

April Fools 2025

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

The April 9 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.

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

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

From the President

Jeff Wentz

Over the last couple of months, I've been recounting some of my adventures with previous cars and summers spent autocrossing at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit. Last month I introduced the infamous Number 13 Pinto coupe I raced for a couple of years



(and lived to talk about it). I mentioned that I had bested the previous owner's personal lap record by 0.3 second. I'd like to claim it was my burgeoning skill as a budding Tazio Nuvolari, but it probably had more to do with a change of tires and a demon tweak to stiffen the Pinto's rear suspension.

The next autocross season was coming and so I invited my new girlfriend, Ann, who had never seen any kind of racing, to accompany me for a weekend. So, in early April I started preparing the Pinto—servicing the brakes, tightening all the bolts and screws, and safety-wiring some critical components (one of which I overlooked, much to my later dismay). To repack the front wheel bearings, I picked up some wheel bearing grease at AutoZone and diligently set to work. Unfortunately, my mechanical innocence ignorance came back to haunt me, as I failed to select high-speed grease.

The inaugural weekend came, and first run on that inauspiciously rainy weekend was altogether uneventful. But

into the second run, the front wheel bearings began loudly announcing their intent to launch a smoking wheel at some hopefully attentive corner worker. Fortunately, Blackhawk's small concessions store had some heavy-duty bearing grease which I bought and prepared for downtime and greasy fingers.

By this time, most of the unpaved areas around the track had turned to mud, so I commandeered the track's small shop. I had just jacked up the car when some official ran me off, telling me an hour in that shop would cost me my firstborn and a kidney. Undeterred, I found a spot in the paddock and set about removing a front wheel. I was in a hurry to make my next run, so, still dressed in all my Nomex driving gear and faced with both the jackstand and I sinking in the mud, cold and soaked to the skin, I squatted down and set to work. Ann was dutifully holding an umbrella over me when I held up the just packed bearing and asked her to hold it... No response. I looked up and the horrified expression on her face was like I'd handed her a lightly grilled puppy on a skewer. "I can't", she wailed, "I'd get my hands dirty."

Damn. I married her anyway.



From the Director

Paul Polster

Hi there. On Saturday, March 29th, fellow CCE member Liam Coyne and I pulled the powertrain out of my '66 Monza convertible.

This was in order to change out front and rear crank seals (bad leak on the seal at the bell housing) and the differential side bearing adjuster seals. We also are



going to install a new clutch disc, a new pilot bushing and a harmonic balancer in place of the cast iron pulley. We are waiting for a replacement clutch fork to arrive (spring steel piece broke off of the fork). We will also be replacing the four U-joints with units that are greasable.

Lots of greasy parts to clean up in the meantime.

We expect reinstall the drivetrain on Sunday, April 6th, the next time Liam will be available.

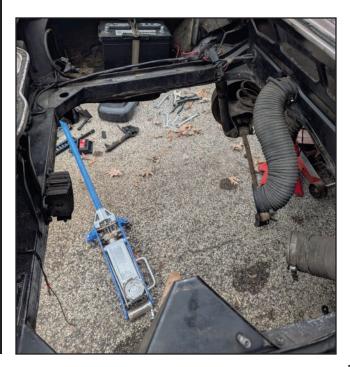
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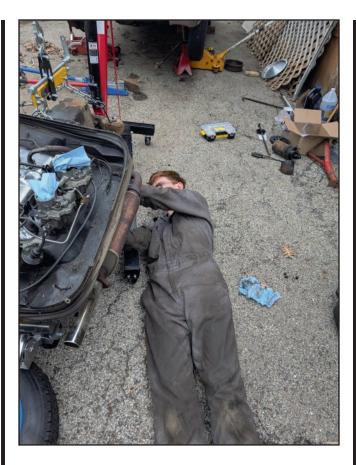
The rest of the story;

Liam and I finished installing the engine which now features a new clutch, pilot bushing ,throwout bearing and a replacement clutch fork due to a broken throwout bearing retainer clip to boot. We also replaced the oil pan gasket and a fresh fill of oil and a new filter. Thank yous to Larry Claypool, Kirk Parro and Charley Biddle for needed technical advice. After we finished with all the reconnecting (throttle linkage, electrical etc, and around 9:30 PM)Liam attempted to start it up the starter decided to get fussy (would not turn over). We called it a night right after that. Next up is to pull the starter and check it out. I will keep you all posted.

