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## September 18 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00!

The September 18 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.**

## October 9 CCE Board of Directors Meeting at Manny's Ale House

The October 9 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*

Hi All,

Well! It's been a challenging year for some of us, but I, for one, am glad to be back on my feet. Despite my discouraging note last month, I am now comfortable with being able to finish my term as President of CCE.

With that said, I would like to address the "elephant in the room"—the lack of interest for serving on the Board of Directors for CCE. We have managed to keep this club going far longer than many observers would have been willing to believe, despite our advancing age (both club and members!).

This surprising longevity has been the result of folks answering the call. Many thanks go to those members who have volunteered over the years to spend an extra Wednesday evening per month, to help plan and direct the future of this organization.

Frankly, it's not that strenuous to serve on the board, and, based upon the structure of our by-laws, there is ALWAYS support when someone new shows up. The by-laws provide for "new blood", as well as continuity—usually two current members of the board will carry over from the previous board (if they have not already served two terms) to assist the three

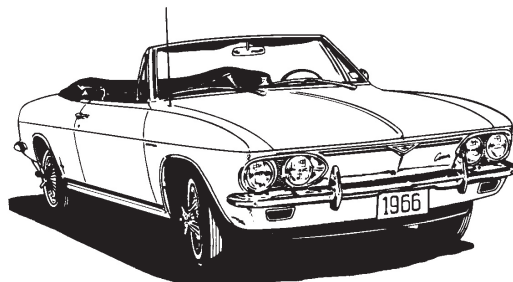


new board members get acclimatized. Help is ALWAYS available.

I view the reluctance of folks who refuse to step forward with alarm—this club has provided camaraderie and support, both on technical issues and personal, for decades, and I would hate to see it devolve and go away. CORSA, while it is an excellent organization, lacks the immediacy and local connections to help Corvair owners and enthusiasts (There's that word, again!) with their hopes and dreams for their projects.

I ask all of you, please consider contributing a bit of your time and effort to keep this club going! It's not that hard!

Now that I have my nagging out of the way, there is another item I would like to bring up—now is the time for planning our annual CCE Christmas Party. We are asking if someone would like to host the get-together. If so, please contact Lin Parro at (708) 932-9966, call or text. We need to make a decision on this pretty soon, in case we need to make other arrangements.



## From the Director

Kevin Kloker

### I ♥ Powerglide

Back in the summer of 2022, I bought my first classic car—a 1969 Corvair serial number 1069. My parents owned three of them when I was a kid, and I thought they were cool. So, when I found a Glacier Blue Monza coupe in good condition that looked just like their '65 Monza 140 coupe, I decided to go for it.



Automatic or stick shift was an easy decision. My first car was a 1970 Chevy Nova SS-350 300 HP V8 with a close-ratio Muncie four-speed transmission and Positraction rear end. I added wide rear tires and air shocks, traction bars, headers with Hush Thrush mufflers, electronic ignition, and a Hurst short-stick shifter mounted high in the 4-gauge center console. Really a fire-breathing monster that could lift the front end on launch, chirp the tires in three gears, and snap your neck off.

There is no way a Corvair could approach my Nova SS experience. Plus, my kids don't drive stick. So if I want a family fun car that my kids can drive, it has to be an automatic. But the Regular Production Option (RPO) M35 Powerglide—it only has two gears! And no Park! How weird is that? How will it perform with my L63 140 HP engine and 3.55 rear axle ratio? Well, I have learned a few things since then.

The first thing I learned is driving with the parking brake ON is a real drag. I forgot to release it because the parking brake light was burned out. After replacing that dash indicator lamp, I do not forget anymore. Quite a performance improvement, really.

The second thing I learned is my Powerglide always shifted at 15 MPH, no matter how hard I pushed the accelerator pedal. Turns out I can adjust the linkage between the transmission bell crank and the carburetors to move the shift point higher. A few test drives to precisely place the shift point and I got a free performance improvement!

The third thing I learned is I do not need six springs on my carburetor throttle linkage. A previous owner added them for some reason, but they were not in any shop manuals I found. Boldly I removed two springs without problems, and Larry Claypool removed two more. I am down to two springs (one essential, one for good luck) and it's easier to smash the accelerator pedal now. Another performance improvement!

The fourth thing I learned is my carburetors were not opening all the way. Larry Claypool was showing me how to synchronize my 140 carbs and adjust their idle, and said, "your carbs aren't wide open at full throttle". So I sat in my drivers' seat pushing the accelerator pedal while Larry adjusted the Powerglide throttle valve linkage under the car, after using a welding torch to unfreeze the linkage swivel. More peppy now!

