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# May 21 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00!

For those not going to the CORSA Convention in California, the May 21 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.

# June 18 CCE Board of Directors Meeting at Manny's Ale House

The June 18 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

#### The True Story of How Duane Got His Car

During high school, I worked at a Gap-type clothing store in Ft. Wayne Indiana. I commuted from home (which was at the absolute far edge of town) to school and work in a 66 Mustang my dad won in a company sales contest (which was the only way on God's green Earth



my family could afford a second car!). Duane, the other kid working there, had a funny story about how he got his car.

His parents had just replaced the family Impala, and as one of his mother's friends bought a new Buick Rivera, the Impala was no longer appropriate for her social status. So, she had Hubby buy her a new gold 375 hp Toronado. That relegated Duane to bicycling to school and work, as she felt, "He wasn't mature enough to drive such a car." About a week later, on of Ft. Wayne's "beautiful people" died, and the wake naturally required Duane's mom to make an appearance. It was apparently an extremely sad affair featuring libacious solace until 4:00 the next morning.

Duane was safely asleep in his bedroom above the family's two-car garage when his mother drove home, opened the garage door and started to pull in. Unfortunately, her "bereaved" condition caused her to misjudge things a bit, and

she crashed heavily into the right side of the door opening. Duane, shaken out of bed and wondering what in hell was happening, jumped to the window to watch her back out of the driveway and bash into the garbage cans across the street. Being understandably flustered; she aimed the car to the left, promptly accelerated, and ran hard into the garage's left side. Again, she reversed into the debris of the garbage cans and lined up to the middle of the garage. Thinking, "I've got this now," she gripped the wheel determinedly, hit the gas, and crashed half way through the back of the garage – launching the crumpled washer, furnace, and water heater into the back yard, and unleashing a torrent of water from broken pipes.

Needless to say, Duane's father was not amused, but Duane thought it was hilarious and a god-sent opportunity for future blackmail. Needless to say, he happily and frequently reminded his mother of who was really too immature to drive "such a car" – until she finally got him to shut up by buying him a 67 Firebird Sprint with a 215 hp single overhead cam 4.2 liter straight 6, and a Quadrajet carb. Nice car. Great way to get it.



# From the Director

John DiProva

#### **Spreading The Word**

One of the many things I enjoy about attending car shows and cruise nights is that people love talking about their cars. There is usually a vast variety of makes and models to see and enjoy. People of all ages and walks of life are there most of the



time. I especially enjoy seeing a younger person with an older car that they must have either been raised around or been introduced to at some point in their lives.

I am excited we have the younger members in the CCE family who are "taking the Baton" and enjoying working on their own and others Corvairs and like talking about them and learning about them. I was very impressed with the work that Liam Coyne and Paul Polster did when they removed the Powertrain and the work, they did on Paul's Corvair. The pictures in the April *Airhorn* were very neat. Nice work Paul and Liam.

At our April 9th board meeting Jeff Wentz, Kevin Kloker, Charley Biddle and Paul Polster were discussing ideas on future Tech Talk discussions at upcoming general meetings. We have such a wealth of knowledge and skills within our club. We all agreed that this will become a topic for new business at upcoming meetings. I did some reading in the Clark's Corvairs catalog and they *used to* offer a Fuel injection Kit however that has been discontinued. It is listed on pages 63B and page 64 in the main catalog. Clarks also used to sell the front disc brake conversion kits which are currently out of stock. That is listed on page 150A in the main catalog (see end of article for these scanned pages) while these items are no longer available this offers an idea of what they used etc.

The Garage Squad is another really fun, informative thing that we do. I am looking forward to attending future Garage Squad get togethers. I have enjoyed the ones that I was able to attend. I have so much I want to learn and improve my skills by listening, watching and doing as our club members share their skills and knowledge and "Spread the Word".

