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November 20 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00!

The November 20 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.**

December 11 CCE Board of Directors Meeting at Manny's Ale House

The December 11 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

Hello everybody!

Well, it's time for me to write my last From The President article. It has been an interesting two years, and I think we have accomplished quite a bit.

One of my biggest concerns was the year to year depletion of our treasury—we had been running approximately \$2,500 per year in expenses, and that had been going on for years, ever since we ended the Orphan Auto Picnic and the Morris Car Show no longer wanted to hire judges for their event, as their own budget had taken a major hit.

We solved that problem by identifying what our major expenses were (namely, the *Airhorn*) and focused on possible solutions. It had been suggested over the years that we could save a bundle by sending the *Airhorn* out electronically, but we had resisted that, as there were a number of members who had no email account.

That issue had largely gone away, as most of our people had acquired email, so we decided to split the difference—charge what printing and postage cost us, and offering free online copies of our newsletter to those members who were OK with a



PDF. Our regular dues pretty much covered our other expenses, like hall rental and the like.

Subsequently, the Board decided that we might be able to further reduce our expense by purchasing a printer, and forgoing the use of a commercial print service. Over time that should provide a significant additional cost savings.

Our activities had also taken a major hit due to COVID. Fortunately, that crisis has passed, and we have been gradually increasing the “fun stuff”, and our tours have been growing in attendance.

I have been honored to serve our club as president. This outfit has provided much to me, personally, over the many years (I joined in 1971), and I took my responsibilities seriously to preserve and extend the life of this organization.

Our new Board of Directors looks like an excellent one. Former president Jeff Wentz is back on the board, as is my wife (and club Activities Chair) Lin Parro. Kevin Kloker and Paul Polster will carry-over from last year's BOD, and John DeProva, one of our new members, will complete the board. I think the new BOD is a terrific one, we'll do very well with these folks.

Well, that's is for me, for now. I thank all of you for your support, especially when I was undergoing a bit of a health crisis, and I am glad to have fulfilled my duties.

Let's go have some fun!

From the Director

Paul Polster

Greetings everyone. For those that don't know, I purchased a 1966 Monza convertible in September. A few weeks after that the fuel pump started gushing gas near its base. Two other fuel pumps were tried and they also leaked. I decided to ask Larry Claypool if we could do a Garage Squad using my car, to which he agreed.



One of the projects that the squad will do is to install an electric fuel pump. This car has a turbo block with 140 horse heads, thus using four carburetors. Another project will be to install linkage to the secondary carbs and adjust them. This car will be receiving 14" rims and brand new tires, replacing the original 13" tires and rims. By the way, I have never driven a Corvair until this one. I have always liked the looks of the late model, especially the convertible. The squad is meeting on Saturday November 16th at Larry Claypool's shop.

—Paul Polster

From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from your Humble Editor—

Correction: Last month (October) a number of *Airhorns* that were printed and mailed had a month of "September" instead of "October" on the first page. This was corrected on the PDF versions of the October *Airhorn*. I apologize for the error. Because the October *Airhorn* had to be delivered to members a week earlier because of the inclusion of ballots for the Board of Directors Election, I had to start building the *Airhorn* during the end of the month of September and I keyed in "September" on the front page of the *Airhorn*. Rather than incur the expense of reprinting and re mailing the October *Airhorn*, the printed and mailed *Airhorns* went out with the wrong month on the first page.

The Cost of Printing the *Airhorn*: As noted in Kirk Parro's From the President article in this *Airhorn*, one of the greatest expenditures in this club last year has been printing and mailing the *Airhorn*. We were paying a commercial printer to print the *Airhorn* in black and white, for all members. Our average cost last year for printing the *Airhorn* was an average of \$190 per month.

At the January 2024 CCE board meeting, Treasurer Mike Charewicz said,

"Mike Charewicz proposed printing hardcopy *Airhorns* on our own four-color laser printer. A 12-page *Airhorn* would cost about 24 cents to print using our own printer compared to about \$2 using a commercial vendor. Right now, we mail about 70 *Airhorns*. This proposal may save the club up to \$2,000 per year! Mike shared the pros and cons of printing the *Airhorn* "in-house" versus our current commercial printing vendor."

The board then took the following action:

"Kirk Parro motioned to purchase a four-color laser printer to be installed at Charley's house. Paul Polster seconded, and some discussion followed. We approved purchasing a four-color laser printer with a four-year warranty for a total cost of approximately \$600. Charley will bill CCE for paper and toner as needed."

On February 1, I purchased a Canon four color printer for \$560 from Office Depot and charged it back to CCE. I installed it in my house and installed the printer drivers on my computers. I then began to print all *Airhorns* that were to mailed to users. These were printed in full color.

In the nine months of printing the *Airhorn* in house since the Canon printer was installed, we have saved approximately \$1710 that would have been otherwise paid to the commercial printer. This covers the original cost of the printer plus a \$176 new set of toner cartridges. At the rate we are printing *Airhorns*, a set of toner cartridges is expected to last 15 months.

We are currently printing about 30 copies of the *Airhorn* per month. An additional approximately 10 copies are printed as editing proofs and for distribution at board and general membership meetings.

Mailing Costs of the *Airhorn*: I have been monitoring the dates of proposed increases in postage stamps. Just before a postal increase, I purchase six to eight months of postage stamps. Because stamps are "Forever" stamps, they can be used even if after the dates of postal rate increases. It is no longer necessary to buy a bunch of one or two cent stamps to make up for the postal increase.

