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July 15 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00

The July 15 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.**

August 12 CCE Board of Directors Meeting at Manny's Ale House

The August 12 board meeting will be held at Manny's Ale House, 683 St Charles Road, Elmhurst. **Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.** **New start time.** All members are welcome. Come at 6:30 and eat dinner.

From the President

Lin Parro

My Week in Gettysburg, PA

As we all know the 2026 CORSA Convention was in Gettysburg, PA, 6/22–6/26/2026. (I believe the last convention Kirk and I attended was the 2019 convention hosted by CCE). So, I was really looking forward to attending this convention.

Kirk and I hit the road around 8a on Sunday, 6/21, driving my '69 Monza convert hauling our little trailer. We arrived, without incident, at the host hotel, Wyndam-Gettysburg, around 11 PM (Eastern time). When walking into the hotel, what is sitting in the lobby but Astronaut John Glenn's 1964 Monza convertible with air conditioning. HOW COOL IS THAT!!

Monday, let the convention begin! The only events that Kirk and I participate in are Rally, Econo- Run and a tour. So, for the remainder of the week we were free to do whatever we wanted.

Tuesday, we went on the Battlefield Bus Tour, of course it was raining. Those involved with Concourse were not happy campers, having to do finishing touches on their vehicles and be judged in the rain. The rain stopped about mid-afternoon. That evening went into Gettysburg for dinner at the Dobbin House. Suppose to be haunted-the verdict is still out. Haunted, not haunted, they served the best French Onion Soup I have ever tasted.

Wednesday was Rally day. Beautiful day, no rain. I was supposed to be Kirk's navigator, but I gave that position to Liam Coyne since this was his first convention. So, Kirk, Liam and his brother, James, did the Rally in the Touring class. While they were doing that, Jeff Kamin, Jane Horak, and I went into Gettysburg to roam around. While looking at various shops, we stopped into two shops, owned by the same person, one store front sold various Christmas ornaments and items, the other sold various chocolate candies. All items from both stores were from Germany. Then went back to the Dobbin House for lunch, we had, of course, French Onion Soup. We returned to the hotel, touched base and then regrouped for dinner. We went to a restaurant called Hoss's. It was on the lines of a Ponderosa or Bonanza from back in the day. I ordered the salad bar which was spectacular!

Thursday, beautiful day-no rain. Another free day for us. So, Kirk, Jane Horak, John DiProva and I went back to Gettysburg. We went to the chocolate shop and then into another shop for a Bourbon tasting along with a hard seltzer tasting. We left Gettysburg this day with chocolate and Bourbon. We took a little side trip to the Battlefield and went to the top of Little Round Top that overlooked a major battle area that took place. We returned to the hotel in time for Happy Hour in the bar. As usual our group started growing so more tables were added. Dinner ended up being a bunch of appetizers and beverages of choice.

Friday was Econo Run, Banquet and last day of the convention. It rained in the morning ending in time for the Econo Run. Whoever put this route together did a fantastic job. It was terrific. A section of the route was REALLY winding, twisty and going downhill. I was squealing slow down as we were coasting. Even though we were only coasting at 20 mph, it felt like fifty. As a driver, you are having a fun time driving but have no idea what the navigator is experiencing. Since we were not going to the banquet, we joined in the cocktail hour and left before dinner. We returned for the trophy presentations to find out that Kirk and other CCE members received trophies.

Throughout the week we roamed the hotel seeing what was going on outside, visited the hospitality room, perused and purchased items in the indoor vendor room, figure out what to do for the day, catch up with people to see what they were doing for



the day. Every evening after returning from somewhere, you would eventually join a few CCE members sitting and sharing beverages of choice, having good conversations, discussing how you did in an event, and lots of laughing. Never know where you would land, you could be congregating in a parking space in the parking lot or on the balcony. On occasion a few attendees from other clubs would pull up a chair or someone would invite whoever may be walking by.

Saturday, we left for Pittsburgh.

Overall, this was the best convention that I have attended in a long time. I am looking forward to next year's convention... see you in Franklin, TN.

From the Director

Mike Schiera

Hello everyone, and once again it's my turn to write an article for the July *Airhorn*. A few years ago, I was helping some good friends of mine, the Felbingers, move out of their house in Lombard Illinois. They are also longtime CCE members. Well, at the time their son Paul stayed behind in the house in Lombard along with his sister Stephanie, while their parents are living in NC. Me and Paul are good friends and so Paul texted me one day and asked if I could come over during a weekend to help him sort everything out. So, I did and it was hard work but fun at the same time. This lasted many weekends. I would arrive on Saturday mid-morning and we would get to work going through stuff and there was a lot of stuff to sort through, and it made me think twice about moving myself.



