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October 16 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00!

The October 16 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.**

November 13 CCE Board of Directors Meeting at Manny's Ale House

The November 13 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

Hi Folks!

Well, here it is October already, and the car season is starting to wind down. We recently had our Fall Tour to Menominee Falls and Hartford in Wisconsin, but I will leave the story about that to other correspondents in this issue of the *Airhorn*.

I will say it was a good time.

We have an election coming up! We have a full slate of candidates, and it looks to be a good board for next year. Be sure to vote!

As we enter the "non-car" season, I would like to thank Kevin Kloker for volunteering his home for the Annual CCE Christmas Party on the 14th of December. More information will follow in future *Airhorns*. Those of you who attended the last Christmas Party at Kevin's know what a great location it is for us! Mark your calendars!

Looking back at this season, I can see that we, as a club, have gotten things going again. Good turnouts at tours, car shows and such things as the Garage Squad indicates that our club has plenty of life left. Also, having a decent number of folks willing to run for the board of CCE gives me renewed hope.

Kirk Parro



Our budget is now balanced, thanks in large part to our departing (from the board, that is) treasurer, Mike Charewicz. Yep, things are looking better and better. Thanks to you all.

From the Director

Mike Charewicz

We Made It.....

Shortly after taking the office of Treasurer for the club two years ago, I realized we were overspending by about \$3000 each year. This was not new news, but I felt something had to be done to keep the club alive. So, I set out to balance our budget.

The first step was to see where the money was coming from and where did we spend it. I had good data from the previous few treasurers, so I put together a few pie charts and a bunch of statistics showing income vs expenses. This showed we had been an "event financed" club for many years. With World of Wheels, along with Orphan Auto picnic, parades and ALL other income events now gone, we had transformed into a "dues financed" club.

This also showed our expenses had been cut to the bone, with about 50% for monthly meeting space and 50% spent on the *Airhorn*.



Next step the Board went to work on a plan to turn this around. Do we raise dues? No, they would have to more than double. Do we find a smaller meeting space? No, we would have to find a much smaller and noisier place and savings still would not be enough to balance the budget.

Airhorn rose to the top. And as they say “the rest is history”.

By slightly changing the dues structure to allow for a \$36 “fee” for a printed *Airhorn*, we could just about break even. This was not a new idea for our club, but I think the timing was better. Since many of us use email and iPads to keep in touch with friends, family and grandkids, this time a PDF version of the *Airhorn* was easily accepted.

And the membership responded to this news with MANY member donations (even \$1000 anonymous donation) so we did balance our budget for 2023.

Thanks to the generosity and flexibility of our members and the hard work of our board, as I close out my two-year term as treasurer, rather than over spending by \$6000, we now have a balanced budget.

We are well on our way to many more fun filled years of CCE.

I am proud to have served as your treasurer,

—Mike Charewicz

Board Meeting Minutes

Kevin Kloker

Date: Sept 11, 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**—absent, **Secretary**—Kevin Kloker, **Director at Large**—Paul Polster. **Absent:** Mike Charewicz.

Committee Heads Present: *Airhorn* Editor and **Membership**—Charley Biddle, **Activities**—Lin Parro, **Librarian**—Diane Johnson.

Other Members Present—Jeff Wentz

1. Welcome from Kirk Parro, Presiding Board member.

Kirk opened the meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report – Mike Charewicz

In Mike's absence, Charley reports the finances are included in the August *Airhorn*. Our total balance is a healthy \$14,553.79.

3. Airhorn Report – Charley Biddle

Charley is currently working on the *Airhorn* and hopes to get it out soon. There are a lot of ads this month, with several “forward controls” for sale.

4. Membership Report – Charley Biddle

We have one new member (Bob Riley), bringing our total to 139 members. Two other people are interested in membership information. Diane asked again about getting a new membership directory.

5. Special Reports or Announcements:

None.

6. Activities – Lin Parro

- The Membership Appreciation food menu is being planned, with the Award ceremony before the food. The club will provide a beverage table purchased

from the VFW.

