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March 19 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00!

The March 19 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.**

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

The April 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

Jeff Wentz

Glory Days

In last month's article, I mentioned I had two Pintos. The first was fine until it wrapped around a telephone pole, but the second wasn't as appreciated until it factored into a defining moment in my regrettably unheralded racing career.



It all started when I divorced my ex-wife. As anyone can appreciate, divorces have their ups and downs. Ours set her up on Easy Street and set me down on my fiscal tuchus. Anyway, she had moved out and sold my beloved Acura Legend LS coupe, so I had to get a new car. I leased an Acura Integra from a "reputable" dealer with a shady Finance Officer who fiddled with the Leasing Agreement **after** I had signed it—which made him an extra \$200-odd dollars but cost me an extra \$2700! (I should have known better, that guy was as cheezy as Kenny G with a mullet.)

But while married, I'd often grumbled my wife was frittering away my racing money on food, clothing, and shelter. Divorced, it was time to put up or shut up. So, despite the peril to my finances, I joined the North Suburban Sports Car Club and went autocrossing at Blackhawk Farm. It was fun until I had an almighty spin and ended up in the weeds. The only damages were to my ego and confidence, but I realized I had

no way to get to my new job if I crunched my daily driver. So, I bought a long-time racer's 70's something 2.3 liter Pinto coupe. I named it number 13 and painted flames coming from the rear of the car. The license plate was INCINR8. Fellow racers thought I was a bit macabre (but not stupid—I put in a fire system and wore a full Nomex driver's suit—underwear, balaclava, socks, shoes, gloves—the works).

The following year I became an Instructor, and that's when my shining moment came. One weekend, we were having a pre-race orientation and the Chief Steward asked everyone about the most important keys for the fastest lap. Everyone shouted it was the late apex exit of corner four to get onto the following straight—but then I chimed in that it was the small kink in the short straight coming into turn four to set up the proper line to maximize the speed out of the turn 4 apex. The Stewart then acclaimed, "Give that man extra credit!" Couple that with the congratulations from the previous Pinto's owner that I had beat his all-time best lap by 0.3 seconds, and you have one of my most cherished memories.

I still think of that day often... It was 30 years ago... Jeez, Jeff—get a life.



From the Director

Lin Parro

Patience

What is it? Is it a virtue? An ability? Could it even be a sixth sense?

The definition of patience is, "The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset."

In googling the difference between patience and impatience, in a nut shell, a patient person is able to wait calmly, while an impatient person becomes easily frustrated. Patience is generally considered a positive trait while impatience can lead to negative consequences.

Lately on a daily basis people, incidences, situations find our patience is being tested. Where am I going with this? I have no clue. I had nothing to write about until I reflected back to when it all began in January '24 up until now. The majority of you know all about Kirk's health issues, which I'll spare you the details, but my patience has been, and still is being tried.

Patient people take time to understand a situation before reacting; show empathy for others; allow others to take turns speaking or acting; respect others' needs and feelings; are willing to wait for results; avoid impulsive decisions; remain calm when delayed; make calculated decisions; are even-tempered and slow to anger; are good listeners.

On the other hand, impatient people want things done quickly, pressure others to get things done, may follow up on items that seem to be taking too long, may become frustrated with delays, may move ahead too soon without the right information, may have a strict agenda, may be uncomfortable sitting around waiting for change.

Suggestions for being more patient is to practice mindfulness, know what's in your control, build your tolerance for discomfort, listen well, find the fun, empathize.

In one year and two months, I found myself having most attributes of having patience slipping into being impatient the last two months. Now that Kirk's health issues have leveled off to the better I am becoming more calmer. But...

On February 2nd Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow which means six more weeks of winter. Now impatience is surfacing because I'm anxious to getting out of hibernation, get Roxie, my '69 convert, out of the garage and on the street to attend upcoming CCE, and non-CCE, events... deep breaths and be Patient.

Board Meeting Minutes

John DiProva

Date: February 12th 2025

Due to a Winter weather advisory/warning and the possibility of unsafe travel conditions our 2-12-25 Board meeting was cancelled. Our next board meeting will be March 12th 2025 at Manny's Ale house at 7: 30.



From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from your Humble Editor—

First Corvair Articles: I am encouraged by members submitting articles about their first Corvairs. Last month Ray Johnson submitted his and this month we hear about Ed Thompson's first Corvair.