Election Wrap-Up: Out of 203 ballots delivered to members, 58 were cast and counted. There were no invalid ballots. Two were returned by the post office because those members had move and not filed new addresses with the club. Three were delivered in the mail to me after the date of the CCE meeting where ballots were counted. The number of votes for each candidate were such that the late ballots would not have affected the outcome.

The new board of directors, consisting of John DiProva, Kevin Kloker, Lin Parro, Paul Polster and Jeff Wentz, will take office as of the November 13 board meeting.

Stock Is... Articles: There are two Stock Is... articles in this *Airhorn*. The one on Exterior Trim was supposed to run last month, but that issue was full. So, two are being run this month. The second one is on Mirrors, including the rarely seen remote mirrors. If you are restoring a Corvair to CORSA Concours Factory Stock condition, these are the details you must pay attention to.

Thought: "I no longer listen what people say, I just watch what they do. Behavior never lies." — Winston Churchill

Thought: "Anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that, 'My ignorance is just as good as your knowledge'" — Isaac Asimov

Thought: "I asked a wise man, 'tell me sir, in which field could I make a great career?' He said with a smile, 'be a good human being. There is a lot of opportunity in this area and very little competition.'" — Internet meme

Board Meeting Minutes

Kevin Kloker

Date: Oct. 9, 2024

Location: Manny's Ale House, Elmhurst, IL

Start time: 7:28 PM

Roll call: Board members present:

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

Committee Heads Present: *Airhorn* Editor and
Membership–Charley Biddle, **Activities**–Lin Parro,
Librarian–absent.

Other Members Present–none

1. Welcome from Kirk Parro, Presiding Board member

Kirk opened the meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report – Mike Charewicz

The Treasurer's Report is in the *Airhorn*, along with a 2024 Profit & Loss statement. This does not include the remaining two months of the year. We discussed whether our financial condition is improving, compared to last year. We decided not to change the 2025 dues and printed *Airhorn* fee.

The five-month CD automatically renews at the bank's lowest rate in January, so the new board will want to address this soon. There was some discussion about finding a new bank with better service and policies.

3. Airhorn Report – Charley Biddle

Charley issued a corrected PDF *Airhorn* (109 emails) to correct the date from September to October. The 27 mailed *Airhorns* include an official ballot for the 2025 Board of Directors. Diane Johnson removed herself from the ballot before it was finalized.

4. Membership Report – Charley Biddle

We currently have 136 members. We discussed how to get a new membership directory. Most of this directory work requires Charley's priority. We also discussed how the CCE Alerts are working.

5. Special Reports or Announcements -

None.

6. Activities – Lin Parro

- October 16 is the CCE Board of Directors election night. Ballots can be brought to the meeting. Results will be announced the same evening.
- November 20 is our Turkey Raffle and 50/50 VFW Raffle. CCE donates our 50% portion to the VFW for their Great Lakes Recruits Thanksgiving dinner. The VFW Flag Line welcome for the new naval recruits is Thanksgiving Day morning, Nov 28. Please come by 8:30 am if you can participate.
- Saturday December 14 is our CCE Christmas Party at Kevin Kloker's house, starting at 6 PM. Signup will be at the November general meeting. Bring potluck dishes to share and coordinate with Lin about what you are bringing. Lin will give Charley the party info to make a flyer. The setup will be like last year. Lin is thinking about decorations, pictures, songs, and games.
- December 18 is our general meeting to socialize and

share Christmas cheer!

- 2025 meetings are in planning. Jan is our "What's It Contest," Feb is our annual "Sweets Auction," and March is our "Chili Cook-Off".

7. Old Business

Paul Polster's request to have a "Garage Squad" gathering to rebuild the brakes in his "forward control" is put on hold. Paul's new request is in "New Business" below.

8. New Business

Paul Polster bought a late model, 140 HP convertible with a messed-up throttle linkage. Larry Claypool offered his shop for a "Garage Squad" gathering to show how to properly adjust all those throttle shafts and linkages. We need to pick a date.

9. Adjournment

Motion by: Kirk Parro, Seconded by: Mike McGowan,
Time: 8:30 PM

Membership Meeting Minutes

Kevin Kloker

Date: October 16, 2024

Location: VFW

Start time: 7:26 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 Presiding Board Member

Kirk opened with a funny police story.

No new attendees at the meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report – absent

Since Mike is absent, please see the November *Airhorn* for a detailed financial report.

Mike arrived later and was available for any questions.

3. Airhorn Report – Charley Biddle

Charley corrected and re-emailed the PDF *Airhorn*, Volume 57, Number 10, to say "October", but please correct your printed and mailed copy. Thanks to all who submitted their candidate statements on time for tonight's Board of Directors election.

The pictures for the CCE 2024 Fall Tour article did not make the *Airhorn* issue. The pictures arrived after the cutoff, and the election ballots needed to go out.

There were questions about the printed *Airhorns* we mail to other car clubs and publications. They are mailed complementary as a courtesy to gain club exposure and free advertising.

There were questions about print cartridges—quality versus cost. Charley is on top of this.

4. Membership Report – Charley Biddle

CCE currently has 135 members. Mike Collins passed away recently, reducing our numbers.

Charley will mail out 2025 membership renewal forms in November. He is improving the form to identify the cellular carrier, so text alerts can be sent to the correct carrier. Please

renew it early, it will make life easier.

We are trying to find out about Steve Epstein, please let us know if you have any information.

5. CORSA News – Larry Claypool

The May 2025 CORSA Convention planning trip starts Thursday October 17 in Santa Maria, CA. We will check out the site and make sure the facility will serve our convention needs. We don't know how many to expect at a west coast convention, since the last west coast convention was in 2009. The California host clubs are doing a good job organizing this event.

