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# August 20 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00!

The August 20 CCE membership meeting will be held upstairs in the main meeting room of the Villa Park VFW, 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park. Doors open at 6:30 PM. For one month only, the monthly CCE meeting will e on the fourth Wednesday! 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.

# September 10 CCE Board of Directors Meeting at Manny's Ale House

The September 10 board meeting will be held at Manny's Ale House, 683 St Charles Road, Elmhurst. Meeting starts at 7:30

# From the President

Jeff Wentz

"I Never Want to Touch a Drum Brake Again" – Unfinished Business

"I Never Want to Touch a Drum Brake Again," was my mantra since we had a Garage Squad event at my house several years ago where five of us tackled all four corners of my 65 Corsa. We worked all day, but as we ran into a plethora of problems and I had to drive to a show the



next day, we had to wrap things up before we could do the brake hoses and wheel cylinders, or even do final adjustments. After many runs back and forth in a vacant parking lot to give the self-adjusters a workout, I got to my show in one piece.

Although I had the hoses and wheel cylinders, I have never installed them. The frustration of working those brakes and the relatively mediocre results solidified my decision to compromise the family coffers and go to disc brakes. I had heard rumors that Clark's no longer offered their front disc brake kits, but when I called, they were still available. I called Michael LeVeque at LeVair Performance and he fixed me up with the required brackets, rotors, brake lines, and revised parking brake cable for the rears. I had to get the calipers with parking brakes separately, but he provided the source and parts numbers. Also, unless you plan to keep the original 13-inch wheels (there are separate kits for 13 inch

and larger wheels), you'll have to install longer wheel studs.

Clark's kit was a gem. It included **all** the parts needed and very detailed instructions. While the kit required the stock hubs to be turned down a bit, the only other issue was that the instructions failed to mention was how the calipers' sleeves and pins were to be installed. But with the kind help of Ray Johnson with the hubs and Tony at Clark's advice on the sleeves and pins, I was off and running. A competent mechanic could have finished the entire job in 3-4 hours. I admit I'm not a competent mechanic, but I won't embarrass myself by admitting how long it took me. But if I can do it, it is well within the capabilities of the average CCE member.

The rear brakes are a different story. The LeVair package did not include much in the way of instructions—just a few tips and some pictures. John DiProva and Paul Polster generously offered to help me yesterday and we found the rears to be much more difficult, even with the assistance of my cat, Tofu. The rear hubs were particularly difficult to remove and refit with the longer studs. Be sure to consult the Corvair Chassis Shop Manual on how to remove the rear hubs and you'll save yourself several hours of verbal and physical vexation.

That's where we left off. Tomorrow is Labor Day and we, and particularly Paul, sure put the labor in Labor Day. Next Tuesday, I'm going to take the hubs to a friend's auto shop and have the wheel studs replaced and Paul, John and I will reconvene at my place to (hopefully) finish the job next Sunday.

We'll keep you informed with a full report when we have finished.

## From the Director

John DiProva

#### **West and Beyond**

In my previous article, I wrote about the Impact that the steam locomotive made in the expansion west in the early days of our nation. In doing my ongoing research on the significance of the steam powered locomotive, I learned that once the railway became more established and reached many places. These workhorses continued to transport passengers in comfort and goods much quicker and efficiently than before. Railways allowed coal and ore and so much more to be moved to the coasts from inland areas, to be loaded onto ocean going vessels.

Eventually diesel locomotives became the new modern workhorse and the steam powered locomotive was retired by the railroads. Here is a statistic I borrowed from Artificial intelligence so it MUST be accurate!

Freight, not passenger volume, is the primary driver of railroad revenue in the U.S., accounting for as much as 95% of the total. This is mainly because freight trains are engineered to carry an immense volume of cargo, and the revenue generated is based on the weight, distance, and type of material transported.

Even after the interstate highways connected regions and cities, it was more cost effective to move freight via railroad. In future articles down the road, I will look at the significance and of other forms of transportation have had in shaping our modern world of transportation.

Future topics:

- The automobile
- Ocean going ships
- Airplane and Jets

Until then.... If you are stuck at a railroad crossing due to a long freight train or an approaching freight train,

- 1) Please grin and bear it
- 2) DON'T try to beat it at the crossing and sneak around the gates

# From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from your Humble Editor—

**Correction:** In last month's Stock Is... article on oil coolers and crankshaft pulleys, I showed a crankshaft pulley that was not a harmonic balancer. I received the following correction from Larry Claypool:

"On the Stock Is... article [in the August *Airhorn*], one of the image descriptions is incorrect. The image of the single, non harmonic pulley is marked as "Cast Crank Pulley, '62-'63". What is pictured the cast iron pulley of 64-67; used 95 HP manual trans applications. This item was also used as Chevy parts counter replacement for 60-63. The original pulley for 60-63 non a/c jobs is the stamped steel riveted pulley as described in the article."