I would also like to hear about your "adventures" you had with your Corvairs. Many of us have performed "heroic" MacGyver style repairs to keep their Corvairs on the road, or at least to get home.

Next Month, April Fools: I have not done an April Fools *Airhorn* for a few years. I have been collecting April Fools material. There will be the usual boiler plate club business articles, but I want to put in some stuff for everybody's amusement, too. If you have any amusing Corvair stories or pictures or Internet content, pass it along. Since most members get their *Airhorns* in PDF form, I am not limited by as many publishing constraints as I was back in the black and white commercially printed days.

Thought: "It's easier to fool people than it is to convince them they've been fooled." — Mark Twain

Thought: "Unlike the masses, intellectuals have a taste for rationality and interest in facts. Their critical habit of mind makes them resistant to the kind of propaganda that works so well on the majority." — Aldous Huxley (*Brave New World*)

Membership Meeting Minutes

John DiProva

Date: February 19th 2025

Location: VFW Hall Villa Park

Start time: 7:05 PM

Roll call: Board members present at meeting start:

President—Jeff Wentz, **Vice President**—Paul Polster, **Treasurer**—Kevin Kloker, **Secretary**—John DiProva, **Director at Large**—Lin Parro, **Absent**—None

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

President Jeff Wentz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. No new attendees present.

2. Treasurer's Report: Kevin Kloker

- The January financials are in the February *Airhorn* report.
- Our CD matured on January 24th, 2025 Mike Charewicz closed it and deposited the money into our current fifth third back checking account.
- Kevin submitted an application to open a Vanguard savings account and it is now open with a zero balance. We are still unable to open a new checking account as we don't have any federal documentation of our tax ID number Kevin sent a letter to the entity department in Kansas City requesting our tax ID documents. Jeff and Kevin will meet with the current signers at a fifth third bank branch and be added as

signers so Kevin can access the account as needed.

3. **Airhorn Report: Charley Biddle**

Charley asked if anybody did not receive their *Airhorn*. No-one mentioned not receiving theirs.

Charley mentioned the *Airhorn* received another Golden Quill Award from Old Cars Magazine. Charley is working to get a three-peat. Congratulations Charley on a job well done!

4. **Membership Report: Charley Biddle**

We have 138 members. 44 memberships are going to expire if not paid by end of March Update next month

5. **CORSA News: Larry Claypool**

- The original Embassy Suites hotel is full.
- Two other hotels, Best Western and Spring Hill Suites will also be offering the same pricing.
- CORSA is still working on finding an autocross location that is close to the convention.

6. **Library Report: Diane Johnson**

Nothing new to report

7. **Social Media: Shelly Claypool**

- Nothing new to report.
- Check our Facebook page with CORSA updates.
- Shelly is waiting for the warm weather to get the cars out!

8. **Special Reports or Announcements**

Nothing to report

9. **Activities: Lin Parro:**

Lin will update in her activities report

10. **Old Business**

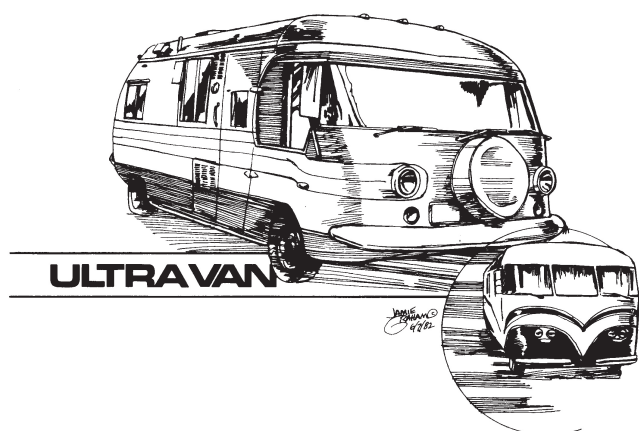
None to report

11. **New Business**

- Jeff Wentz is working to coordinate car show dates in Mt Prospect, Worth and the Joliet Solstice Nursing home show.
- John DiProva will work with Solstice to arrange a date that works.
- Larry Claypool was contacted by the Geneva Concourse looking for vintage Volkswagen clubs to participate in this year's event. If anyone knows of a club, please let Larry know.