6. Library Report – Diane Johnson

Nothing to report.

7. Social Media – Shelly Claypool

Thanks to Brad Adcock for putting the CCE 2024 Fall Tour pictures on the CCE Facebook page.

8. Special Reports or Announcements

None.

9. Activities – Lin Parro

- Thanks to Dee Dee Dickinson for planning a great CCE 2024 Fall Tour to Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Some said it was one of our best!
- November 13 is our Turkey Raffle and 50/50 VFW Raffle. CCE donates the club portion of the winning 50/50 raffle to the VFW hall.
- We will check if the VFW is continuing their tradition to host a dinner for the naval recruits this Thanksgiving Day, November 28. If they are, you are invited to man the "Flag Line" to welcome their arrival at the VFW hall, please come by 8:30 AM and bring your own flag. We will confirm this event at the November meeting.
- The CCE Christmas Party is Saturday evening, December 14, at Kevin Kloker's house in Palatine, IL. Save the date, a flyer with more details will be shared at the November meeting.
- The December 18 meeting will be a social time and maybe Christmas Bingo!
- Jim Sikora mentioned several car events happening in Peotone.

10. Old Business

Larry Claypool will host a Garage Squad technical session to adjust Paul Polster's 1966 convertible 140 HP throttle linkage on Saturday 10 AM, Nov 9th. This will be in Larry's Vair Shop, but dress for outside weather.

11. New Business

The VFW expressed concern that their front door was left unlocked overnight after our September meeting. Please do not use the front door. Use the side door or the back door.

Andrew Golt shared a good source for Made in USA, stainless steel brake hoses. All brake hoses including Clark's are now made in China. The firm is called Brake Hoses Unlimited in Allegan, Michigan. [From a web search, I found Nick Christman, ph. (616) 836-7885, Goodbrakes@brakehoses.biz. He also has an online eBay store.] They can make almost any brake hose, except the 1969 front brake hose that has the metal bracket attached. Andrew showed some hoses he just ordered from them, they looked nice.

The Board of Director votes were counted and both

incumbents were re-elected:

Kevin Kloker

Paul Polster

Three new members were elected to the Board of Directors:

John DiProva

Lin Parro

Jeff Wentz

The newly elected board members will join the current board at the November 13 board meeting.

12. Adjourn

Motion by: Ted Malo, Seconded by: Jim Sikora, Time: 8:25 PM

Membership Report

Charley Biddle

Welcome New Member:

Liam Coyne

833 Harris Rd.

Grayslake, IL 60030

(847) 507-5546 (cell)

LCoyneF030@gmail.com

1962 Corvair Monza 900

2025 Dues; The CCE board of directors has decided to not to raise CCE membership dues for year 2025. Dues for 2025 will remain at \$30 for Individual memberships and \$32 for Family members. This will get members emailed PDF versions of the *Airhorn*. If they want printed and mailed versions of the *Airhorn*, there will be a Distribution Fees of \$36, over and above the cost of dues. Dues may be paid by check or cash. If paying by check, the check should be made payable to Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts.

Renewing Memberships: CCE memberships run from January to December of the calendar year. Membership renewal forms for year 2025 for members who receive their *Airhorns* by email will be mailed out at about the same time as the delivery time for the November *Airhorn*. Members receiving their *Airhorns* in the mail will have the renewal form included in the mailing envelope. The 2025 membership form is different from the 2024 form. In November, the 2025 membership application/renewal form will be up on the CCE web site, ccecorvair.com.

These can be filled out and mailed back with dues or brought to a CCE meeting. Forms will also be available at CCE meetings.

If dues are not renewed by the date the April *Airhorn* is delivered, your membership will be inactivated and you will receive no further *Airhorns*.

Correction: I reprinted the October Birthdays/Anniversaries in last month's *Airhorn*. The November Birthdays and Anniversaries should have been printed. This is due to the way the membership software works. I executed the Membership Report generator at the end of September, in my effort to get the *Airhorn* out to members early because of the board of directors election ballots. By default, it generates

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month after the month it is executed in. Below are the November Birthdays and Anniversaries, followed by the December Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays for 11/1 thru 11/30 are: 11/7—Mike Charewicz, Allen Short; 11/9—Lisa Allen, Frederic Gillaizeau, Kenn Sinko; 11/10—Alex Clegg; 11/12—Lyle Rigdon; 11/25—Steve Epstein; 11/27—Rick Herda; 11/30—John DiProva.



Anniversaries for 11/1 thru 11/30 are: 11/16—Gene & Jackie Miller; 11/20—Gary & Wanda Huntoon, Clarence & Peggy Izydorski; 11/25—Tony & Peggy Bagnola, Dave & Liesl Mann.



Birthdays for 12/1 thru 12/31 are: 12/1—Ron Kolb, William Neufeldt; 12/5—Mark Hardy; 12/8—Mike Hall; 12/14—Gary Huntoon; 12/15—Gary Ross; 12/17—Ray Johnson; 12/18—Kim Herda, Matt Sikora, Ann Wentz; 12/20—Dawn Castro; 12/21—Wayne Janis; 12/22—Wanda Huntoon, Dirk Krueger; 12/25—John Meyer, Doreen Prucha; 12/29—Meredith Nagles; 12/30—Becky Helling; 12/31—Gene Haubrich.



Anniversaries for 12/1 thru 12/31 are: 12/2—Rick & Kim Herda, Ron & Susan Mensik; 12/18—Bill & Monica Kowalewski.



