

*Central Oklahoma Corvair Association  
Newsletter*

*March 2024*



## THE PREZ SEZ

*Hello, Corvair Family!*

*Let's Get Cruisin'*

*What beautiful weather we've been having the last few weeks! It makes me want to get Christine out, drop the top and go cruisin'!*

*It also reminds me of all the opportunities we have to showcase our cars at various events coming up this year. Along those lines, I'm currently putting together a list of shows for the summer and fall and encourage everyone to get involved. I remember when we would have several Corvairs on display at Cars and Coffee... sadly, I don't think anyone attends those much anymore – including myself. It seems that the younger generation of automobiles has taken over. However, there are still a lot of shows out there that we can attend. In fact, plans are in the beginning stages for the third annual Hefner Mansions show in late summer / early fall. Rumor has it they'll have a specific category for Corvairs!*

*Hope to see you at our March 23rd meeting. We'll be back in our usual location: the Clarence E. Page building at Wiley Post Airport.*

*Until then, drop the top, roll down the windows and GO CRUISIN'!*

*Jim Gailey  
2024 COCA President*





## COCA Minutes February 24, 2024

President Jim Gailey opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on February 24, 2024. The meeting was held at the Oklahoma City Boat Club at Lake Hefner. Jim welcomed the members in attendance. There was one guest, Justin Holden. Jim made opening remarks regarding some changes he wanted to implement during his term as president. Accordingly, the membership stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim then inquired who in attendance had or was going to celebrate a birthday or anniversary in February. Several members acknowledged that their birthday was in February.

**Minutes** – The January 2024 minutes were reviewed. Scott Law made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Pat Silver. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Ken Drye gave the February Treasurer's report. Pat Silver made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Scott Law. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Old Business** - There was no Old Business.

**New Business** - Jim Gailey shared a letter he had received from Theresa Miller regarding an upcoming car show and fundraising event at the Corvair Museum in Hastings, Nebraska set on May 5, 2024. Some members indicated interest in attending the event.

Jim Gailey announced he was putting together a new form regarding the overall health of each member's Corvair(s) in order to get more COCA cars into car shows, parades, events, etc. He will have this form ready to hand out at the March meeting.

James Ergenbright spoke about the inquiries he had been making with other Corvair club presidents in neighboring states to see whether those clubs would be willing to participate in a swap meet hosted by COCA. He reported that every club he had contacted was extremely receptive. Discussion regarding timing, entry fees, and other details ensued. No specific details were decided at this time, but James was directed to continue with his efforts.

James Ergenbright also presented the sign-up sheets that were started during the January meeting regarding the powder coating classes and the firing range event for anyone else interested to have the opportunity to sign up.



Ann Ergenbright asked the COCA ladies to meet with her immediately following the meeting to plan an antique hunting trip.

Larry Duvall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by David Allin. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

*"I always wear my mink when I drive my Corvair.  
Don't you?"*



The Corvair comes with a 1600 cc. V-6 engine, 130 hp, 130 mph, 100 mpg, 1000 lbs. weight, 1000 lbs. capacity.

### Youth movement

You can be a senior citizen, a person who's perennially 39 or a teenager. As long as you're the kind who gets a wallop out of fresh experiences, you've got all the makings of a Corvair enthusiast. For instance, you'll find the steering light and easy (no engine