12. **Adjourn**

Motion by: Lou Zanon, **Seconded by:** Renee & John Schiera, **Time:** 7:30 PM



Treasurer's Report

Kevin Kloker

02/01/2025 – 02/28/2025

Fifth Third Bank Checking Account

	Debit	Credit	Balance
02/01 Beginning Balance			15,373.94
02/21 2025 Dues received Feb. 19		636.00	
02/21 Sweets Auction fundraiser		494.00	
02/21 Donations received Feb. 19		86.00	
02/25 VFW Rent	200.00		
02/25 Vanguard link verification	0.88	0.88	
02/27 Transfer to Vanguard savings	14,000.00		

02/28 Ending Balance **2,389.94**

Vanguard Savings Account

	Debit	Credit	Balance
02/01 Beginning Balance			0.00
02/27 Transfer from Fifth Third checking		14,000.00	
02/28 Dividend		1.64	

02/28 Ending Balance **14,001.64**

02/28 Total All Accounts **16,391.58**

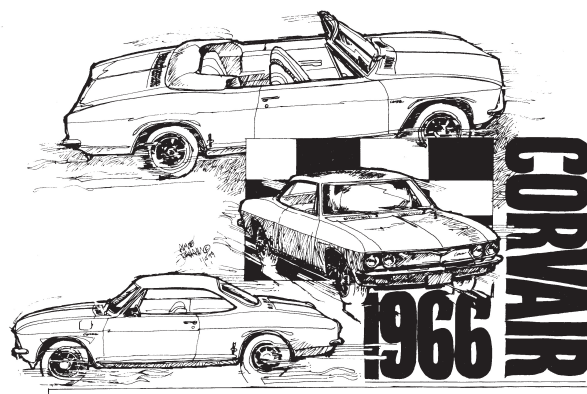
Treasurer's Notes:

CCE opened a Vanguard brokerage savings account with Kevin Kloker and Jeffrey Wentz as authorized users on Feb 19 and deposited \$14,000 on Feb 27. Links between our checking and savings accounts for electronic transfers is in process.

On Feb 21, CCE changed the Fifth Third Bank checking account authorized signatures to Kevin Kloker, Lin Parro, and Jeffrey Wentz. I also received new checks from Mike Charewicz.

On Feb 27, I received new Fifth Third Bank debit cards for Kevin Kloker, Lin Parro, and Jeffrey Wentz.

After talking with two IRS departments, I wrote a Jan 25 letter to the IRS Entity Department requesting missing CCE federal documents issuing our tax ID number (EIN) and tax-exempt status (determination letter).



Membership Report

Charley Biddle

Welcome New Member:

Tony & Mandie Perino
620 3rd Avenue
Demotte, IN 46310
(219) 242-6210 (home)
(630) 607-8018 (cell)
EarthQuake8408@yahoo.com

Address Change

Andy & Lisa Allen
16420 Quincy St.
Holland, MI 49424
(708) 921-8937 (cell)
andyallen260@gmail.com

Renewal Progress: As of this writing, March 3, there are 38 CCE memberships that have not renewed their dues. I mailed out 38 renewal letters, with renewal forms enclosed. I understand that not all non-renewed memberships will renew. However, I expect that some memberships will renew. There are always some memberships who have misplaced the renewal forms I mailed out in last November.

Any membership that does renew by the time I mail out the April *Airhorn*, the membership will not receive the April *Airhorn*. Their membership will be inactivated.

Birthdays for 4/1 thru 4/30 are: 4/2—Renee Wiesner;



4/12—Paul Ilovsay; 4/17—Richard Rambo;
4/18—Guy Brandes, Linda Pilloff;
4/19—Thomas Godar; 4/20—Stanley
Naymola, Robert Riley; 4/23—Lin Parro; 4/25—Joy
Lynaugh, Roger Schoon; 4/26—Kirk Parro; 4/28—Dave
Kolber, Dave Mann.

Anniversaries for 4/1 thru 4/30 are: 4/11—Louis & Gloria



Zanon; 4/13—Richard & Kathy Voboril;
4/19—Jennifer & Frederic Gillaizeau;
4/21—Fred & Dawn Castro.

Membership Numbers: CCE has 54 Active members, 67 Family members, 8 Honorary members.

Activities and Events

Lin Parro

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, and guests, taste and vote for their favorite chili in each of the four categories of 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.

April

Sunday, April 13th, Spring Dust Off - Dell Rhea Chicken Basket , 1 PM

Located at 645 Joliet Rd., Willowbrook, IL.