- Sunday Sept 15, 9 AM – 3 PM, is a senior car show in Joliet. Worth Cruisers Car Show is the same day, 2–4 PM.
- The Fall tour is Saturday, Sept 23, traveling to Wisconsin – Menomonee Falls and Hartford. Details are in the September *Airhorn*. We will drive together, so bring your Corvairs! Sign up at the general meeting.
- Looking for a Christmas party host. Several options were discussed. We are planning a Saturday evening event.

7. Old Business:

Paul Polster would like to have a Garage Squad gathering to rebuild the brakes in his “forward control”. He already bought and has received the brake parts. Several mentioned these brake lines run behind the gas tank which should be dropped to replace those brake lines. He also wants to convert to an electric fuel pump, but that would be a project for another day. Jeff Wentz will see if we can find a date before it gets cold as Paul's vehicle is stored outside.

8. New Business

Larry Claypool brought to our attention that CCE sponsors the “Don Yenke” award for the fastest autocross driver at the CORSA convention. We have sponsored this award since 1987. Several years ago, the CORSA “V8 chapter” started sponsoring a “Ted Trevor” award for the fastest V8 autocross driver. For the last three years, the autocross has been won by well-prepared and driven V8s thus collecting both trophies. Larry proposed we change the Don Yenke award to the fastest Corvair-powered and Corvair-bodied auto-cross driver. The board discussed and approved this change which will be reported back to CORSA.

9. Adjournment:

Motion by: Paul Polster, Seconded by Kirk Parro. Time: 7:52 PM.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Kevin Kloker

Date: September 18, 2024

Location: Villa Park VFW Hall

Start time: 7:08 PM

Roll call: Board members present at meeting start:

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

Committee Heads Present: *Airhorn* Editor and **Membership**—Charley Biddle, **Activities**—Lin Parro, **Librarian**—Diane Johnson, **Social Media**—Shelly Claypool, **Absent**—none.

1. Welcome from Kirk Parro, Presiding Board Member

Jim McDonald told a story about last night. Jim woke up at 2 AM, could not sleep and turned on the amateur radio. People in Michigan and Munster, IN were “on the air” talking about “Greenbriers” doing hairpin turns on a country road, almost hitting a cow and a car, but still here to talk about it! Jim joined the conversation, and they talked about Corvairs and all the fun they had. Greetings from the state of Michigan!

Anybody new? Bob Riley attended for the first time in 40 years. May be looking for a Corvair.

2. Treasurer's Report – Mike Charewicz

In Mike Charewicz's absence, Kirk gave our total balance as \$14,553.79 at the end of August. The financial report is in the September *Airhorn*.

3. Airhorn Report – Charley Biddle

- Charley mentioned a lot of Corvair "for sale" ads in the *Airhorn* this month. Some ripe for a good rebuild. We love to help old Corvairs find new homes!
- Charley wrote an update on the old Pheasant Run Resort, where we hosted the 2001 and 2019 CORSA Conventions. Now it's a car dealership and pile of building debris.
- The *Airhorn* went out a little late with 113 PDF *Airhorns* emailed and 25 color hardcopies mailed.

4. Membership Report – Charley Biddle

- We have 138 members, with two new members joining.
- Members are nominated for the CCE board this month, with voting at the October meeting.

5. CORSA News – Larry Claypool

- CORSA elections are complete, and the new board is meeting. The CORSA Preservation Foundation (CPF) is also forming a new board this month.
- The next CORSA Convention is May 2025 in Santa Maria, CA. Several CORSA leaders are traveling there to help the local clubs organize this event.

6. Library Report – Diane Johnson

- We have a wonderful library located at the Johnson's house. Call for an appointment to visit.
- The library has multiple copies of older *Airhorns*. We will bring them to a future meeting to give away to interested members.

7. Social Media – Shelly Claypool

For new people, we have a CCE Facebook page. You can also post cars for sale there.

8. Special Reports or Announcements

None.

