

*Central Oklahoma Corvair Association  
Newsletter*

*March 2023*



## THE PREZ SEZ

### *Happy First Day of Spring COCA Members*

*What an enjoyable time we had at the Rt 66 Bowl. Nine Corvairs made the trip. The drive was great, lunch was good, the games were fun and getting to spend time with friends from Kansas, Tulsa and OKC was a great time. It just didn't last long enough!*

*The drive was a series of turns and straight road. Everyone's car made it without a hitch; not a single breakdown that I'm aware of. Ann and my car ran great, Last time I put fuel in our car was October 2022. I realized that was just too long. So, a fresh tank of premium and our engine is purring like a kitten again.*

*So, what is our next road trip? Getting our Corvairs back on the road again keeps them running in top form. When they sit very long, the fuel gets old, and the carburetors become sluggish. So, get them out of the shop or out from under a cover and drive them through the month.*

*Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday at our monthly meeting. Mike Hall from Corsa will be joining us. Let's see how many Corvairs we can drive Saturday.*

*Hope you enjoy the road and every moment of drive time!*



*James Ergenbright  
COCA President  
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## COCA Minutes February 25, 2023

President Ergenbright opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on February 25, 2023. The meeting was held at the C.E. Page building at Wiley Post Airport. James welcomed 25 members, and Alicia Vanderschaaf's father was at the meeting as a guest. David Breckenridge drove his Corvair to the meeting.

**Old Business** - The January 2023 minutes were reviewed. Pat Silver made a motion to approve, and his motion was seconded by Jim Gailey, the motion carried.

James informed the membership that the club had decided not to participate in the Stockyard's St. Patrick's Day parade. James reiterated that CORSA President Mike Hall will be in attendance for the March meeting. He will be in town to retrieve our valve cover racetrack for the National Convention this summer.

**Treasurer's Report** - Ken Drye gave the monthly treasurer's report. John Sargent made a motion to accept the report as given and the motion was seconded by Pat Silver. The motion was passed by the membership.

**New Business** - The March 25th meeting will again be held at the C.E. Page Building at Wiley Post airport.

The Tulsa club has invited our club to meet them at the Chandler Route 66 Bowl. We will meet at Pop's on Route 66 at 8:30AM and leave for Chandler around 9:00AM. The original date was April 15th but that has since been revised to March 18th due to a scheduling conflict for the Tulsa Club. There were several members who indicated they would be interested in attending.

April 7-8th is the Norman Swap meet. The club has two booths and will be showing at least one vehicle and hopefully an engine. Volunteers will be needed to man the booths.

"Cold Tuna" was held at Terry Kalp's shop in Wichita, Kansas and the club had three members attend The Tuna. Members from Oklahoma City, Wichita and Kansas City were in attendance. The "Juna Tuna" will be held the third week of June at the same locale.

**Round-Up Update** - The Park Pavilion has been reserved for Friday night and Saturday. Our Certificate of Insurance has been sent to the city.

The banquet locale has been secured and it will be at the Guthrie American Legion Hall.

James has been contacted by the local drive-in owner and they have volunteered to open and show a movie for the club on Friday night. The club will see if this activity can be worked into our schedule. Phillip Morgan asked if we could request a movie and James said he would check into that.



**COCA Minutes Continued**

The caterer has been chosen and the ladies are working out the menu with the caterer.

Debbie Nels has volunteered a microphone and amplifier for the pavilion and the banquet.

James wants us to start collecting items for the gift bags whether from Local Parts stores, businesses in the community or anywhere else you can think of.

- \* Registration- Colleen Law, Chairman
- \* Advertising/Publicity- Kate Moore, Chairman
- \* Activities- Richard Law, Chairman
- \* Hospitality- Delia Silver, Ann Ergenbright, and Janet Welch
- \* Car Show- Richard Law
- \* Valve Cover races and track setup- David Castiaux
- \* Banquet- Bob Welch
- \* Model Car Display- David Allin
- \* Miscellaneous Items- James Ergenbright

Tech Talk- David Castiaux gave a short dissertation about repairing a distributor for Cam's Corvaír. It was something that neither he nor Ken had seen before. When totally disassembled they found the bushing had seized to the shaft. This was corrected with parts from Ken's parts barn.

Pat Silver has been installing "fuzzies" on the station wagon.

Jim Gailey is putting a new fan (s) on the '66 to help cool the condenser for his A/C unit.

On the tech note side Bob is always looking for topics to discuss in the newsletter. Please contact him with your request.

Door prize tickets were sold, and prizes distributed among the lucky ticket holders.

Pat Silver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Ann Ergenbright. The motion carried; the meeting was adjourned.