An excuse for a CCE Get Together. So dust off your Corvair, or non-Corvair, and bring it out for a drive (weather permitting) to meet up with fellow CCE members for lunch. In perusing the website, the venue looks like a fun place with a Route 66 themed decor and has quite the history.

In order to make reservations, a sign-up sheet will be available at the March general meeting. If you cannot attend the March's meeting, feel free to call/text me at 708-932-9966 (please let me know who you are, thank you) by Wednesday, April 9th. If you have never been there, the website is chickenbasket.com, go check it out.

May

Sunday, May 4th, Spring Tour-Corvair Museum

Located at 10041 Palm Rd., Chatham, IL

Planning for the day has started. As of now, we will be meeting at the BP/McDonalds in Channahon, IL (exit 248-the first exit on I-55, south of I-80). There will be a gas/pit stop at the Dixie Truck Stop (exit 145). Final details to follow.

5-23-Tu-F, CORSA National Convention, San Luis Obispo, CA

Details and/or updates will be announced at all upcoming CCE general meetings prior to the event. Convention details in the Communique and on the CORSA website.

June

June 14 -- Milwaukee Corvair Club 55th Anniversary All

Corvair Show, 9 AM - 3 PM, Foxx View Lanes, 2440 Sunset Drive, Waukesha, WI. More information: MilwaukeeCorvairClub.org.

General Meeting: Parking Lot Beauty Contest

This is a members participation activity. Everyone who has a Corvair drives it to the meeting to form a small car show. Members who are participating in the contest will need to register their car. All members, whether you have a Corvair or not, will receive a ballot to vote for their favorite car in the following categories; Early Open, Early Closed, Late Open, Late Closed, Forward Control, and Work in Progress. Ballots will be tallied during the business portion of the meeting announcing winners at the end of the break. All winners receive bragging rights for the year.

July

July 10-13 -- Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming.

Wyndom Garden, 2900 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. Not going to California for the CORSA Convention? Free buffet breakfast for hotel registrants. Enjoy free lunch each day in Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room. Pizza Party Saturday evening.

Indoor and outdoor swap meets each day. Automotive related movie Friday evening, after cookout/picnic. Road Rally Thursday. Valve Cover races, Saturday, followed by live auction (various things). More information: DetroitCorvairs.com/Homecoming.

August

Sunday, August 17th, CCE Picnic, 11 AM-CC

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

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

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

Sunday, August 24th, The Geneva Concours d'Elegance, 10 AM-4 PM,

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

September

General Meeting: Members Appreciation and Awards Pizza Night

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

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!

Just a Reminder

Dee Dee Dickinson

CCE's 16th Annual Chili Cook-Off, This Month

"Any man that eats chili and cornbread can't be all bad."

Carroll Shelby

Wow! It's hard to believe that it's been 16 years since Lin Parro first told me about her idea for holding a Chili Cook-Off—and then talked me into running it with her. Now, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our members, it's become one of CCE's most eagerly anticipated meeting events and will be held on March 19th during the General Meeting (free food tends to do that.)

All you need to do to participate is:

- Bring your chili in a 4-6 quart crock-pot
- Bring a large serving spoon or ladle
- Upon arrival, sign in with either Linda Parro or

myself and let us know in what category your chili belongs

Pretty simple, huh?

And, if you're not entering a chili, yet still wish to contribute to the event, any other type of goodies to accompany/complement the chilies are most definitely welcome and appreciated!

CCE will provide:

- Power strips and extension cords
- Tasting cups and spoons for sampling
- Bowls for you to enjoy more of your favorite chili AFTER the sampling has been completed and all the votes cast
- Essentials such as cheese, onions, sour cream, oyster crackers, cornbread, Tums and Beano

There will be 4 categories: Wimpy (mild), Spicy (medium), Inferno (my head's on fire!) and Alternative. Entries in the Alternative category would include: green chilies, white chilies, meatless chilies, chicken chilies, turkey chilies—or—basically any chili that is not your traditional red chili.

As in the past, prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category and the judging will be done by your fellow club members. Sampling and voting will be done during the break, with the winners announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

Whether you're a *seasoned* veteran, a new member, or just never entered before, we encourage your participation.

But, either way, if you want to cook and compete or just want to eat, you're bound to have a whole lotta fun. Just show up at the upcoming March meeting, grab a spoon, and prepare your taste buds (and stomachs) for battle.