The M35 Powerglide was the most expensive (\$147.85) and second most popular (4,345 out of 6,000 cars) RPO in 1969. [The most popular RPO in 1969 was the U63 AM pushbutton radio in 4,826 out of 6,000 cars.] So the Powerglide is not rare, but I don't care! It's easy on the knees, holds on hills, and great in city traffic. The ladies love it, and the younger generation does too!

## From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from your Humble Editor—

**Exchange Newsletters:** Starting in August, I have begun sharing issues of the Airhorn with other CORSA chapters on the CORSA Chapters list server. In the past, chapters mailed copies of their newsletters to other chapters, with chapters mailing copies of their newsletters in a reciprocal manner. This newsletter exchange process eventually fell by the wayside, as printing and postage costs have gone up. Now that the Airhorn is primarily produced in PDF file format, it is easy to send PDFs of the Airhorn to the list server. Unfortunately, out of about 120 CORSA chapters, only about 30 appear to be exchanging their newsletters.

**Nederland Corvair Club:** I received an email from Ralf Verhees of Nederland Corvair Club, the European CORSA Corvair chapter in Holland. He indicated their chapter has a member with a Cord 8/10 Corvair powered car. He expressed interest in Allen Lacki's article I ran in the August Airhorn about CCE member Tom Godar's Glenn Pray Cord 8/10. Ralf's newsletter, the Corvair Mail, has been produced in Dutch. On occasions, a number of us in the US have used Google Translate to convert selected articles into English. Ralf has recently begun to use Google Translate to produce an English language version of his newsletter, which he distributes on the CORSA Chapters list server in addition to the Dutch version. Since he expressed interest in the Cord 8/10 article, I sent him computer readable copies of the text and pictures that I published in the Airhorn. Since their newsletter is published only four times a year, I (and undoubtedly Allen Lacki) will be looking forward to seeing what this article looks like in Dutch.

**Thought:** "Don't go around Saying The World owes you a living. The World owes you Nothing. It was Here First." — Mark Twain

**Thought:** "Some people have no idea what they're doing, and a lot of them are really good at it." — George Carlin

**Thought:** "With everything going on, you'd think America is cursed or something. Like it was build on an ancient Indian burial ground. Oh, wait..." — Internet meme

## Board Meeting Minutes

Paul Polster

**Date:** August 14th, 2024

**Location:** Manny's Ale House, Elmhurst, Illinois

**Start time:** 7:00 PM

**Roll call:** Board members present:

**President**—Kirk Parro, **Vice President**—Mike McGowan, **Treasurer**—Absent, **Secretary**—absent, **Director at Large**—Paul Polster. **Absent:** Mike Charewicz, Kevin Kloker. **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.**

2. **Treasurer Report**—Given by Charley Biddle due to absence of Mike Charewicz. Our total balance is \$14,875.50, details are in the *Airhorn*.

### 3. *Airhorn* Report – Charley Biddle

The *Airhorn* is 18 pages this month. The copy that the board has is different from the copy that the membership will receive due to a last minute article submitted to Charley after the board's copies were printed.

### 4. Membership Report – Charley Biddle

- One individual from Elmhurst submitted an application for membership.
- Kirk asked how the software upgrade is going, Charley said it is progressing.
- We currently have 138 members, 25 receive the *Airhorn* by mail and 108 by PDF.

### 5. Activities Report – Lin Parro

- Lin reminded the board about the CCE picnic this Sunday, August 18th. Details will be announced to the membership at the August general membership meeting. Lin also mentioned the upcoming car shows in August and September, Details will be announced at the August general membership Meeting.
- Member appreciation night is in September at the membership Meeting. Lin has spoken to the manager at Aurelio's who will be catering the event again for us.
- The fall tour has been moved from Sunday, the 22nd of September to Saturday, the 21st. We will be going to various locations in Wisconsin. Costs involved were discussed. Details will be announced at the August general membership Meeting.
- Annual Awards will be presented at the September membership meeting for new member of the year, member of the year and trophies will be presented for each category. Members Ron Menzik and Jeff Wentz will be presented with Awards, recognizing these retired board members for their contributions. An award for the "OOPS" of the year will also be presented.

### 6. Old Business:

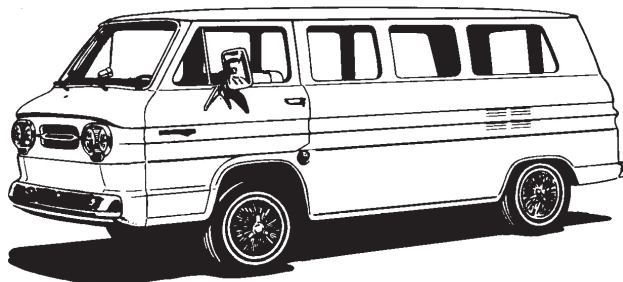
None.