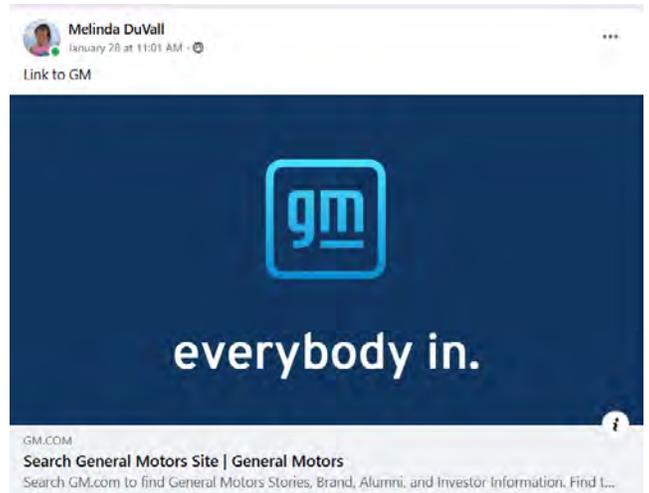
### COCA Minutes Continued

**Tech Talk** - John Sargent relayed that his Spyder is getting closer to being finished, he's working on some wiring issues. Pat Silver has been putting time in on Delia's station wagon, stuff like thermostat rods, bellows, etc. Joe Nels and Bob Welch tore Joe's car down at the Busted Knuckle Garage and found almost every ring was broken. (Hence mucho blow-by). They had to find 5 stock cylinders, rehone them, installed new piston rings, head gaskets and rocker bearings. They put it all together with a minimal amount of extra parts left over and there is no more oil leak. Thank you, Bob, for your invaluable wealth of knowledge and patience.

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**Next Meeting** - Scott Law made a motion to hold next month's meeting at the Page Building at Wiley Post Airport. Bob Welch seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the membership. The address and map are located later in the newsletter.

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By David Allin

# COCA

## Member Profile

### JIM AND CINA GAILEY

Jim was born in St. Louis, MO, in 1945, the eldest child of a Navy Chief and Pearl Harbor survivor whose deployments took the family to San Diego, Hawaii, and ultimately Muskogee, OK, where Jim spent a good part of his youth.

Jim has been a self-proclaimed “car nut” since purchasing his first car, a six-cylinder stick-shift 1956 Chevy Del Ray two-door sedan. It would be a few years—and several British sports cars later—before he claimed his first Corvairs: a 1962 Monza two-door coupe, white with red interior, that he later traded in for a beautiful Marine blue 1966 Corsa four-speed coupe (which sadly was totaled in 1968 when a driver ran a stop sign and T-boned it). Over the years, Jim has gone through dozens of makes and models, old and new, foreign and domestic, always in search of his next project.

When he didn’t have his head under the hood of a car, Jim attended Northeast State College in Tahlequah, working retail for a while, and later found his niche in the service direction in the automotive industry, landing him at a downtown Oklahoma City dealership.

In January 1974, Jim met Cina on a blind date; they were engaged by the end of February and married in September. In 1978 they were blessed with a daughter. When Jessica was old enough to drive, Jim—a doting and protective Dad—made sure she knew, among other things, how to change a tire, when to change her oil, and equipped her with a better car-care/emergency kit than any male in her freshman college class.

Cina is an Oklahoma City girl, born and raised. She graduated from Putnam City High School and attended the University of Oklahoma. . .BOOMER! Coincidentally, Cina’s first car was a 1961 Monza coupe, red with white interior and automatic transmission. During her career she worked as a legal assistant, an assistant to school superintendents in Rock Springs (Wyoming) and Putnam City schools, and the last 25 years as an executive assistant at locally-based Express Employment International.

Both Jim and Cina are now retired, enjoying the fact that “every day is Saturday,” which gives Jim plenty of time to work on their two Corvairs: “Christine”—a midnight blue 1964 Monza convertible—was acquired in 2012. After years of lavishing her with a never-ending list of new parts and mountains of tender loving care, Christine continues to live up to her screen name as a demon—possessed car out of a bad sci-fi movie.

In 2021 Jim purchased their second Corvair, a 1966 Monza four-door sports sedan with 110hp, automatic transmission, and factory air. The car had been sitting in a garage since 1977 until Jim towed it to its new home. That car has had a color change and has been restored to like-new condition.

Jim credits Judy Teer for introducing him to COCA in 2013. He was buying a gift for Cina and got into a conversation with Judy about his recent Corvair acquisition. Judy introduced Jim to her husband Chris — a long-time member and officer of the Club — and the rest is history. Jim and Cina very much enjoy their second family.





