

*Central Oklahoma Corvair Association  
Newsletter*

*January 2023*



## THE PREZ SEZ

*Hello Corvair Family,*

*Welcome to 2023! A new year for our Corvair community; 63 years strong!*

*This will be our time to shine this year; it will be full of activities including our Roundup. I will need your help, each one of you our members, to pitch in with the 2023 Great Plains Roundup. Our theme for the Roundup is "American Made".*

*Your Board of Directors will be meeting 21 January for the Roundup planning meeting. We will firm up our planned events for the September weekend activities, so we can start moving forward. If you have ideas or recommendations please contact any of the board members with your suggestions. It would be great to implement your ideas so we can hit the ground running.*

*Our January meeting will be at Richard and Colleen Laws home. Look forward to seeing you then.*

*Happy New Year to you all.*

*James*

Enjoy the road and drive those cars.

James

*James Ergenbright*  
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## 7 C75 'A]bi H'g December 3, '8\$&&

President Ergenbright opened the meeting at 11:30 AM on December 3, 2022. The meeting was held at the Saddleback Inn. James welcomed the members and the newest members The Hays brought their children to the festivities.

Old Business- The old minutes will be reviewed at the January Meeting.

Treasurer's Report- James Ergenbright gave the monthly treasurer's report. Scott Law made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Pat Silver. The motion was passed by the membership.

New Business- The annual Capron-Dekker Award was voted on at the last meeting. This year's winner was David Castiaux. Congratulations David, you earned it. The names of the newly elected Board of Directors were announced. 1. David Castiaux 2. Jim Gailey and 3. Richard Law. They replace the outgoing Board Members Liz Capron, Delia Silver and Melinda Duvall. The club would like to recognize the outgoing members for their service and thank the new board members for stepping up to help the club. Job well done.

There will be a board member meeting at the January meeting. Also, it will be discussed about possibly purchasing some items in bulk to save members some money. These items would be like carb kits and harmonic balancers. The club member who makes a purchase would then reimburse the club.

Scott Law made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Steve Boyette. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned, and the Christmas Party ensued thereafter.



**COCA Minutes October 22, 2022**

President Ergenbright opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on October 22, 2022. The meeting was held at the Ergenbrights. James welcomed the members and there was one guest, whose name is Alisha. Alisha drives a 1964 Spyder.

Old Business - The September minutes were reviewed. Jim Gailey made a motion to approve, and the motion was seconded by David Castiaux. The minutes were approved by the club members. There were no other items to discuss.

David Castiaux won 1st place in the late closed division at Heritage Days in Texas. Apparently, he also placed in the fan belt toss. Richard Law participated in the Autocross as well.

Treasurer's Report - Ken Drye gave the monthly treasurer's report. Scott Law made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Jim Gailey. The motion was passed by the membership.

New Business - The annual Christmas party will be held on December 3, 2022 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. The party will be held at the Saddleback Inn at I-40 and South Meridian in Oklahoma City. The price of admission is \$25.00 to be paid at the door. Prior to the party there will be a short meeting for both November and December. As is the custom the gift exchange will be a "Dirty Santa". Wrap your gift and note if it is for male or female. Please keep the cost of your gift at no more than \$25.00. Kate Moore will be bringing the projection screen and the projector. The winner (s) of the Capron-Dekker award will be announced, and the newly elected board members will be introduced.

Ken made a motion for Alisha (our new member) to start paying dues at the start of the new year. Scott Law seconded the motion and the club voted to approve the motion.

Board of Directors was voted on at this month's meeting along with the Capron-Dekker award. As mentioned earlier these names will be announced at the Christmas party.

Jim Gailey had some new hats made up and sold three of them at the meeting. They are \$20.00 apiece. See Jim if you are interested in purchasing one.

Jim Gailey has decided to sell one of his Corvairs, a 1964 convertible or the 1966 4 door. Both vehicles are automatics. If interested, please contact Jim for more information.

Tech Talk- James had called Mark Welte of Wichita to see how they were doing. Mark said that he had installed a switch under the dash to pre-prime if you will the electric fuel pump. This helps by creating less work (grinding) on the starter.

David Castiaux is looking into setting up an order for harmonic balancers. He would like to order these at 10 per order, and hopefully lower our overall costs. If you are interested, please contact David.

DC transmissions will work on or rebuild your power glide transmissions. They have many years of experience working on these transmissions and they come highly recommended.

Scott Law made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Jim Gailey. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Raffle tickets were sold, and door prizes were handed out.