Membership Numbers: CCE has 58 Active members, 73 Family members, 7 Honorary members

Treasurer's Report

Mike Charewicz

10/01/2024–10/31/2024

Fifth Third Bank Checking Account

	Debit	Credit	Balance
10/01 Beginning Statement Balance			3,346.21
10/16 VFW hall rent	200.00		
10/16 Fall Tour expense	25.00		
10/31 Closing balance			3,121.21

Five Month CD, We will rollover in Jan 2025

	Debit	Credit	Balance
10/01 Opening Balance			10,610.47
10/24 Oct Interest		38.34	
10/31 CD Closing Balance			10,648.81

Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance
Checking Account	3,121.21
Five Month CD	10,648.81
10/31 Grand Total	13,770.02



Activities and Events

Lin Parro

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 to Closing

- Kevin Kloker will be hosting this year's Christmas Party. Thank you Kevin.
- Party is BYOB to beer and wine only (no hard liquor); CCE will provide pop, water, and ice.
- As usual dinner will be a potluck.
- Members are welcome to bring a dish to share which can be an **appetizer, entree, side dish and/or dessert**.
- Sign up sheets will be available at the November general meeting. You can also contact me with your dish. My contact info below.

Note: no shoes to be worn in the house but slippers are acceptable.

Please refer to the Christmas party flier for more detailed information.

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!

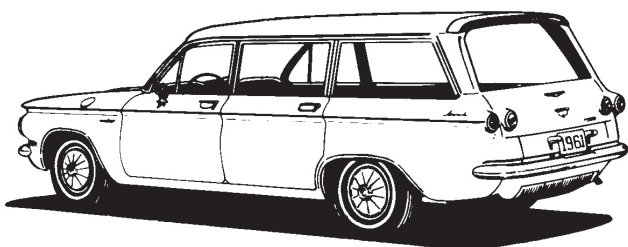
CCE Christmas Party

Lin Parro

On Saturday, December 14th, Kevin Kloker will be hosting this year's CCE's Christmas party. Festivities start at 6 PM. The dinner menu will be created by member's choice of dish to share which could be an appetizer, entree, side dish, and/or dessert (aka a potluck dinner). The party is BYOB to beer and wine ONLY (no hard liquor). No shoes to be worn in the house, but slippers are acceptable.

Sign-up sheets for the potluck will be at the November General Meeting. If you are planning on attending, and not sure yet as to what to bring, feel free to contact me on or before Friday, December 13th with your dish.

Please refer to the Christmas Party flier for more detailed information.



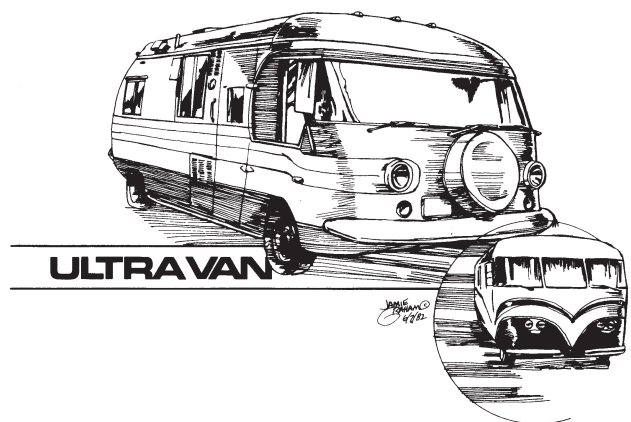
In Memoriam



Long time CCE member Mike Collins, 82, has passed. Mike joined CCE in 1980. He had been in poor health for several months.

Loving husband of 56 years to the late Mary Collins, nee Ralis; Dear son of the late Michael and Rita Collins; Cherished twin brother of Rita (the late Thomas) McDonough; Beloved uncle of Megan (Ed) McDonough-Hartwell, Tom (Parisa) McDonough, Michael (Elizabeth) McDonough, Sean (Karla) Maloney, Timothy (Kathleen) Maloney and Tom Fuhri. Adoring great-uncle of Bridget, Kylie, Molly, Annie, Maggie, Joe, Connor and Jackson; Cousin and friend to many who will miss him dearly; Proud member of the Leo High School Alumni Association, Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts and IUOE Local 143; One of St. Sabina's "Guys from the Corner".

He will be missed.



CORSA News You Can Use

CORSA Board of Directors

We hope you enjoy the end-of-year edition of the *Communique*. It has some special articles that are often requested. Members ask for more stories about events that have taken place throughout the country. It is always great to see how active chapters host shows and weekends filled with Corvairs and friends. Thank you to those who submit pictures and articles. Please keep sending your stories.

You also asked for tech articles, and this month, there are some good ones. Send us those too. Our editor, Don Keefe looks forward to submissions that help our community learn. Keep passing along your ideas for future articles and help us continue to make this your magazine.

In this edition, 2025 CORSA Convention news is featured. Start learning more about what is being planned for your week in beautiful Santa Maria, CA, May 20-23rd. First up: book your hotel. The convention rate is good the day before and day after so plan on extending your time to enjoy more of the area. Here is the link to get you started: www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/vv69r0. Look for more information in the months ahead on the CORSA Website. Registration will begin after the holiday season.

Are you taking advantage of your member benefits? CORSA offers free advertising in the *Communique* and on the website. Read how to submit ads to the *Communique* in this issue. To shop or post on the website, go here: Go Shopping (corvair.org).

CORSA members also get discounts on Hagerty insurance, (subject to availability by state.) Contact Hagerty for more information.

We urge members to support all our advertisers in the *Communique*. Their support helps us with the cost of printing and mailing the magazine.

Start shopping for holiday gifts at the GM Car Club site, where there is a great selection of Corvair merchandise: CORSA Club and CPF Museum Collection—GMClubapparel.com. Watch for special offers, too!