There is a fun place in Minooka, Illinois just west of Joliet called **Aces Classic Cars**. In the summer they have weekly Friday cruise nights from 6:00 – 8:00 PM as well as Saturday monthly 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM car shows with raffles and prizes etc. They have a showroom of cars for sale, bar and restaurant. They sometimes have live music for the Saturday shows. They sell pizza slices and beer and soda for the car show attendees. They would enjoy seeing a nice turnout of Corvairs for the 2025 Friday night cruise nights and They have all of their monthly Saturday Shows already booked for the 2025 season. I spoke with the owners and they would like to book a Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts for the 2026 Saturday Car show season. Below is from their events page on their website

Here's our 2024 Event Calendar for Cruise Nights and Car Shows!

#### **Cruise Nights**

We look forward to seeing you in 2025 every Friday night from May 2nd through October 31st starting at 4PM.

May - 2<sup>nd</sup>,9<sup>th</sup>,16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>

June - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

July - 4th,11th,18th,25th

**August** – 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

**September** – 5th,12th,19th,26th

October- 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

#### **Car Shows**

We are very excited to announce our 2025 season. Would you'd like to host a car show at our facilities? Give us a call at 815-513-3373 and reserve your date today.

April 23rd – Real Fast Co Bike Night

April 30th - Undaunted Moto Bike Night

May 24th - Prison City Kruisers Michael G Taylor III Memorial Car Show

May 21st - Real Fast Co Bike Night

May 28th - Undaunted Moto Bike Night

June 18th – Real Fast Co Bike Night

June 21st – Chicagoland Motor Expo And Cruise Night (Starting @ 6:00 PM) Show benefitting Humanitarian Service Project

June 25th- Undaunted Moto Bike Night

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Real Fast Co Bike Night

July 19th – Aces Classic Cars "Christmas in July" Benefitting Toys For Tots

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Undaunted Moto Bike Night

July 26th – Gathering of the Car Clubs (All makes & Models Welcome) Featuring Arnie farmer Beswick

**August 16**<sup>th</sup> – Annual Clennon Show Benefitting Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

August 20th - Real Fast Co Bike Night

**August 27**<sup>th</sup> – Undaunted Moto Bike Night

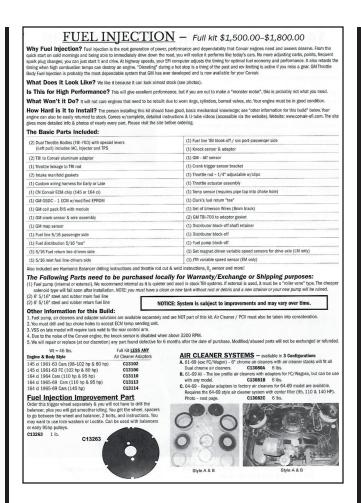
**September 6**<sup>th</sup> – Aces Classic Cars Show Benefitting Witches Night Out

September 20<sup>th</sup>– 815 Mafia & Freestyle Riders Car Club

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Aces Classic Cars Trunk or Treat Benefitting Easter seals of Joliet

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Starved Rock Street Cars & LaSalle County Cruisers Fall Colors Cruise







# From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Rambling from your Humble Editor—

**Old Cars Magazine Golden Quill Award:** It has been confirmed that the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts Airhorn has been awarded a Golden Quill Award in the Economy-Size Regions & Chapters category for 2024.

Quoting from Old Cars, "What does it take to be a Golden Quill Award winner? Great content that serves and entertains members. Judges look for how-to articles, historical articles, member profiles, general club coverage and news items. Tips, classified and inclusion of the best online content from a club's social media page and/or online forums are also a content bonus. A quality presentation of this content is also considered as judges look for professional editing, attractive and easy-to-read layout and quality images and image reproduction."

This was announced in their April 15, 2025 issue. I was able to access it online. Thanks to Ed Thompson for bringing this to my attention.

April Fools Coming Down: After all the work in building last month's April Fools issue, I am relaxing, at least in Airhorn terms. You all won't see it for a while, but I've been working on the flyer for the August Illinois Railway Museum Vintage Transport Extravaganza. Dawn Castro sent me the changes needed to the flyer. I applied them and sent back the revised flyer. Larry Claypool chooses the left and right vehicles that appear on the flyer, round buttons and dash plaques. I have an

inventory document of vehicle images I have collected over the years. I had to update it with the images used in recent previous flyers. The computer I had built this inventory in previous years was down. The next computer had photoshop type software that did not work. I tried a third computer to finally update the inventory. I sent it off to Larry Claypool and he selected two vehicles for the 2025 flyer.