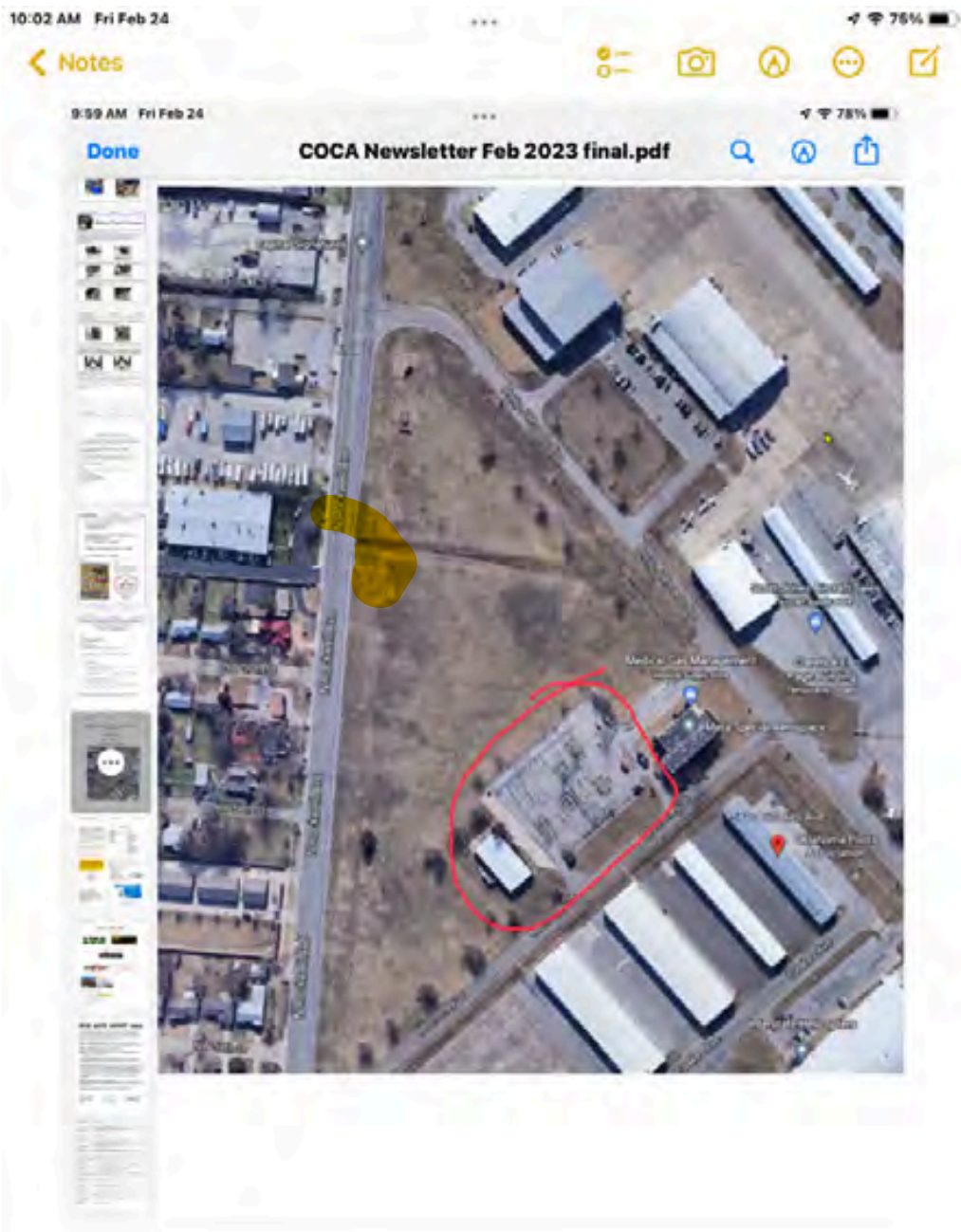
weight up front). You'll find you track cleanly and surely even through mud and snow (that's your rear-engine traction at work). And you'll find the ride solid and the cornering fast (that's where the four-wheel independent suspension comes in).

Does your car strike you as being a little stodgy these days? Maybe while it's been getting older you've been getting younger. Try a Corvair at your dealer's and see.



CORVAIR—Unusual the Chevrolet way

*Monthly Meeting Saturday  
23 March , 10:00 AM  
CE Page Building 5810  
Tulakes Ave Bethany, Ok  
73008*



The COCA Ladies had a blast today! We shopped, laughed, talked and just had a great time together. We'll be planning more fun adventures in the near future. Stay tuned. Ann Ergenbright



Debbie Nels  
Ann  
Ergenbright  
Delia Silver



Janet Welch  
Alicia  
Vanderschaaf  
Cina Gailey

**COCA ANGELS, Charlies got nothing on COCA**

Janet



Cina



Ann



Delia



Debbie



COCA recently was asked for a favor from a Grandson and we were glad we could assist, thanks Rex Johnston for making this possible.

Help me make a final wish come true please!