9. Activities – Lin Parro

- Tonight is Member Appreciation and Awards night, with catered pizza and salad. The October meeting will be voting for the 2025 CCE board.
- Saturday, September 21, is our CCE Fall Tour to Menomonee Falls, WI. Details are in the *Airhorn*. If you bring your Corvair, you can park at the car show (you won't be judged). Please sign up tonight or text Lin with your headcount by this Friday.
- The CCE Christmas Party is Saturday evening, December 14, at Kevin Kloker's house in Palatine, IL. Save the date, more details to be shared later.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

- Pizza is here!
- Before food, we have some award plaques to give:
 - Ron Mensik for serving as CCE board Vice President in 2022-23.
 - Charley Biddle received the "CCE Member of the

Year" award for serving as *Airhorn* Editor and Membership Committee head.

- Nominations for the 2025 CCE board were opened. Members will vote for two current board members in October. Current board members Kevin Kloker and Paul Polster agreed to run for a second term. Mike McGowan declined to run again. So the minimum requirement is met. Members will also vote for three new board members. Lin Parro was nominated and accepted. Ray Behrends was nominated and accepted. Diane Johnson was nominated by her husband and accepted. Jeff Wentz nominated himself and accepted. John DiProva was nominated and accepted. Thank you for volunteering to serve. Nominations were closed at the meeting.
- Several years back, Larry Claypool installed an in-tank electric fuel pump from Ted Brown in Lynda Neuner's car. This year Ted sent Larry a revised version of his in-tank electric fuel pump and Larry is looking for a carbureted Corvair to make an installation video to demo this product. If you would like to volunteer your car, please talk to Larry.

12. Adjourn

Motion by: Lynda Neuner, **Seconded by:** Diane Johnson

Time: 7:50 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Charewicz

09/01/2024–09/30/2024

Fifth Third bank Checking Account

	Debit	Credit	Balance
09/01 Beginning Statement Balance			3,982.79
09/18 VFW hall rent	200.00		
09/18 Pizza for meeting	374.78		
09/18 Awards	61.80		
09/30 Closing balance			3,346.21

Five Month CD , We will rollover in Jan 2025

	Debit	Credit	Balance
09/01 Opening Balance			10,571.00
09/24 September interest		39.47	
09//30 CD Closing balance			10,610.47

Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance
Checking Account	3,346.21
Five Month CD	10,610.47
09/30 Grand Total	13,756.68

2024 Profit & Loss - 2025 Budget

Mike Charewicz

This is a projected CCE Profit & Loss statement for calendar year 2024. It is also a template for a budget for year 2025.

Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Airhorn Contributions	20.00
Direct Public Support - Other	203.00
Total Direct Public Support	223.00
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	469.52
Total Investments	469.52
Other Types of Income	
Meeting Event Income	481.00
Total Other Types of Income	481.00
Program Income	
Membership Dues 2024	4,066.00
Total Program Income	4,066.00
Total Income	5,239.52
Expense	
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	10.00
Meeting rent	2,400.00
Total Business Expenses	2,410.00
Contract Services	45.00
Facilities and Equipment	
Rent, Parking, Utilities	188.00
Total Facilities and Equipment	188.00
Operations	
Airhorn	1,691.75
Awards Banquet+ Pizza night	561.58
Meeting event expense	250.00
Total Operations	2,503.33
Total Expense	5,146.33
Net Ordinary Income	93.19
Net Income	93.19

From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from Your Humble Editor—

Early Airhorn: This issue of the *Airhorn* is coming to you a week earlier than usual. This is to accommodate getting the ballots for the 2025 board of directors election. Members who receive the *Airhorn* by postal mail will receive the ballots as part of the *Airhorn* mailing. Members who receive the *Airhorn* as emailed PDF files will receive their ballots in a separate postal mailing, sent out at the same time as the *Airhorns* for postal mailed memberships.

Early distribution of the ballots is to accommodate all members to mail in their ballots, especially for those members who do not or can not attend regular CCE meetings. Mailing ballots to members who receive emailed PDF *Airhorns* is to give all members who receive emails to submit their participate equally in the board of directors elections with those who receive their ballots in postal mailed *Airhorns*.

Because all emailed *Airhorn* recipients do not have printers that would allow them to print and mail in their ballots, mailing them their ballots give them an equal chance to participate in the board of directors election.