So, during this Saturday the both of us would be working for several hours then we would stop for a late lunch or an early dinner. He would ask me what Corvair we should we take to lunch? Well, I had three to choose from: Stephanie's 62 two door coupe, or a 65 four door or Paul's 66 two door coupe. Paul told me we can't take the 66 because it has not been running for about a year or so. I said ok fine. So, we took the 62 out to lunch. After lunch we did not go straight home oh no we did a little site seeing. Paul was showing me around Lombard where he went to school and just giving me a tour of the neighborhood.

The second weekend and a few more weekends after that I came over around the same time, and we would work until we got hungry. Paul then asks me what car do you want to take? I said the 65. So, we took that out for our lunch and again after lunch we drove around for a while just to take a break. Also, it was fun just cruising around like a couple of teenagers. Then we headed back to the house to do a little more work until when we just had enough. I then left for home until the next weekend when we do it all over again.

Next weekend is here and so Saturday morning I arrived and we moved more stuff out and kept things that were good and had a few piles going at this time. Good, donate, and trash. We then worked till about 2 or 3 PM. So anyways we had one car left that we have not taken for or lunch\ dinner break. Paul's 66 coupe. I remembered what Paul said to me a few weeks back. It has not been running for about a year. So, I asked Paul should we get it going? He was unsure at the time, but he agreed yeah let's get it going, I then gave the car a once check over before we did anything. I checked the master CYL and that was half full and asked Paul if he had extra brake fluid and he did not have any. Well, we were still safe because the master was half full. I could not tell how old the gas was in the tank; I am guessing it was a year old or so. I then checked the oil that was low, so Luckily Paul had a quart of oil handy in the engine compartment, so he poured that in to bring the oil level up to the full mark on the dipstick. Then I asked Paul for a tire gauge he did not have one handy, nor did we have an air compressor to add air in the tires. But the tires looked ok to me. Now it's time for the moment of truth. I then took off the air cleaner cross over off the carbs to see if we are getting gas and also see if the automatic chokes are in the closed position when we attempted to start it. Before I had Paul start the engine, I then gave him a few instructions of what he needed to do. I told him to crank the engine over for five seconds then after it cranked for five seconds stop then pump the gas pedal three times and then crank the engine for another five seconds, I then said to do that at least three maybe four times and it should start up. Well, after the third attempt the engine was running. So, then I installed the air cleaner crossover, and we checked the turn signals then we took his car to lunch. During lunch I asked Paul if I could drive his car? Since I never got to drive a LM Corvair before. He said sure so; I got to drive his 66 Corvair. It was so cool that he let me drive his car. So, after our lunch\ dinner break with me behind the wheel, we once again went on for a little joy ride then headed back home to just hangout for an hour before I went home.

I think after many weekends of helping Paul out with moving it built a strong friendship between us and we became close even thou we're live far apart.

—Mike

From the Editor

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from your Humble Editor—

Different Look For This *Airhorn*: This month's *Airhorn* looks different than what you have been receiving. Hopefully, this will be temporary. The computer that I have been using to format the layout for the *Airhorn* experienced overheating, partially damaging it internally. This is a separate computer I put together about seventeen years ago. It has been working, until the morning of Saturday, July 13. As of that date, I was unable to complete the June *Airhorn*.

I had built an issue of the June *Airhorn* that I labeled "Under Construction" when presented at the June 10 board meeting. Due to the computer problems, I was unable to complete the June *Airhorn*. Normally, I would finish the *Airhorn* in the days after the board meeting and send it out to all members.

I sent out the incomplete Under Construction June *Airhorn* to the 111 members who receive the *Airhorn* in PDF form. Sending out an *Airhorn* by email does not cost anything. I did not send printed copies to the 21 members who signed up to receive the *Airhorn* in postal mailed printed form. I was hoping to have fixed the computer problems in a day or so, so I saw no reason to spend the postage if I was going to fix the problems in a day or so, but that was not to be.

I edit the articles for the *Airhorn* on an old Dell laptop, running Windows XP and Word 97. This is quite sufficient for editing articles for the *Airhorn*. Once all the articles are edited (spell checked, name checked, grammar checked) and I have assigned Word styles and fonts to all paragraphs, I copy them to a USB flash drive. I move the flash drive to another Dell laptop where I have the *Airhorn* layout software. This software is open source, which means I have access to the computer programming source code of the layout program. It is free, no cost, no licensing fees. It does not cost me or CCE anything.