### 7. New Business

Mike McGowan brought up using a projector to show pictures of past CCE events, as well as possibly bringing in a Corvair differential assembly and conduct a forum about it. Kirk recommended that we can do both. Mike discussed Details with Diane and Lin.

### 8. Adjournment

Motion by: Paul Polster, Seconded by: ? Time: 7:40 PM.



## General Meeting Minutes

Paul Polster

**Date:** August 21, 2024

**Location:** Villa Park VFW

**Start Time:** 7:15 PM

**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**–Diane Johnson, **Social Media**–Shelly Claypool.

### 1. Welcome from Kirk Parro, Presiding Board Member

Kirk asked if there were anyone at the meeting for the first time. John Zolot from Wildwood, IL is our newest member attending his first meeting. He stated that he owns a '64 Greenbrier. John McDonald was at his first meeting in a long while. He stated that he owns a '62 Rampside as well as a '65 coupe. Kirk mentioned the slideshow as well as a tech talk on Corvair differentials to be given by Mike McGowan using an assembly he brought to the meeting room right after the meeting adjourns.

### 2. Treasurer's Report – Mike Charewicz

The financial report is in the *Airhorn*. Current balance is \$14,875.06. \$200.00 was paid for meeting room rent. Postage and replacement printer cartridges were purchased. Our CD will be renewed for five months. We have \$10,500 in reserve.

3. **A member mentioned an online company** called Auto Anatomy.Com featuring spark plugs and ignition parts. Two individuals by the names of Sean White and Seth Emerson were mentioned.

### 4. *Airhorn* Report – Charley Biddle

The August issue of the *Airhorn* is larger this month.

A former member, Ben Brown, passed away. Corvair parts are available at his shop. See the *Airhorn* for contact details.

### 5. Membership Report – Charley Biddle

No changes as of the printing of the *Airhorn*, 138 members plus one new members, 25 receive the printed letter, 108 by PDF. New member is Bob Riley that met Charley at the recent picnic.

### 6. Library Report – Diane Johnson

Many back issues of the *Airhorn* in duplicate as well as triplicate are available and Diane suggested that we should do something with them. The board will decide how to dispose of them. Lou suggested that we should dissolve the library. Kirk said the shop manuals are valuable. Diane said that she and Ray are okay with maintaining the library.

### 7. CORSA Report – Larry Claypool

- 574 were registered at the recent convention in Dayton, Ohio, 317 were at the CORSA banquet, 370 were at the Air Force Museum banquet.
- Many vendors were present.
- A new [CPF] board meeting had been elected with Larry being elected as the president.
- The next convention will be held in California. Larry and a group will be going out there in October to insure that logistics are on course.

## 8. Social Media – Shelly Claypool

[The CCE Facebook page has] 247 members of the group page have mentioned adding onto the page. Photos are welcome.

## 9. Activities – Lin Parro

- Charley added a note that nominations for the board will be started on 8/21. Details are in the *Airhorn*.
- Renee mentioned the Worth Car Show on 9/15.

## 10. Old Business

Diane Johnson spoke about Kirk's health. Kirk stated that he will be able to handle his duties until the end of his term.

## 11. New Business

- Charley spoke about the procedures for election. He asked each eligible board member if they would like to run for a second term.
- Mike McGowan-he said no, but maybe.
- Kevin Kloker-not present.
- Paul Polster said yes.
- Lynda Neuner, John Meyer, Lin Parro, Fred Castro, Fritz Wiesner, Lou Zanon, Jim McDonald and Bob ? Were nominated and all declined.

## 12. Adjournment

Lin motioned, seconded by John Schiera, Time: 8:10 PM.

# Membership Report

*Charley Biddle*

## Welcome New Member:

Robert and Mary Riley  
586 N. Emroy Ave.  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 782-0212  
rriley@comcast.net  
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**Notes:** We have one new member (listed above) and two potential members have reached out to me. I left a voicemail for one and sent a reply email to another. I'm still waiting for replies.

**Birthdays for 10/1 thru 10/31 are:** 10/1—Rhona Hall; 10/2—Mark Zeman; 10/9—Ray Dyreson; 10/10—Dee Dee Dickinson; 10/11—Jeffrey Wentz; 10/14—Pat Carroll, Ivan Lundin; 10/15—Keith Woodke; 10/16—Neil Gambow, Kathy Jensen; 10/17—Harry Jensen; 10/19—Sandy Stricker; 10/23—Ron Hirsch; 10/27—Nasser Ghazaleh; 10/30—Geoff Morse; 10/31—Steven Pokrajac.

**Anniversaries for 10/1 thru 10/31 are:** 10/3—Fred & Jean Bachrodt; 10/4—Paul & Joyce Quattrochi; 10/6—Alan & Lorraine Morgan; 10/10—Pat & Cathy Carroll; 10/23—Jim & Marcia Sikora; 10/24—Lyle & Lonny Rigdon; 10/31—Steven & Cindy Pokrajac.