So dig out those secret recipes, dust off those Crock-Pots, and prepare to compete for this year's title. Let the mind games and trash-talking begin!

My First Corvair

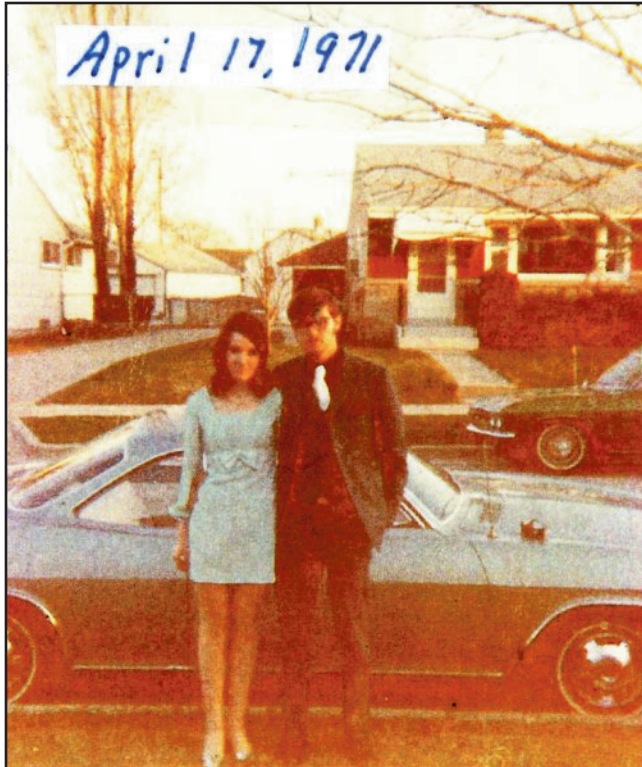
Ed Thompson

Ray Johnson's article in the February Airhorn motivated me to write this (shorter) reflection.

Like Ray, my first Corvair (and car) also was a '65 **Corsa coupe**, though a turbo, 22K miles, I bought it in August of 1967 (I had just graduated from high school and turned 18, my Dad had to "sign" for me), from an ad in the local daily newspaper, for the "princely" sum of \$1,150. It was, supposedly, one of the first Corsas sold in metro Milwaukee, in the fall of 1964, or whenever it was that dealers took delivery of their '65 inventory. Artesian Turquoise over white, 4-speed (remember, even in Spyders and Corsas, a 3-speed was the base transmission), AM radio, tinted windshield, driver side outside rear view mirror, nothing else that I recall, all of the gauges worked, even the clock! It also had a "toilet paper oil filter" gizmo, which I returned to "stock" as soon as I had it, also adding "baby moon" hubcaps, though this photo reflects the standard Corsa covers that came with it.

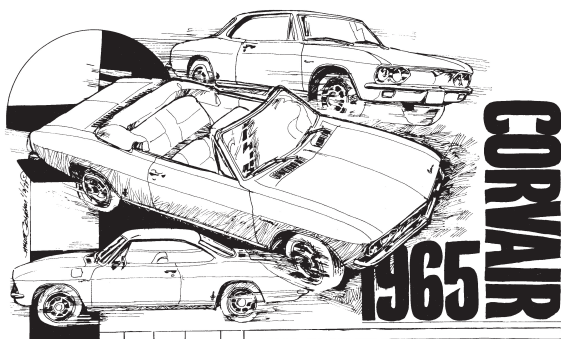
I loved it, I recall that "Ethyl" premium cost 26.9 cents at the time. Drove it to my classes at UW Milwaukee (when I actually went), to work in a department store mailroom and then the large law firm where I wound up working for close to fifty years. My ownership included it sitting in my parents'

garage from the time I was drafted, at age 19 (entering the Army on, ahem, **May 14, 1969**), returning home from Vietnam, after 13-1/2 months, I was 21 then. Note, Ray actually fought the bad guys, I was behind a typewriter for most of my "tour." My Dad would send periodic reel-to-reel audio tapes to me, of the motor running, as well as a toilet flushing, both "music to my ears."



