### Central Oklahoma Corvair Association Newsletter

## June/July2023



### THE PREZ SEZ

Hello COCA Members,

I'm sending greetings and salutations from the CORSA Nationals in Wisconsin. There are Corvairs showing up in the parking lot already, getting ready for the week of activities. Vendors with parts are here too. Ann and I are checked in and the festivities are going on already. It would sure be a grand time if each of you were here. I'm looking forward to visiting and refreshing friendships with Corsa members from other clubs and from various states around the U.S.

It is important to keep friendships strong, especially in the Corvair world. So many of our Corvairs have been restored, but there are many that still await repair and updates. Some Corvair owners can restore everything themselves, but there are times we cannot do it and welcome help from our friends. That is why friendships and club support are so important. Being an active member of our club allows us to ask for help when we need it.

So, what I'm saying is continuing to build club friendships and bonds. Be willing to help each other. I know am grateful for each and every one of you.

Take care, James



James Ergenbright COCA President cocapresident@gmail.com



### COCA Minutes May/June, 2023

President Ergenbright opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on May 27, 2023. The meeting was held at the C.E. Page building at Wiley Post Airport. James welcomed members, and there were no guests. **Old Business** - The April minutes were reviewed, and Richard Law made a motion to approve, this was seconded by Jim Gailey, the motion was passed by the membership.

**Treasurer's Report** - Ken Drye gave the April Treasurer's report. Pat Silver made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Richard Law. The motion was passed by the membership.

**New Business** - Jim Gailey wore an example of the new Polo shirt with the new Roundup logo and said they were now available at a cost of \$25.00. He also asked that if your jacket does not fit properly to please bring it in at next month's meeting and hopefully there will be someone to trade you. He also indicated that hats are now available, and the cost is \$16.00.

Juna Tuna will be at Terry Kalp's shop on June 17th for anyone interested in going. There should be several vehicles to carpool.

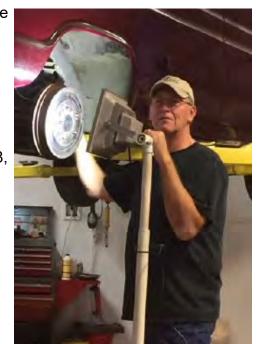
The Freedom Fest Parade will be held July 1st in Bethany again this year. James plans on signing us up and it appears there will be 5-7 Corvairs in attendance. If you want to participate, get with James for the details.

Jim Gailey said that the 2nd Hefner Mansions car show would take place on September 16th this year. Lots of awards and food.

**Roundup Related** - James gave a brief update on the Roundup. The Board of Directors have met 4 times on Zoom Meetings to work out details for the event. He indicated that John Sargent would take a donated alternator and shine it up so that it can be raffled off. We are still checking with several sources to try and obtain enough gift bags. Our car show and the various games will occur at the same place and time. These games include 1. fan belt toss, 2. oil filter toss, 3. corn hole, 4.

washer toss. Members will need to step up and volunteer to run these games during the show. So far, we have these people who have volunteered. Pat Silver, Richard Law, Cheryl Castiaux, Cina Gailey, and Joe Nels. We need more people and would like for people to step up. David Castiaux plans to hold a valve cover racer clinic for those that might be interested. Get in touch with David and let him know that you are interested in attending. The tentative date is July 8, 2023, at 11 o'clock held at Pat Silver's shop.

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



### **COCA Minutes Continued**

Vice-President David Clamp opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on June 24, 2023. The meeting was held at the C.E. Page building at Wiley Post Airport. David welcomed members, and there were no guests.

**Old Business** - The May minutes were not available for review. They will be reviewed at the July meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** - Ken Drye gave the June Treasurer's report. David Castiaux made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Scott Law. The motion was passed by the membership.

**New Business** - Jim Gailey brought some hats for the roundup and they are now available for \$18.00 apiece. Really good-looking hats.

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July 8, 2023, David Castiaux will be holding a valve cover building clinic to be held at Pat Silver's shop in Blanchard. The program will start at 10:00 AM and lunch will be served.

August 13, 2023, there will be a watermelon feast to be held at the Ergenbrights.

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David Main informed the club about the Norman Swap Meet being held at the fairgrounds. It runs Friday and Saturday for the next six weeks.

As always there is coffee, cars and cows at Ken's on Sundays and Wednesdays.

David Allin is looking for volunteers for his monthly member profile article. If interested get in touch with David.

Bob Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by John Sargent . The motion carried; the meeting was adjourned.



## Bob's Tech Corner

First......What is Powder Coating?

Powder coating is a different way to "paint" your metal parts. Instead of using traditional paint, the color is applied onto the metal's surface with a special Powder coating gun that gives the powder an electrical charge. Then the part is placed in an electric type oven and cured with heat.