**Membership Numbers:** CCE has 56 Active members, 75 Family members, 7 Honorary members



# Treasurer's Report

*Mike Charewicz*

08/01/2024–08/31/2024

## Fifth Third Bank Checking Account

	Debit	Credit	Balance
08/01 Beginning Statement Balance			4,343.38
08/21 VFW Hall rent	200.00		
08/22 Amazon printer cartridges for <i>Airhorn</i>	160.59		

08/31 Closing Balance **3,982.79**

## Five Month CD, We will rollover in January 2025

	Debit	Credit	Balance
08/01 Opening Balance			10,531.68
08/24 August Interest		39.32	

08/31 CD Closing Balance **10,571.00**

## Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance
Checking Account	3,982.79
Five Month CD	10,571.00

08/31 Grand Total **14,553.79**

# Activities and Events

*Lin Parro*

## September

### General Meeting: Members Appreciation and Awards 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. After the business portion of the meeting all members and guests in attendance will be able to enjoy a buffet of various pizza along with a few additional entrees.

Board of Directors nominations continuation.

### Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Fall Tour, Menomonee Falls and Hartford, WI

We will be meeting at the Streets of Woodfield in Schaumburg by Dick's Sporting Goods around 8:30 AM and departing at 9:00 AM. If meeting in Schaumburg is not feasible a second meeting location will be at the Kenosha/Wisconsin Welcome Center off of 294 North. Our first stop will be in Menomonee Falls visiting Old Falls Village where we will take in a tour of historical homes and buildings of Menomonee Falls (group tour fee is \$25 which CCE will cover), enjoy a car show, and have lunch. We have been invited to park our Corvairs and all vintage cars with the show cars (we just won't be judged). Then we will travel about 25-30 minutes to Hartford to visit the Wisconsin Auto Museum for about 1-2 hours. Afterwards travel back to Menomonee Falls for dinner at the Hot House



Tavern, or if you wish, can leave for home. Please refer to the article in the *Airhorn* for tentative schedule and more detailed information.

## November

### General Meeting

Turkey Raffle and 50/50 VFW Raffle. The 50/50 raffle is CCE's donation for the VFW's Great Lakes Recruit Thanksgiving dinner. The recruits are told that they will be serving dinner for the elderly, but the VFW surprises them a day to have contact with their family and friends and dinner.

### Thanksgiving Day, VFW Flag Line, 8–10 AM

Need to arrive around 8–8:30 AM. Recruits arrive around 9–9:30 AM. Bring your own flag if you have one. If not the VFW can provide a flag for you.

## December

CCE Christmas Party, date and location to be determined. Club members prefer having the party at a members home. Should a member volunteer, that member determines the date, Lin Parro will assist with details, the meal is a potluck. The club advantage of having a house party is that money does not have to be spent on a rental fee. If you are willing to volunteer to host the party, please get in touch with Lin Parro, see below for contact info.

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](mailto:lindaparro@gmail.com).

Thanks everyone!

## Fall Tour – Saturday, September 21st

*Dee Dee Dickinson and Lin Parro*

We will be traveling north behind the “Cheddar Curtain” into Wisconsin. The **tentative** itinerary is as follows:



**8:30 AM** – Arrive Streets of Woodfield in

Schaumburg, IL in front of Dick's Sporting Goods. If you want to arrive a little earlier for breakfast, the Corner Bakery is across the parking lot.

**8:50 AM** – Drivers meeting.

**9 AM** – Leave Streets of Woodfield.

**10 AM approx.** – Arrive at the Kenosha/Wisconsin Welcome Center (off of 294N) for gas and/or personal breaks (if necessary). For those who would prefer to join up with the group enroute can meet us there.

**11:30 AM** – Arrive Old Falls Village, Menomonee Falls, WI. We will take a tour of several historical homes and buildings of Menomonee Falls (CCE will be covering the

\$25 group tour fee), take in a car show, and have lunch, all located in the same scenic park. Lunch will be in the Beer Garden serving beer, hard and soft beverages. There will be two food trucks on site—one for vegetarians and the other for carnivores (various sandwiches). Note: when we arrive, those driving Corvairs, and vintage cars, have been invited to join the show cars (just won't be eligible for judging).

**1:30 or 2 PM** – Depart Old Falls Village.

**2 or 2:30 PM** – Arrive Wisconsin Automotive Museum, Hartford, WI. Admission fee is \$12–Adult, \$10–Senior (62+); \$6–Children (6–16); Free–Children under 5, (groups of 10 people fee is \$10/person). For more information about the museum please feel free to check out their website: [www.wisconsinautomuseum.com](http://www.wisconsinautomuseum.com).