Stock Is...

Larry Claypool

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

Exterior Trim

Last time our look at what's stock got as far as trim on the lower sides of our favorite car. This month we'll try to finish off the sides completely.

Emblems—A variety of die cast emblems and scripts were used on various Corvair models. All the emblems are the same left and right except the 1963 and 1964 700 series emblem, and all of them require holes in the fenders for mounting except the 1969 500 emblem which glues on.

1960 models used a block letter CORVAIR emblem on each front fender, just ahead of the wheel wells. Monza models additionally use a Monza 900 emblem at the lower rear corner of each front fender. The 1960-61 Monza emblems might be considered "upside down" from the more traditional Monza crest, as the "wings" of the emblem extend out near the top rather than from the bottom.

Starting in '61, each model began to use its own series identification. Most emblems were accented with blue, red, gold, black, or white paint. Almost every year through '66 featured slight revisions on the theme.

I'll forgo detailed descriptions of each emblem, as that would add at least 18 paragraphs that I don't have the time to write. A quick Internet search of the Clark's catalogue can get you to the emblems page where you can look at pictures of the various ones used.

Aside from having the right emblem on the right car, classifiers note **where** the emblem is. We don't take a tape measure to your fender, but obvious misplacement would be a modification.

Belt Line Trim—Body peak or "beltline" trim is used on 700 series models. Beltline trim fully circles '60 and '61 sedans and coupes, and misses only the tailgate of wagons.

For '62 and '63, belt trim extends rearward only as far as the middle of the front doors.

All of the '60-'63 belt trim is rounded, smooth, stainless steel with a slight peak in the middle.

For '64, the only survivor in the 700 series received new belt chrome. It is wider than the trim used previously and has a depression in the middle to make its overall appearance flatter. In a turnabout of previous evolution, the '64 trim encircles all of the body except the front hood. Its construction was changed to anodized aluminum.

Belt chrome was not available on 500's or Monzas, except the '62 Monza wagon, which is trimmed identically to a '62 700 wagon.

Late models did not use any belt trim, but the '65 Corsa did have a pinstripe as standard equipment. This painted pinstripe is 1/16" wide, and it is located 1/8" below the peak of the beltline. It extends from the cove moldings in the rear all the way around towards the front and across the front edge of the hood. Pinstripe colors vary according to the interior/exterior color combination. A red car, for example, with a black interior

has a black stripe. A cypress green car with a saddle interior has a saddle stripe. There were some defaults when a car was ordered with the same exterior/interior colors such as a black car with black interior would have a red stripe. A yellow car always had a black stripe regardless of interior color. Eventually, 7 pinstripe colors were used—White, Black, Fawn, Saddle, Red, Dark Aqua, and Med. Blue. It is believed that early production cars had only Red, White or Black stripes, with the others being phased in. This was the only model and year a painted pinstripe was used on a Corvair and was not available on any other year/model.

Window Trim—Rain gutter chrome was used on all models except 500's, which were left painted. Early model Monza coupes and sedans additionally use stainless steel trim on the door glass frames, roof "B" posts, roof "C" posts of sedans, and quarter window frames of coupes. Stainless trim is also used on the windshield and rear windows of all models except the early 500's; they just use a plain black rubber gasket.

Door Edge Guards—Door edge guards were dealer-installed accessories for all Corvair cars. Early guards start below the belt line; late guards start about 7 inches above it. Guards used through '67 are held on by tiny clips. The '68-'69 guards are slightly thinner in width, but of thicker construction; they don't use any clips at all.

Dimension wise, the early guards are 1/4" wide, the '65-'67 are 5/16" wide, and '68-'69 are 3/16". Since dealers often had guards left over from previous years, and since the late 2-door styles interchange, lots of '68-'69 cars ended up with the '65-'67 pieces. That, of course, would not be stock. All the guards, by the way, are stainless steel.

Gas Door Guard—Another popular accessory is the gas door guard, and this item, especially on earlies, gets some folks in trouble. The early guard is half-moon shaped, and it sits at the bottom of the gas door opening. There is also a full-circle door guard, but this is an aftermarket item not offered by Chevrolet; it's not considered stock. Lates use a backward "L" shaped guard. It was also made in the aftermarket, these being less defined (i.e.—"flatter") than the genuine Chevrolet item. The Chevy gas guards were both of stainless.

Stock Is...

Larry Claypool

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

Mirrors

Recap—Before we finish off the sides of our favorite car, let's back up a story or two to the piece on wheel covers. A few sentences were mistakenly omitted which described the 1960 Monza wheel covers.

The Monza, of course, was the super-deluxe midyear addition to the Corvair coupe line. In keeping with the upscale approach, wheel covers were specified for the Monza instead of the hub caps used on lesser models. The Monza covers featured a turbine-like outer edge with a smooth, peaked center section. Right in the middle is a red triangle with a Chevy bowtie highlighted above and below with blue. This wheel cover was

not available on other Corvair models, and was used for the short run of 1960 Monzas only, making it comparatively rare today. The same style of cover (less the bowtie, of course) was resurrected for the Pontiac Vega (Astre, really) some fifteen years later. By the way, both '60 and '61-wheel covers are held on by the dimples in the steel wheel itself rather than prongs on the wheel cover. Thus, if your life isn't complete without '60 Monza wheel covers on your '64 Spyder, it *really* won't be complete without a set of '60-'61 wheels to hold them on with!

Mirrors—Our last "Stock Is..." promised to look at outside rear-view mirrors. This turned out to be another case of "the more you know, the less you know". Mirrors. Simple, huh? That's what I thought at first!