**Thought:** "The best way to get back on your feet is to miss two car payments. "— Anonymous

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

**Thought:** "Life would be better if the liar's pants really did catch fire." — Internet meme

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

John DiProva

Date: April 9th 2025

Location: Manny's Ale House, Elmhurst, IL

Start time: 7:25 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: Lin Parro

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

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#### **Other Members Present:** Jane Horak

#### Welcome from Jeff Wentz, Presiding Board member.

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

## Treasurer's Report: Kevin Kloker

- Kevin reported that setup of checking and savings accounts are complete, tested and working.
- He is all caught up on reimbursements for expenses. Debit cards are set up and working.
- Kevin received more dues checks.

#### Airhorn Report: Charley Biddle

- April *Airhorn* is the annual April fools' issue with many fun articles, pictures and a lot of history packed into its 16 pages. There is Professor Nash V.S.O.P. "Stock Isn't" article on how to install the Buick Straight 8 in a 65 Monza (reprinted from tech slips in the April 1979 *Airhorn*)
- Ralph Nader's Sister Laura owned a Corvair, but hid it from her brother for fear of him getting mad. (April Fools!)
- Charley added many pages from the 1963 Warshawky catalog, which was scanned and sent by Frank Regal)
- There is Captain Corvair from the May 1972 *Airhorn* as well as Corvair Musicana and Mother Monza's Nursery Rhymes from the May 1972 *Airhorn*.
- Also, in the Airhorn (not April Fools) is Larry's Stock
  Is article as well as Paul Polster's letter to the editor
  on him and Liam Coyne pulling and working on his
  powertrain with some great pictures and details.

## Membership Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley reported we had 140 members with one new member, Greg Lehman.
- Twenty-six members had their memberships expire so we are down to 114 members however.
- We will re-gain members as some of the expired ones will re-join as the year goes on.

## **Special Reports or Announcements:**

Nothing to report.

#### **Activities: Lin Parro**

In Lin's absence.

- Jeff Wentz mentioned we will have some upcoming months where we will need some agenda ideas for the general meetings.
- Jeff and Kevin suggested "Tech Talk" discussions for some upcoming general meetings that are without an agenda. We will continue to come up with ideas.
- With our wealth of knowledgeable members, we should have some great Tech Talk discussions and presentations.
- Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> is our Dust-off tour to Dell Rhea Chicken Basket in Willowbrook, Ill
- $\hbox{-} \quad \text{Sunday May $4^{\text{th}}$ is our spring tour to the Corvair} \\ \quad \text{Museum just south of Springfield, Ill} \\ \quad \text{We will be meeting at the BP Amoco in Channahon}$

Ill, just south of 1-80 off of I-55

There will be more details at the Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> General meeting.

- May 20-23 is the 2025 CORSA Convention.
- For those not going to the CORSA onvention, the May General meeting is Wednesday May 21st.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> is the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary Milwaukee Corvair Club all Corvair show located in Waukesha, WI.
- Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> is the parking lot beauty contest at the general meeting.
- July 10-13 Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming. Ann Arbor MI
- Sunday, Aug 3rd, IRM, Union, IL More information to come
- Saturday, Aug 9th, Mt. Prospect Corsair Cruise Night, 3-8 PM Metro 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
- Sunday, August 24th, The Geneva Concours d'Elegance, 10 AM-4 PM, located on Third Street in Geneva, IL.

#### **Old Business:**

None to report

#### **New Business:**

Reported in above activities

#### Adjournment:

Motion by: John DiProva, Seconded by: Paul Polster, Time: 8:05 PM.

# **Membership Meeting Minutes**

John DiProva

**Date:** April 16th, 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: Diane Johnson (arrived later)

#### **Welcome from Presiding Board Member**

- Jeff Wentz called the meeting to order. He introduced and welcomed Bob Smith and Ernie Ethridge, who came up to the board table prior to the meeting and introduced themselves. They had attended a previous meeting awhile back. They own a 1963 Corvair Monza 900 Spyder convertible. Jeff told them they will get a lot of good information on maintaining and repairing from many experts in all areas and specialties with Corvairs.
- Jeff also gave a brief Tech note about an oil that Kevin Kloker and Paul Polster mentioned to him.
   Royal Purple HPS 10W-30. It is formulated with Phosphorus and Zinc which is in the bottled ZPPD additive that some people add to their oil during oil changes.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Kloker

- Kevin reported that setup of checking and savings accounts are complete, tested and working.
- He is all caught up on reimbursements for expenses.
- Debit cards are set up and working.
- Kevin received more dues checks.