Number of Ballots: Individual memberships receive one ballot. Family memberships receive two ballots

Thought: “We’ll go down in history as the first society that wouldn’t save itself because it wasn’t cost-effective.” — Kurt Vonnegut

Thought: “Nothing is permanent in this wicked world, not even our troubles.” — Charlie Chaplin

Membership Report

Charley Biddle

Welcome New Member:

John Zolot
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Wildwood, IL 60030
(847) 254-3844
rockerarmJZ@gmail.com
1964 Greenbrier

Birthdays for 10/1 thru 10/31 are: 10/1—Rhona Hall; 10/2—Mark Zeman; 10/9—Ray Dyreson; 10/10—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 57 Active members, 75 Family members, 7 Honorary members



Activities and Events

Lin Parro

October

General Meeting

Board of Directions election night.

November

General Meeting

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

Thursday, November 28th, Thanksgiving Day, VFW Flag Line, 8–10 AM

If you would like to participate 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

Saturday, December 14th, CCE Christmas Party, 6 PM–CC

This year's party will be at the home of Kevin Kloker. Kevin hosted last year's party and has graciously volunteered, again, to host this year. Details of the party will be forthcoming.

Thank you Kevin.

General Christmas Meeting

This meeting will be a quick business portion followed by socializing and wishing good cheer.

January 2025

General Meeting : “What's It Contest”

How well do you know Corvair parts? Well that's what this informal contest is all about-identifying as many parts as you can that are on display. Some parts may be obscure and some not. This contest is also informational because each part is discussed as to how the part is being used on a particular Corvair year and model. At the end, whoever has the most points wins bragging rights until next year's contest.

February

General Meeting: Sweets Auction

This is a club fund raiser, created many years ago by a past Board President inspired by St. Valentine's Day since this month's meeting falls around February 14th. Members are encouraged to bring homemade, or purchased, dessert type items. Some members get creative and name their goods that are Corvair related such as “Oil Pan Debris” (Peanut Brittle). **Not the baking type or into sweets?—Auction items don't necessarily have to be sweet, non-edible items are also welcome to be auctioned off.** All proceeds go to CCE.

March

General Meeting: Chili Cook-Off

Another member participation event. Members bring their crock pots filled with their favorite, or experimental, chili recipe. All attending members taste and vote for their favorite chili.

There are four categories: Wimpy, Spicy, Inferno and Alternative (non-beef or non-red chili).

When the tasting is done, everyone is welcome to have a bowl of their favorite chili while the votes are being tallied. Each category has a winner and is awarded a gift card. Yes, Bean-o and Tums are on hand.

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.

Thanks everyone!

CCE Elections 2025

Charley Biddle

Board of Directors Elections: Elections of members to the 2025 CCE board of directors takes place at the October CCE Meeting. The October *Airhorn* is delivered to members a week early and contains the ballots. PDF delivery members receive their ballots in separate postal deliveries, at the same time the printed *Airhorns* are mailed out.

Election Process: 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, in November, the board members decide amongst themselves who will serve as those specific officers.

The election ballots are collected at the October CCE meeting and counted at the midmeeting 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 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. All accepted nomination except for Mike McGowan. That leave two incumbent candidates:

- Kevin Kloker
- Paul Polster

New Director Candidates: Three new directors are to be elected, nominated from the general membership. Over the nominations months of August and September, the following new board candidates were nominated:

- Ray Behrends
- John DiProva
- Diane Johnson*
- Lin Parro
- Jeff Wentz

***Subsequent Declination:** After the September meeting, Diane Johnson sent me an email saying she wished to decline her nomination for election to the board. Therefore, I removed her name from 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 members a week before the October general meeting, generally in the *Airhorn*. Members who receive digital PDF 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.

Counting Ballots: The ballots will be collected 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.

Appreciation Awards

Charley Biddle

CCE held its annual Pizza Night and Appreciation Awards presentation at its September 18 membership meeting. The pizza was in appreciation of all the hard work members have put in over the last year.