**5 PM** – Museum closes; return to Menomonee Falls for dinner at the Hot House Tavern (which has an interesting history) or, if you wish, leave to head home.

We hope that you'll join us for a day full of fun, food and, of course, CARS!

There will be a sign up sheet at the September General Meeting so that we can have an accurate head count for the car show and car museum. You can also RSVP to Lin Parro at 708-932-9966. Also please advise if you will be driving a Corvair, vintage car, or daily driver. (If you text Lin please identify who you are, thank you.)

## CORSA News You Can Use

### *CORSA Board of Directors*

#### September News You Can Use

Summer car show season is winding down and the Fall show season is ramping up. There are so many ways to show off and have fun with your Corvair so get out there and enjoy.



#### CORSA OFFICERS

CORSA announces new officers: The CORSA Board has appointed the following officers to a term:

- President: W. Titus Stewart - [govairs@aol.com](mailto:govairs@aol.com)
- Vice-President: Steve Lubliner - [stephenlubliner@compuserve.com](mailto:stephenlubliner@compuserve.com)
- Treasurer: Jeannette Albarte - [jalberte@att.net](mailto:jalberte@att.net)
- Secretary: David Dean, Ph.D - [dr.dean@cox.net](mailto:dr.dean@cox.net)

#### CORSA DIRECTORS

And as a reminder- your division directors are:

##### Eastern Division Directors:

- Allen Lacki (2025) [redbat01@verizon.net](mailto:redbat01@verizon.net)
- Rick Sanford (2026) [ricksanford2020@gmail.com](mailto:ricksanford2020@gmail.com)
- Dean Gemberling (2027) [dean@deangemberling.com](mailto:dean@deangemberling.com)
- W. Titus Stewart (2027) [govairs@aol.com](mailto:govairs@aol.com)

##### Central Division Directors:

- Jeannette Albarte (2025) [jalberte@att.net](mailto:jalberte@att.net)
- Mike Hall (2026) [mrhvair@aol.com](mailto:mrhvair@aol.com)

- Larry Claypool (2027) vairshop@gmail.com

#### Western Division Directors:

- David Dean, Ph.D (2025) dr.dean@cox.net
- Josh Deitcher (2026) vondeitch@gmail.com
- Steve Lubliner (2026) stephenlubliner@compuserve.com
- Dave Watson (2027) davemotohead93560@yahoo.com

Membership Chair is now Dave Watson from the Western Division.

The board thanks outgoing board members Greg Vargas and Paul Sergeant who served as president.

#### Communique News

**Looking for convention news?** A full issue with all the results and great pictures will be published in October.

**Do you have Corvair stories or chapter news?** Tell us about your events, your cars, helping other Corvair owners...etc! Do you have tech articles? Send them along. We want to hear from you! Share them by sending your story and photos to [communique@corvair.org](mailto:communique@corvair.org).

**Members wanted!** When you attend car shows and meet other Corvair owners, tell them about CORSA. The best way to get members to join is by sharing why you are a member. You can download membership information to share here: Chapter Publicity Materials ([corvair.org](http://corvair.org)) or membership applications can be found here: Join CORSA or Renew ([corvair.org](http://corvair.org))

**Upcoming events:** CORSA supports Chapters! Chapters get free publicity for upcoming events on the website Current and Upcoming Events ([corvair.org](http://corvair.org)) and in the Communique. It's easy to submit for publication. Advertising can also be published, depending on space availability.

## CCE Picnic Recap

*Diane Johnson*

Sunday August 18th was a lovely day for the annual CCE Picnic. It was held under a private pavilion along the Fox River in Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles far west of Chicago. The sky looked a bit threatening for rain, but for the most part it stayed warm and dry. A cool breeze and then the sun came out in earnest as the afternoon continued.



Approximately 30 members and two dogs gathered for a picnic, beverages provided by the club, and lots of friendly conversation and connecting.

It was so nice to see everyone and catch up!

We gathered for a group photo before individuals started going their separate ways! The river was calm and beautiful, and it was fun to see all the activities around us.



Thanks to Lin Parro and her team for planning and executing a lovely event!

I checked in the nearby parking lot and counted about 8/9 Corvairs!





On the way home from the picnic, Ray and I stopped at the Colonial Cafe Ice Cream parlor for delicious sundaes! It reminded us of a long ago Fall tour where CCE stopped there for desert and old member Harry Schuler was challenged to eating and finishing their famous Kitchen Sink sundae! Their deal, if you eat the whole thing in one sitting, it's free!

A great time was had by all! ( even the 2 dogs!)

—Diane Johnson



## CCE Elections 2025

**Election Process:** Elections of members to the 2025 CCE board of directors are coming up. Beginning in August and continuing into September, we nominate members to serve on the next year's board of directors.