I enjoy powder coating because it provides my parts with a great looking and durable finish.

DIY powder coatings come in many colors including chromes and clears. There are several Powder wholesalers/retailers available to the DIYer and automotive hobbyist.

As you can see, there are various types of powders that can be used for your project. However, do some research or consult with one of the Powder venders to figure out the best powder for your project! Powder coating is a mixture of polymer resin, flow modifiers, leveling agents, and other additives. The ingredients are melted, mixed, cooled, and then finally ground into powder.

For the application process, you will use an electrostatic paint sprayer. Several consumer or entry level Powder coating guns are on the market. Eastwood and Harbor Freight currently have them available. Craftsman sold a self-contained a powder coating "System" several years ago that you can still find online for around \$100.00 With their system you did not need to own a compressor. These Powder coating "guns" do not spray as does a paint gun but rather use very low pressure to make a 'Cloud" of powder that attaches to the metal part you are working with. The powder coating gun has an electrode that provides a positive electrical charge on the powder, which attaches to your metal parts. The powder sticks to the metal pare because you previously grounded the part you are coating with a ground strap from the control box of the unit you are using. Notice too that you can also ground the metal Hanger or rack the part is on. The powder coating gets stronger once it's HEAT cured because the powders melt together and solidify. You can also add more coats, like clear or a translucent color over chrome to your part if you want. Thicker layers mean added protection for your parts. The effects of the translucent over chrome can give dramatic results as well.

Powder coating is an excellent choice for application in pretty much any Corvair project! As long as your oven is large enough to "COOK" the part. Understandably, it's hard to step out on a limb and try something new! You don't always know what will happen during the HEATING process, so experiment before you coat the parts that you will put into service. More and more people use powder coating for their projects instead of using paint. As paint comes with problems like running, dry time, fading and chipping. Especially when newly painted parts come in direct contact with engine heat or a gasoline leak. Paint can be destroyed quickly in a Corvair engine bay! Once your metals have been powder coated, it becomes highly resistant to wear and tear no matter what you put it through. You should have fewer issues with chipping or peeling. However, if you do, find a deep scratch or a chip, the powder coated part that has a chip or scratch, can be sanded smooth and simply re- coated and using the same powder .... a perfect color match!

Due to its high-resistance capabilities, powder coating is perfect for metals that come in constant contact with sunlight and hot engines and fuel spillage. i.e. leaks on Corvair engine tin! I like it for all my suspension parts as well.

A common question is, "How long does a powder coat finish last?" The answer I found in my research...... is roughly about 20 years!

Powder coating has been proven to increase the durability of your metal parts, and so they are easy to maintain. That doesn't mean they won't get dirty; dust and other factors can decrease the appearance of your beautiful powder coating job. You'll only need to wash your metals with some water, and the metal coating will remain intact. With this easy maintenance, you can use your parts for extended periods without worry.

Also, powder coating powder has an extended shelf life, so you'll be able to store it without any problems. Regular paints can dry out and expire or the tips on a rattle can clog rendering the rattle can ineffective and unusable unless you know how to "DECANT" the paint and spray it out of an air brush. This can be addressed at another time.

So...... instead of using paint on your next Corvair project, save yourself the hassle by investing in some powder coating equipment instead. You will find that it is a tremendously satisfying process and a lot of fun!





## COCA Member Profile

By David Allin

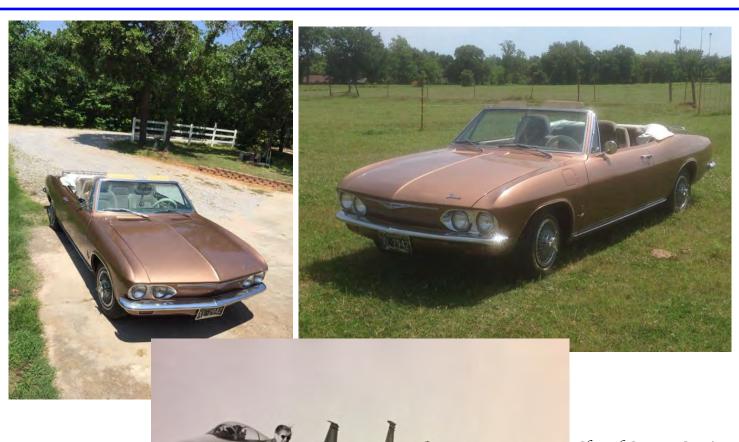
David was born in St. Louis, MO, but grew up in Illinois. As a teenager, he read all the custom car magazines and dreamed of owning his own. At age 17, while riding the bus, he saw a new 1965 Corvair coupe with black interior at a dealer and fell in love with it. Unfortunately, it was out of his price range. He went into the Air Force, and was initially assigned to Wichita, KS, but soon was off to sunny Southeast Asia. When he returned to an Air Force Base in Arizona in 1969, he needed a car. He found a used 1965 Corvair 500 that was within his budget, and the used car dealer even paid to have the heater repaired. He drove it back and forth to the AFB and really enjoyed it. One day it wouldn't start, and an older sergeant told him to push start it, even though it was an automatic. That worked, and then he was able to buy a new battery.