It is supported by a programming group mainly based in Germany. They got tired of paying Adobe for its pricey PageMaker/InDesign software, so they built and released their own version. They do not charge for it. With the source code released to the world, anybody (including me) can join in and improve the software. I found that whoever wrote the component that read Word documents did not know what they were doing. It did not work if you had commonly used bold or italic fonts. I analyzed what they had, threw it away, and wrote my own that worked. I also included the ability to pick up the names of Word paragraph styles and pass them onto the rest of the program. The layout program uses styles for formatting paragraphs in the documents it lays out on the page. With my corrections and enhancements, I am able to build *Airhorn* articles using Word styles to direct the formatting of paragraphs and have those directions pass directly on to the layout program. Works like a million bucks and does not cost us (CCE) any of them.

Once I have finished editing articles on the Windows XP Word 97 program and saved them to a USB drive, I move the USB drive to the other Dell laptop that contains the layout software. That computer runs an old version of Linux, which was current back when I put that system together. I then import the articles into the layout software and position them on the pages that will become the *Airhorn* that members are familiar with.

Once the issue of the *Airhorn* is laid out and all the articles are positioned on the pages, I use the layout program to generate a PDF of that issue of the *Airhorn*. I save that PDF on the USB flash drive where the original articles were saved from Word 97. I move the USB drive back to the first Dell laptop where I had edited the articles in the first place. I save the PDF where I can find it on yet another computer where I can email the PDF to members who get the *Airhorn* in digital PDF form and where I have the four color printer where I print copies of the *Airhorn* for those members who want the *Airhorn* in printed paper form.

This is how it is supposed to work.

While moving edited articles on a USB drive from the Dell laptop where they are edited, to the Dell laptop where the *Airhorn* layout software resides, the second Dell laptop refused to acknowledge the USB drive. It acted as if it was not plugged in. It did not recognize any other USB drive that I tested with. This meant that I could not move any more edited articles into the Dell laptop where the layout software resided and I could not get any finished *Airhorns* out of it. I noticed the *Airhorn* Dell laptop was very hot to touch. Dells normally run warm, but this was too much. I position my Dell laptops on cooling pads, which have fans in them to cool the undersides of whatever laptops are above them. Later, I discovered the fans in the cooling pad under the *Airhorn* laptop had failed. The outside temperature was in the upper 90's. I have air conditioning in the room with my computers, but at 90+ degrees it does not help a lot.

I was able to boot the *Airhorn* Dell from a USB Ubuntu Linux live iso. This means the computer runs off of the flash drive and bypasses the computer's internal hard drive. Under the live Ubuntu, I was able to access the *Airhorn* Dell's USB ports. This means the problem was not in the computer's mother board but in the internal hard drive. It seems that part of the data on that hard drive is compromised. The drivers for USB and WiFi were damaged.

While under the Ubuntu live system, I was able to copy out the *Airhorn* layout software and the *Airhorn* data to a fresh USB drive. I moved them to another Linux based computer (I have several). I am currently trying to make it all work on that computer. There are pieces of supporting software (libraries, fonts and configuration files) that are not on the target computer. I am finding them one at a time as I try to execute the *Airhorn* layout software on the target computer. I have it sort of working, but there are still missing pieces that I have to go back to the original *Airhorn* Dell laptop and attempt to copy them out.

I was hoping to have it all completed in time to create the July *Airhorn*. Instead, I am taking the edited *Airhorn* articles I have for July and making a big Word document. I will convert that document into a PDF that I can deliver to the membership. At least members will have meeting minutes and upcoming announcements of events.

On July 8, the day of the July CCE board meeting, I will be going to the Detroit Area Corvair Club Homecoming event. I will not be at the July board meeting. I plan on getting this *Airhorn* out to members before I leave. I will continue to work on getting the *Airhorn* layout software working on a different computer, once I return from Detroit.

There was some discussion at the June CCE meeting about having the club simply buy me a new computer for the *Airhorn*. That is not feasible. It would require extensive customization, since new computers come with Windows 11 and I run Linux. I have modified the layout software to make it work for what I do. A new computer would require me to redo all of the customizing I need for *Airhorn* production. It is easier to use a computer that already has Linux on it.

Another suggestion was to convert *Airhorn* production to Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft's answer to desk top publishing. That won't work for several reasons. I would have to totally regenerate the styles and templates I currently use to fit whatever is in Publisher. Secondly, Publisher is part of Microsoft 365, which runs under Windows 11. I currently don't have a computer that is capable of running Windows 11. As such, it requires a perpetual license. Lastly, Microsoft is discontinuing Publisher, which means it is no longer part of Microsoft 365, so I cannot get it even if I wanted to.

I think the easiest way to get from Pont A to Point B is to migrate the existing software I have to a later release of Linux on a computer I already have.

Thought: "No matter what the meeting is about, just chime in randomly with "It's really about finding that balance," and people will always agree with you." — Anonymous

Thought: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." — Proverbs 17-22

Board Meeting Minutes

Mike Schiera

Date: June 10th, 2026

Location: Manny's Ale House, Elmhurst, IL

Start time: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Board members present at meeting start:

President: Lin Parro, **Vice President:** John DiProva, **Treasurer:** Liam Coyne, **Secretary:** Joe Falbo, **Director at Large:** Mike Schiera.