Awards presented were:

- Ron Mensik -- Past Vice President, 2023
- Jeff Wentz -- Past Secretary, 2023
- Charley Biddle -- Member of the Year, 2023



Ron Mensik -- Past Vice President, 2023



Jeff Wentz -- Past Secretary, 2023



Charley Biddle -- Member of the Year, 2023

CORSA News You Can Use

CORSA Board of Directors

We hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and getting those cars on the road! There are many car shows throughout the country that need our Corvairs to be on display. Where there is a Corvair, there is a crowd of people circled around sharing their stories and asking questions! Corvair chapter events are still underway in many areas of the country, and we encourage you to attend one soon.

CORSA Needs YOU! When you are at those car shows or club meetings, we need you to talk about CORSA! Make it personal and share your story of why you are a member and the benefits. Help us bring in new members! Need help with what to what to say? Download brochures with all the information. **Chapter Publicity Materials** (corvair.org).

Need more to get someone to join? New members who have never joined CORSA before can receive a copy of (the must have book) *Corvair Basics* for free with the paper membership level.

Show your CORSA support with a window decal on all your Corvairs- new, never members before, get one free in their welcome packet. You can also buy one here: **Sales Through CORSA Warehouses** (corvair.org)

Speaking of shows- we hope you enjoy this Convention issue of the *Communique*. Read through it to see all the results and convention perspectives. It was a great event, and Dayton was a wonderful host city. Thank you to the three clubs for working together for our enjoyment.

Next up: California, here we come for 2025! Come with your car or yourself to Santa Maria, CA, May 20-23, 2025. It is a wonderful area for vacations and the host chapters have events and tours to make it a great vacation. CORSA is excited to have a western division convention. Look for information about the convention and hotel reservations in the November issue of the *Communique*. To start your planning, read about all the great places to go and see! **Visitor Guide | Santa Maria Valley and Central Coast California Tourism - California Central Coast** (centralcoast-tourism.com)

The 2026 Convention will go east to Gettysburg, PA. We are looking for Central Division chapters interested in hosting for 2027 so contact your division director for more information!

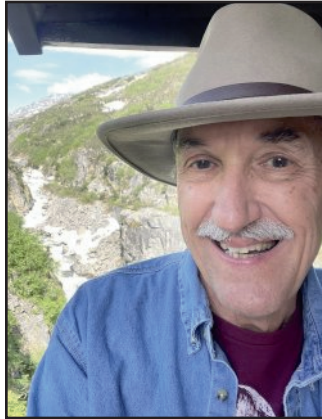
Drive your Corvair!



Candidate Statement

Kevin Kloker

Greetings, voters. My parents had three Corvairs when I was a kid riding in the back seat, so I bought a 1969 Monza Coupe 140HP PG in the summer of 2022 (my first classic car)! That's when I joined CCE and started shipping money to Clark's Corvair Parts and The Vair Shop. My "Laurel" was unreliable until I switched to an electric fuel pump in spring 2023, now she's a dependable "family fun car".



I was nominated and started my first board term in November 2023. In my mind this was a two-year commitment, and I am happy to serve a second term. I barely qualify for this position—I know only a few members and most of my ideas don't pass inspection—but I still bring a "newbie" perspective to the board. I am most interested in advancing these goals:



- Driving and bringing our Corvairs together at events
- Trying other members' Corvairs (still on my bucket list)
- Wrenching on Corvairs that need TLC
- Helping young people get into Corvairs

I am a retired electrical engineer who likes designing everything from vacuum tubes to microprocessors. I fixed my Corvair's headlights, horn, radio, dash lights, taillights, extra gauges, etc. Now if I can get that broken clock out of my dash...

I hope we can plan activities that build friendships and help members work on and enjoy their Corvairs.

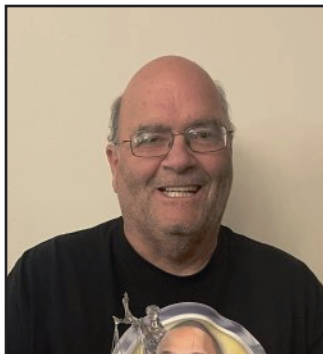
Candidate Statement

Paul Polster

Greetings to all my fellow CCE members.

I am asking for your vote to remain on the board for another year. I have made myself available to serve the board and all of my other CCE family and will continue to do so.

