show. Vehicle driver and all passengers in vehicle at



time of entry will have free admission and train rides. CCE assists the volunteers of the museum in coordinating this event. CCE members, each year, are invited to volunteer to help run the gate and enjoy a free day visiting the car fields, museum and ride a few "rails" for the day. So, if you're looking for something to do with the kids/grand kids...this is the place to be.

Monday, August 5th, Cruisin' Frankfort featuring Chevrolet, 5–8 PM

Hosted by Frankfort Car Club, located in Historical Downtown Frankfort, IL across the street from Trails Edge Restaurant, 20 Kansas Street. Plan to arrive early for a good parking spot. Go to frankfortcarclub.club/events to view map of the various parking areas. Any rain outs will be posted by 3 PM on the website and on facebook.com/frankfortcarclub.

Saturday, August 10th, Mt. Prospect Cruise and Corvairs, 3–9 PM

East parking lot of the METRA train station. There are plenty of restaurants surrounding the train station for food and beverages.

Sunday, August 18th, CCE Picnic, 11 AM–Closing,

Pottawatomie Park-River Pavilion, 8th North Ave, St. Charles, IL

Grill preparations will begin around 11 AM to be available for use by 12 Noon. Everyone brings their own food. There will not be a potluck unless you want to coordinated among yourselves. Unfortunately alcohol is NOT permitted. CCE will be providing pop, water and ice.

Please note vehicles are NOT permitted to drive to pavilion to unload or to assist anyone disabled. Plenty of attractions and activities; go to the Park's website for information. All family and friends welcome. Anyone for a mini golf competition?



[Editor's Note: The 8 North Avenue listed as the address above is NOT the North Avenue we know in our area. Our North Avenue is Illinois Route 64. That does continue to St. Charles and is a very good way to get there, but it is named State Street at that point. Take

Illinois Route 64 west, whatever names it has, to Illinois Route 25, also called 5th Avenue. Go north to Pottawatomie Park's North Avenue and turn west. The parking lot you want is south of this North Avenue. If you miss it, you will be in the Fox River. The River Pavilion is south of the parking lot, past the Mini-Golf. If you get to the Collins Tower, you have gone too far.]

Monday, August 19th, Cruisin' Frankfort featuring Orphan Makes, 5-8 PM

Hosted by Frankfort Car Club, located in Historical Downtown Frankfort, IL across the street from Trails Edge Restaurant, 20 Kansas Street. Plan to arrive early for a good parking spot. Go to frankfortcarclub.club/events to view map of the various parking areas. Any rain outs will be posted by 3 PM on the website and on facebook.com/frankfortcarclub.

Sunday, August 25th, The Geneva Concours d'Elegance, 10 AM--4 PM

Located on Third Street in Geneva, IL. Visit website genevaconcours.net for any information.

[Editor's Note: The Concours is about ten minutes (three miles) south of the picnic site, on the west side of the Fox River. Cross at Route 64/State Street, take Illinois Route 31 south to Campbell, turn west.]

For further information please contact Keith Watts, email micron506@msn.com.

September

General Meeting: Members Appreciation and Awards Pizza Night

This meeting the Board of Directors will take the opportunity to thank the members of CCE for their support and awards given out to recognize members who continually contribute to the club in some way. Board of Directors nominations continuation.

Monday, September 9th, Cruisin' Frankfort featuring Rear-Engines, Mid-Engines and Import Cars , 5-8 PM

Hosted by Frankfort Car Club, located in Historical Downtown Frankfort, IL across the street from Trails Edge Restaurant, 20 Kansas Street. Plan to arrive early for a good parking spot. Go to frankfortcarclub.club/events to view map of the various parking areas. Any rain outs will be posted by 3 PM on the website and on facebook.com/frankfortcarclub.

Sunday, September 22nd, Fall Tour

Details to be announced. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

That's it for me, if you have any activity ideas for club outings, general meetings, or know of any non-CCE upcoming events, **don't be shy**....please send them my way to Lin Parro at (cell) 708-932-9966 (if texting, please identify yourself-thank you) or email to lindaparro@gmail.com.