CCE does not elect specific individuals to be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Director at Large. Instead, five members are elected in general to be on the board. At the first board meeting after the election, the board members decide amongst themselves who will serve as those specific officers.

The election ballots will be sent to paid up members with Individual or Family memberships about a week and a half before the October CCE meeting. Ballots can be mailed to the address on the ballot or brought to the October CCE meeting. Mailed ballots must be mailed such that they are delivered in the mail delivery of the day of the October CCE meeting.

The ballots will be counted at the mid-meeting break, with the results announced after the break.

The new board takes office at the November board of directors meeting.

**Current Board:** The CCE board currently consists of the following members:

- Kirk Parro, President (Second term)
- Mike McGowan, Vice President (First term)
- Kevin Kloker, Secretary (First term)
- Mike Charewicz, Treasurer (Second term)
- Paul Polster, Director at Large (First term)

**Eligibility:** According to the CCE Constitution, of these current board members, only those who are not currently serving their second consecutive term are eligible to run again.

On this board, Kirk Parro and Mike Charewicz have served two consecutive elected terms (2023/2024) and thus will be not

*Charley Biddle*



placed on the ballot.

**Automatically Nominated:** Mike McGowan, Kevin Kloker and Paul Polster are on their first terms and are automatically nominated, however only two of them can be elected to serve a second term. Paul has accepted nomination, Mike says maybe and Kevin was absent. Kevin will be approached to find out if he wishes to be nominated.

**New Directors:** Three new directors are to be elected, nominated from the general membership.

**New Director Results from August CCE Meeting:**

Among all the members put up for nomination, **NONE ACCEPTED.**

The following members were proposed for nomination: Lynda Neuner, John Meyer, Lin Parro, Fred Castro, Fritz Wiesner, Lou Zanon, Jim McDonald and Bob ? were nominated and all declined.

After nominations were closed and the easel board and everything was packed up, Lin Parro approached me to ask that her name be added to the list of nominated members. The motion for her nomination will be voted on at the September meeting. She will be the only one in the Second Category.

We still need two members to minimally fill out the ballot.

**Ballot Categories:** The ballot will contain two categories.

- One will be the list of incumbent board members who have agreed to run for second terms. Members will be directed to vote for no more than two candidates in this category.
- The second will be the list of non-board members nominated by the general membership at the August and September general membership meetings. Members will be directed to vote for three candidates in this category.

**Ballot Deliveries:** The ballots will be mailed to paid up Individual and Family members a week before the October general meeting, generally in the *Airhorn*. Members who receive digital copies of the *Airhorn* will receive separate printed ballots in the mail. No ballots will be included in the digital *Airhorns*. Ballots are sent out only to active dues paying members. Individual memberships will receive one ballot. Family memberships, representing a member and a spouse/partner, will receive two ballots. Honorary and Complementary memberships do not participate in board of directors voting.

**Counting Ballots:** The ballots will be collected and counted at the October CCE meeting. The results will be announced after the midmeeting break.

**New Board and November:** The five newly elected directors will attend the November board of directors meeting. At that meeting, they will decide among themselves who will serve as President. That President will then select who will serve as Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The remaining director will serve as Director at Large.

The new board will participate in a joint November board meeting with the old board. The new board will officially introduced take office at the November general membership meeting.

## Stock is...

Larry Claypool

*[This article was originally printed in the February 1987 issue of the CCE Airhorn. Larry has updated it to contain information as of 2024.]*

Now that we've gotten past the details of hub caps and wheel covers, let's move along to lower half of our side view.

Trim is often replaced during restoration or just repainting, so that's where classifiers look first.

### Wheel Well Chrome

**Wheel Well Chrome** was first used on '64 Monzas and Spyders. It blends into the rocker panel trim to create an unbroken chrome accent extending almost the entire length of the car.

Each piece of '64 wheel trim is unique, that is, each piece fits only one particular corner. Naturally, the rear wheel moldings are different on 4 door Monzas than the rest. All the '64 wheel moldings are about 3/8" tall on the body side, and just slightly wider on the wheel side. All of them are made from a single, unbroken, relatively flat appearing piece of anodized aluminum. Small Phillips head screws with integral washer heads are used about every 8" to hold it on.

Monzas were again equipped with wheel chrome in '65, as were the new Corsas. The new molding set was made up of no less than ten different pieces, with two short extensions and one main piece for each rear wheel, and one main piece and extension on each front. All body styles use the same pieces. The moldings are very rounded when viewed from the side and are about 1/4" tall at that point. The attaching surface is over 1-1/4" wide, matching the depth of the fender. As in '64, the moldings are made from a single smooth aluminum stamping retained by Phillips head screws.