Absent: Joe Falbo.

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

Absent: Diane Johnson.

Other Members Present: Kirk Parro, Jane Horak.

Welcome from Lin Parro, Presiding Board member.

- Lin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report: Liam Coyne

- Liam reported as of June 1st our Fifth Third checking account beginning balance was **\$3604.71**
- Checking account ending balance was **\$1054.71**
- For our Vanguard savings account the beginning balance was **\$13664.50**
- Ending balance is **\$16208.87**
- **Total for all accounts \$17,263.58**
- See Liam's Treasurer's Report for details.

***Airhorn* Report: Charley Biddle**

- Charley handed out under construction copies of the *Airhorn*.
- He is working to resize all articles to get the final version complete.
- No questions at this time.
- Charley did mention the ink cartridges are from China and only has one new set left.

Membership Report: Charley Biddle

- Charley reported there are 129 members, 48 individuals and 8 Honorary members.
- Charley mentioned that he is still working on a software database for Dee Dee.

Library Report: Diane Johnson

- Diane was absent.

Special Reports or Announcements:

- None.

Activities: Lin Parro

- Our Annual Parking Lot Beauty Contest will be at the June 17th general meeting.
- Please arrive around 6 PM to register your vehicle, Vote for your favorites, we will tally up scores during break. Awards will be given out and winners will have bragging rights for the year.
- Convention caravan signup sheets available at general meeting.
- The drive to the convention will be 12 hours long depending on fuel and restroom stops.
- John DiProva asked a question about the EZ Pass sticker, if there are any issues along the way to the convention.

- Lin also mentioned listings of car shows and cruise nights.
- Lin also said the AACA car club has an upcoming show, see Jim Sikora for details.
- September is the Members Appreciation night Meeting with awards and Pizza to follow.

Old Business:

- None to report.

New Business:

- Lin reported Dawn Castro will have volunteer sign up flyers for the upcoming Illinois Railway Museum transportation extravaganza Car Show in Union IL.
- Lin suggested the board meetings begin at 7:00 PM as we all arrive earlier for dinner. the board agreed and future Board meetings will begin at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

- Motion by: Mike Schiera, seconded by: John DiProva, time: 7:32 PM

General Meeting Minutes

Joe Falbo

Date: June 17th, 2026

Location: VFW Hall Villa Park

Start time: 7:09 PM

Roll Call: Board members present at meeting start:

President: Lin Parro, **Vice President:** John DiProva, **Treasurer:** Liam Coyne, **Secretary:** Joe Falbo, **Director at Large:** Mike Schiera,

Absent: None.

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

Welcome from Presiding Board Member:

- Lin Parro called the meeting to order welcoming everyone.
- Lin asked if there were any new attendees or members present.
- Due to weather, June parking lot car show was postponed until July general meeting.
- Lin asked for approval of last month's meeting minutes – Paul Polster and Jane Horak offered approval of last month's meeting minutes.
- Lin shared her exploration of items invented in Illinois, to include; The Dishwasher, The Zipper, Cell phones, and the Twinkie. Car related Inventions in Illinois include the car radio by Galvin Industries, which is now Motorola. The first American gas-powered automobile built by brothers Charles and Frank Duryea in 1893, entered the first U.S. Auto race in the **Chicago Times-Herald race**, a 54-mile contest from Chicago to Evanston and back. On a snowy Thanksgiving Day 1895, Frank Duryea won, beating the nearest competition by 75 minutes. Chicago based African American inventor Richard B. Spikes received a patent for improving the **automatic gear shift device** based on automatic transmission for automobiles in 1932. Lastly, the Palmer house in Chicago is credited to have invented the Brownie.

Treasurer's Report: Liam Coyne

- **Fifth third Checking account**
 - Beginning Balance for 5/01/26 3,604.71
 - Ending balance; 1054.71
- **Vanguard Savings account**
 - Beginning Balance; 13,664.50
 - Ending Balance: 16,208.87
- **Total All Accounts: 17, 263.58**

***Airhorn* Report: Charley Biddle**

- Charley noted that the *Airhorn* had a few blank sections due to an issue with the hard drive and is working on correcting the issue and reissuing a new *Airhorn* once fixed.
- A new computer and additional backup hard drives discussed by various members and Charley added the pros and cons with certain solutions suggested. Nevertheless, Charley is hard at work to rectify the issue.

Membership Report: Charley Biddle

- We have 129 members. No new Members.
- See Charley's membership report for details.

CORSA News: Larry Claypoo

- Absent.

Kirk Parro added this info given to him by Larry.