Illinois Railway Museum 33rd Annual Transportation Extravaganza

Larry Claypool

Some might wonder how did we ever get involved with this show, started 33 years ago in the tiny burg of Union. I confess to being the instigator of CCE's involvement though my own experience at the museum.

CCE had just begun its Orphan Auto Picnic journey, and I had scoured all the usual car magazines of the time for clubs with orphan makes, inviting them to join us for next OAP.

While attending an IRM train event, I got talking to one of the IRM folks and he indicated they were planning to a car show that summer. I told them I could probably help with some club contacts (my OAP club list). The offer was accepted, and I became one of the usual suspects at registration, passing out OAP flyers to the orphaned makes rolling through.

In the early 2000's, as the event grew, there was some concern over the number of 'new' cars entering the show; it was after all, named the **Vintage** Transportation Extravaganza. Discussion ensued, and it was suggested that an arbitrary 20 years old was good enough to be 'vintage', so future shows would have 20 years old as a qualifier. This didn't sit well with the Camaro club that had been helping with the registration process for a couple of years prior to this restriction; after all, a number of their members had newer models. With that, they bowed out. Now left short staffed, Mike Wende, event chair, asked if we (CCE) could help with the gate registration. CCE participation in the show had increased significantly and allowed us a group parking spot, so, in 2005 I put Mike's request for help in the Airhorn.

That year, CCE became an integral part of the registration, handing out all the goodie bags, dash plaques, buttons, and tickets to each and every entrant. When Mike retired and moved to Arizona, we, or should I say Dawn Castro, stepped in and became the registration chair. All the preregistration is stamped, folded, mailed, data entered, cards printed, and money collected at her capable hands. Charley Biddle designs the flyers and images for the commemorative buttons and dash plaques.

Then on show day, we process, on the average, 400 cars, trucks, buses, two-wheelers, and rail speeder cars through the gate in four hours. (We prepare for 500). That's 1.67 cars per minute. Of course, they don't all arrive nicely spaced out; there might 40 in line when we open the gate at 8 AM, or only two cars at 11:30. So that's where our general membership comes in- we need help at the gate between 8 and 12 to give out all the goodies, and collect money and registration information. We've changed up registration a bit this year (not sending out parking or windshield cards by mail), and accepting credit cards for payment, so each of our team will have a specific job



to do, hopefully keeping the incoming lines to a minimum. We'll have a worker meeting at 7:30 AM to familiarize everybody with their task. Several of us will on hand at 7 AM to erect the popups, tables, and give aways. There will be coffee and donuts. At the close of registration, all our workers can enter the show and ride all the trains for free; those who drove collector cars (2004 or older) can park in our CCE area.

We'll have a sign up sheet at the July meeting.

CORSA News You Can Use

CORSA Board of Directors

Happy Summer. We hope you are getting out with your Corvairs. Show them off and enjoy the summer!

The 2024 Convention is almost here! If you haven't registered, there is still time! For those who need flexibility, you can register at the convention, but events could be sold out. So plan ahead and register soon. Check here for the schedule, forms and information about camping and hotels. The host hotel could have cancellations so call for room availability. More hotels are in the area. There are so many great events planned—something for everyone. There is a fun session for the crafters and kids are welcome and free! Drives, shows, and visiting with Corvair friends too. Plan your time to spend a time in the Dayton area to explore. This site has lots of information: DaytonCorvairClub.com (select 2024 Convention).

Speaking of events- check out all the great events throughout the country hosted by chapters. corvair.org (select Current and Upcoming Events) They are a great place to meet other Corvair owners too. These events are special to CORSA and we want to showcase them in the Communique. If your chapter hosts an event, share it! Here is a simple guide. corvair.org (select How To Submit Articles).

Be sure to take pictures and tag [Corsa_Corvair_Official](#) on Instagram too! Follow our account too!

Last call: If you are interested in the Convention Manager role, submissions are due by June 30th. Questions? Email corsamembership@gmail.com.

The place for answers. Are you working on your Corvair? Need help? Ask your questions and share your stories on the Corvair Center Forum. It's a helpful location that has a rich library of information. And the people are friendly too! www.corvaircenter.com

Specialty Chapter Highlight: 1969 Corvair Group- This group focuses on the last year for Corvair production. On Facebook, 1969 Corvair Group. It keeps a registry of '69's and would like your engagement-Maybe you can help them find the last one! Check out this special group by joining their Facebook group and website.