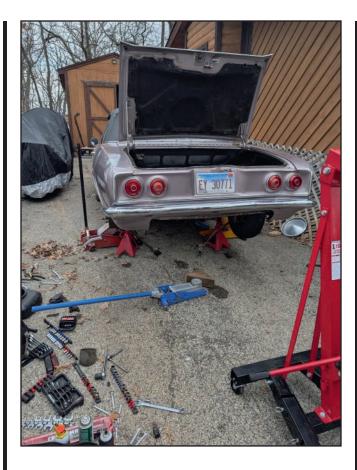
Liam did the tap on the starter case (with love, of course) no improvement.

Here are some pictures from the drivetrain removal.









Corvair Musicania

Roll Out the Floor Jack

(sung to the tune of "Roll Out the Barrel")

Roll out the floor jack The Corvair is broken again Roll out the floor jack We gotta fix it again.

Bring along the tool box We'll need every socket in sight Bring long the foor jack and the tool box We'll be under the Corvait all night.



From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from Your Humble Editor—

Correction: In the March 2025 Airhorn, I indicated in the Activities Calendar that the entertainment for the June CCE meeting was to be the Annual Sweets Auction. It should have said that June would host the Annual Parking Lot Beauty Contest. That was an oops on my part. The Sweets Auction was in the February meeting, When I build the entries for the Activities Calendar, I cut and paste the entries from the previous month to the end of the calendar. I change the date and I'm supposed to change the entertainment of the month.

Warshawsky Ads: In a nod (or two) to an April Fools theme, there are a number of Warshawsky ads for Corvair related items. The *Airhorn* thanks Frank Regal for finding and passing along a 1963 JC Whitney catalog. I scanned the Corvair related ads. A number of them are sprinkled thruout this issue of the *Airhorn*. There were even enough Corvair related ads to fill an entire *Airhorn* and then some. Not all of the ads that Frank indicated can be put in this *Airhorn*.

Corvair Musicania: Back in the late 1970's and early 1980's, Larry Claypool and Pat Carroll conspired to put Corvair related words to tunes we already knew. This month, the *Airhorn* brings you some of these. compositions. They were even performed at some drunken Corvair parties. There are several that are Christmas season related. They are on hold until the December *Airhorn*.

Captain Corvair: The February 1974 issue of the *Airhorn* brought us the introduction of Captain Corvair. The Captain was a creation of CCE member and graphic artist Jaime Graham. Over the next few years, Jaime created a number of Captain Corvair cartoons for the *Airhorn*. He also created the artwork for CCE Calendars for 1982 and 1983. A number of those art works live on as clip art used in the *Airhorn* to fill out columns when articles don't fill a column completely. Any resemblance of the Captain to a particular Corvair mechanic who opened a shop in Frankfort is pure coincidence. Note that the particular mechanic still wears that lab coat in tech sessions and videos.

Printer Cartridges: Last month I put a motion before the CCE board of directors asking for permission to early purchase additional laser printer cartridges, to be purchased before the current administration applies tariffs on Chinese made products. These cartridges are all made in China. The board passed the motion. When I looked on Amazon, I noticed the price per unit had been reduced by 45% over last month's prices. So, I bought two. I now have enough printer capacity to last well into next year.