In my defense, I got the picture off of somebody's website blog. I assumed they were correct.

**Thought:** "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time." — Maya Angelou

**Thought:** "Love is not affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved one's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained." — C. S. Lewis

**Thought:** "Don't let anyone who hasn't been in your shoes tell you how to tie your laces." — Internet meme

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

John DiProva

Date: August 13th 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.

**Other Members Present:** Ray Johnson (present for dinner but left before the meeting start), Jane Horak

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

Jeff welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Kloker

- Kevin reported that the usual VFW rental was paid at half price for July.
- Kevin paid for the CORSA Don Yenko award for the CORSA convention.
- Lin Parro paid the \$ 250 fee for the CCE picnic reservation to Pottawatomie Park.
- Kevin reported that there was a \$15.00 returned check fee. This led to a discussion and an approved motion to authorize Charley to request payment for the returned check fee.
- Kevin reported as of 7/31/25, there is \$15,931.87 in all accounts.

## Airhorn Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley brought printed copies of the *Airhorn* to the meeting and handed them out.
- Charley reported that in addition to Paul Polster's Ultra Van director's article, he added John DiProva's IRM article and John's "Go west young man" director's article to maintain the theme of the IRM day.
- Charley added Larry's excellent Stock Is... article on oil coolers, crankshaft pulleys and harmonic balancers.
- Charley also mentioned while at the IRM, he visited the steam locomotive shop to see and talk about the progress on the Frisco 1630, which is currently down for its FRA mandated inspection.

#### Membership Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley reported that we have 122 members with no new members this month.
- Diane Johnson asked for an update on the

membership directory. There were some discussions pertaining to the membership committee and the membership directory. Those topics will be discussed in detail at the August 20 general meeting. Those topics will be reported in the General meeting minutes.

#### **Library Report**: Diane Johnson

 Nothing new to report but Diane again welcomed all members to make an appointment to come visit the library and see all the information and resources that are available.

## **Special Reports or Announcements:**

- Jeff Wentz ordered the components and parts required to convert his 1965 CORSA to 4-wheel disc brakes. He will have a Garage squad in his garage to perform the conversion.
- This will be discussed at the August 20th General meeting.

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

- Current activities are listed in the August *Airhorn*.
- Updates on the fall tour will be discussed at the August 20th General meeting.
- The Annual CCE Christmas party will be discussed at the August 20<sup>th</sup> General meeting. Location ideas are welcome.

#### **Old Business:**

• Nothing to report.

#### **New Business:**

- Charley Biddle will start the Election Process for the 2026 CCE board of directors.
- This will start at the August meeting and continue into September. Charley will discuss the process and details at the August 20th General meeting.

#### Adjournment

• Motion by: John DiProva, Seconded by: Kevin Kloker, Time: 8:25 PM

# **General Meeting Minutes**

John DiProva

Date: August 20th, 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: Lin Parro

Committee Heads Present: Airhorn Editor and Membership: Charley Biddle, Activities: Lin Parro.

# **Welcome from Presiding Board Member:**

- Jeff Wentz called the meeting to order, welcoming everybody.
- Jeff asked if any new or returning members were attending tonight's meeting. Dick Huevelman, returning member was present at tonight's meeting. Dick owns a 1964 Corvair Convertible Monza. It is the Jeff and the membership welcomed Dick. Mentioned his Corvair was the first car he ever bought.

 Jeff mentioned the Chicago Sun Times had an article that the Klairmont Collection located in Chicago, will be closing and its inventory will be auctioned off my Mecum Auctions. Larry Claypool added the bidding preview will be September 13-14<sup>th</sup> with the auction September 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Treasurer's Report: Kevin Kloker

- Kevin reported that the usual VFW rental was paid at half price for July.
- Kevin paid \$35 for the CORSA Don Yenko award for the CORSA convention.
- Lin Parro paid the \$ 250 fee for the CCE picnic reservation to Pottawatomie Park.
- Kevin reported that there was a \$15.00 returned check fee. As reported in last board meeting minutes, this led to a discussion and an approved motion to authorize Charley to request payment for the returned check fee.
- Kevin moved \$500.00 from savings into the checking account for upcoming pizza night and awards banquet expenses.
- Kevin reported as of 7/31/25, there is \$15,931.87 in all accounts.

