



Corvair Society of America

Founded in 1969 by and for those who still appreciate the Corvair Automobile

Operating Policy

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Title: CORSA Chapter Plan

Section I. Purpose and Provisions

The CORSA Chapter Plan is the basis for coordination and mutual support between CORSA and its Chapters. Local Corvair clubs, by becoming CORSA Chapters through the provisions of the Plan, are given the benefits of standards, service, cooperation and communication nationwide and internationally, while retaining the independence and individuality necessary to serve a local membership.

Organizations that are formed because of a common interest in a feature or particular model of Corvairs may also attain Chapter status. These groups need not have a geographic base; their members can span the world. Any such group that attains Chapter status shall be referenced as a CORSA Special Interest Group.

The provisions of the Chapter Plan define what the local organizations must do to obtain and retain Chapter status, and what CORSA will provide for Chapters so chartered.

Section II. Qualifications for Granting Chapter Status

To become a CORSA Chapter, a local group of CORSA members must make application for Chapter status to the CORSA Executive Secretary. This application must include:

1. The names and addresses of all the members of the proposed Chapter. The membership list must include at least ten CORSA members and the CORSA members must account for at least half of the total members of the proposed chapter. In Alaska, Hawaii, and foreign countries other than Canada, this minimum requirement is three.
2. The names of club officers for the proposed Chapter. A majority of the proposed Chapter's executive officers (president, vice-president, et al.) must be CORSA members.
3. A copy of a constitution, or articles of incorporation and by-laws for the proposed Chapter.
4. A name for the proposed Chapter, which shall not duplicate that of any CORSA Chapter listed in the most recent published list.
5. A sample newsletter of the proposed chapter, if one is published.
6. Time and location for regular meetings of the proposed Chapter.

The proposed meeting location shall be a minimum of 75 miles by the shortest surface route from the meeting place of the nearest CORSA Chapter. If this distance is shorter than 75 miles, written approval from the presidents of the two nearest CORSA Chapters shall be included with the application. If these approvals are not included, the four Directors in that Division and the Chairman of the Chapter Plan Committee shall rule by majority vote of a quorum of three or more. This requirement will not apply to Special Interest Groups.

Section III. Granting of Chapter Status

When an application for a new Chapter is received, the CORSA Executive Secretary shall notify the Chapter Plan Chairman and the Directors in that Division and a 30-day comment period will commence. Should questions or objections be raised within that 30-day period, such issues must be resolved to the satisfaction of the above-named CORSA officers and representatives prior to Chapter status being granted.

When all qualifications for Chapter Status have been met and any issues have been resolved, or when all qualifications for Chapter Status have been met and the 30-day comment period has passed without unresolved questions or objections, the CORSA Executive Secretary shall notify the new Chapter in a timely manner via conventional mail that Chapter status has been granted, and shall add the new Chapter's name to all Chapter listings.

Special Interest Groups shall have the same requirements as Chapters to obtain their charter. Additionally, their application must be approved by the CORSA Board of Directors.

Section IV. Maintenance of Chapter Status

After having been granted Chapter status, the local club or interest group shall perform the following actions to maintain it. Failure to meet one or more of these requirements may result in revocation of Chapter status and all the benefits thereof until such time as the failure is cured. Revocation shall become effective upon notice thereof by the Executive Secretary.

1. Maintain the CORSA membership requirements of Section II, items 1 and 2.
2. Include the Executive Secretary on its mailing list.
3. Meet at least annually. Online meetings and teleconference meetings are acceptable providing that a quorum of Chapter members participate.
4. Publish a newsletter for its members at least four times a year -or- maintain an active online discussion board with current correspondence by and between its members -or- have at least four meetings annually of at least 25% of its members. If a Chapter elects to publish a newsletter, then it shall also:
 - a. Include the Executive Editor of the CORSA Communique on its newsletter mailing list,
 - b. Offer to maintain a newsletter exchange with neighboring and other Chapters.
5. Provide the following to the CORSA Secretary each calendar year:

- a. Chapter membership roster,
- b. List of Chapter officers,
- c. Time and location of meetings,
- d. Payment of an annual filing fee.
 - i. The amount of the filing fee will be set by a majority vote of the CORSA Board of Directors.
 - ii. Effective January 1, 2017, the fee shall be paid no later than December 31 for the respective calendar year.
 - iii. The December 31 payment deadline shall be considered one of the requirements for maintaining chapter status.
 - iv. Chapters located outside North America are exempt from the requirement to pay an annual fee because of the limited benefits accorded to them.

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Section V. Benefits to Chapters

CORSA shall provide to its Chapters:

1. Free advertising of Chapter events via the CORSA Communiqué, CORSA website and CORSA social media.
2. Free liability insurance for meetings and events conducted by Chapters based in the United States. (Excludes racing events).
3. Free server space for Chapter websites.
4. Discounts on Chapter purchases of CORSA merchandise in quantity.
5. Administrative guidance in the organization and running of the Chapter.
6. Sanction and support for certain regional events sponsored by Chapters.
7. Standards for conducting, judging and scoring of competitive events.
8. Availability of lists of CORSA members with contact information residing in the Chapter's area, for membership recruitment and event announcement purposes only.
9. Information packets for recruiting new members.
10. Special Interest Groups receive priority in scheduling meeting space and time at CORSA's annual convention.