- CORSA Convention to start the following Monday, here are some numbers at this time;
 - 545 people registered, 17 entered for the COLE competition. 80 cars in the Concourse, 28 cars in the car show, 38 cars in the Valve Cover race, 58 Indoor vendors. Outdoor swap meet has 20 vendors. 330 for the Banquet. 76 in the Rally, 48 for Autocross, 49 for the Economy run. Lastly 138 for opening Car show.

- See Larry's CORSA report for (hopefully) more details of the convention.

Social Media: Shelly Claypool – absent

- Nothing new to report.

Library Report: Diane Johnson

- Diane reported that the library continues to be stored and the Johnson residence garage and nothing new to report.
- Diane has brought in duplicates of three decades of *Airhorn* copies for members attending this meeting to take for free.
- Diane reported as of May 20th the website for CCE apparel is open again. Please check out the online store and see what is available for order. Diane will follow up regarding any issues with online availability.
- See Diane's Library report for more details.

Special Reports or Announcements:

- Lin noted that there were sign-up sheets for people to caravan to the 2026 CORSA convention.
- Any interested parties asked to add their name and number as people can contact one another to make arrangements for the Convention.
- Brad Adcock and Lynda Neuner kindly volunteered to take the CCE banner to the CORSA Convention and will pick it up from Diane and Ray Johnson.

Activities: Lin Parro

- Tonight was supposed to be the Parking Lot Beauty Contest car show but was postponed due to weather. It is rescheduled for the July general meeting. Please try to arrive by 6 PM to register to win bragging rights for the year.
- July 9th – 11th is the Detroit Corvair Homecoming.
- July 19th AACA Car Show in Carpenters Park – Carpentersville IL.
- Based on cars "as delivered from the dealer" See Jim Sikora for details.
- *August general meeting we will begin the 2027 board of Directors nominations.* Please attend if you can get your nominations in.
- August 2nd Illinois Railway Museum – Recommendation for those who are going to attend, please arrive at 7-7:30 AM.
- August 16th CCE Picnic at Pottawatomie Park at River Pavilion; Grill starts at 11:00 AM, Picnic at 12 Noon.
- August 23rd 2026 Geneva Concours d'Elegance starts at 10:00 AM.
- *September general meeting* is Member Appreciation Awards pizza night and continuation of 2027 Board nominations.
- September 13th Fall tour – TBD SC Johnson – Wingspread.
- See Lin's activities report for more upcoming activities.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Diane advised members attending the CORSA Banquet to contact her regarding banquet group seating requests.

Adjournment:

- Motion by: John DiProva, Seconded by: Kirk Parro, **Time: 7:52 PM.**

Treasurer's Report

Liam Coyne

06/01/2026 – 06/30/2026

Fifth Third Bank Checking Account

	Debit	Credit	Balance
06/1 Beginning Balance			1,054.71
06/3 VFW Rent check	200.00		
06/30 Ending Balance			854.71

Vanguard Savings Account

	Debit	Credit	Balance
06/1 Beginning Balance			16,208.87
06/30 Dividend		47.58	
06/30 Ending Balance			16,256.45
06/30 Total All Accounts			17,111.16

Membership Report

Charley Biddle

New Members:

(none)

Corrected Phone Number:

Greg Lehman

(847) 833-1605 (cell)

Birthdays for 8/1 thru 8/31 are: 8/5—Ed Thompson; 8/8—Mike Schiera; 8/10—Eileen Cermak; 8/11—Maureen Burns, Kurt Mueller, Jeanette Short; 8/13—Renee Schiera; 8/14—Alan Morgan; 8/17—Greg Richards, Anne Richards; 8/24—Monica Kowalewski; 8/28—Tim Ricordati; 8/29—Ernie Etheridge.

Anniversaries for 8/1 thru 8/31 are: 8/7—Brad & Connie Meeder; 8/9—Ray Morales Jr. & Jeannette Alberte, Stanley & Donna Naymola; 8/17—Ted & Pat Malo; 8/21—Jerry & Susan Malloy.

CCE Numbers: CCE has 46 Active members, 63 Family members, 8 Honorary members

Activities and Events

Lin Parro

July

General Meeting: Parking Lot Beauty Contest **Come early around 6 PM******

This is a members participation activity. Everyone who has a Corvair drives it to the meeting to form a small car show. Members 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. Categories are: 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.

Friday, July 24th, Meadows Cruise Night, 5–8 PM

Hosted by Meadows Christian Fellowship, 2401 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows, IL. See their Facebook page for information. Contact Kevin Kloker with any questions.

Sunday, July 19th, 75th Annual Car Show, 9 AM–2 PM

Carpenters Park, 300 Carpenter Blvd., Carpentersville IL hosted by the Illinois Region AACA.

