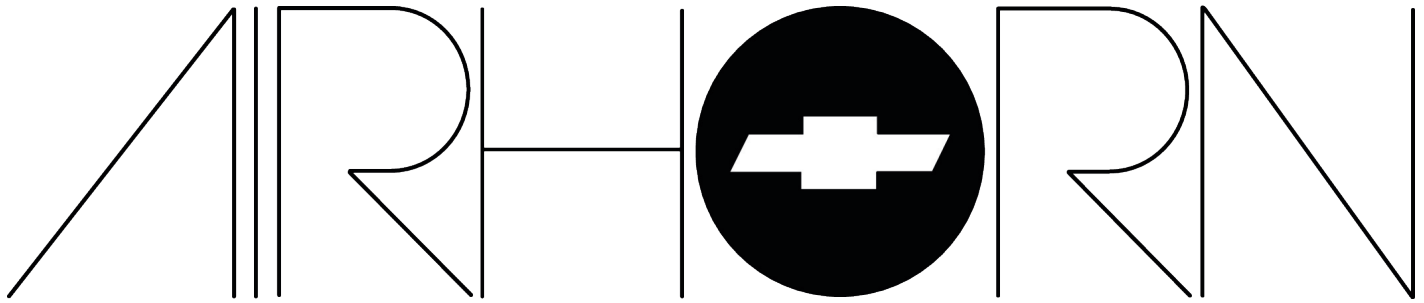




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### July 15 CCE Meeting at Villa Park VFW at 7:00

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 though we're live far apart.

—Mike

## From the Editor-Version Two

Charley Biddle

Ramblings from your Humble Editor—

**Version Two:** This is not the original *From the Editor* article that I wrote for the July CCE *Airhorn*.

While producing the June CCE *Airhorn*, the Dell laptop where I have the desk top publishing software that I use to format the *Airhorn*, overheated and no longer recognized USB flash drives. This computer did not share network hard drives with my other computers. The only way to get edited *Airhorn* articles into this computer and get finished *Airhorn* issues out of that computer, was to use USB flash drives to pass in articles and save finished *Airhorns*. Without the ability to pass in articles and get back finished *Airhorns*, I was not able to complete the June *Airhorn*. The USB drivers, the WiFi drivers and the Internet drivers were damaged from the overheating. The computer was essentially deaf, dumb and blind.

At the time the failure was discovered, I had created a single initial “Under Construction” issue of the June *Airhorn*. This was an initial attempt at the June *Airhorn* for distribution at the June 8 board meeting. Most club business articles were included, but a number of articles and most pictures were left out. There was a lot of white space where the remaining articles and pictures were supposed to be included. I had hoped to resolve the computer problems in time to get a completed June *Airhorn* out to the membership in time for them to see a June *Airhorn* before the June 15 CCE meeting.

That was not to be.

I sent out that Under Construction June *Airhorn* to the membership so that they could see the meeting minutes and the schedule of upcoming activities.

My initial attempts to get the *Airhorn*’s desk top publishing software to work were not being successful. I decided the easiest way to move from Point A to Point B was a straight line. I decided to move the desk top publishing software to another computer I already had. The problem was that I had installed and customized the desk top publishing software on an older, 32-bit, version of Linux and the target system was a newer version of a 64-bit Linux. None of the desk top publishing software’s run-time libraries existed on the target system.

To complicate things, I was planning on going to the DACC Homecoming in July. It began the day after the July CCE board meeting, which since I was going to be on the road on the day of the board meeting, I was not going to attend. I had to get something of a complete July *Airhorn* done and out to members before I left for Detroit and I had to do it seven days earlier than my normal *Airhorn* production schedule.

When I create an *Airhorn*, I edit all the articles on a separate computer that runs Windows XP and Word 97. Word 97 is old, but it is much better suited for my writing style and preparing *Airhorn* articles for moving to the desk top publishing software. The later versions of Microsoft Word bury all the good features I need in that accursed ribbon across the top of the display.

Since I had all the *Airhorn* articles already in Word format, grammar checked, spell checked and name checked, with all the desired formatting styles already assigned to each paragraph, I decided to simply put them all together into one

big Word document for July. That is what members received for July. The problem with that is I could not use the traditional two-column format and I could not get pictures to go where I wanted them to go. Word decides where the pictures will go, even if they spill off the bottom of the page or overlap each other. That’s why I like to use a desk top publishing product; I have total control of what goes where.

Upon returning from the Homecoming, I proceeded to take backups of the *Airhorn* data and the operating system on that Dell laptop. This took hours and I had to trek off to Office Depot to get USB flash drives big enough to contain the backed up data. Flash drives are not exactly fast and it took many hours to perform the backups. I had to boot the Dell laptop into an .iso of the only 32-bit version of Ubuntu Linux I could find and then access the USB ports and internal hard drive to make the backups. The Dell laptop was still overheating and I had to stop what I was trying to do and shut it off and let it cool down overnight.

Long story short: I was able to recover the *Airhorn* data (all the articles and finished *Airhorns* from the last seventeen years I had been using that version of the desktop publishing system). I recovered all the library and configuration files that the desk top software product required. I got the *Airhorn* desk top publishing software to work on one of my big 64-bit Linux workstations.