Before we take a year by year look, it's important to remember that outside mirrors did not become standard equipment until 1966, so if your pre-'66 Vair doesn't have one at all, that would be stock, too.

1960—The '60 Corvair mirror is the same one used on 1959-60 full size Chevrolets. It has, expectedly, a 50's themed look to it. The base of the mirror is wide, and its "neck" slopes forward to the head. The base is held on to its bracket by one screw placed horizontally from the front. The mirror head is comparatively thick, so the actual glass portion ends up about midway through the mirror's overall length. A tiny Chevy bowtie emblem is cast into the front side of the mirror head, the bowtie being recessed and with a sandcast finish.

1961—Two mirrors were totally new with a trimmer, modern look. The base was thinned up, and the slope of the neck reversed towards the rear of the car. The base is held on with one exposed vertical screw at the front edge, and a hidden vertically placed screw *under* the base. The mirror head was thinner, too, but the top of it is wider than the bottom to give a hooded appearance. The bowtie and glass size remained the same as '60.

1963, 1964, 1965—New mirrors appeared in '63. The base was streamlined to a long teardrop shape at the door, with the neck continuing this shape upward. A pod, resembling a jet aircraft engine, sits atop the neck, and the mirror head attaches at the back of the pod. The head itself is thinner than in '62, and uniformly thin all the way around. The Chevy bowtie was enlarged and changed to an outline only; the center is smooth chrome as is the rest of the head. Attachment to the separate mounting bracket is by one horizontal screw from the rear of the base. This style mirror would be used unchanged for '64 and '65.

1966, 1967—1966 found the outside driver side mirror standard for the first time, and slightly revised. The base was squared off at its ends, and the jet engine-like pod lost its cast-in accents to become smooth. The mirror mounting and head remained as before. This style mirror was used again in '67.

1968, 1969—A minor change for '68 found the bowtie removed from the mirror head. Otherwise, it was the same as in '66-'67. The '68 mirror continued unchanged into 1969.

The regular driver side mirror can also be installed on the passenger side and was offered as such as a dealer installed accessory. Back 'in the day' a passenger side mirror was not common on lower priced cars, yet today we see many older collector cars with both doors so adorned. I think we've simply become accustomed to the standard dual mirrors on all our

'modern' cars and thus many of the RH installation were done at the hands of today's collectors rather than the selling dealer 60 years ago.

All the standard outside rear view mirrors have been reproduced so availability is actually pretty good. The fact that those mirrors are also used on other Chevrolet models helped drive the volume up, so prices are quite reasonable. Some include the dealer installation templates to correctly position the mirror on the door, which as you might imagine, is rather important—get it wrong and the mirror head may interfere with the vent window or place it out of its range of adjustment to actually see anything useful out of it. Like most all imported things these days, quality varies, with droopy mirror heads the common complaint.

Remote Control Mirrors—Well, if that seemed simple, I guess it was compared with the extra-cost remote control mirrors that became available beginning with the 1964 models.

Corvairs were not often equipped with remote mirrors, so it's no surprise there's confusion over which one's which. Add to that dealers that installed whatever mirror was in stock at the time, plus first and second design models and you've got a classic case of concours classification confusion!

Let's try to give some relief.

A driver's side remote mirror first became available as either a factory or dealer installed option for 1964 models. The base was teardrop shaped like the regular '64 mirror, but wider to accommodate the cables and to cover the hole needed in the door. The neck slopes rearward, but not nearly as far as the regular mirror. The top of the neck ends in a large round disk that the mirror head fits against. A somewhat unusual feature is that the entire head moves with the control knob, instead of just the glass within the head. The head is deeply dished to match the neck and to facilitate movement between them. The base is held to the door by one horizontal screw (an Allen head, of all things!) from the rear. The control inside the car is a simple oval plate with a knob in the middle, and two Phillips head screws hold the control to the door. The plate is chrome, while the knob is black plastic. The control mounts on the metal door frame, just above the window crank handle. This is the first design 1964 mirror; it is part number 910472, and the accessory package is 995986.

The mirror was revised in February of 1964 to include a small Chevy bowtie at the back of the base, just above the mounting screw. The bowtie is raised on the surface rather than being recessed into it. This second design is part #910792.

Additional changes were made to the cable mechanism at various times, but the external appearance remained the same.

For 1965 the remote mirror returned as an option.

While the mirror itself remained as in '64, the control assembly was upgraded with a chromed knob, styled to match the dash knobs. The screws holding the control to the door frame were now hidden by the chrome bezel, which now snapped over the top of the control instead of being a preassembled part of it.

This style mirror continued through most of 1966. Around March of that year, the mirror was completely redesigned. On this one the head remained stationary while only the glass itself moved with the control. The base remained teardrop shaped at the front but had three flat surfaces at the rear. The single

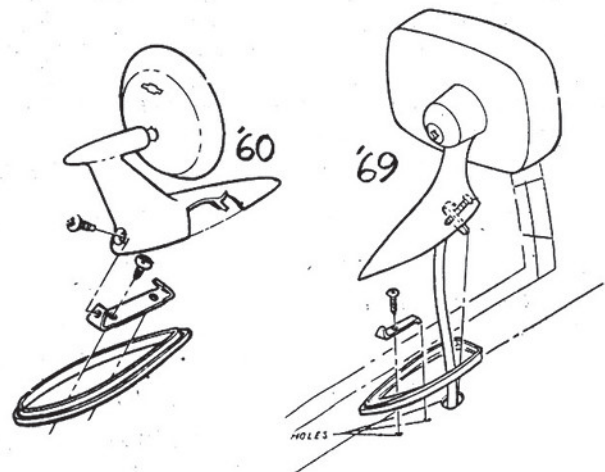
retaining screw comes in at a slight angle from the top. The head is fairly deep, necessitated by the need to move the glass within. No bowtie appears on either the base or head. The inside control knob remained as in '65-'66, but the bezel was changed to a simple round nut (like an ignition switch bezel nut). This late '66 mirror continued through the 1967 model year. This style was also offered as a universal replacement item by Chevrolet for all '64-'67 Corvairs, but the supplied control assembly is like the '65-early '66 unit. It was available through the Chevy parts counter as late as 1985.