This is my 88 year old United States Navy Veteran grandpa, Paul Specht, of Midwest City. Yesterday he was released from the hospital with the news no one wants to hear. He was diagnosed with an inoperable cancer in a bad spot. Chemotherapy is not an option. Surgery is not an option. He was sent home under hospice care and everyone including him is coming to terms that he will be called home within the next few weeks to months. I just want to make one last wish come true for him and get him a final ride in his dream car.

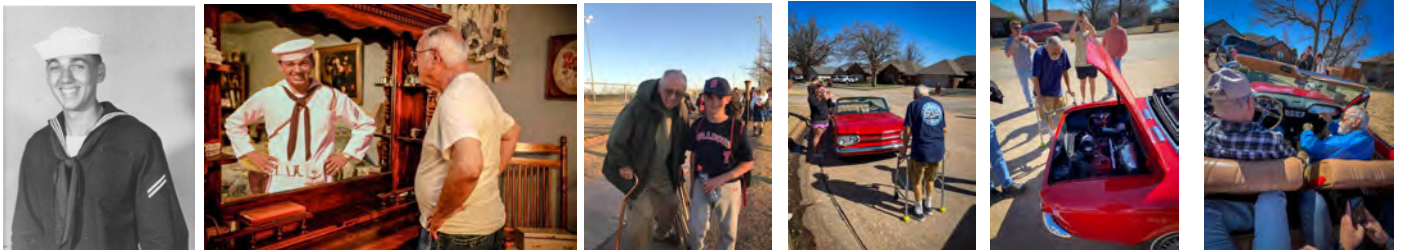
Us grandchildren grew up and listened to all of his stories about his Chevrolet Corvair Monza Spyder, and how badly he wish he could have another one. His love for that car was all over his face and would close his eyes telling stories about it and you could tell he was driving it again in his head. He was right there again.

His final goals are to make it to his 89th birthday the beginning of March, hopefully make it to his 35th anniversary with my grandmother, and sing the pumpkin song he writes for church every year to announce the pumpkin patch. Knowing that he sings that song in August, the doctor did not appear hopeful that might be an option.

I'm hoping to surprise him with one last ride in his dream car. We're willing to pay and do anything to facilitate this. Hoping someone would be willing to help. God bless.

I can't thank everyone enough who helped make this possible. A special thanks to Rex for being willing to do anything to make this happen. The last time my grandpa sat in a Chevy Corvair Monza Spyder was 1969 and after his ride today, tears in both of their eyes, my Papa Paul looked at my grandmother and told her "That was a ride to die for.."

I could go on and on about how thankful I am that I found this group. From the bottom of my heart to everyone. Thank you! You all are a God send.





Powder coating 101 with Bob Welch and friends.

What a great time today!

Rex, Rex Jr., John, Larry, Pat, Bob and James. It was a very nice time drinking coffee and eating brownies.

(Thank you Janet)

After visiting together, the group started powder coating some parts. John had some flat grills that he powder coated satin black. They came out looking like the factory coating.

Then all the group took turns and coated an alternator and generator fan, then an alternator rear cover, and two aluminum finned valve covers. Gotta say...they sure look nice.

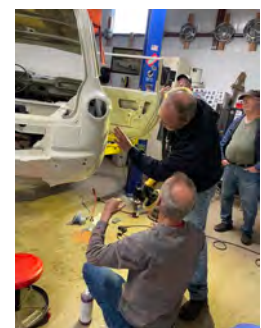
Thank you, Bob, for showing us what to do.





# Coffee at Kens

Sunday at Ken's we will have Walt Gregory giving us a demonstration on "color sanding and buffing a Corvair". Walt has been in the Autobody career field well over 40 years and recently painted Ken's station wagon. I've asked him to give us the demonstration to help us determine if we need to do this procedure on the wagon. Some of this information can also be used on cars that have gone dull over the years.





Gas tank installation on Kens Wagon

## Corvairs at last meeting Feb 2024



Hi guys, thanks for letting me join! I'm 28 and I just bought my first corvair, and dream car, a 1965 Corsa Convertible! I'm going to try to get the oil cooler back on and button up the rest of the engine tonight so I can bring it to the meet tomorrow! I need some help looking at some things and identifying potential problems so I can get it ready for my wedding and honeymoon in April!



# Bob's Tech Corner

This tip comes at the request of a few members wanting to equip their cars with an oil pressure gauge.