Thought: "Why do I have to press 1 for English, only to be transferred to somebody I can't understand?" — Anonymous

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

Thought: "The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have started asking humans to prove that they are not a robot." — Internet meme

Board Meeting Minutes

John DiProva

Date: March 12, 2025

Location: Manny's Ale House, Elmhurst, IL

Start time: 7:13 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. Absent: Diane Johnson

Other Members Present: Jane Horak

1. Welcome from Jeff Wentz, Presiding Board member. Jeff welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Treasurer's Report: Kevin Kloker

- Kevin reported that Mike Charewicz gave him some remaining Fifth Third Bank checks.
- Kevin Kloker, Lin Parro and Jeff Wentz signed the forms that links the Fifth Third checking account to the Vanguard savings account.
- Kevin also handed out debit cards for himself, Lin Parro and Jeff Wentz.
- Kevin issued Charley Biddle a check for an invoice from January and Issued Jeff Wentz a check for the CORSA insurance bill. Kevin sent the Illinois Notfor-Profit form to Diane Johnson and she will send it in like she always does.

3. Airhorn Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley brought copies of the initial March *Airhorn* for the board meeting. He will have the final *Airhorn* ready in the next few days.
- Charley mentioned there was discussion at previous meetings pertaining to the purchase of a new ink cartridge for the printer and wanted to get approval to purchase a cartridge. This should have been noted in recent meeting minutes and wasn't. Please see old business in this meeting minutes report. Charley will monitor postage stamp rates and although he has some, he will purchase more stamps prior to the rate increases.

4. Membership Report: Charley Biddle

We have approximately 139 members. This number will fluctuate until the end of March and early April when all renewals are complete.

5. Special Reports or Announcements:

Jeff Wentz wanted to thank Charley Biddle for generating a members list for CORSA. Charley had to do some software tweaks to get the members list to generate correctly.

6. Activities: Lin Parro

Upcoming events

- March 19th annual chili cook off dust off those recipes and get the crockpots. Out and join the annual chili cook off contest. Categories are Wimpy, Spicy, Inferno and Alternate. Anyone wanting to help set up and cleanup is welcome to assist.
- April 13th Spring dust off tour. We are meeting at 1:00 PM at Del Rhea Chicken Basket I 55 and RT 83

(Kingery Highway) in Willow brook.

 May 4th – Spring tour to the Corvair Museum in Chatham, IL near Springfield. Lin is working on a few fun places along the way for photo ops and lunch.

7. Old Business:

- Charley made a motion to get approval to purchase a new printer cartridge.
- Jeff Wentz asked the board members to approve and all board members approved the purchase.
- It is imperative that these types of discussions and motions do not get left out of future meeting minutes. I, Secretary John DiProva, will try my best to not let this happen again!

8. New Business:

None to report

9. Adjournment:

Motion by: Jeff Wentz. Seconded by: Paul Polster. Time: 8:00 PM

Membership Meeting Minutes

John DiProva

Date: March 19th 2025

Location: VFW Hall Villa Park

Start time: 7:15 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: Shelly

1. Welcome from Presiding Board Member

Jeff called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Jeff asked if there were any new a attendees present. There was one new attendee present: Greg Lehman. Greg owns a 1967 Corvair Yenko Stinger which he purchased from Ed Cunneen.

2. Treasurer's Report: Kevin Kloker

Kevin reported that everything is in the *Airhorn* report, and announced that at the 3/12/25 board meeting the paperwork was signed for the accounts and it hasn't taken effect yet after only six days.

3. Airhorn Report: Charley Biddle

Charley asked if anybody didn't receive their *Airhorn*, Fritz Wiesner did not, but charley had extras and gave Fritz one

4. Membership Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley reported we have 139 members; however, 35 members are currently unpaid.
- Charley reported the membership will drop until unpaid members send in their renewals and will update in next *Airhorn*.

5. CORSA News: Larry Claypool (absent)

- In Larry's absence, Lin Parro reported that plans are coming along for the convention.
- The host hotel is sold out; however, the alternate hotels are still available. Details in the Commuique about hotels and CORSA dues increases.