1968 brought another new remote mirror to Corvairs. The base was simplified a bit to form a teardrop at the front and a flat edge at the back. One horizontal screw from the rear holds it on. The mirror head was again fixed to the base, but the shape—rectangular—was all new. Again, only the glass moved within. No bowtie emblem was used. The control assembly was also revised this year, abandoning the previous round shape in favor of a square bezel. The control knob was made less fancy (again to match the dash knobs). Mounting location in the door remained the same as before.

Corvair's final year saw yet another remote mirror used. Although appearing the same as '68, the '69 mirror has a water drain slot at the bottom of its head. The angle at which the head sits caused water to collect in the bottom, so if the temperature drops below freezing, the ice prevents adjustment of the mirror. Thus, the purpose of the drain is obvious.

Today's aftermarket does have the late 66/67 style remote mirror as well as the 68/69 style available (listed for Chevelle—same mirror). *Exact* details may not be correct for each year, but general appearance is close.

No right-side remote mirrors were ever offered for the Corvair. Although you could certainly add a manual RH mirror to a car with a remote LH unit, a regular right-side mirror looks a bit odd since it doesn't quite match the left one. This is especially so in '68 and '69 when the remote is rectangular and the regular right mirror is round. A regular LH manual mirror from the 68/69 full size Chevrolet is rectangular and *will* acceptably match the LH remote 68/69 Corvair mirror, but technically it's not 'stock', only because Chevrolet never listed it be used on the Corvair.





Classified Ad

For Sale: One clear and one tinted rear windshield for LM Coupes Make offer. Contact Fred Castro 630-843-1270 [submitted 2024-06]

Classified Ad

For Sale: Lovingly restored and cared for 1966 Corvair Monza Convertible. We have owned it for approximately 20 years. Very extensively restored back to as original as we could. During restoration the following items were either replaced or rebuilt.

Rebuilt by professionals: 110 Engine and Power Glide, both were completely rebuilt and have less than 5K miles. Along with a very thorough rebuild, the engine was upgraded with an improved camshaft. A new torque converter was also added (Triple A Machine Shop). Rebuilt 1965 carburetors (Jim Allen).

New: Alternator and starter, Pertronix ignition and coil, Electric fuel pump (existing fuel pump bypassed), Heater fan motor cleaned and serviced, Antenna, Master Cylinder and brake lines, Brake shoes and wheel cylinders, Fuel tank and sending unit, All suspension bushings front and rear, Recent tires and alignment (August) with less than 250 miles, Period correct Cragar mags, both bumpers, rear turn lenses, Spark plugs, wires, and rotor cap.

Fresh paint same original color—Madera Maroon (thanks to a minor amount of tornado scratches last July), Power convertible top and boot cover (white),



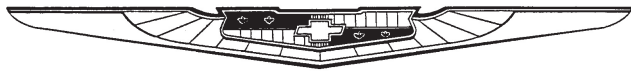
complete Clark's interior kit (off white), carpet, door arm rests, interior door and window control cranks, add on center arm rest and storage compartment that matches the interior, Standard AM radio (needs work), Door sill trim, Trunk repainted, Car cover, Floors wire brushed and treated with a "rust stop" product and then painted with two coats of rust preventive paint, Floors and the center tunnel have been covered with "hush mat" type insulating material (this car stays warm inside when it's cold!!).

Needless to say, we refurbished most everything as the work progressed. Engine "tins" were bead blasted and painted with black high temp engine paint, Plastic parts were cleaned and repainted as needed (e.g. Interior window pillar trim), mechanical parts were cleaned and tested (speedometer, heat fan blower, etc.). We do have some spare parts that will go with the car.



Listed very fairly to the CCE community at \$16,750. Yes, we have far more than that in it. I do have most receipts along with Corvair manuals and guides.

Contact Lyle A. Rigdon at 217-778-2231. [submitted 2024-11]



Activities Calendar

CCE Board

CCE SPONSORED OR RECOMMENDED EVENTS

Nov 13 – Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, in person at Manny's Ale House, 683 St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. This will be a joint meeting between the new 2025 board and the outgoing 2024 board. The new board will consult amongst itself to determine who will server as which board officer. The old board will trandfer duties and materials the new board. The new board will take over and run the meeting.

Nov 20 – General Meeting, 7:00 PM, 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.** The new 2025 board of directors will be announced to ghe general membership.

Nov 27 – Articles are due for the December Airhorn,

Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Day, VFW Flag Line, 8–8:30 AM, Villa Park VFW Hall, welcome the Great Lakes recruits when they arrive for celebrations and dinner later.

Dec 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.

Dec 14 – CCE Chrismas Party, home of Kevin Kloker, same as last year. See flyer at end of this *Airhorn*.

Dec 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.**

Dec 25 – Articles are due for the January Airhorn. Also, Merry Christmas!

Jan 8 – 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.

Jan 15 – 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.** Entertainment is the annual What's It Contest, where members guess at the purpose of obscure Corvair parts.

Jan 22 – Articles are due for the February Airhorn.