In my research I have come across the members on the national level that equipped their CORSA dashes with almost identical gauges from other Chevrolet's. You late model Monza guys will need to get an aftermarket gauge or a three gauge cluster to mount it or them, where you can find space. OR a Quad gage cluster in the center (clock) position. For the Corsa gauge cluster specifically, I have found that some enthusiasts are using 83-85 S10 gauge. However, although they seem to be close to a good fit, they are electric and use a large sending unit. They also have that pesky oil can icon at the bottom of the gauge. Just so you know! On eBay they seem to go for around \$30, plus you will need a sending unit, another cost! Another gauge that is being used is the one out of the 73-80 Chevy GMC Truck, or the C10 K5 K10 Silverado. These gauges can be mechanical or electric and eBay's prices are anywhere from \$30 used to \$59.95 new. The mechanical ones that I looked at, show only "PSI", not the oil can icon at the bottom of the gauge! These tend to be the earlier models ie... the 70s era. Also, the 80-82 Malibu and El Camino can be used, and are a good source. Check those prices, they keep going up! To install an electric Oil pressure gauge, you will need 1 steel (NOT brass or copper!) 1/8th pipe nipple, not more than a few inches long and brass "T" fitting. Remove your sending unit and install the pipe nipple in its place. You can then install the "T" with the "T" on its side. You will have one hole up and one to the side. Install the stock sending unit in the side and the electrical unit in the top. Don't get too long of the pipe nipple least it weaken and brake due to engine vibration! be sure to route the wire next to the alternator and under the fan belt!!, then to the front of your car. Your stock sending unit's wire can run as it did before.

You will need to remove the alternator to tighten the pipe nipple. Also be careful that you aim the pressure switch a bit to the right so it doesn't end up too close to the Alt fan pulley. Therefore, be careful as you reinstall your Alternator.

## PLEASE NOTE:

Clarks sells an adaptor that replaces the Oil filter bolt, to be able to run an oil gauge. Adapt-a-bolt. Be sure to check your manufacturer for their elect. sending units SIZE. Some can get pretty bulky. The mechanical gauges are actually easier to install, due to, in my opinion, the relative small size of the fittings to get them hooked up. Also note that if you run the mechanical gauge to the front, there will be a small delay in the oil pressure readings. Inasmuch as there are as many ways to install a gauge of any kind, as there are Corvair owners, I will not give instructions on how to install your gauge inside the cab..

If you need to install it in your gauge cluster, Corsa or Monza, the above mentioned gauges will fit your openings fairly well. A couple of vendors sell brackets to mount aftermarket gauges to either the Corsa or the Monza and 500 models. Several on the Corvair blogs have opted to go with the most modern gauges available with GPS speedometers, and spend upwards of \$900.00! YMMV!

There are also Multi gauges (Quad) that will fit in the Center gauge hole or replace the fuel gauge in the late mode Monza and /or 500s. You can find them on Speed Hut or Jegs. However, Look to spend close to \$400 or more! Remember that in a driving situation you will not be monitoring your gauge cluster very often. How often do you check out the vacuum gauge or look at your clock? Usually we are watching our Tachs and/or Speedometers. I think that is why the engineers at Chevrolet put in the idiot lights, they get your attention faster than that little orange needle that has fallen below the desired pressure.

Enjoy your Corvair as you drive to our next meeting! See you there!

Bob Welch

From Clarks Corvairs - Only 4 more months until the National Convention in Dayton Ohio. Hope to see you there! You can find all the information you will need right here: Clark's Corvair Parts

### 2024 CORSA International Convention

July 22nd to 25th- We will be attending the 2024 CORSA Convention in Dayton, Ohio. We will have two employees with laptops to take orders, some of our best-selling parts to sell and a display of reproduction parts in the vending area Monday through Wednesday. Come check out all the Convention has to offer and don't forget to stop by our booth. Orders placed at the show will have our 8% show discount. Check [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org) and [www.daytoncorvairclub.com](http://www.daytoncorvairclub.com) for more information.

