



## CCE Picnic in Pictures

*John DiProva*

Here are some pictures from the CCE Picnic held at Pottowatomie Park in St Charles, on August 17.





## News You Can Use

### CORSA Board of Directors

Fall has (finally) arrived and it's a great time to drive those Corvairs! There are so many chapter events and car shows to meet up with friends and show off your car. Get out there and drive! The *Communique* is here with a fascinating article in this month's issue about the Electrovair III by Larry Mills.

#### It's also Election time:

Starting on October 15<sup>th</sup> though December 1<sup>st</sup>, vote for board members. CORSA is fortunate to have volunteers who want to serve and support this organization. Six people have stepped up and they deserve our attention and votes! Please read their candidate statements in this issue of the *Communique*. There is one board position open in each division. To vote, starting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, log on to the CORSA site with your user ID and Password, and then navigate to the User Tools on the left side of the page. Look for the online ballot and vote for a candidate presented for your division. Remember: the ballot will be available online starting October 15<sup>th</sup>- not before! Don't know your login or have issues? The club office is here to help! Call Paul Bergstrom at 630-403-5010 or email [corsacluboffice@gmail.com](mailto:corsacluboffice@gmail.com). You can also vote by mailing in the paper ballot in the *Communique*. Remember to only vote for candidates in your division.

#### CORSA Conventions Update:

Save the date for 2026! June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> is when you will want to be at the CORSA International Convention in Gettysburg, PA. The four host chapters- Mid Maryland Corvair Club, Group Corvair, Northern Virginia Corvairs, and Central Pennsylvania Corvair club- are working to put together a great time in this beautiful and historic area. Plan to be a part of this event next year. Hotel and registration information will be out soon!

**2027 Update:** CORSA is also pleased to announce the selection of Franklin, Tennessee as the host location for the 2027 convention, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Located outside of Nashville, Franklin and the surrounding areas have many great places to visit and scenic drives for our Rally and Econ Run. Hosted by CORSA in collaboration with area and Central Division chapters, we anticipate this will be a popular destination for Corvairs and vacations.

**CORSA Membership:** Selling a car? Giving a family member a car? The perfect accessory to a Corvair is a CORSA Membership. Make that gift or sale extra special by giving a membership too. Contact the club office to set it up and the new Corvair owner will start out by becoming a part of the best community for Corvair people!

#### CORSA Merchandise:

Everyone loves a SALE! Many CORSA publications and items are on sale at our store: [corvair.org/merchandise](http://corvair.org/merchandise)



Technical Guides and books make great gifts especially for those new Corvair owners.

Fall weather apparel is also a great gift- for you too. Jackets, special Corvair Hoodies and caps are available with special offers. Proceeds from every purchase made go to CORSA. [GMClubApparel.com/CORSAClubandCPFMuseumCollection](http://GMClubApparel.com/CORSAClubandCPFMuseumCollection)

## Stock Is...

Larry Claypool

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Decals have always been a sticky problem for restorers (Sorry, I couldn't resist). They almost always have to be removed for restoration and are almost always destroyed in the process. Complicate matters with reproduction decals that may be slightly different than originals, and you've got a common source of non-stock blues. Since our last few articles have dealt with engine related items, this month's piece will be limited to decals found in the engine compartment.

Initially, 1960 models had no decals in the engine compartment. The air cleaner had the element number and cleaning instructions **painted** onto air cleaner housing. Once Corvair's propensity to carburetor icing became apparent and the "fix" of the preheat pipe added, a paper instruction sheet was glued to the middle of the left inner fender that shows the correct winter/summer position of the air cleaner preheat tube.

In 1961, air filter service instructions for the new dual filter elements were painted on both air cleaner lids. Like the 1960 air cleaner instructions, a decal is currently available that duplicates this information, but of course it looks like, well, a decal rather than paint when installed.

1962 models carried over the painted air cleaner information used in '61 plus a new 102 HP crossed flags water transfer style decal on cars and wagons so equipped. The decal is placed on the engine upper shroud, over #2 cylinder at about a 45 degree angle. Spyder models used two semi-circular decals on the air cleaner end cap, one identifying the A151 filter, the other cautioning the mechanic to remove excess oil from the element. The filter housing received a large water transfer "Spyder Turbocharged 150 hp" decal, centered and 1/4" above the intake snorkel.

Each of the two air recirculation slot covers used on Spyderys and air conditioned cars had instructions on their use and storage. These were painted on, and like the air filter instructions, can be had as decals today.

A/C cars got some service instruction decals this year. A rectangular water transfer placed 1-1/4" from the right rear corner of the condenser explained removal procedure, while a somewhat larger paper type decal 1" from the left side showed oil filter servicing.

The only addition for '63 was service instructions for the optional heavy duty oil bath air cleaner; "Wash element in kerosene, dry and fill to line with 10W oil..." etc.