6. Library Report: Diane Johnson

- Nothing new to report
- However as the Liaison to the Not for profit (NFP) for the State of Illinois, Diane filed the Illinois Notfor-Profit (NFP) Annual Report as required.
- 7. Social media: Shelly Claypool (absent)

8. Special Reports or Announcements: Chili cook off

- We had a good Chili cook off turnout. There were 11 entries
 - Wimpy (3 entries) winner Rene Wiesner
 - Spicy (3 entries) winner Jeff Wentz
 - Inferno (2 entries) winner Vic Heen
 - Alternate (3 entries) winner Frank Regal

9. Activities: Lin Parro:

Upcoming activities

Saturday March 22 FCC Garage Tour

- CCE has been invited to join the Frankfort Car Club (FCC) for a garage tour to the 80's Car Museum 316 W Waupansie St. Dwight, IL
- 10 AM arrival time Lunch after tour at Cherry Reds Roaster BBQ right down the street from the Museum

Sunday April 13th Spring Dust Off Tour

- We will be meeting for lunch at Dell Rhea Chicken Basket at 1:00 PM in Willowbrook, IL
- Please sign the sign-up sheet or contact Lin Parro at the latest April 9th for the sake of reservation.

Sunday May 4^{th} Spring tour we will be heading to the Corvair Museum in Chatham, IL

• Planning the day has begun. Final details will be available at next month's general meeting

10. Old Business

None to report

11. New Business

Mt Prospect Bluesmobile Cruise Night. Saturday August 9th, 2025 3 PM to 8 PM Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts Corvair Night. Let's show up and show off our Corvairs. More details to come

12. Adjourn

Motion by: Jeff Wentz Seconded by: Lou Zanon Time: 7.32 PM



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to a nursing home ...

Introducing: Captain Corvair

Now I lay me down to sleep With my Corvair parked out on the street If it should roll before I awake I pray the Lord To step on the brake!

> — Captain Corvair Airhorn, May, 1972



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Treasurer's Report

Kevin Kloker

03/1/2025 - 03/31/2025

Fifth	Third	Bank	Checking	Account
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	_	Debit	Credit	Balance
03/01	Beginning Balance			2,389.94
03/20	2025 Dues received M	ar. 19	522.00	
03/20	Donations received M	ar. 19	27.00	
03/21	Gift cards for Chili			
	Cook-Off	125.00		
03/25	Returned 2025 dues			
	check	32.00		
03/26	Transfer to Vanguard			
	savings	1,000.00		

03/31 Ending Balance

1,781.94

Vanguard Savings Account

-	-	Debit	Credit	Balance
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Treasurer's Notes

Electronic funds transfer between CCE checking and savings accounts has been setup and tested.

Diane Johnson filed our 2025 Not-for-Profit (NFP) Annual Report with the Illinois Secretary of State before the April 1 deadline.

Jeff Wentz renewed CCE's CORSA Chapter e-membership through Dec 2027.

Membership Report

Charley Biddle

Please Welcome New Member:

Greg Lehman 519 Barrington Ave. East Dundee, IL 60118 (847) 843-1605 lehgre@gmail.com 1967 Yenko Stinger

Renewal Progress: The CCE membership renewal period is over. Twenty-six members from 2024 have not renewed their dues as of this date (April 8) and will not be considered members in good standing. Starting with the month of April, they will no longer receive the Airhorn. I expect that some number of them will renew over the coming year.

SMS Text Message Quesion: While processing renewal forms, I found the following single word question, "Why?" in the section where the form asks for Cell Phone Provider for memberships that have selected to receive SMS Text Messages from the CCE Alert System. This is a good question and there is a good answer.

First off, "SMS" stands for Short Message Service" and it was developed as a way for one mobile device to send a message to another mobile device, knowing only the telephone number of the target mobile device. This is called texting for short. The message is commonly called a text

With the CCE Alert System, there is not someone sitting on a mobile device, keying in a bunch of phone numbers and the text of the Alert message. Instead, a computer is sending the messages as emails. Each cell phone provider has their own Internet serrver that can be sent a mobile device phone number and the contents of a message to be delivered to their customer's device as a text. For example, to send a text message to phone number (555) 123-4567, the text message would be in the body of an email sent to 5551234567@txt.att.net. If the recipient is a Verizon customer, send the message to 5551234567@vtext.com.