By David Allin

# COCA

## Member Profile

### John Sargeant

John was born in Greensboro, NC, in 1944. His father was an NCO in the U.S. Air Force (Sergeant Sargeant!), so John's family moved around a lot, and he lived in nine different states, plus France. He had gotten a beginner's driver permit at age 13 in Florida, a permit in Mississippi at 14, and one in Texas at age 15, but then his dad got orders for France. Just before they left for Europe in 1959, John tried to talk his dad into buying a Corvaír, which had just come out, but his dad said no. When they arrived in France, John learned that there he would have to wait until he was eighteen to get a driver's license, so he had to settle for a Peugeot moped. While living in France, John visited Berlin, a year after the Wall went up, and he saw the poor living conditions of the East Berliners under the communist system. John's family returned to the States and came to Oklahoma, where he first rode in a Corvaír, a new 1964 Spyder convertible a friend had purchased. He graduated from OSU in 1966 and married his wife, Judy, that same year. They have three kids, two boys and a girl. John started out working for a home designer, and then an architect, and that led to him being a building inspector. He went on to oversee the construction of the first big Hobby Lobby warehouse in southwest Oklahoma City. In 1982 he bought an old 1957 Chevy and restored it, and he also owned some motorcycles, including a BMW. At some urging from his wife, he sold the BMW bike in 2016 and bought a 1963 Corvaír Spyder coupe on eBay. The car wasn't quite as good as the seller had implied, so he has been restoring it ever since. He stripped it to bare metal and found only minor rust, primarily in the cowl area and the lower doors and rocker panels. Members of our club have been very helpful in the restoration process. The body is now mostly repainted, the engine is in, but the transaxle, which had to be sent to Michigan for a rebuild, still needs to be installed. He has an air conditioning set for the car, but is holding off on installing it until he has a chance to drive it around some. John now lives in southwest Oklahoma City.



**Mr. John Sargeant and his  
1963 Spyder**





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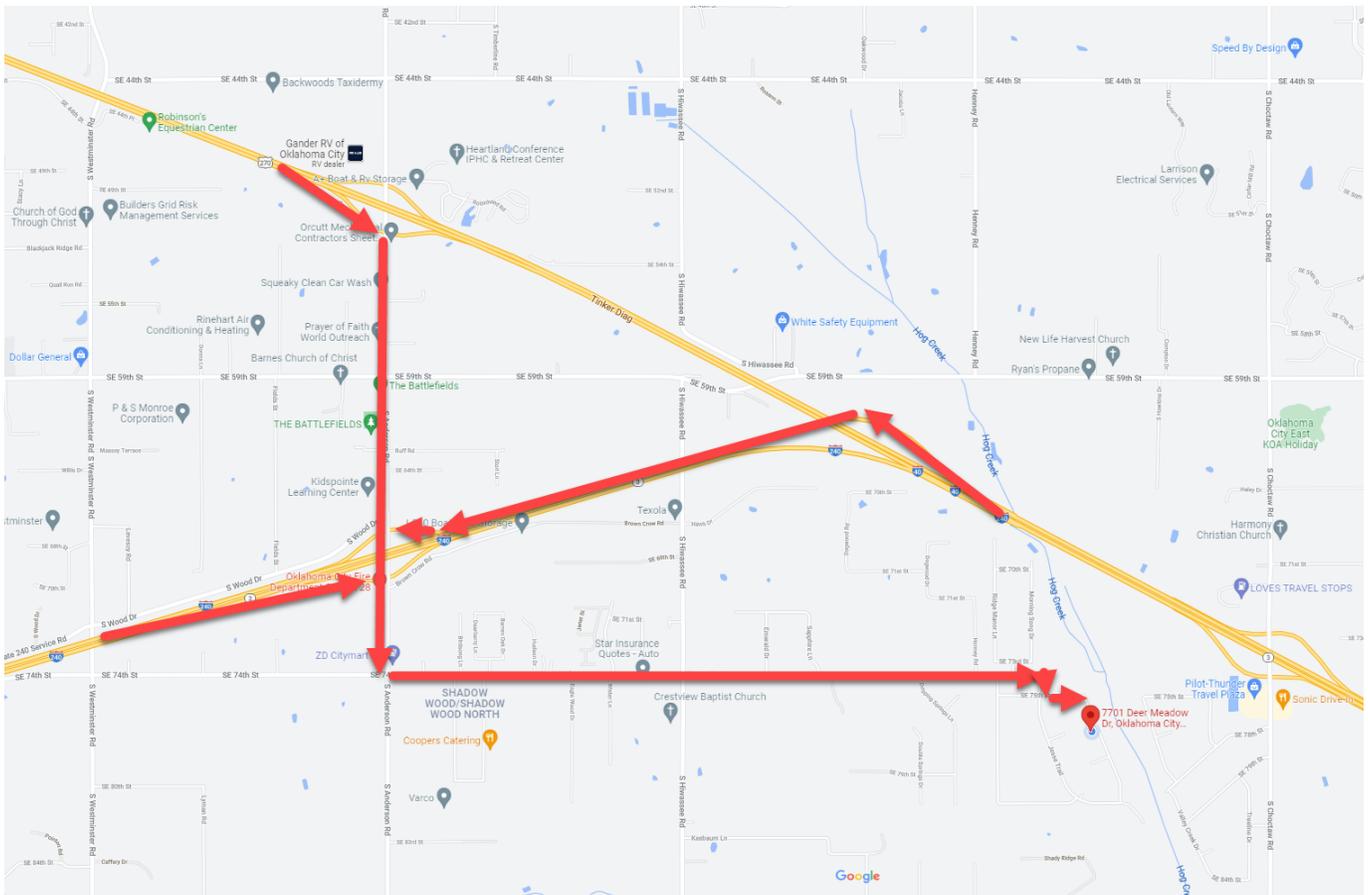
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# Monthly Meeting at the The Law House