For 1964, all the oil wetted foam air filters gave way to

disposable dry paper elements, and thus new instructions. The single round air cleaner used on most models featured a small rectangular "A178 element This engine equipped with positive crankcase ventilation" etc., placed on the side of the air filter housing. Other models that retained the dual filter air cleaners had new triangular "A170 element, This engine equipped with positive crankcase ventilation" etc. decals atop each filter lid. Spyders used one semicircular A200 element decal on the lid cover. The main housing, now chrome, sported a new but smaller foil type "Spyder Turbocharged 150 hp" decal.

The base 95HP engine now featured a crossed flag shroud decal, and naturally the extra cost Super Turbo-Air engine used one that said 110 hp.

Also new for '64 was the "axle oil check" decal, a rectangular foil type, positioned about 1" to the left of the right frame rail, just below the lip of the front compartment sheet metal.

For 1965, a number of new decals appeared while others just moved around. The crossed flag horsepower water transfer decal, previously found on the upper shroud, moved to the air cleaner crossover tube. On two-carb models it is placed on the left side; on the new 140 hp, the decal is over the left primary carb tube. When equipped with air conditioning, the 95 or 110 decal was placed on the right air cleaner lid. The 180 hp Corsa engine received a revised decal to reflect the new name and horsepower, although the design and placement remained similar to 1964. The various air filter service instructions also remained as in '64.

The jack now lived in the engine compartment for all models except air conditioned, so the jacking instructions moved back here too. Jacking sheets were glued directly to the inside of the right rear quarter panel or, on Monzas and Corsas, to the fender insulation placed there. Placement was scientifically pinpointed to let the edge of the tire dirty and mark up the decal. Extra cost Positraction included a "Caution: This vehicle equipped with limited slip differential..." warning decal, glued to the left of the jacking sheet.

The air recirculation slot cover plate, used on 140 hp, 180 hp, and air conditioned cars, was revised to be stored in the inverted position rather than on the rear frame as in '64, so the painted-on instructions reflected this new procedure.

The axle oil check decal continued as before, while the oil filter service instructions for A/C vehicles were no longer used. Apparently, four years worth of AirVairs was deemed sufficient to have educated the service world. Condenser removal instructions continued as before but were now located on the top right rear corner of the cardboard shroud.

Changes for 1966 were minimal; the axle oil check, A170 filter instructions, and A/C condenser removal decals were all deleted, as was their need. One new decal did appear though, in a rather unlikely application; the low production 180 hp turbo got a rather businesslike "Corsa 180 horsepower turbocharged" foil type decal. Although the same size and location as '64-'65, it was less colorful than seen before, done mostly in gray, white, and black.

Also revised for '66 was the instruction for air recirculation slot cover when used with the new California only Air Injection Reactor (AIR); one of the air supply tubes runs through the cover, so there was less room left for the rather lengthy instructions.

Two revisions appeared on 1967 Corvairs. The most obvious was the horsepower decal, now a semicircular foil type that proclaimed "164 Turbo Air XXX Horsepower." Naturally, 95, 110, and 140 hp versions were made. Placement is on the air cleaner lid itself. The only other change was jacking instructions, now scaled down to 4 x 5 inches, and moved to the front of the engine compartment roughly above where a Powerglide dipstick would be. The Positraction decal, when used, also moved over next to the jacking sheet. As before, A/C cars had their own jacking instructions placed in the trunk, since all the tools and spare are located there too (makes sense, eh?). A new addition was a small foil rectangular "Built by Chevrolet Tonawanda, The Number 1 Team" sticker, affixed to the oil cooler on all models.

Everything carried over for 1968, with one addition: the emission control and tune-up information sticker. This paper sticker attaches atop the left rear frame rail, roughly 5" to the right of the left backup light, and contains such vital information as timing, idle speed, adjustment procedures, etc.

1969 brought another new decal to Corvairs — the "Keep your GM car all GM" paper decal affixed to the right side of the air cleaner housing. This was to encourage owners to choose AC filters, plugs, and tune-up parts instead of other replacement brands. Use of this decal was corporation-wide and continued to be used for some years afterward.

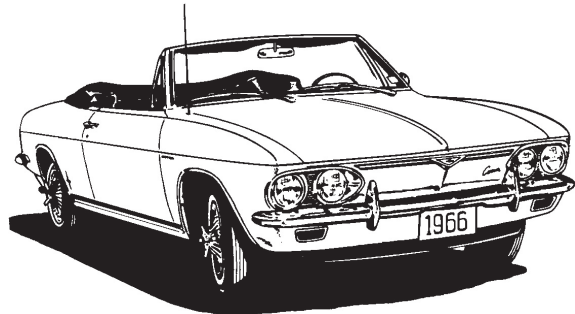
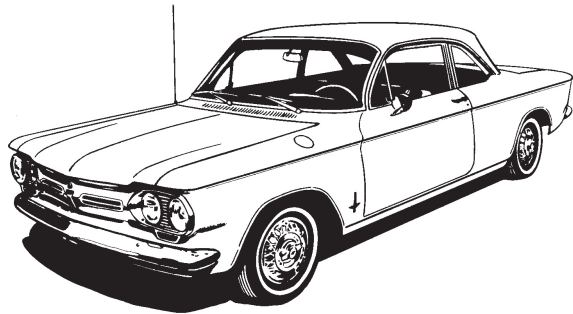
The engine tune-up decal was revised to reflect timing changes, but otherwise appeared as in '68, but in a new location— the left front corner of the engine compartment. Lastly, the '69 convertible when equipped with the 140 engine, had its spare and tools moved to the trunk, so the jacking instructions for this rare combination do not appear in the back but in the trunk.