Feb 12 – 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.

Feb 19 – 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.** Entertainment is annual Sweets Auction.

Feb 26 – Articles due for the March Airhorn.

Mar 12 – 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.

Mar 19 – 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.** Entertainment is annual Chili Cook-Off.

Mar 26 – Articles are due for the April 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, 7:00 PM, 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.

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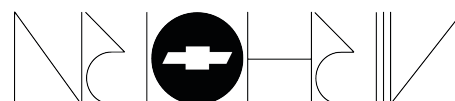
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208 South Caryl, Northlake, IL 60164



CCE Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, 6:00 PM

Hosted by: Kevin Kloker
435 W. Falkirk Place, Palatine, IL 60074
(see map on back)

No shoes to be worn in the house but slippers are acceptable.

Potluck Dinner

Members are encouraged to bring to share an
entree, appetizer, side dish, and/or dessert

BYOB Beer and Wine ONLY

(no hard liquor)

CCE provides pop, water and ice

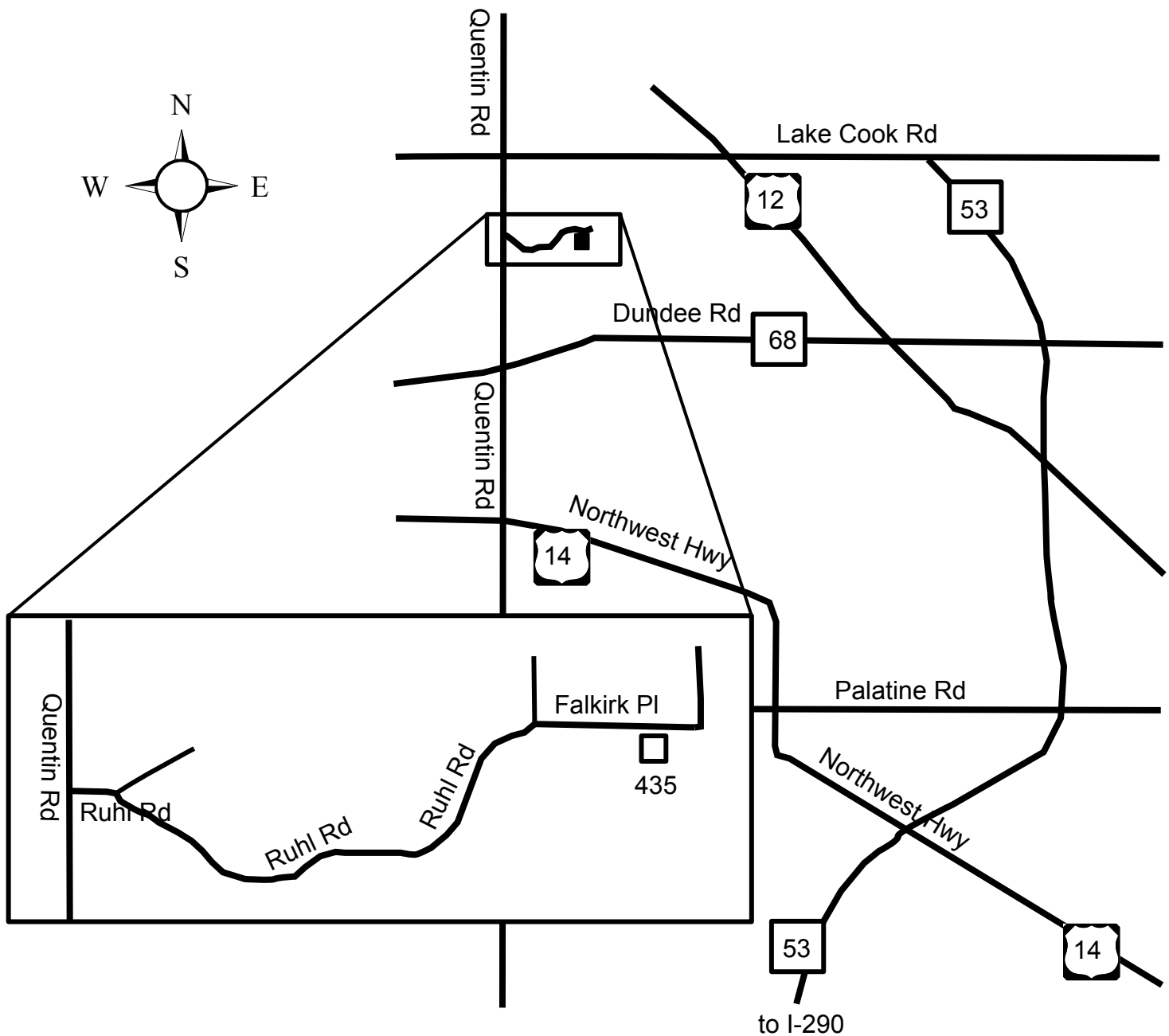
Lin Parro will be coordinating dishes until December 13th.
Sign-up sheets will be at the November General Meeting, or you
can contact Lin by phone or text at 708-932-9966
(please identify who you are if texting).

Friends and Family are welcome.



Map to Kevin Kloker's House

435 W. Falkirk Place, Palatine, IL



Directions From South

I-290 North past I-90 to Rt 53 Extension
North on 53 to Lake Cook Road west ramp
West on Lake Cook Road to Quentin Rd
South on Quentin Rd to Ruhl Rd
East on Ruhl Rd to Falkirk Place
435 will be on the right

Directions from North

Lake Cook Rd to Quentin Rd
South on Quentin Rd to Ruhl Rd
East on Ruhl Rd to Falkirk Place
435 will be on the right