7701 Deer Meadow Dr  
Oklahoma City, Ok 73150

*There are two driveways that you can park in for the meeting, One is the main driveway with the Garage and the second is by the hill just past our mailbox.*



The Central Oklahoma Corvaír Club Monthly News is a monthly publication of the Central Oklahoma Corvaír Association, INC. C.O.C.A is Chapter 731 of the Corvaír Society of America. It is provided to all current members. Guests and nonmembers receive a complimentary copy upon request, and are welcome to attend our monthly meetings held the second Thursday of each month. The location will be listed on the front page of the newsletter. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Corvaír Automobile. Dues are \$15 per year

**MAILING ADDRESSES:** All business mail, with the exception of the newsletter items, should be sent to the address of the club president.

Newsletter items must be sent to the editor and received by the 25th of the month for it to be included that month's issue. Email [newslettercoca@gmail.com](mailto:newslettercoca@gmail.com) with your submissions

**WE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN CORSA, ASK ANY OFFICER FOR AN APPLICATION. The Dues are \$45.00 for 12 months or \$90.00 for 26 months. This entitles you to the monthly publication of the CORSA "Communique", and other benefits.**



**Club Stats:**

NUMBER OF MEMBERS	64
NUMBER AT LAST MEETING	21
NUMBER OF CORVAIRS DRIVEN	6
NUMBER OF GUEST AT LAST MEETING	0
NEW MEMBERS	1

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**SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH-** each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and also list in a special sale section on our Home page [www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.com)

**FREE 50th MEMENTO gifts with your first order in 2023**

**FREE CATALOG WITH AN ORDER-** if you have not received a free 2019-2025 catalog yet, just ask for one.

**LIST YOUR CORVAIR FOR SALE- NO CHARGE-** sell your Corvair or a spare you just don't have time for! For all of 2023 we will list it on our website at **NO CHARGE-** check the website for details (Corvairs For Sale)

**CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES-** See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Cal will be giving an old fashion "slide show" showing the building of our complex and history. Parts on sale! **SEPT 16, 2023 -rain or shine**

**2023 SUPPLEMENT-** On our website or as a hard copy -many new repros & updates.

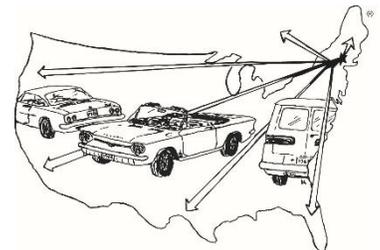
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<b>January 28 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> The Law Family Home, 7701 Deer Meadow Dr OKC
<b>February 25, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - TBD</b>
<b>March 25, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - TBD</b>
<b>April 22, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - TBD</b>
<b>May 27, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)</b>
<b>June 24, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - TBD</b> <b>Corvair National Convention -Wisconsin Dells WI</b>
<b>July 22, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)</b>
<b>August 26, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)</b>
<b>September 24, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)</b>
<b>Sept 29-Oct 2</b>	<b>2022 Great Plains Roundup Sept 29-Oct 2 St. Guthrie OK.</b>
<b>October 28, 2023</b> <b>Oct 14-16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)</b> <b>Corvair Heritage Days ?</b>
<b>November 25, 2023 ?</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - Location to be determined</b>
<b>December 2023</b>	<b>Meeting at Christmas Party and election of officers</b>
<b>1st Saturday</b>	<b>Cars and Coffee North Park Mall</b>
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	<b>Cars and Coffee Norman at Crest Foods W. Robinson</b>
<b>3rd Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise in for Coffee Midwest City Santa Fe Steak House parking lot May - Oct</b>
<b>1st and 3rd Thursdays</b>	<b>Thursday Night Cruisers - Mustang Apr - September</b>
<b>Sundays</b> <b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Coffee at Kens</b>