Drove it again then, including a trip in late June/early July of 1971, to see several guys out east and modestly down south, with whom I served in Vietnam, had to get a starter replaced in New York City. Came home and wanted to sell it, wish I'd known of the first CORSA Convention taking place "just down the road" that month. Sadly, and foolishly, I traded it in, I think it had around 55K+ miles; the dealer gave me \$400 for it toward a '71 Opel GT, which I had for less than a year. The "hottie" in this April, 1971 passenger side photo (note the front half of another late model across the street) told me she was "moving on" three months later. I don't know where she is now, or my first Corvair.

—Ed Thompson, metro Milwaukee, CCE member since the early 80's



"Did the Camaro Kill the Corvair"

Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire

No, the Camaro didn't kill the Corvair. Here's the true story...

In April of 1965, GM made an executive decision to stop producing Corvairs ending it with the 1966 model year. They did this because of the introduction of the Ford Mustang in 1964-1/2 (which is the main reason for the demise of Corvair) along with marketing forces and the advent of the muscle car era (Chevy II was another car that competed and outsold Corvairs). The Mustang was created to compete with the Corvair and it succeeded. Due to design constraints, the Corvair could not compete with the Mustang so GM decided to put its developmental dollars in creating a car that could compete directly with the Mustang—and that would be the Camaro which was to debut in 1967 (which it did) once Corvair was suppose to end in 1966. If you'll notice, a lot of design cues from the second generation Corvair went into the first generation Camaro.

However, seven months after that GM executive decision was made, Ralph Nader's book, "Unsafe at any Speed" was published in November of 1965. Was it a coincidence that GM reversed their decision and decided to continue producing Corvairs until 1969 (we speculate they did that because GM didn't want the public to think that Nader killed the car). So in a weird way, if it wasn't for Ralph Nader's book, we wouldn't have the 1967, 1968, and 1969 Corvairs.

In July of 1972, the Corvair was vindicated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (the very government agency that was born out of Nader's crusade to get the government more involved in Auto Safety) when they tested the 1960-63 Corvairs and concluded in its July 20, 1972, report that the Corvair to be just as safe as its contemporaries, both foreign and domestic—thus proving Ralph Nader wrong in his false accusations that the 1960-63 Corvairs had a faulty suspension. By the way, Nader said (in his book) that the 1965 Corvair was a good handling car! And, as Paul Harvey would say, "That—is the rest of the story." Also, that is why you'll see me making fun and poking at Ford's (mainly Mustangs) due to this Corvair history.

—Eva



Stock Is...

Larry Claypool

[This article was originally printed in the September 1987 issue of the CCE Airhorn. Larry has updated it to contain information as of 2025.]

License Lights

This time around, let's take an enlightening look at some lights, license lights, specifically.

A license lamp in the rear is, of course, required by law here and elsewhere, so be sure yours works to avoid hassle from your neighborhood justice merchant. Operation is a piece of cake though, compared to the lens which gives concours entrants fits.

1960

The 1960 lamp is unique to that car (no surprise here, .eh?), with the lens being dome-shaped and made of glass. Why glass? I speculate that the lens would have melted from the heat of the bulb if it were plastic, given the same shape and closeness to the bulb.

1961

This rather costly setup was replaced in '61 with a far simpler (read that cheaper) lamp. Its flat, square shape more like license lamps most of you are used to seeing. The '61 lamp uses no lens at all; instead, a rubber boot covers the exposed exterior of the socket, and extends past it enough to seal against the bulb. Thus, when the bulb is in place, only the glass part of the bulb is exposed; the rest is sealed off from the elements by the boot.

Wagons and Forward Controls, 1961–1963

Wagons and trucks, of course, use a completely different lamp. A plastic housing covers a socket assembly that bolts to the engine access door. Two lamps are used, one for each side of the license plate. The housing is painted to match the body color. No lens is used; the bulb is sealed with a rubber boot, same as the regular Corvair car.

1963–1964

No changes were made until '63 when a plastic lens was added to the car lamp. The lens is perfectly clear, with no lines or variations to diffuse the light. A white foam type gasket is used between the lens and housing, with two Phillips head screws holding it together. The rubber boot around the socket was no longer used (or needed). The socket and square base remained as before, except for the two holes provided for the lens screws.

Forward Controls, 1964–1965

Cars remained status quo for '64, but owner complaints of broken light housings on trucks brought about a redesign that showed up as the fiberglass access door. The license plate is recessed into the left side, with two lamps attached to the bottom of the door sill, just above the license plate. A long but narrow clear plastic lens snaps into the top of the access door. This setup continued for the few '65 model Greenbriers built in

late '64.