Currently, most decals and labels are available from Clark's fairly inexpensively.

As cautioned earlier, some instructions were painted on and not a decal at all. Decals that duplicate this information will help return a stock "look" but aren't really close enough for a Factory Stock Original car, but acceptable in Factory Stock Restored. Likewise, decal material is equally important. Jacking instructions, for example, were all done on paper, even though many are now also offered in longer lasting vinyl. For a Factory Stock car, different materials (even though possibly better) won't do.

Remember, placement is just as important as the decal itself. An assembly manual for your particular year is invaluable as a guide to installation; most decals are pictured clearly, sometimes even with specific dimensions for their location. If you're putting on replacement decals, check the book before you peel n' stick! The water transfer decals are difficult to get 'right'; I'd buy at least one spare to use in case the first try doesn't go as planned. Conversely, if you've got an all-original car with a misplaced sticker, don't risk trying to peel it off and reposition it.

Concours classifiers realize that the guy on the assembly line that morning might not have been Corvair savvy and not gotten things quite right. This seems embarrassingly common on '68 and '69 models when Corvair production was down to a comparative trickle. Final inspection certainly was not going to flag a car for a misplaced decal!



## Activities Calendar

### CCE Board

#### CCE SPONSORED OR RECOMMENDED EVENTS

**Sept 10 – Board Meeting**, 7:30 PM, 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.

**Sept 14 – Worth Cruisers' Car Show**, 8 AM–3 PM, Metra Train Station, 11030 S. Depot St.

**Sept 17 – 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.** Members Appreciation and Awards Pizza Night. Nominations continue for candidates for election to the 2026 CCE Board of Directors.

**Sept 21 – Fall Tour-Racine, WI**, The plan is to spend the day in Racine visiting the following attractions: Frank Lloyd Wright's 1937 Wingspread, designed for third-generation SC Johnson leader Herbert F. Johnson, Jr., and a tour of the SC Johnson Campus See agenda in Activities and Events article in this *Airhorn*.

**Sept 24 – Articles are due for the October *Airhorn*.** Candidate statements from members nominated for the 2026 board will be accepted.

**Oct 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.

**Oct 15 – 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.** Ballots for election of members to the 2026 Board of Directors will be counted and the results announced.

**Oct 22 – Articles are due for the November *Airhorn*.**

**Nov 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.

**Nov 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.** Annual Turkey Raffle.

**Nov 22–23 – MCACN** (Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals) Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL

**Nov 26 – Articles are due for the December *Airhorn*.**

**Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Day, VFW Flag Line, 8–10 AM.** Welcome the recruits from Great Lakes Naval Station for their turkey dinner celebration at the VFW Hall.

#### 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

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

#### ALERTS AND REMINDERS



For alerts and reminders of these events and more, e-mail your name and e-mail address(es) to which you want the alerts sent, to [CCE.Corvair@gmail.com](mailto:CCE.Corvair@gmail.com), and specify "Alerts and Reminders" or "Alerts Only." Also, if you want text messages to your cell phone, include your phone number and your carrier, and whether you want "Alerts and Reminders" or "Alerts Only".





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**Classified Advertising:** Classified ads are considered any ad selling a car or car part. Classified ads are free to members of CCE. Deadline is the 4th Wednesday of the month preceding the issue month. Nonmembers may submit classified ads for a \$5 fee.

**Commercial Advertising:** Commercial ads are defined as those representing a business or commercial enterprise. Current circulation of the *Airhorn* is over 200 copies per month. There is a fee for all commercial ads. It's low rates make it an excellent buy for the alert commercial advertiser. Rates are \$30 for a full page, \$20 for a half page and \$10 for a quarter page. All advertising rates are quoted for camera ready or typeable copy only. Any production charges (including screening of photographs, special art, etc.) will be billed at cost. The Editor reserves the right to determine what is commercial advertising.

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**CCE Meetings:** Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Villa Park VFW, Post 2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, Illinois 60181 (0.7 miles west of Route 83). Doors open at 6:30 PM; meetings begin at 7:00.

**Membership:** CCE offers Individual (\$30/year) or Family (\$32/year) memberships with digital newsletters and printed and mailed newsletters

for an additional \$36/year Distribution Fee. All are payable to Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts.

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