## Airhorn Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley asked if anyone didn't receive their *Airhorn*, no one replied they didn't get one.
- Charley talked about the April Fool's issue of the *Airhorn* which is 16 pages and loaded with many fun articles and things not seen in a long time or ever. Charley scanned some pages from the 1963 Warshawsky catalog. It had many products available for Corvairs. Frank Regal passed the Catalog along to Charley.
- Thanks to Frank Regal for passing the \$23.00 catalog to Charley and thanks to Charley for his hard work with the 16-page April fools April *Airhorn*.

### Membership Report: Charley Biddle

- We have 114 members as 25 have expired.
- Charley will update as some members with expired memberships return as the year passes.

#### **CORSA News: Larry Claypool**

- Larry reported that CORSA is raising its annual dues \$2.00 for members who get their Communique in digital form and \$15 for members who get it mailed in printed form. This is the first increase in 15 years. More details in the *Airhorn*.
- Larry also talked about the convention Itinerary, Concours show and the Economy Run and mentioned that there are still rooms available at alternate hotels.

## **Library Report: Diane Johnson**

 Diane arrived late but Larry mentioned he had brought some CORSA Communiques from the Corvair Museum. They are convention issues that contain pictures of 1987 and 2001 CORSA conventions. Larry put them on the table for viewing and Diane will take and add them to the CCE library.

## Social Media: Shelly Claypool

- Shelly mentioned to new members Bob Smith and Ernie Ethridge that we have the CCE Facebook page.
- Larry and Shelly brought a projector and screen and showed a really neat YouTube episode of Matt's Off Road Recovery in which they retrieved a vehicle that was stuck on a very steep and treacherous trail. They used their Corvair Lakewood recovery vehicle to rescue the stranded stuck vehicle.
- There was an additional episode that shows some of Matt's Corvairs.

#### Special Reports or Announcements: John DiProva

- I didn't get the chance to mention this at the meeting but anyone who had their car photographed in front of the RT 66 sign at Del Rheas chicken basket on April 13<sup>th.</sup>
- Please email me at <a href="mailto:iohndiprova@gmail.com">iohndiprova@gmail.com</a>.
- I will email you the picture I took of your Corvair.

#### **Activities: Lin Parro**

• Sunday April 13th was our Dust-off tour to Dell Rhea

- Chicken Basket in Willowbrook, IL. There was a nice turnout and everyone had a fun time. We had 22 people 19 CCE and 3 FCC members.
- Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> is our Spring Tour to the Corvair Museum just south of Springfield, IL. We will be meeting at the BP Amoco in Channahon IL, just south of 1-80 off of I-55. We will meet at the BP Amoco at 9:30 departing at 10:00 AM.
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#### **Old Business:**

None to report

#### **New Business:**

- Jeff Wentz announced there is a flyer for a 1964 Corvair Monza for sale. Jeff recommended the seller send it to Charley who can add in into the *Airhorn*.
- Jeff encouraged members to submit Tech articles for the *Airhorn*, articles can be past or current projects, how to articles etc.
- Members could also do technical presentations at future General meetings that are not pre-themed.
- Jim Sikorsa mentioned he received some Corvair parts from Al Morgan. He has a heater control and blower motor for a FC Corvair and rear window glass for a late model Corvair. Parts are free.

#### MEETING BREAK

• The membership took a break to watch the Matt's Off Road Recovery You Tube Episodes

#### Adjourn

Motion by: Renee Schiera, Seconded by: Lin Parro, Time: 8:25 PM.