#### Airhorn Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley asked if anyone had not received their *Airhorn*. No one mentioned that they did not.
- Charley mentioned that the *Airhorn* was 12 pages with pictures of the IRM Event with articles on the IRM day and an article on Steam Locomotives from John DiProva.
- Paul Polster's director's article was on his Ultra-Van.

#### Membership Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley reported that we have 121 members.
- Charley will send out 2026 membership renewals in November. Dues will be accepted December 2025 to March 2026.

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

- Larry reported that information on CORSA elections will be in next moths CORSA Communique.
- Larry reported that in October, some of the CORSA Directors will be going to Gettysburg, PA for the directors preview of the 2026 Corsa convention.
- Larry also reported that the site for the 2027 CORSA convention will be in Franklin, Tennessee, which is a little south of Nashville, Tennessee. The host hotel will be the Embassy Suites, which was an excellent host hotel for the recent 2025 CORSA convention.
- More details and updates to come.

#### Library Report: Diane Johnson

- Diane reported that Jeff Wentz returned the book titled Lifemobile book that he checked out.
- John DiProva asked Diane for the book and will return it to the library when he is done reading it.
- Diane encouraged members to make an appointment to come to the library which is located in the Johnson's garage.

## Social Media: Shelly Claypool

• Shelly asked members to post pictures of their cars on the CCE Facebook page.

• She will use various pictures for the Facebook page cover picture.

#### **Special Reports or Announcements:**

- Larry thanked everyone who volunteered and participated in the Illinois Railway Museum
- Transport Extravaganza Car show registration team. Larry reported there were 475 cars present. He thanked everyone for a job well done.

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

- In Lin's absence, Larry reported talking to Lin earlier before the meeting.
- Lin and Kirk are having a great time. Kirk sounds great and said he is feeling great. They both told Larry to say hello to everyone.
- Larry mentioned that Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> is the 2025 Geneva Concours d'Elegance in downtown St Charles, ill. The show is from 10:00 4:00 and it is a free show to attend.
- Dee Dee Dickinson discussed the Sunday September 21st Fall Tour.
  - 0 We will meet at the Lake Forest Oasis on I-94 (time to be finalized).
  - 0 Tour of the SC Johnson Headquarters buildings.
  - 0 Lunch at the Douglas Avenue Diner.
  - 0 Tour of Wingspread.
  - 0 Tour of the Firehouse 3 Museum.
  - 0 Dinner at Reefpoint Brewhouse right on the harbor overlooking Lake Michigan.
  - 0 All above is in and around Racing Wi.

#### **Old Business:**

• None to report.

#### **New Business:**

- Tonight began nominations for the 2026 board of Directors
- Charley began the nominations process
- Current board members eligible to carry over for 2026 Board of Directors
  - o John DiProva accepted to carry over if re-elected
  - o Lin Parro accepted to carry over if re-elected (Lin was absent but previously accepted)
  - o Jeff Wentz Declined to carry over
- The Following members were nominated for the 2026 Board of Directors
  - o Joe Falbo Accepted
  - o Liam Coyne Accepted
  - o Mike Shiera Accepted
  - o Jane Horak declined
  - o Mike Charewicz declined
  - o Mike McGowan declined
  - o Iim Sikora declined
- A motion was made to close the nominations for August  $20^{\text{th}}$ 
  - o **Motion by**: Larry Claypool
  - o Seconded by: Fread Castro
  - o The Nominations process will continue at the September General Meeting.

#### Adjourn:

• Motion by: Paul Polster, Seconded by: John DiProva, Time: 8:00 PM

# **Membership Report**

Charley Biddle

#### **New Members:**

(none)

Birthdays for 10/1 thru 10/31 are: 10/9—Ray Dyreson; 10/10—Dee Dee Dickinson; 10/11—Jeffrey Wentz; 10/14—Pat Carroll, Ivan Lundin; 10/16—Neil Gambow, Kathy Jensen; 10/17—Harry Jensen; 10/19—Connor Powers, Sandy Stricker; 10/23—Richard Heuvelman, Ron Hirsch; 10/25—Jane Horak; 10/27—Nasser Ghazaleh; 10/31—Steven Pokrajac.

Anniversaries for 10/1 thru 10/31 are: 10/3—Fred & Jean Bachrodt; 10/4—Paul & Joyce Quattrocki; 10/10—Pat & Cathy Carroll; 10/23—Jim & Marcia Sikora; 10/31—Steven & Cindy Pokrajac.