Later the car began making a chirping noise, and he determined the problem was a blown head gasket. Working in his carport, he pulled the heads and the jugs, got them machined, and put it back together without breaking anything. After that it ran great. When he was reassigned to another air base, one in Tucson, and was planning to get out of the Air Force, he sold it. He returned to Illinois, but within a few weeks decided to reenlist in the Air Force. At that time he was driving his mother's old 1959 Ford. A buddy had a 1965 Corvair coupe that wasn't running, so David traded his Ford for it. He traced the Corvair's problem to a clogged fuel line, fixed it, and had a good running car. When the Air Force reassigned him to Tucson, he sold it. His next tour was in Germany, and he went looking for a Corvair there. He found one sitting in someone's backyard, but the owner refused to sell it to him.

His next assignment was in New Mexico, at Holloman AFB. He bought a 1964 convertible based on photos and info from a man in Texas, but it turned out to be worse than it had been presented. Nonetheless, he brought it back to NM and fixed it up. He soon had a Corvair van, but its engine was bad. An Air Force buddy had a Greenbriar that wasn't running, so David bought it, fixed the engine, and swapped it into his van.

On a trip to northern New Mexico, outside of Santa Fe, the van began running rough, so he pulled off the road next to a high chain link fence with no trespassing signs. While he was checking out the engine, armed men surrounded him and demanded he leave immediately. He had inadvertently stopped on the road to Los Alamos National Laboratory, where nuclear weapons were built. David quickly reset the points and moved on.

While he was at Holloman he was one of the founding members of a Corvair club, but after he left the club eventually faded away. From NM David came to Tinker AFB and bought three more Corvairs. When he was reassigned to Japan, he sold all his cars and parts, telling his wife he was done with Corvairs, and would concentrate on woodworking. When he returned to Oklahoma, however, he started buying Corvairs again, including the gold 1967 coupe he still drives.



Cheryl Cooper-Castiaux Dave Castiaux











Hello,

We are the Central Oklahoma Corvair Association. This year we are excited to be hosting the annual Great Plains Corvair Roundup in Guthrie, Ok September 29 to October 1, 2023. The Roundup is a gathering of Chevrolet Corvair lovers from five different Corvair Clubs in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. In addition to the five clubs there will be Corvair owners that will travel from other surrounding states and clubs.

Our theme this year is "American Made". We are remembering the great Chevrolet Corvairs from 1960 to 1969 and are expecting a great showing of cars, many in their restored glory.

In addition, we would love to invite you to the Corvair car show on Saturday morning, September 30 from 9:00 to 12:00. The car show will be held at Mineral Wells Park in Guthrie, Ok.

Cordially,

James Ergenbright
President
Central Oklahoma Corvair Association
405-823-7585

### "2023 Great Plains Corvair Round-UP"

### American Made

Hosted by

### Central Oklahoma Corvair Association Itinerary

Events: Registration required to participate in any of the Round-Up events

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8:00 - 8:00 PM	Registration and Check-in receive Packets with information for the Round-UP.
10:00 - 5:00 PM	Hospitality Room Door Prizes, 50/50 raffle tickets.
5:30 - 7:30 PM	Welcome Party at the Mineral Wells Park, free Hot dogs, chips, soda.
6:00 - 7:30 PM	Valve Cover Races in the Mineral Wells Park.
8:00 - 10:00 PM	On your own to explore the Town of Guthrie at night.
Friday and	Model Car Display in the Hospitality Suite.
Saturday	
•	All Ballots for voting and Car/Valve Cover numbers will be in your registration
	package along with other information for the weekend.
Saturday, Sept 30	
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Registration after 10:00 AM go to the hospitality room.
9:00 - 5:00 PM	Hospitality Room Door Prizes, 50/50 raffle tickets.
8:00 - 8:15 AM	Gather in Hotel parking lot to leave for the Car show with a small cruise
	through the town of Guthrie.
9:30 - 12:00 PM	Peoples Choice Car Show in the Mineral Wells Park.
10:00 -11:30 AM	Games in the park, Fan Belt Toss, Corn Hole, Oil Filter Ring Toss, Washer Ring
	Toss. Prizes to be awarded.
12:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch on your own and time to visit Guthrie and shop.
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Tech Session with Bob Welch in the Hotel.
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Free Time Go Visit the Round Barn or Pops in Arcadia.
6:00 - 9:00 PM	Dinner and Awards.
9:30 till we stop	
	All Ballots for the People's Choice Car Show and Model Car show must be
Sunday, Oct 1	turned in to be counted.
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Depart for Home