Stay cool and drive your Corvair!



Parking Lot Beauty Contest

Lin Parro

At last month's General Meeting the annual Parking Lot Beauty Contest was held. There were eleven cars being judged. Being the day was extremely hot the bartender was kind to bring out a few pitchers of ice water for everyone, a few members purchased pitchers of beer, and a refreshing treat of watermelon was available for all to enjoy who attended the meeting.

Winners of the Contest are as follows:

- Early Close: George Hauser - '63 Monza Coupe
- Early Open: Mike Charewicz - '63 Monza Convert
- Late Close: Jeff and Ann Wentz - '65 Corsa
- Late Open: Nassar Garzaleh - '66 Corsa 140 Convert
- Work in Progress: Fred Castro - '64 Spyder (for those who knew him - Jerry Berger's car)
- No Forward Control entries

Congrats to all the winners, enjoy your prize of bragging rights for the year.

Stock Is...

Larry Claypool

[This article was originally printed in the December 1986 issue of the Airhorn. Larry has updated it to contain information as of 2024.]

Stock Is...almost impossible! This month we take a look at the features on the sides of your Corvair that classifiers look for.

Tire and whitewall width have already been covered in our first article. That leaves the wheels, hub caps, and wheel covers; so here goes...

WHEELS

There's a complex formula Chevy used to determine the color of the wheels on various Corvairs. I'll try to make it as simple as possible by just describing what is stock, and not trying to explain the reasoning behind all of it. 500 and 700 models with hub caps use body color wheels. '61-'69 500 and 700 models with full wheel covers could have either body color or black wheels.

On early model Monzas and Spyders, wheels are body color if the car has blackwalls; they are painted black when the car has whitewalls.

For late model Monzas and Corsas, the wheels were always black.

Trucks had black wheels unless it had a factory two tone stripe. The stripe, by the way, is always white (with one exception). The two tone trucks would then use body color wheels (again, one exception). The exception here is a white truck. If you ordered it with a stripe, the stripe would be red and so would the wheels.

The next topic is Wheel Covers & Hub Caps, which takes another thousand words to explain. Unfortunately, there's no space left so we'll cover that next month. Apparently, this examination of what is stock will be a continuing saga, so stay tuned...

Tech Tip

Larry Claypool

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Late Model Speedometer Cables

G.M. was kind enough to recently run off a batch of late model Corvair speedometer cable assemblies.

The last run of cables had the clamp holding the cable to the fender (near the brake hose) placed too far down on the cable. This caused the cable to make an excessively sharp bend when the wheels were turned full left. The solution is to loosen the clamp, install the cable at the speedometer, then lightly pull out the excess length. The clamp is then moved up on the cable to match the bolt hole location. This gives an inch or two more cable to flex when turning, resulting in less stress and less chance of failure.

You would think that this new run of cables would have the clamp in the right place, but alas, it's worse than that...GM has installed the clamp upside down!

So, when installing a new speedo cable, (the "new" batch has a thin, textured flex housing), unbend the clamp to remove it completely; reverse its position on the cable, then locate it as per the method described in the preceding paragraph.

[2024 Editor's Note: Double check that "NOS" late model speedometer cable you pick up at a swap meet. It may be one from this batch.]



Classified Ads

For Sale: Flat bed car hauler. It's a good solid trailer and tows well. Probably has less than 700 miles use. It's a Slick Ryder all galvanized steel, hydraulic brakes, removable tongue, tandem axle, winch, and tie down straps. Bed 182 inches (15 feet), tongue 65 inches long.

Makes storage easier. Ramps store under the bed. Pretty much perfect for a Corvair. Spare tire included. See pictures (vintage vehicle not included). Would like to get \$4K for it. Steve, sbwb1984@aol.com. Belvedere IL area. [submitted 2024-06]



For Sale: 1963 Monza 900, Powerglide Automatic transmission, Ivy Green Exterior, Tan interior, Vairy clean, Runs great. See picture. Located in Sugar Grove, IL. \$7k OBO. Jim Pieniazek 630-391-1669. [submitted 2024-07]



Activities Calendar

CCE Board

CCE SPONSORED OR RECOMMENDED EVENTS

July 10 – Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, in person at Manny's Ale House, 683 St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. This is about one half mile east of the Villa Park VFW Hall on St. Charles Road and about a quarter mile west of Route 83, on the north side of the street. All members are welcome.