Respectfully Yours,
—Paul A. Polster



Candidate Statement

Ray Behrends

CCE Members,

I bought my first Corvair, a 1965 Monza, 110 Automatic in 1971, to commute to college. Several of my friends also had Corvairs. They were inexpensive and a blast to drive! We all got into working on the cars, and that was the start of my car hobby, that I still enjoy to this day! Several of us joined CCE back then, including me. I remember meeting Larry Claypool at that time, and buying a Corsa dash from him, that I put in my Monza.



Time past, and many cars later, I found the 1966 Stinger that I am currently restoring. It has come a long way from what it was prior to starting its restoration. It could not have happened without a great deal of assistance and expertise from other folks, Largely from CCE and CORSA. To recognize a few from CCE, Fred Castro, Frank Regal, Ray Johnson, and Mike McGowan, Charley Biddle, Burt Neuner (R.I.P.) and Larry Claypool.

In recognition of all the folks that have been so helpful to me, I feel that Its time for me to give back to the club. All those that I mentioned above, have served on the CCE Board in the past, now I feel that I need to do the same. It has always been a wonderful organization, and I have made many friends here. I would be honored to serve on the CCE Board!

Thank you and Best Regards,

—Ray Behrends

Un-Candidate Statement

Diane Johnson

I was so very pleased to see the 11th hour response for nominations to the CCE Board. I was nominated, and accepted because it was concerning that so many had been nominated, and declined to run. Now we have four other Candidates that are all good people to steer our club for the next year or two.

With that in mind, and since it's just been one year since I served on the Board for two years, I will step away from my nomination and decline. It just feels like the right thing to do.

I will continue to attend Board meetings as I do, and help guide any new member, who is not sure of the "way we do things". I will continue in my role as Club Librarian, and VFW Rental Liaison.

Please give the other candidates your firm support, and don't forget to VOTE!

Candidate Statement

John DiProva

My name is John DiProva

I own a 1963 Corvair Monza which I purchased from Joe Jodlowski in June 2022. It belonged to his father Chester Jodlowski, who I believe was a member of the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts.



I enjoy telling the Corvair's story and it is my ambition to give the Corvair the respect and care it deserves to the best of my ability.

Without the support, resources and camaraderie that the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts provides, I am not sure I could get this done. I have met some great people here.

This is why when the current board members asked for new members to step forward, I knew this could be my way of showing my appreciation for the hard work that the current members do and past members do and have done over the years.

I want to assist in bringing some ideas to the Garage Squad and coordinating activities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and know I will give it my best!

Candidate Statement

Lin Parro

Hi all. Lin Parro here. Yes, I am Kirk Parro's wife. (Kirk is currently serving as President on CCE's Board of Directors.)

The majority of you know, and for those who are a bit unfamiliar, I am the club's Activities Coordinator. And what you all may not know is that I served twice on the Board of Directors. The first time I was Director at Large and the second as Treasurer.



I was the Committee Chairperson for the Hospitality Room for both 2001 and 2019 CORSA Conventions (in 2019 handling the Raffles were also my responsibility). And for a few years headed up the Historical Committee (which I would eventually, if possible, like to bring back).

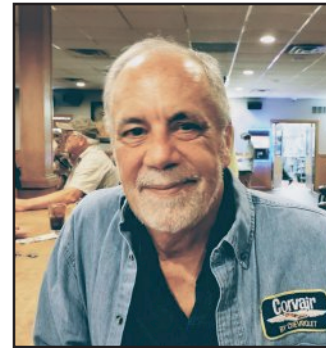
I married into the club and officially became a member in July of 1995. For the past 29 years I enjoyed the opportunity of making wonderful friends. So with that, and the spirit of keeping this Club going, I feel I need to give back to the Club by running for a third time for a place on the Board of Directors.

Thank you.

Candidate Statement

Jeff Wentz

My involvement with CCE's Board stems back to when I first joined in August 2018. Since that time, I have served as Secretary twice and President for two years during the Covid-19 pandemic, and I am still the Contact Point for the Garage Squad. Throughout that entire time, I have been consistently impressed and grateful for the dedication and effort expended by Board members, Committee Chairs, and other stalwarts of the club. They have kept us going and worked hard to provide value and fulfillment for our members. We have had some notable successes over the past couple of years, including stabilizing CCE's finances, enjoying informative technical sessions, delightful picnics, tours, car shows, and the camaraderie of our meetings.