\*\*\*Turn all Banners into Hospitality Room to a COCA Member No later than 10:00 AM Saturday Morning\*\*\* \*\*\*\*Model Car Show Setup see Hospitality Room COCA Member\*\*\*\*

# CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

### Guthrie, Oklahoma September 29—Oct 1 2023

The 2023 Great Plains Corvair Round-up Hosted by the Central Oklahoma Corvair Association.



## Deadline for registration is 1

Sept 2023. No Sales of apparel

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CORVAIR ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1, 2023	Sept 2023. No Sales of apparel after this date.	QTY	Pre-Reg	On-Site	Total
	Registration Pre-Registered 25.00 per registration		\$25.00		
Attendee(s):	Registration On-Site 35.00 per registration			\$35.00	
Name 1 (First , Last)	Banquet Per Attendee		35.00	35.00	
Name 2 (First , Last)	Valve Cover Race/Display		\$5.00 ea.	\$5.00 ea.	
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Phone:	Short Sleeve Shirt Large		\$17.00 ea.	N/A	
Club Affiliation:	Short Sleeve Shirt XL	(444)	\$17.00 ea.	N/A	
Vehicle Information: Please Circle your type vehicle	Short Sleeve Shirt XXL		\$25.00 ea.	N/A	
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7	Long Sleeve Shirt Small		\$20.00 ea.	N/A	
Model:	Long Sleeve Shirt Medium		\$20.00 ea.	N/A	
Year:Color:	Long Sleeve Shirt Large		\$20.00 ea.	N/A	
Vehicle 2: Open (E)(L), Closed(E)(L), FWD Control (FC 4 Door(4D), Wagon(W), Specialty(SP)	tong Sleeve ShirtXL 6		\$20.00 ea.	N/A	
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Phone: (405) 282-2100 Fax: (405) 282-1540
E-Mail: 2323guthrie@gmail.com
Address: 2323 Territorial Trail, Guthrie, OK 73044

Territorial Inn Hotel & RV Park Email: 2323guthrie@gmail.com 2323 Territorial Trail, Guthrie, OK 73044

Contact for information or questions: Newslettercoca@gmail.com

For more current information about the Roundup go to Facebook group Great Plains Corvair Roundup or the COCA website COCCA.ORG

For Registration: Make Checks payable to COCA Mail Check and Printed Registration Form To: James Ergenbright 13501 SE 74th Street Oklahoma City, Ok 73150

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In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate: entrants, participants and spectators, by execution of the entry form, release and discharge Central Oklahoma Corvair Association, their officers and employees, agents or representatives, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the Central Oklahoma Corvair Roundup of any and all known or unknown damages, injury, loss, judgments, and/or claims from any cause what-soever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property. All vendors are responsible for the paying of all sales taxes due on sales to the State of Oklahoma.

Signature:

### Meeting at Wylie Post Airport Saturday 22 July, 10:00 AM

CE Page Building 5810 Tulakes Ave Bethany, Ok 73008



The Central Oklahoma Corvair Club Monthly News is a monthly publication of the Central Oklahoma Corvair Association, INC. C.O.C.A is Chapter 731 of the Corvair 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 Corvair 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 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	22
NUMBER OF CORVAIRS DRIVEN	4
NUMBER OF GUEST AT LAST MEETING	0
NEW MEMBERS	0

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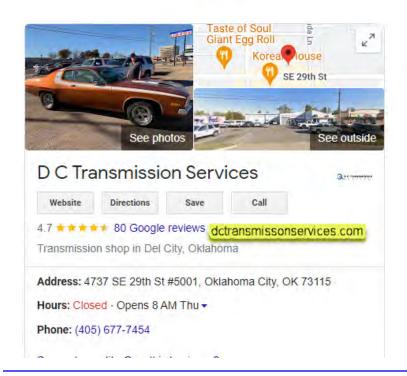












## OUR 50TH ANNIV-2023

Thanks to the support of 1,000's of Corvair owners over the last 50 years we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. We respect your trust and always put our customers first. We would also like to thank our 24 employees, 10 have been with us over 20 years and some as long as 46! Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all year-Joan & Cal Clark

**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

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.

INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION-Wisconsin- We will be there Tues, Wed & Thurs with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates June 19- June 24

CATALOG- over 450 pages, free with an order, \$8 postpaid in USA

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