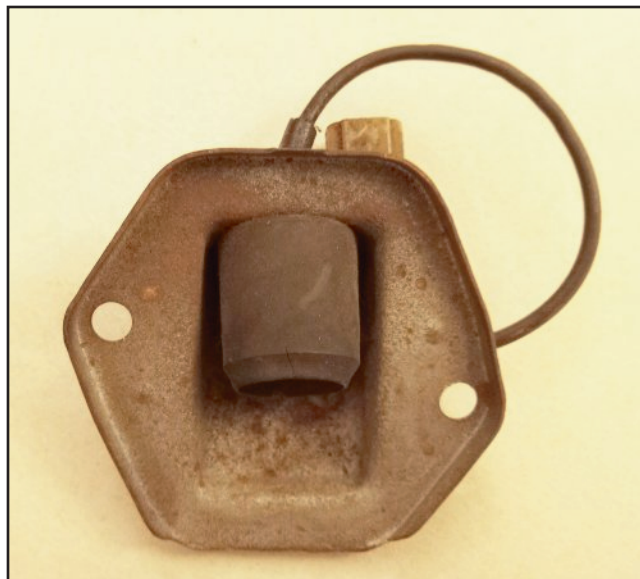
1965–1969

The '65 Corvair cars appeared with a license lamp similar to that of '64, with two differences: a longer wire to reach the main harness, and anew lens design (but same size). Early '65 models used a plastic lens with many fine, evenly spaced internal lines running up and down the entire inside surface. Later in the year, the lens was completely redesigned to feature bold left-to-right internal lines, unevenly and widely spaced, and one short up-and-down line that purposely protruded enough to prevent the lens from being installed backwards. The opposite end, from the single up-and-down line is mostly plain. Undoubtedly, the change was made to improve light diffusion.

Both '65 style lenses carry the same part number (most unusual for Chevrolet to change a part and not its number) so it's tough to determine exactly when the change took place. I've seen quite a few of both. Let's just say a '65 could have either, while all '66-'69 models carry the late '65 version.

Availability

As for current-day availability, there's some good news here. The oft-broken '61-'63 FC and wagon light housing has been reproduced, so check with Corvair parts specialists on these. The late '65-'69 lens was available through Chevy until a few years ago, so NOS units may turn up from time to time. The early '65,'63-'64, and '64-'65 FC lenses have been long gone though, so the junkyard is the best bet here. While you're there, look at mid to late '60s full size Buicks and Rivieras—I know for sure that the '66 Riv and the '69 Deuce-And-A-Quarter share the same lens as the '66-'69 Vair. Undoubtedly, other models do too.



License plate light 61-62 only. No lens used, rubber boot seals to bulb.

Activities Calendar

CCE Board

CCE SPONSORED OR RECOMMENDED EVENTS

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.

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

Apr 13 – Annual "Dust Off" Tour, 1:00 PM. Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket, 645 Joliet Rd, Willowbrook, IL 60527 (located on the northeast frontage road 1-55 and Route 83 exit 274B).

Apr 16 – 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.**

Apr 23 – Articles are due for the May Airhorn.

May 4 – Spring Tour, Chatham/Springfield, IL. The tour will be visiting the Corvair Museum in Chatham and then spend rest of the day in Springfield. More information to follow.

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

May 20-23 – CORSA International Convention, San Luis Obispo, California. See corvair.org, CORSA News & Events, 2025 CORSA International Convention for more information.

May 21 – General Meeting, 7:00 PM, in person at the Villa Park VFW on St. Charles Road. Meeting upstairs. Doors open 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00. **We have the room until 9:30.** For those not going to the CORSA Convention.

May 28 – Articles are due for the June Airhorn.

June 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.

June 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.** Entertainment is annual Sweets Auction.

June 25– Articles due for the July 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.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

June 14 – Milwaukee 55th Anniversary All Corvair Car Show, Waukasha, WI, 9 AM to 3 PM, Foxx View Lanes, 2440 Sunset Drive, Waukasha, WI. Pre-registration \$10, at the door, \$15. Contact Chris Lembke, CLembke@gmail.com or MillwaukeeCorvairClub.org.

July 10-July 12 – Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming, Wyndham Garden, 2900 Jackson Road Ann Arbor, MI. It's not against the CORSA Convention this year. See www.DetroitCorvairs.com/homecoming2025 for more information.

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



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