July 17 – General Meeting, NEW TIME, meetings now start at 7:00, at the Villa Park VFW on St. Charles Road. Meeting upstairs. Doors open 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00. **We have the room until 9:30.** Entertainment is the annual people's choice Parking Lot Beauty Contest out in the parking lot. Multiple classes, ballots tallied during the meeting. No awards other than year long bragging rights.

July 24 – Articles are due for the August Airhorn,

July 22–25 – CORSA International Convention, Dayton Ohio. Host hotel is Marriott at the University of Dayton. Visit www.daytoncorvairclub.com or the CORSA Communiqué for more information,

Aug 4 – Illinois Railway Museum Vintage Transport Extravaganza, Union, Illinois, 8 AM – 5 PM. CCE members work the vintage car gate for free museum entrance tickets, special CCE club parking. More information to follow.

Aug 10 – Mt. Prospect Cruise and Corvairs, 3–9 PM. See Lin Parro's Activities and Events Article,

Aug 14 – Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, in person at Manny's Ale House, 683 St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. This is about one half mile east of the Villa Park VFW Hall on St. Charles Road and about a quarter mile west of Route 83, on the north side of the street. All members are welcome.

Aug 18 – CCE Picnic, Pottawatomie Park River Pavilion, St. Charles, IL. See information and directions in Lin Parro's Activities and Events article.

Aug 21 – General Meeting, 7:00 PM, in person at the Villa Park VFW on St. Charles Road. Meeting upstairs. Doors open 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00. We have the room until 9:30. It's that time again, we open the floor for nominations for candidates for the 2025 board of directors.

Aug 25 – Geneva Concours d'Elegance, Geneva, IL, 10 AM – 4 PM, on the streets of Geneva, around Third Ave. No Corvairs in the show this year, but many classic cars rarely seen in our area.

Aug 28 – Articles and Candidate Statements are due for the September Airhorn.

Sept 11 – Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, in person at Manny's Ale House, 683 St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. This is about one half mile east of the Villa Park VFW Hall on

St. Charles Road and about a quarter mile west of Route 83, on the north side of the street. All members are welcome.

Sept 18 – General Meeting, 7:00 PM, in person at the Villa Park VFW on St. Charles Road. Meeting upstairs. Doors open 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00. We have the room until 9:30. Member Appreciation Pizza Night. Nominations continue for the 2025 board of directors election. (Ballots go out in October).

Sept 25 – Articles and Candidate Statements are due for the October Airhorn.

Oct 9 – Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, in person at Manny's Ale House, 683 St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. This is about one half mile east of the Villa Park VFW Hall on St. Charles Road and about a quarter mile west of Route 83, on the north side of the street. All members are welcome.

Oct 16 – General Meeting, NEW TIME, meetings now start at 7:00, at the Villa Park VFW on St. Charles Road. Meeting upstairs. Doors open 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00. **We have the room until 9:30.** Ballots for the election of members to the 2025 CCE board of directors will be counted and the results announced after the mid meeting break.

Oct 23 – Articles are due for the November Airhorn.

DOWN THE ROAD

Second Wednesday of the Month – CCE Board Meetings, 7:30 PM, in person at Manny's Ale House, 683 St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. This is about one half mile east of the Villa Park VFW Hall on St. Charles Road and about a quarter mile west of Route 83, on the north side of the street. If the parking lot in front of Manny's is full, there is a larger parking lot further west across side street Pick Avenue. The place we will meet in is the room with the pool table to the right when you come in the front door. The pool table is not being used during the time we will be meeting.

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. The bar is downstairs. Meeting starts 7:00 PM. We have the room until 9:30. Doors open 6:30.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

July 11–13 – Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming, Ann Arbor, MI, calling all Corvairs to come home to where they were made (Willow Run). Wyndom Garden Hotel. Rally, people's choice car show, swap meets (indoor and outdoor), free breakfast, free lunch, free beer. More information to follow.



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