Wheel Chrome was simplified in both appearance and manufacture for 1966. Each wheel opening was trimmed with a one-piece stamping instead of multiple pieces as in '65. The side profile was greatly reduced to about 1/8", and projection past the fender width cut way down also to 1/8" by flattening the edge. Appearance of the mounting surface remained the same as in '65, as did attachment details and model application. The '66 style moldings would remain unchanged through the end of production.

In all years, wheel well chrome was not an elective feature, that is to say it came standard on all Spyders, Monzas, and Corsas from '64-on whether you wanted it or not. Likewise, it was not offered as an option for 500 or 700 models, either by the factory or a dealer package. That said, if you bought a lesser model and wanted wheelhouse trim, the solution was at the dealer parts counter that would happily sell you the needed original type parts. The dealer service department or body shop would certainly take your \$\$ to install said parts but would today be considered an owner requested modification even though it may have been done at the dealership when the car was new.

### Rocker Panel Trim

**Rocker Panel Trim** was used in every model year with

many variations, so I guess we'd best start with '60's. The first Corvair to use rocker trim was the '60 Monza. Monzas featured a thin spear-like strip running nearly the full length of each rocker panel as standard equipment. The cross section of the strip looks like a triangle, it is made of polished stainless steel, and is identical - left and right.

For '61, this strip was continued as standard on all Monza models. Newly available as a dealer accessory for 500 and 700 models (including wagons) was a rocker molding kit. This kit contained a pair of identical polished stainless steel moldings with attaching parts. These moldings are the same length as Monza moldings, but are very flat and about 2 3/4" tall. They are seldom seen today.

The sole remaining 500 model offered in 1962, continued to list the dealer installed '61 moldings as available. 700 models and Monzas featured a new full width rocker molding as standard. Because of their size, both left and right versions were now required. Construction was switched to anodized aluminum. The appearance is best described as a widthwise ribbed design with the top rib much larger than the rest. The angle of the top rib is similar to that of the '60-'61 Monza molding, while those under it are smaller, and curve inward to match the contour of the rocker panel itself. Initially, the panel was all bright anodized aluminum, but in early January 62 black paint was applied in between the recess of the raised ribs. Thus, 1962 700 or Monza could have either style, depending on the build date.

1963 moldings were all new. 500's still lacked any standard trim, and the dealer accessory set of '61-'62 was not continued into '63. This situation would not change for the subsequent 500 models. 700's featured smaller moldings than in '62, but still in left and right pieces. Their cross section looks roughly like the top half of the letter H. The center of that "H" is painted flat black, while the rest of the molding remains anodized aluminum. It's about 1 3/4" tall overall.

The Monza moldings are a continuation of the 700 motif, with the same half H at the top, then the smaller ribbed area from the '62 moldings added underneath. The overall size of the '63 Monza molding is the same as the '62 version. Flat black paint is used in the wide recess of the top ribs, as well as the small recesses of the lower portion.

1964 Monza and Spyder rocker moldings were touched on in our discussion of wheel well chrome as the rocker molding blends into it. The '64 moldings are much more pronounced than any previous ones as they do not tuck under with the curve of the rocker panel, but instead look almost flat. End caps or "dog-legs" as they are sometimes referred to, complete the transition from rocker panel to wheel opening at all four corners. The end caps fit only one location each, but the rocker molding itself is the same left and right. All the pieces are anodized aluminum, and flat, smooth surfaces prevail.

The single sedan in the 700 series was also treated to new rocker moldings for '64. These were the same size as those used for the 1963 700 models, but the appearance was all new. They were stylized to complement the revised body side trim used and are somewhat rounded with a slight peak down the middle.

The 1965 rocker trim (used on Monzas and Corsas) reverted back to the thin spear-like appearance of '60-'61.



Although basically a triangle, the form has been made so the topmost side appears a 90 degree angle to the rocker panel. Edges are all rounded, and the material is aluminum. Early Camaro moldings are very close to the original 1965 Corvair moldings, and some folks substituted those during restoration before correct Corvair reproductions were available. The dimensions of the two are as follows: Corvair length, 75 11/16"; width, 11/16"; and height 7/8", Camaro length, 75 3/8"; width, 3/4"; and height 7/8".

1966 through '69 rocker moldings are similar to the 1965 style, but an additional ridge has been added to the sides of the molding where they meet the rocker panel.

As with Wheel Chrome, Rocker Trim was a non-elective feature on upscale models.

## Requiem for Pheasant Run

*Charley Biddle*

CCE hosted the 2001 and 2019 CORSA Conventions at the Pheasant Run Resort in St Charles, Illinois. Both were great conventions, well attended. Pheasant Run had a lot of space for all convention events except the Rally and Economy Run, which were run on the streets around St Charles and the Fox Valley area.