# Bob's Tech Corner

Hey Corvaír folks!

This month we will shed some light on our headlights and how they are installed.

At first glance there would seem to be only 2 different adjusting "CUPS" for the bulbs. However, in fact, there are 4 different ones that are specific for each side! Each side has a specific adjusting "CUP" for low and high beams!

The right headlight has its outer "CUP's" spring cut out close to the bulb's locator bump or tab, in the glass. By contrast, the right's inner adjusting "CUP's" spring cut out is further from the bump for the locator on the headlight bulb. Notice the circles in the pictures. 66-69

The black circles show the spring cut outs relative to the notches for the bulb's locator bump. The red circles are the bottom mounting holes.



In contrast, on the left side, the inner "CUP" has its spring cut out and bulb locator dimple closer together and the outer "CUP" has its spring cut out further from the locator dimple for the bulb. Just remember that the adjusting tabs on the "CUPS" have to line up with the spring cut out in the correct place so that the bulb retaining ring will engage the spring and be in the right position. If the bulbs are installed incorrectly, as they can be, you can be left without seeing any distance on that night drive!

Installed correctly, they should look like the picture below.

See everyone at our meeting at Wiley Post Airport!

Bring your questions....



February Meeting photos of 1963 Corvaír Owners



L to R - Scott and Donna Law, Cliff Nieman, John Sargent, Ken Drye, Phillip and Ronda Morgan and James Ergenbright in honor of the 1963 Corvaír

Bob Welch Birthday



President James Ergenbright

COCA took a trip to meet up with Green Country and MCCA members at the RT 66 Bowl in Chandler OK.



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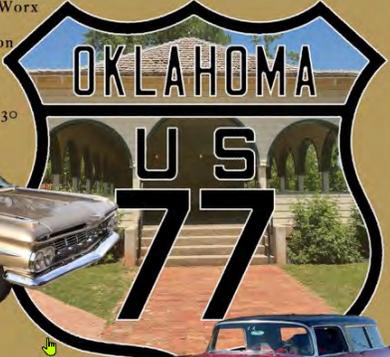
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Colleen Richard Law  
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Car show September 9 at the Guthrie park

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2023 Corvair Tri-State

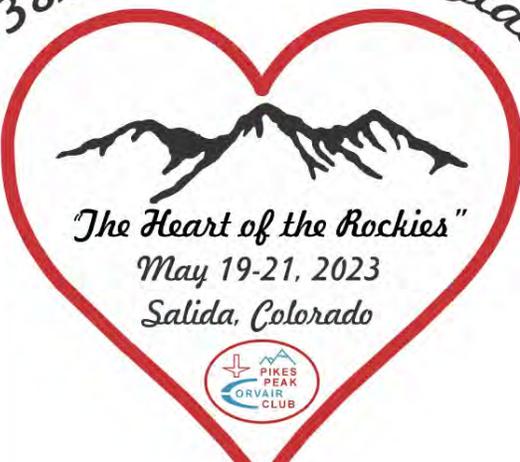
May 19-21, 2020

Salida, Colorado

The Pikes Peak Corvair Club (PPCC) is proud to announce that registration is now open for the 38th Tri-State meet to be held in Salida, Colorado the weekend of May 19th-21st, 2023. The host hotel is the completely renovated Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 785 E. Highway 50. PPCC has secured a Tri-State special rate of \$119/room plus tax for either a King room or a double Queen room. Breakfast is included. To register for the event, order tee-shirts, reserve a room, and sign up for the banquet to be held Saturday night, please log onto the PPCC website <https://pikespeakcorvairclub.wixsite.com/ppcc> and click on "2023 TRI-STATE" on the top menu banner. This will open the information page with all the information you need to do on-line registration, or to print the registration form. There is also a direct link to the hotel registration site to register at the hotel and a schedule of events and times.

If you have any questions, please email [ppcctristate@gmail.com](mailto:ppcctristate@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there at the Tri-State next year in Salida, the Heart of the Rockies.

38th Corvair Tri-State



"The Heart of the Rockies"  
May 19-21, 2023  
Salida, Colorado



## 2023 International CORSA Convention

CORSA is pleased to announce the The Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin will be our Convention destination in 2023 starting on June 19 thru June 24, 2023. More info to come.

You can checkout the Chula Vista Resort online at <https://chulavistaresort.com/>

And you can see all that Wisconsin Dells has to offer at <https://www.wisdells.com/wisconsin-dells-attractions/scenic-tours>

This looks like a fun place!