#### Hotel information:

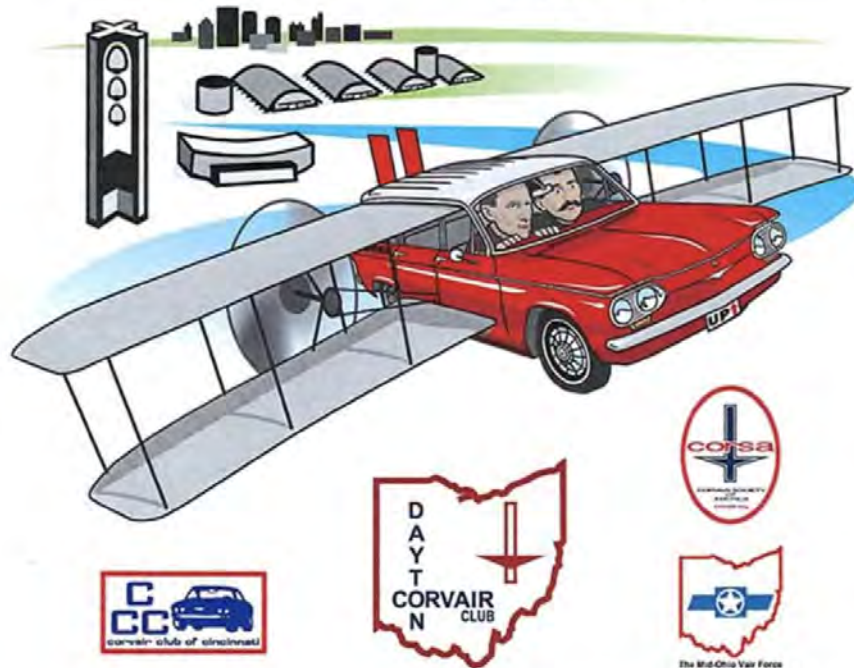
Marriott at the University of Dayton  
1414 South Patterson Boulevard  
Dayton, Ohio 45409  
1-937-223-1000

Room rate is \$142 per night. Mention The Corvair Society of America 2024 for special room rate. This rate is available for Sunday thru Friday night reservations.

Go here to reserve: <https://www.marriott.com/event.../reservation-link.mi...>

# CORVAIRBORNE!

**CORSA**  
**2024 INTERNATIONAL**  
**CORVAIR CONVENTION**  
**JULY 22-25**



**MARRIOTT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON**  
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**[WWW.DAYTONCORVAIRCLUB.COM](http://WWW.DAYTONCORVAIRCLUB.COM)**



# **Car Show** benefitting Hastings' **Corvair Museum of America and Special Scoops**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 • Jerry Spady Chevrolet GMC • Hastings**

**Open to All Makes & Models**

**Registration: 10 am - Noon  
Car Show: Noon - 3 pm**

**\$15 Online Pre-registration  
\$20 Day of Show registration  
Free Admission to the Public**

**Museum Exhibits On Display**

**Raffles / Awards**



**Hosted by Jerry Spady Chevrolet GMC • 2750 Osborne Dr E • Hastings, NE**

**Proceeds support the Corvair Museum of America in Hastings, and Special Scoops, a nonprofit ice cream parlor in Hastings that exclusively employs employees with special needs.**

**To register, visit [corvairmuseum.org](http://corvairmuseum.org)**

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**Club Stats:**

NUMBER OF MEMBERS	64
NUMBER AT LAST MEETING	31
NUMBER OF CORVAIRS DRIVEN	7
NUMBER OF GUEST AT LAST MEETING	1
NEW MEMBERS	0

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<b>January 27 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave. Bethany, Ok 73008.
<b>February 24, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Oklahoma Boat Club 9101East Lake Hefner Drive Oklahoma City Ok.
<b>March 23, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave. Bethany, Ok 73008.
<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave. Bethany, Ok 73008.
<b>May 25, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave. Bethany, Ok 73008.
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July 22 - 25 2024	Corsa Corvair Convention Dayton Ohio
<b>August 24, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave. Bethany, Ok 73008.
<b>September 28, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave. Bethany, Ok 73008.
<b>October 28, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave. Bethany, Ok 73008.
<b>November 23, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting -</b> Wylie Post Airport CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave. Bethany, Ok 73008.
<b>December 2024</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 <b>May - Oct</b></b>
<b>1st and 3rd Sundays Wednesdays</b>	<b>Coffee at Kens</b>