**Numbers:** CCE has 41 Active members, 61 Family members, 8 Honorary members.

# **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin Kloker

08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025

Firth Tillia bank Checking Account			
	Debit	Credit	<b>Balance</b>
08/01 Beginning Balance			665.89
08/14 Deposit - 2205 Membe	erships	126.00	
08/14 Bank Adjustment - Retu	urned		
Check	64.00		
08/15 Transfer from Savings		500.00	
08/21 Deposit – Same Check		64.00	
08/25 Bank Adjustment - Returned			
Same Check	64.00		
08/26 VFW Rent – August	200.00		

#### 08/31 Ending Balance

1,027.89

#### Vanguard Savings Account

00/04 D D .	Debit	Credit Balance
08/01 Beginning Balance		15,265.98
08/14 Transfer to Checki	ng 500.00	=====
08/29 Dividend		53.58
08/31 Ending Balance		14,819.56

# 08/31 Total All Accounts

14,819.56 ———— 15,847.45

#### **Treasurer's Notes**

The "\$64 question" is will this check go through? The two "adjustments" above are bank problems, stay tuned for my September report to see how this concludes.



# **Activities and Events**

Lin Parro

#### 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.

Also on the agenda is the continuation of Board of Directors nominations.

#### Sunday, September 21st, Fall Tour-Racine, WI

The plan is to spend the day in Racine visiting the following attractions:

- SC Johnson Campus Tour a feature on the tour will be the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Administration Building.
- Frank Lloyd Wright's Wingspread designed for third-generation SC Johnson leader Herbert F. Johnson, Jr. in 1937.

Refer to the article in last month's *Airhorn* for details.

#### October

General Meeting: Election night for Board of Directors..

#### November

General Meeting: Turkey Raffle

**Sa-Su, November 22–23, MCACN** (Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals)

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL

Open to the public: Sat – 10 AM–8 PM; Sun – 10 AM–5 PM.

Ticket purchase: \$45/adult at the door for single day tickets; pre-order online \$40 single day/\$80 weekend. Children 12 and under free. Deadline to pre-order: Friday, November 20th..

This is a phenomenal event. As part of this extensive show, there will be an exhibit for Corvair Racing! Over 550 prime Muscle Cars, Dealer-built Supercars and Corvettes on display, truly the country's very best and rarest. Entrants come in from many different states and several countries including many from private collections, rarely, if ever shown to the public! Go to website mcacn.com for more information and to pre-order tickets.

# Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Day, VFW Flag Line, 8-10 AM.

If you would like to participate need to arrive around 8–8:30 AM. Recruits arrive around 9–9:30 AM. Bring your own flag if you have one. If not the VFW can provide a flag for you.

#### December

**General Holiday Meeting**: This meeting will be a quick business portion followed by socializing and wishing good cheer.

CCE Holiday Party: Date and details to be determined.

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 <a href="mailto:lindaparro@gmail.com">lindaparro@gmail.com</a>.

Thanks everyone!

# **CCE Elections 2026**

Charley Biddle

Election Process: Elections of members to the 2026 CCE board of directors are coming up. Beginning in August and continuing into September, we nominate members to serve on the next year's board of directors.

CCE does not elect specific individuals to be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Director at Large.



Instead, five members are elected in general to be on the board. At the first board meeting after the election, the board members decide amongst themselves who will serve as those specific officers.

Ballot Categories: The ballot will contain two categories.

- One will be the list of incumbent board members who have agreed to run for second terms. Members will be directed to vote for no more than two candidates in this category.
- The second will be the list of non-board members nominated by the general membership at the August and September general membership meetings. Members will be directed to vote for three candidates in this category.

**Ballots:** The election ballots will be sent to paid up members with Individual or Family memberships about a week and a half before the October CCE meeting. Ballots can be mailed to the address on the ballot or brought to the October CCE meeting. Mailed ballots must be mailed such that they are delivered in the mail delivery of the day of the October CCE meeting.

The ballots will be counted at the mid-meeting break, with the results announced after the break.

The new board takes office at the November board of directors meeting.

**Current Board:** The CCE board currently consists of the following members:

- Jeff Wentz, President (First term)
- Paul Polster, Vice President (Second term)
- John DiProva, Secretary (First term)
- Kevin Kloker, Treasurer (Second term)
- Lin Parro, Director at Large (First term)

**Eligibility:** According to the CCE Constitution, of these current board members, only those who are not currently serving their second consecutive term are eligible to run again.

On this board, Paul Polster and Kevin Kloker have served two consecutive elected terms (2024/2025) and thus will be not placed on the ballot.

**Automatically Nominated:** Jeff Wentz, John DiProva and Lin Parro are on their first terms and are automatically nominated, however only two of them can be elected to serve a second term. However, Jeff Wentz has declined to be nominated for a new term on the board. That leaves John DiProva and Lin Parro alone in ths category.