### When

June 19th, 2023 12:00 AM through June 24th, 2023 12:00 AM Location

Chula Vista Resort

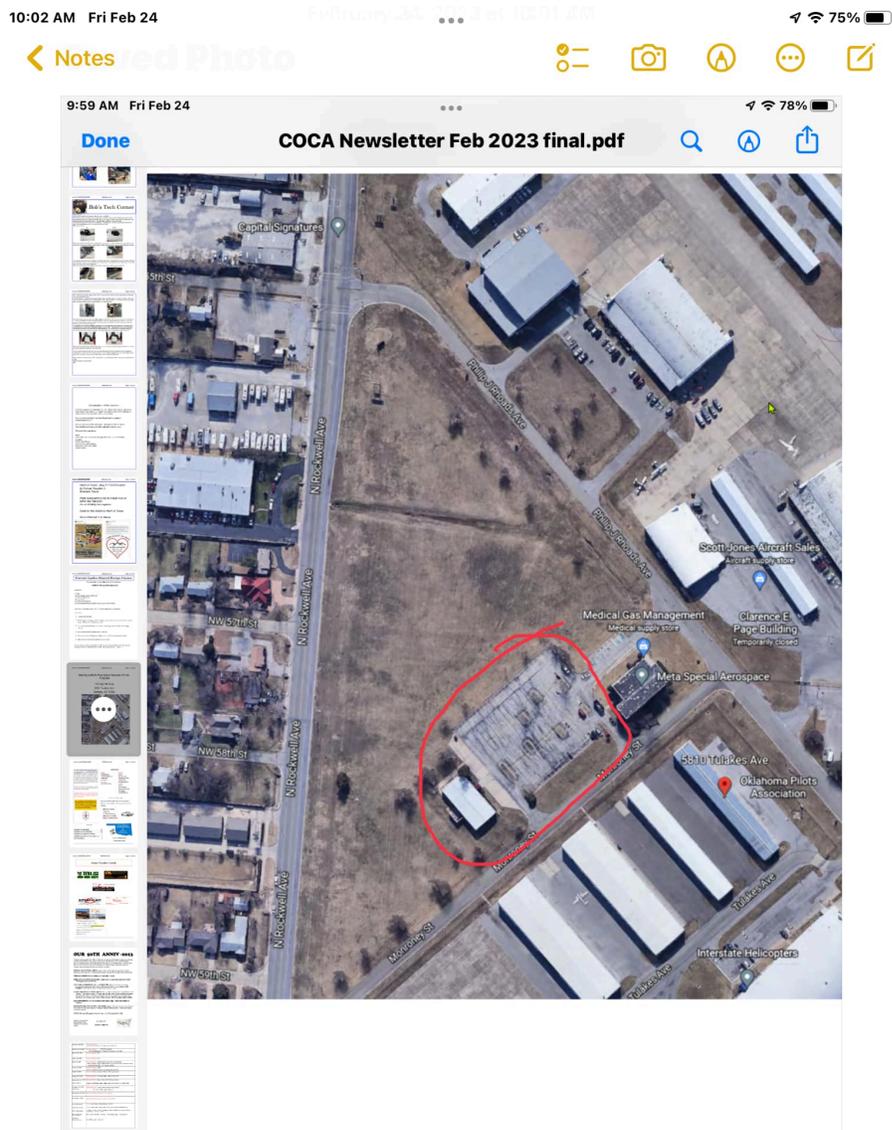
1000 Chula Vista Parkway

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

United States

# Meeting at Wylie Post Airport Saturday 25 Feb, 10:00 AM

CE Page Building  
5810 Tulakes Ave  
Bethany, Ok 73008



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**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

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**Club Stats:**

NUMBER OF MEMBERS	64
NUMBER AT LAST MEETING	21
NUMBER OF CORVAIRS DRIVEN	3
NUMBER OF GUEST AT LAST MEETING	0
NEW MEMBERS	1

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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 -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave Bethany, Ok 73008
<b>March 25, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave Bethany, Ok 73008
<b>April 22, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - TBD</b>
<b>May 27, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting - Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)</b> Heart of Texas - May 5-7 2023 hosted by Corvair Houston in Brenham Texas Corvair Tri-State May 19-21 Salida Colorado
<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 -</b> Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)
<b>August 26, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)
<b>September 24, 2023</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights)
<b>Sept 29-Oct 2</b>	2022 Great Plains Roundup Sept 29-Oct 2 St. Guthrie OK.
<b>October 28, 2023</b> <b>Oct 14-16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Diamond E Ranch (The Ergenbrights) <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</b> parking lot <b>May - Oct</b>
<b>1st and 3rd</b> <b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Thursday Night Cruisers - Mustang Apr - September</b>
<b>Sundays</b> <b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Coffee at Kens</b>