It is a cumbersome process to guess the mobile device provider for any given CCE Alert recipient's cell number. It is much easier for the membership desiring CCE Alert System SMS text messages to provide the name of their cell phone provider on the membership application/renewal form.

So that's why the name of Cell Phone Provider is requested for each membership signing up for CCE Alert System text messages.

Birthdays for 5/1 thru 5/31 are: 5/1—David Scoble;



5/2—Connie Meeder; 5/5—LaRae Hirsch, Diana Summers; 5/11—James LeGrand; 5/15—Joe Lynaugh; 5/16—Pete Koehler;

5/20—Doug Trezise; 5/21—Barb Carroll; 5/22—Robert Lyons, Sr.; 5/24—Ray Morales Jr.; 5/27—Algis Deckys, Richard Voboril; 5/28—Diane Johnson; 5/30—John Schiera Jr.

Anniversaries for 5/1 thru 5/31 are: 5/3—John & Patty



Schiera Jr.; 5/7—Harry & Kathy Jensen; 5/13—Gary Ross & Ruth Ann Morgan; 5/16—George & Elli Hauser; 5/20—Mike &

Rhona Hall; 5/28—John & Kathleen Meyer.

Membership Numbers: CCE has 54 Active members, 66
Family members, 8 Honorary members

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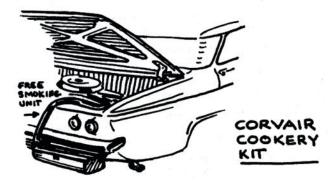
MODEL A -- suggested for 140 h.p., all turbo -- cook a whole slab of ribs in minutes - hot dogs in seconds.

MODEL B -- our most popular cookery set -- burgers in 4 minutes, a whole chicken in an average pleasure drive.

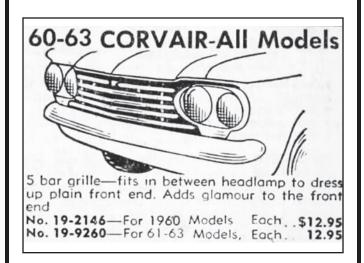
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Activities and Events

Lin Parro

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

10041 Palm Rd., Chatham, IL

Plans for the day are still in planning stages. 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 will be announced at the April general meeting. An e-blast will be sent out if you cannot attend this meeting.

May 20-23, 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

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 Close, Late Open, 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.

Saturday, June 14th, Milwaukee Corvair Club 55th Anniversary All Corvair Show, 9 AM-3 PM

Foxx View Lanes, 2440 Sunset Drive, Waukesha, WI. For more information go the club's website: milwaukeecorvairclub.org.

July

July 10-13, Th-Sa, Detroit Area Corvair Club

Homecoming

Wyndom Garden, 2900 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI Look forward to a free buffet breakfast for hotel registrants, free lunch each day in Ken Pepke's World Class Hospitality Room, indoor and outdoor swap meet each day, Road Rally on Thursday. On Friday evening enjoy a cookout/picnic followed by an automotive related movie. Saturday will be the Valve Cover races followed by a live auction of various items. Seems like a good alternative if you're not going to CA. For more information go to detrtoitcovairs.com/homecoming.

August

Sunday, Aug 3rd, IRM, Union, IL

CCE works the show car gate. Workers get into the museum for free. More information to come.

Saturday, Aug 9th, Mt. Prospect Corvair Cruise Night,

3-8 PM (not listed in the *Airhorn*) Metra Station – East commuter lot at the SE corner of Northwest Highway and Maple.

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. Paul Polster has volunteered to bring his six foot grill. Jeff Wentz has volunteered to bring the charcoal and lighter fluid. Everyone brings their own food, cooking utensils, picnic papergoods. 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 are 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!