I appreciate all these activities, and hope, with your votes, to continue playing a part in the club's success by serving on the Board. My specific emphasis will be to focus on enriching our social events and expanding our technical outreach. And as always, getting our members' cars running and on the road.

IRM Recap

Larry Claypool

[Editor's Note: With thanks and respects to Larry Claypool, this article was supposed to run in last month's (September's) Airhorn.]

The 2024 Vintage Transportation Extravaganza is now history. Dave Diamond at the museum says the official car count was 450; it was probably a little higher than that as 'our' cars got in without registering, and a few cars left early so they may not have been included during counting. I seem to recall last year's number was 383. Although it was plenty hot, none of cars in line quit from heat exhaustion, and I don't believe the line ever backed up onto Olson road. Given we had some new processes this year, I'd say we moved along cars quite well. Pre loading the goodie bags with tickets/buttons/dash plaques and misc was a big time saver and worked great.



I gotta tell you I was a little worried about some of you who spent a lot of time working the car lines; it was a big effort. And ditto to our registration Queen-Dawn, who had received all the preregistrations, inputted all the data, printed the car cards and parking letters and then organized all it so it could be retrieved and handed out.

Ya'll did great!

Many thanks from the Museum, Dave Diamond, and the participants themselves were bestowed on your efforts.

And of course from Me and Shelly.

—larry



CCE 2024 Fall Tour

Dee Dee Dickinson

I can't begin to write anything about CCE's Fall Tour without first thanking Ted and Pat Malo. When Lin Parro asked club members for suggestions of places we could go, Ted stepped up and presented her with a brochure for the Wisconsin Automotive Museum. If it wasn't for that, we would have never had the opportunity to experience this unique automotive gem. And, as it turned out, they also gave us a great tip on where to go for dinner. Thanks Ted and Pat!

Our group consisted of four Corvairs, one Chevy Volt, and four assorted "other" cars. Our first destination was a car show at Old Falls Village in Menomonee Falls, a (what should have been) pleasant one hour drive from the Wisconsin Welcome Center. However, the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation had a different idea in mind for us and closed our exit ramp. As a result of this unexpected detour, we ended up in two separate groups. But, thanks to the gods of GPS, both groups miraculously ended up at our destination at exactly the same time!

Old Falls Village is a beautifully wooded eighteen acre site including a large lawn area, eight historical buildings, a performance stage, a Biergarten featuring beers brewed in Wisconsin, and a large covered picnic pavilion. And, as an added bonus, they were having their annual car show that day. After our guided tour of the buildings, everyone was free to partake in a beverage of their choosing, grab some lunch, and enjoy the car show.

We then headed to Hartford and the Wisconsin Automotive Museum, Wisconsin's largest car museum. It features a display of classic and vintage autos and artifacts, plus the largest assembled group of Kissel luxury automobiles. Never heard of a Kissel? Me neither. An estimated 26,000 Kissel cars were made locally in Hartford from 1906 to 1931. Fewer than 150 complete Kissel automobiles still survive, with 25+ of them currently at the museum.

In addition to the Kissel, featured displays in the museum were the Nash Club of America and the Wisconsin Short Track Hall of Fame. Not to mention the Pontiacs, Studebakers, Chevrolets (including a 1964 500 Corvair), Kaisers, Fords, and other cars from around the world. The collection was rounded out by displays of automotive artifacts such as a 1965 Corvair 180 turbo engine, gas pumps, signs, license plates, oil cans and other petroliana.

Oh, let's not forget the #1003 Steam Locomotive. Built in 1913, the 250 ton Soo Line steam locomotive is housed at the museum and makes appearances several times a year for special events.

After the museum closed, we walked two blocks, through the town's Oktoberfest celebration, to the Mineshaft restaurant for dinner. After eating our fill, we embarked for the journey home.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for a day filled with cars, friends, and fun!

My apologies to all those who submitted the 24 pictures from the Fall Tour, but there was not enough space and time to include them. --- Charley