# Late Classified Ad

For Sale: 1963 Monza convertible, 102 Hp, four speed, white, new top, interior by Riggs Brothers, maintenance by Larry Claypool. \$15,000, Lee Carrier, moved to Nashville, TN, area 2017, (615) 707-2212 (cell), corvairlee@att.com. [submitted 2025-05]

# **Membership Report**

Charley Biddle

#### **Welcome New Member:**

Greg & Anne Richards 325 Pine Street Deerfield, IL 60015 (615) 481-7347 (cell) greg.richards@comcast.net 1964 Spyder

#### **Welcome Back Members:**

Bob Smith & Ernie Etheridge 2 S 060 Yvonne Ln Wheaton, IL (760) 831-5319 (cell) EEtheridge@aol.com 1963 Spyder Convertible (returning members from 2021)

#### **New Email Address:**

Doug Daniels carvend69@aol.com

Deposited Checks: I recently had one membership renew for 2025 on a timely basis, sending me a completed renewal form and a check for the amount of the dues. This month, I received another check from this membership, with no renewal form. I would like to explain why dues checks submitted with membership dues, may not clear banks on one might think of as a timely basis. I receive membership renewal forms and associated checks on a monthly basis. I do not have access to CCE's bank account. I do not deposit these checks in CCE's bank account. I collect the dues checks in an envelope and then submit the envelope of dues checks to the CCE treasurer at the next meeting where the treasurer is present. If I receive a renewal just after the monthly CCE meeting, it may be three or four weeks before I will see the treasurer at the next board meeting. At that point I have no control over when dues checks are actually deposited. However, the member's bank sends them monthly statements. From this statement, the member can determine which checks they have written have been deposited or not. Depending on when checks flow thru the process, members may see their dues checks remaining outstanding and not yet deposited for several bank statement cycles. So, be patient with submitted dues checks. Just because you don't see a dues check deposited on your next immediate statement, it does not mean your membership is not renewed. If you stop receiving Airhorns, that is the clue that you membership has not been renewed. I would also like to point out that it is not feasible to send out receipts when dues are processed. For memberships that receive the Airhorn in emailed PDF form that would require a hundred and something plus individual emails to be composed and sent. For memberships that receive the Airhorn in printed USPS

mailed form, that would require mailing individualized letters to each such membership, incurring postage that has not been budgeted for.

Birthdays for 6/1 thru 6/30 are: 6/2—Connie Swenson; 6/7—Gale Dyskie, Jennifer Gillaizeau; 6/10—Andrew Golt; 6/11—Mike McGowan, Jeannette Alberte; 6/12—Donna Naymola; 6/14—Shelly Claypool; 6/18—Jean Bachrodt, Clarence Izydorski; 6/19—John Schiera, Jim Sikora; 6/21—Steve Wiltgen; 6/22—Brad Meeder; 6/23—Peggy Izydorski; 6/28—Fritz Wiesner; 6/30—Christopher George.

Anniversaries for 6/1 thru 6/30 are: 6/3—Ron & LaRae Hirsch, Geoff Morse & Amanda Bakken, Allan & Linda Pilloff; 6/8—Guy & Dawn Brandes; 6/10—Robert & Vicky Benuska; 6/11—Joe & Joy Lynaugh; 6/19—Ivan & Connie Lundin; 6/24—Ed Thompson & Linda Szafranski.

**Membership Numbers:** CCE has 53 Active members, 69 Family members, 7 Honorary members

# **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin Kloker

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04/01/2025 - 04/30/2025			
Fifth Third Bank Checking A	ccount		
	Debit	Credit	Balance
04/01 Beginning Balance			1,781.94
04/01 VFW March Rent	200.00		
04/10 Service Fee for			
Returned Check	15.00		
04/11 2025 Dues			
Received Apr. 9		216.00	
04/14 Envelopes for Airhorn	36.07		
04/14 Toner Cartridges			
for Airhorn	175.98		
04/16 CORSA Chapter			
2025 Dues	35.00		
04/22 IL NFP Annual Report	10.00		
04/24 VFW April Rent	250.00		
04/30 Ending Balance			1,275.89
Vanguard Savings Account			

 04/01
 Beginning Balance
 Debit
 Credit
 Balance

 04/30
 Dividend
 15,052.65

 04/30
 Ending Balance
 15,104.93

04/30 Total All Accounts

16,380.82