2019 - Lobby entrance to Pheasant Run

There was a huge parking lot on the property where the Concours and Autocross were held. There was a large exposition building, called the MegaCenter, where we had the indoors Swap Meet area, some celebrity cars on display and the Valve Cover Races.

### 2019 Convention

Planning for the 2019 Convention began two years in advance. Dawn Castro and I were co-chairs. I had an aerial photograph of the Pheasant Run property from the 2001 convention. That, plus satellite photos of the area, allowed me to map out the outdoors events, even down to the parking lines on the parking lot. The latter was important in that outdoor swap spots were sold on the basis of marked off parking spaces.

I spent some winter days in 2018 verifying the locations of the parking lot lines. I took videos of the various areas outside around the MegaCenter, to better allocate space for the events. Once the parking lots were mapped out, the various event chairs were able to designate where and how their respective events would be held. I did not layout the Autocross, I just indicated on the maps where the Autocross committee could layout the Autocross.

Between Dawn and I and the powers that be in CORSA, we were able to organize the convention. Being in the central part of the US, it was well attended.

### Post Convention

I think we were one of the last large groups to use the facilities of Pheasant Run. In the year after our convention, Pheasant Run had financial problems and eventually closed.

They eventually made closure final and the held an auction to auction off all the items and property in the buildings. The facility was essentially shuttered.

### 2022 Fire

In May of 2022, some teenage vandals set fire to some of the outer wooden two story buildings. Because all buildings, including the ten-story Tower were interconnected by covered and air conditioned wooden corridors, the fire quickly spread to rest of the complex. The fire department had to bring in construction equipment to tear down some of the wooden corridors ahead of the progress of the fire. That limited the fire to some extent, but lower floor of the Tower was damaged. However, the complex in general was damaged to the extent that it could never be used again.

I heard about the fire on the news and I went out there to take some videos. The fire department was still there putting out hot spots. I could get no closer than parking along the edge of North Avenue. The fire fighters and police gave looks indicating that I should not come any closer. However, they did not indicate I could not use zoom feature of my camera.



2022 - Burned out Courtyard building.

In 2001, I had a room on the second floor of one of the outer wooden buildings. I found I see through the sky through the burned out beams of the room I stayed in.

### 2023 Property Visit

The 2023 CCE Picnic was held at Pottawatomie Park in St Charles, along the Fox River. On the way back home down North Avenue, I stopped off at the Pheasant Run facility. The burned out area was chain link fenced off, but my does off-road pretty well and I was able to drive around between the Tower and the golf course. I was dishearten to see the the outsides of the parts of the building we had events in.

### 2024 - The End

In 2024, the CCE Picnic was held again at Pottawatomie Park. Again, I visited the Pheasant Run property. However, this

time it was different. The MegaCenter has been sold and converted into a McGrath Hyundai dealership. The large parking lot where we held the Concours and the Autocross now holds a lot of Hyundai's for sale.



2019 - View of the MegaCenter on the right and the Tower on the left.



2024 - Same view as above, except that the MegaCenter is now a Hyundai dealership and the Tower is gone.

The ten-story Tower is gone, along with the rest of the buildings and parking lots. It all now is a big field of rubble fenced off by a chain link fence. Normally, a poured concrete building like the Tower would be imploded. However, because of the proximity of the new MegaCenter/Hyundai dealership, an implosion would have dropped the Tower on the dealership. Not good for business. They had to bring in a tall crane with a wrecking ball to break down the building, floor by floor, piece by piece.

I don't think we, or anyone else, will be holding a CORSA Convention at Pheasant Run.



2024 - View from the Hyundai dealership (former MegaCenter) parking lot, looking west. The Pheasant Run Resort is now a muddy field of rubble and weeds.

## Classified Ad

*Rich Carroll*

**For Sale: A 1966 Monza Coupe, 95 HP, PG, Factory Air, Quick Steering Box and Arms.**

Originally ordered by the Clearwater, Florida Chevrolet dealer for his wife's personal car. A low performance motor, for trouble free driving without premium gasoline. Factory A/C with all the correct parts, fast idle solenoid, front mounted spare tire, etc. It was competitive for the Edward S Cole trophy, but not quite enough. For the Asheville CORSA Convention, we added a correct '66 Quick Steering Box and factory arms, making it handle like a British Sports Car. It easily won the Cole award in Asheville. Always garaged, it was restored with a new interior, although the replacement door panels have been stolen. Has an AM, push button radio, but has the correct rear antenna for a factory AM/FM. A recently rebuilt factory AM/FM radio is available at extra cost. **See pictures here and many more big pictures at <https://tinyurl.com/2yzqzrax>.** Rich Carroll, rccarroll@gmail.com, (708) 808-0801.[submitted 2024-09]