I was able to finish the June *Airhorn*. By the time you read this, you should have received the “Re-Constructed” June *Airhorn*.

I am building the July *Airhorn* on the newer Linux workstation. You are reading it now.

I expect that I will be able to continue building and sending out CCE *Airhorns* from now and into the future.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 sign up 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 Claypool**

- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> is the Detroit Corvair Homecoming.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Railway Museum – Recommendation for those who are going to attend, please arrive at 7-7:30 AM.
- August 16<sup>th</sup> CCE Picnic at Pottawatomie Park at River Pavilion; Grill starts at 11:00 AM, Picnic at 12

Noon.

- August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 |        |               |
| <b>06/30 Ending Balance</b> |        |        | <b>854.71</b> |

#### **Vanguard Savings Account**

|                             | Debit | Credit | Balance          |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|------------------|
| 06/1 Beginning Balance      |       |        | 16,208.87        |
| 06/30 Dividend              |       | 47.58  |                  |
| <b>06/30 Ending Balance</b> |       |        | <b>16,256.45</b> |

**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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:jamessikora@att.net). Can also contact Bob Wenderski (registrar) at 847-226-7591 or [bsw60045@comcast.net](mailto:bsw60045@comcast.net).

### August

**General Meeting: Board of Directors Nominations begin**

**Sunday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, The Geneva Concours d'Elegance, 10 AM–4 PM**

Located on Third Street in Geneva, IL. Visit website [genevaconcours.net](http://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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:lindaparro@gmail.com).

Thanks everyone!

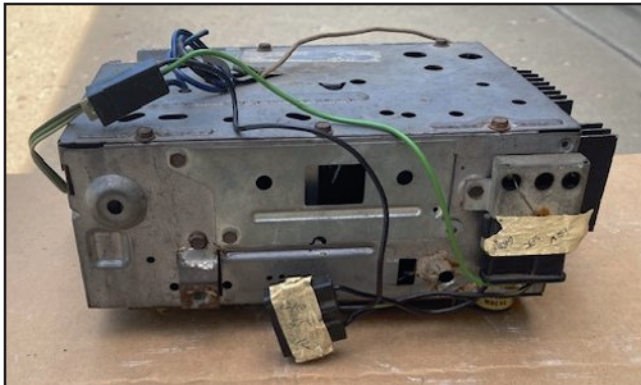
## Classified Ad

**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 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](mailto: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.]



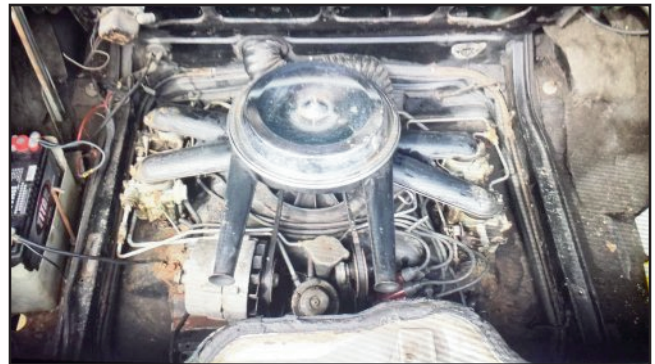
## CCE at Gettysburg

Mike McGowan



## 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

**June 10 – 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.

**June 17 – 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 and no later.** Parking Lot Beauty Contest. Bring out your Corvairs. People's Choice voting. Come early.

**June 22 – 26, CORSA International Convention**, Gettysburg PA. See CORSA *Co,munique* or corvir.org.

**June 24 – Articles are due for the July Airhorn.**

**July 8 – 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.

**July 9 – 11,– DACC Homecoming**, Wyndom Garden, 2900 Jackson, Ann Arbor, MI. See [detroitcorvairs.com/Homecomin2026html](http://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 – 75<sup>th</sup> 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**, 7:30 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.

**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](http://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**, 7:30 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.

**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**, 7:30 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. 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**, 7:30 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. 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.*



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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.

**Commercial Advertising:** Commercial ads are defined as those representing a business or commercial enterprise. Current circulation of the *Airhorn* is over 100 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.

**CCE Website:** [www.ccecorvair.com](http://www.ccecorvair.com)

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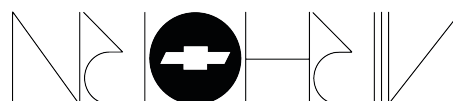
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# 35th ANNUAL VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA

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 CLOSSES.**



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

**For more information contact Larry Claypool,  
(815) 603-8556 or [vairshop@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 35<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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- 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**

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- 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**

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

## **A NOTE REGARDING PARKING FIELDS FOR CAR CLUBS**

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- 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:

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- 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** 35<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ILLINOIS  
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# **T-SHIRT SALE!**

**IRM IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE:**

**The Illinois Railway Museum is  
celebrating 35 Years of the Vintage  
Transportation Extravaganza Car Show  
held annually on IRM grounds!**

**Sunday, August 2, 2026**

**To order a  
commemorative  
t-shirt, please visit  
[IRM.org](http://IRM.org) for all of the  
upcoming information!**





# Apparel Order



## Cotton T-Shirt

Colors :   

\$18.95\*

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## Microfleece Jacket

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Microfleece Jacket with Back Patch

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