Feature car: 75 years of AACA member cars. Judged cars must be 25 years or older (2001; display only, cars through 2023 and slightly modified are welcome. Awards will be given out at 1 PM. Advanced registration deadline is Wednesday, July 14th. Pre-registration fees: Judged \$20; Display only \$15. Day of Show: Judged \$30; Display only \$20. No entrance fee for visitors. Any questions contact Jim Sikora, Show Manager, at 708-691-9854 or jamessikora@att.net. Can also contact Bob Wenderski (registrar) at 847-226-7591 or bsw60045@comcast.net.

August

General Meeting: Board of Directors Nominations begin

Sunday, Aug 2nd, 35th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza, 730 AM–5 PM, Union, IL

Illinois Railway Museum (IRM), 7000 Olson Road, Union IL.

Vehicle drivers and all passengers in vehicle at time of entry will have free admission and train rides. CCE assists the volunteers of the museum in coordinating this event. CCE members, each year, are invited to volunteer to help run the gate and enjoy a free day visiting the car fields, museum and ride a few “rails” for the day. So, if you're looking for something to do with the kids/grandkids...this is the place to be.

Friday, Aug 7th and 21st, Meadows Cruise Night, 5–8 PM

Hosted by Meadows Christian Fellowship, 2401 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows, IL. See their Facebook page for information. Contact Kevin Kloker with any questions.

Sunday, Aug 16th, CCE Picnic, 12 Noon–closing, St. Charles, IL

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

Grill preparations will begin around 11 AM to be available for use by 12 Noon. Everyone brings their own food, cooking utensils, picnic paper goods. There will not be a potluck unless you want to coordinate 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. There are plenty of attractions and activities, go to the Park's website for information. All family and friends are welcome.

Sunday, August 23rd, 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

At this meeting the Board of Directors take the opportunity to thank the members of CCE for their support and awards are given 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, Sept 13th, Fall Tour—*Date may change*****

This event is before the General Meeting. Details TBA, but possibility of taking tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture at the SC Johnson business campus and Wingspread in Racine, WI.

Any Cruise Nights you want to add to Activities and Events calendar, please send me schedules, information, and make note if they are themed.

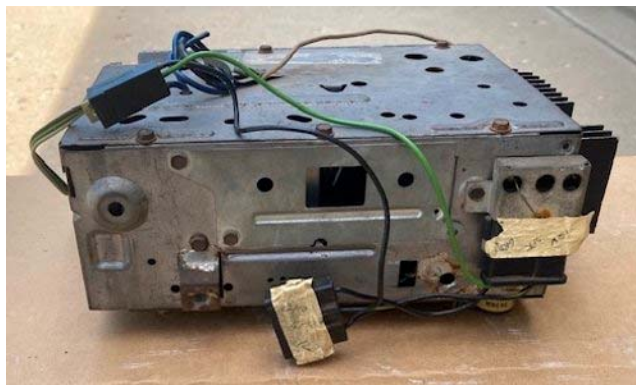
That's it for me, if you have any activity ideas for club outings, general meetings, or know of any non-CCE upcoming events, don't be shy...please send them my way to Lin Parro at (cell) 708-932-9966 (if texting, please identify yourself-thank you) or email to lindaparro@gmail.com.

Thanks everyone!

Classified Ad

For Sale: 1965 Corvair AM/FM Radio: Removed from 1965 Corsa after motor blew up in 1976. Saved in a box in the garage since then. Found it while cleaning out the garage. Label says 90 88118 model. No multiplexer. See pictures. Asking \$500. Contact Ralph Fleishman, ralphfleishman@gmail.com or (630) 817-0756 (text only). Addison, IL. [submitted 2026-07]

[Editor's Note: I have invited Ralph to attend our July 15 CCE meeting.]



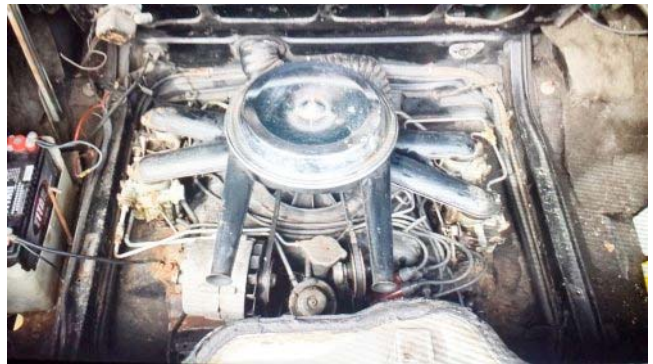
Classified Ad

For Sale: 1962 Corvair 700 Club Coupe VIN 207270161610: 102 HP Hi-Performance, 4 speed. Light blue/white interior. Factory A/C (not functioning). Upgrades include new tires, electric fuel pump, electronic ignition, and dual master brake cylinder. Very good condition. See picture. \$10,750 OBO, David Kiefer 815 222 1280, or Connie Swenson 815 222 5786 (IL) [Submitted 2026-04]