**New Directors:** Three new directors are to be elected, nominated from the general membership.

#### New Director Results from August CCE Meeting:

The following non-board members were nominated and accepted nomination: Liam Coyne, Joe Falbo and Mike Schiera.

The following members were proposed for nomination: Mike Charewicz, Mike McGowan, Jane Horak and Jim Sikora, but declined nomination.

**Ballot Status:** Technically, with two current board members continuing and three new board members nominated, the ballot is full. However, there is no contest with this ballot. We will still open nominations in September, to accept new nominations.

**Ballot Deliveries:** The ballots will be mailed to paid up Individual and Family members a week or so before the October general meeting, generally in the *Airhorn*. Members who receive digital copies of the *Airhorn* will receive separate printed ballots in the mail. No ballots will be included in the digital *Airhorns*. Ballots are sent out only to active dues paying members. Individual memberships will receive one ballot. Family memberships, representing a member and a spouse/partner, will receive two ballots. Honorary and Complementary memberships do not participate in board of directors voting.

**Counting Ballots:** The ballots will be collected and counted at the October CCE meeting. The results will be announced after the midmeeting break.

New Board and November: The five newly elected directors will attend the November board of directors meeting. At that meeting, they will decide among themselves who will serve as President. That President will then select who will serve as Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The remaining director will serve as Director at Large.

The new board will participate in a joint November board meeting with the old board. The new board will officially introduced take office at the November general membership meeting.



# **Candidate Statement**

John DiProva

My name is John DiProva



Thank you for the privilege to serve on the board this past year as your Secretary. I have enjoyed being a member of the 2025 board. I enjoyed the club outings and events that I was able to attend and have many fun memories and pictures of events attended.

If you feel that I did an acceptable job as your secretary and if you feel I earned the privilege of a second term on the 2026 Board of the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts. I would sincerely appreciate your vote. Thank you for your support.

# **Candidate Statement**

Lin Parro

Hi all, Lin Parro here



As most of you know, and for those who are a bit unfamiliar, I am the club's Activities Coordinator. And what you all may not know is that I have served several times on the Board of Directors. The first time I was Director at Large, second as Treasurer, and present as Director at Large.

I was the Committee Chairperson for the Hospitality Room for both 2001 and 2019 CORSA Conventions (in 2019 handling the Raffles were also my responsibility). And for a few years headed up the Historical Committee (which I would eventually, if possible, like to bring back).

I married into the club and officially became a member in July of 1995. For the past 30 years I enjoyed the opportunity of making wonderful friends. So, with that, and the spirit of keeping this Club going, I would like to be re-elected to finish out my term on the Board of Directors.

Thank you.

## **Candidate Statement**

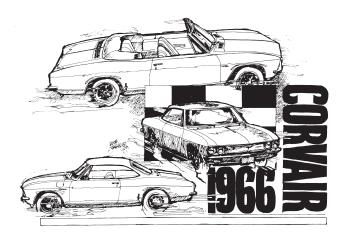
Mike Schiera



Hello, my name is Mike Schiera, for those of you that don't know me that well. My parents joined CCE in 1971 and I was born August of 1976, so I can say that I was born into CCE literally. In the early 1980's my parents held BOD meetings at their house and that's when we used to put together the *Airhorn* then mail it out the next day. They held the show committee meetings at their house on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

My first time serving on the BOD was back in 1999, I was a young kid back then and I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into so That's why I choose to serve one year only. My second time was back in 2015 to 2016. I was the BOD at Large/Secretary. If I am elected this time, I plan to serve the full two-year term. Now that I know what to expect. I am always welling to help CCE any way I can. Whoever nominated me thank you very much, and I will do my very best to keep CCE moving forward vote for me thank you all...

-Mike



# **Classified Ad**

For Sale: 1962 Corvair 700 Club Coupe VIN 207270161610: 102 HP Hi-Performance, 4 speed. Light blue/white interior. Factory A/C. Upgrades include new tires, electric fuel pump, electronic ignition, and dual master brake cylinder. Very good condition. (see picture) \$14,500 OBO Connie Swenson, or David Kiefer (IL) 815 222 5786 [submitted 2025-06]



# **Classified Ad**

For Free: 1964 Corvair tranaxle, four-speed transmission, unknown final differential ratio. Trans covers are off but are included. Dif cover missing. Painted lime green. Not stored outdoors. 1964 transaxle is unique in that it has the mounting pad under the differential for the 1964-only transleaf spring. Free to anyone who wants it. See pictures. Michael Izydorski, michaelizydorski@gmail.com, (847) 274-3652. [submitted 2025-09]