Classified Ad

For Sale: 1965 Corvair Corsa Needs a Good Home. Long time owner seeking a new home for his 65 Corvair Corsa. 140 hp, 4-speed, Original green paint in decent shape. No visible rust, just a bit of paint peel on driver door. Black interior needs cleaning, but upholstery is intact. 100,000 miles on odometer but few miles since engine rebuild in the past. Garage kept for 40 years,. Car ran well when last driven four years ago. Has owners manual and receipts from Larry Claypool from 1998, and gas tank was replaced about that time. Needs brake work and ignition points or electronic ignition. Car is currently in area of Northwestern University. Owners primary motivation is to find it a good home. See pictures. If interested, please call Jim Sampson at 773-294-7554. [Submitted 2026-06]





Activities Calendar

CCE Board

CCE SPONSORED OR RECOMMENDED EVENTS

July 8 – Board Meeting, 7:00 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.

July 9 – 11, – DACC Homecoming, Wyndom Garden, 2900 Jackson, Ann Arbor, MI. See detroitcorvairs.com/Homecomin2026html for more information and schedule of events.

July 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 and no later.**

July 19 – 75th Annual Car Show, 9 AM–2 PM, Carpenters Park, 300 Carpenter Blvd., Carpentersville IL hosted by the Illinois Region AACA. Feature car: 75 years of AACA member cars.

July 22– Articles are due for the August Airhorn.

Aug 2 – Illinois Railway Museum Vintage Transport Extravaganza, Union, IL, 8 AM–5 PM. CCE works the show car registration gate and gets free entry to the museum, to ride any and all trains running that day. CCE gets its own club parking/display area.

Aug 16 – CCE Picnic, 12 Noon–Closing, Pottawatomie Park, River Pavilion. 8 North Ave., St. Charles, IL. For details, see Activities and Events.

Aug 12– Board Meeting, 7:00 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.

Aug 19 – 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 and no later.** All members are welcome. Nominations open for candidates for election to the 2027 CCE Board of Directors.

August 23 – The Geneva Concours d'Elegance, 10 AM–4 PM. Located on Third Street in Geneva, IL. Visit website genevaconcours.net for any information.

Aug 26 – Articles are due for the September Airhorn. Candidate statements from nominated members will be accepted.

Sep 9– Board Meeting, 7:00 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.

Sep 16 – 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 and no later.** All members are welcome. Nominations continue for candidates for election to the 2027 CCE Board of Directors. Members Appreciation and Awards Pizza Night.

Sep 23 – Articles are due for the October Airhorn.

Oct 14– Board Meeting, 7:00 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. Ballots for the election of members to the 2027 CCE board of directors will be counted. The new board will be announced.

Oct 21 – 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 and no later.**

Oct 28 – Articles are due for the November *Airhorn*.

DOWN THE ROAD

Second Wednesday of the Month – CCE Board Meetings, 7:00 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. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts 7:00 PM. We have the room until 9:30, by when the room must be cleaned up and all of us out of there.

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**, 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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The monthly publication of CCE. Deadline for contributions is the 4th Wednesday of the month preceding the issue month. All articles and advertising should be mailed to the *Airhorn* Editor, Charley Biddle. Items can be e-mailed or sent direct mail. The *Airhorn* is mailed as a benefit of membership of CCE, and is also sent to most chapters of CORSA. All material is subject to editing.

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.

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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

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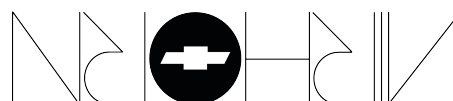
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35th ANNUAL VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA

Located at 7000 Olson Road, Union, Illinois,
5 miles off I-90 via Route 20, Marengo exit,
follow the Railway Museum signs.

Sunday, AUGUST 2, 2026

8:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM

\$15.00 OPEN TO VEHICLES 2006 AND OLDER \$15.00

Send \$15.00 per vehicle, check or money order, payable to "ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM."

Vehicle driver and all passengers in vehicle at the time of entry only will get free admission, including train rides (an \$18.00 value) valid only for the day of the show. Vehicle registration the day of the show will be \$20.00. Pre-register and save \$5.00 and time at the gate. Pre-registrations MUST be received by July 31 to be valid.

THE VINTAGE VEHICLE GATE CLOSES AT NOON, NO FREE TICKETS AFTER GATE CLOSES.



*****DISPLAY ONLY*** Dash Plaques
Awarded to first 500 arrivals.**

**For more information contact Larry Claypool,
(815) 603-8556 or vairshop@gmail.com
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ATTENTION: We request vehicles arrive before noon and remain until 4:00 PM. By submitting this application, applicant agrees to release Illinois Railway Museum and protect, indemnify and defend it from any and all claims for any losses, damages, or injuries whatsoever arising in whole or in part from operation, transportation, or display of applicant's vehicle. Said applicant and guest(s) also agree not to consume alcoholic beverages at the show.

For complete driving directions to the museum or additional information, go to www.irm.org

>>> EACH VEHICLE REQUIRES A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM!!! <<<

Oversize Vehicles: An oversize vehicle is any vehicle that would not fit in a nominally sized parking space. This includes large trucks, busses, tractors, some military vehicles and "other". If applicable, please indicate vehicle size below.



Cut and send with payment made payable to: IRM/VTE, P.O.Box 353, Newark, IL 60541.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ My EMail Address for 2027: _____

_____ OR CHECK HERE TO MAIL VIA USPS A 2027 REGISTRATION FORM

VEHICLE YEAR 2006 OR OLDER: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____

Assigned field parking is determined by the IRM (by vehicle manufacturer or you may park with a recognized club affiliation). Circle one:

AACA CAATS BCA MODEL T & A STUDE/PACKARD VCCA

If oversize vehicle, specify size: _____

IRM operates the Vintage Transport Extravaganza, rain or shine. Please note when pre-registering, neither refunds nor exchange for other tickets will be issued due to inclement weather the day of the event. **THANK YOU** for supporting us!

(For more information, see back side of flyer)

2026 IS THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF IRM'S VINTAGE TRANSPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA!

Special T-Shirt Production for this Anniversary! Please visit the IRM.ORG website for ordering and pick up instructions!

CHOOSE AN OPTION BELOW TO REGISTER FOR 2026:

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

- 1) Fill out the enclosed registration form and mail via USPS to P.O. Box 353, Newark, IL 60541, and include your check payment.
- 2) Pick up your windshield display and assigned parking lot cards on the day of the event at the registration tent. **They will NOT be mailed to you prior to the show.**
- 3) Additional blank registration forms can be downloaded from the IRM Website
 - a) Visit the website: IRM.ORG
 - b) See left side; select FEATURED EVENTS
 - c) Scroll down to, VINTAGE TRANSPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA
 - d) Click on VIEW DETAILS
 - e) Follow prompts to print form

ONLINE REGISTRATION

- 1) Visit the website: IRM.ORG
- 2) See left side; select FEATURED EVENTS
- 3) Scroll down to VINTAGE TRANSPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA
- 4) Click on VIEW DETAILS
- 5) Follow prompts to pay online
- 6) Pick up your windshield display and assigned parking lot cards on the day of the event at the registration tent. **They will NOT be mailed to you prior to the show.**

AT THE GATE ON AUGUST 2, 2026, YOU MAY PAY BY

- 1) Cash
- 2) Check
- 3) Credit Card

A NOTE REGARDING PARKING FIELDS FOR CAR CLUBS

- Long established car clubs (AACA, CAATS, Corvair, Buick Club of America, Model T&A, Studebaker Drivers Club, and VCCA) that have shown consistent, high participation in this event have been assigned specific fields for parking. On the Registration Form, if you are a current member of one of these clubs, check that box and this is where you will be parked.
- If your CLUB is NOT LISTED on the Registration Form, or you are not a member, you are parked in the appropriate Auto Manufacturer Field (GM, Ford, Imports, etc.).

What we can do to help:

- If you have a group and want to park near one another, we suggest coordinating with your fellow members to meet up before you arrive at the IRM. Maybe a breakfast place, truck stop, or empty parking lot nearby to use as your staging area. When your caravan arrives to IRM entry gate at the same time, we will make every effort to park your group together.

No Alcohol is permitted on IRM property

To the fullest extent permitted by law, **Participant** shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend **IRM**, and **IRM's** agents, employees, representatives, officers, directors, stockholders, members, managers and parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies (collectively "**IRM**" as used herein throughout) from and against any claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, in connection with, arising out of or resulting from participation in **IRM's** 35th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza on August 2, 2026 even for, and if caused in part by, any act, omission, negligence, or strict liability of **IRM**, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is related to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death or to injury to or destruction of tangible property to any party, including that of the **Participant**, their invitees, and guests, and regardless of whether or not caused in whole or in part by any act, omission, negligence, or strict liability of the **Participant**. The **Participant** agrees that the obligation described above specifically includes the obligation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless for the acts, omission, negligence, or strict liability of the **IRM**, excluding from the foregoing the sole fault of the **IRM** were prohibited by law.

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IRM IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE:

**The Illinois Railway Museum is
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Sunday, August 2, 2026

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