

CORSA West of Los Angeles Membership Handbook

“We’re really onto something now. This could be the breakthrough we’ve been looking for!”

Edward N. Cole

“The difference will be the looks, and that is the designer’s job.”

William L. (Billy) Mitchell

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Introduction

On behalf of the officers and members of CORSA West of Los Angeles, we would like to welcome you to our group of Corvair enthusiasts.

This handbook should enable you to familiarize yourself with our organization. Its contents consist of information regarding CORSA, our international organization, as well as our own chapter.

We hope it will help you in becoming a better, more informed, active member.

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Membership Meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article X – Rules of Order

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern all member meetings and Executive Board meetings of CORSA West, except in instances of conflict between Robert's Rules of Order and the adopted By-laws and adopted Standing Rules of CORSA West.

Adopted as revised by members present on April 9, 1998, at North Hollywood Park Auditorium, North Hollywood, California.

The History of CORSA

The origins of CORSA go back to the fall of 1969, soon after the end of their production of the Corvair, when Richard Longworth, then of Pennsylvania and an automotive enthusiast, historian, and editor, sent letters to the editors of various automotive-related magazines, asking that persons who might be interested in forming an organization of Corvair enthusiasts write to him. The response was overwhelming, and an initial organization meeting was held in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, on March 7, 1970.

From that first meeting, a dynamic organization has developed that now numbers over 5,500 members and over 120 chartered local and special-interest chapters around the United States and a number of other countries. The name **Corvair Society of America** was chosen, and the club was incorporated under the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the State of California on November 17, 1972.

International conventions of CORSA have been held annually since 1971. These conventions provide for a gathering of enthusiasts for such activities as concours, car displays, autocrosses, rallies, economy runs, banquets, technical seminars, and various social and organizational activities. These conventions typically attract over 1,000 members and 200 different Corvairs. In addition, several regional mini-conventions are held each year at various times around the country. Members of local CORSA chapters are usually welcome at the scheduled activities of other local chapters. A calendar of such events is but one of the features in CORSA's award-winning monthly magazine, *The Communiqué*.

CORSA is governed by a board of directors of twelve members, with four directors being elected on a staggered-year basis by each division. The divisions are Eastern, Central, and Western. The officers are elected by and from the board annually at the convention. Most years, convention locations move from division to division. Administration of CORSA is accomplished via a management contract with an executive secretary and an executive

editor, with an office currently located near Chicago. Numerous committee chairs are appointed by the board to assist in carrying out organizational policy and activity. The CORSA board of directors also supervises the Corvair Preservation Foundation, which operates a museum now located at Prince George, Virginia.

The History of CORSA West

The Corvair Society of America was founded in 1969, and one year later a small group of local enthusiasts formed the Southern California Chapter (SCC). At that time, since most of the members lived in the South Bay and Orange County areas, the early meetings were held in Inglewood, California, and were later moved to Santa Ana, California. By 1972, the chapter had grown to over forty members who were being drawn from other areas as far as the San Fernando Valley and Thousand Oaks. Once again, the meetings, held on Sunday afternoons, were moved back to Inglewood to help equalize driving distances.

The growth of CORSA / SCC stabilized in the period of 1971 through 1973 while the members enjoyed monthly activities ranging from technical clinics to an annual Concours d'Elegance, "Corvairs in the Park," held every April in Anaheim, California. The annual anniversary party in May and Christmas party in December were also popular. 1973 was the most active year for the Southern California Chapter. Egged on by the slalom enthusiasts, Paul Jones, Herb Berkman, and Doug Ward, the chapter joined the Southern California Council of Sports Car Clubs (SCC SCC). Under the expert guidance of Dick Gundzik, the chapter hosted the third CORSA International Convention in Anaheim. Through the help of member/attorney Victor Geretz, the chapter incorporated, and Tim Shevlin led us down the road to acquiring a club-owned slalom car.

In the early years, the SCC newsletter was the *Hot Air*, edited at various times by Paul Jones, Carl Cewinski, and Tim Shevlin.

provided for herein shall be made unless such amendment is ratified at a regular meeting of such members, duly called for the purpose of making such amendment, by a vote of not less than eighty percent (80%) of a quorum of the members present at such meeting.

Section 4.

CORSA West shall be primarily supported by the dues, assessments, and activity fees paid in due course by qualified members of CORSA West, the Corvair Society of America, Inc., and members of other chartered Chapters of CORSA.

Section 5.

CORSA West shall operate as a non-profit membership association under the laws of the State of California. No member shall seek or receive any financial interest or profit from CORSA West and no officer or other member of the Executive Board shall receive any compensation for services. Any member may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Club, but only as fixed by resolution of the Executive Board.

Article VII – General Membership Meetings

General Membership Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month. Starting time will be 8:00p.m.

Article VIII – Quorum

Official business of the Club cannot be transacted at a General Membership Meeting unless one-fourth (1/4) of the active membership, in good standing, is present.

Article IX – Amendments to By-laws

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the memberships present and voting at any General

- c. Coordinate interclub activities with other Chapters of the Corvair Society of America, Inc. and with other automotive and/or charitable organizations.

Section 7.

The Concours Chairperson shall:

- a. Establish standards by which members may be guided in representing the Club at any appearance or competition staged by outside organizations.
- b. Disseminate information, when available, concerning the general subject of concours competition which may be of interest to members who wish to compete in such events or who wish to restore their vehicles to high standards.
- c. Organize at least one Concours d'Elegance activity per year, either within the Club, or in concert with others, in which Club members may compete.

Section 8.

The WESTWIND editor shall:

- a. Be responsible for the publishing of the newsletter, the WESTWIND, on a monthly basis.

Article VI – Dues and Assessments

Section 1.

CORSA West dues shall be assessed in the month of July.

Those joining in certain other months as decided by the Membership Committee shall have their dues pro-rated. Dues shall be \$20.00 per year.

Section 2.

National CORSA dues shall be the responsibility of each member, both initially and annually.

Section 3.

No amendments to these By-laws which shall increase or change the amount of dues for active regular memberships as

After the 1973 International Convention, the membership doubled to over eighty people, with a geographical distribution extending from Ventura east to Pomona and south to Dana Point. Because of the large distances involved in getting members to commute to meetings and activities, coupled with the 1973-1974 energy crisis, a contingent of Valley members generated the idea of forming a separate club.

The first meeting of what was to become CORSA West of Los Angeles was held on Sunday afternoon, January 13, 1974. The location was the shop of CORSA Enterprises, then of 14444 Lanark Street, Van Nuys, California. All nineteen people who attended were grateful to owner Roy Findlon for offering the facilities. Officers elected at that meeting were:

President	George Gunnison
Vice-president	Dick Campbell
Secretary / Treasurer	Christal Findlon

Committee Chairs selected were:

Concours / Standards	Dick Campbell, Roy Findlon
Activities	Herb Berkman, Alan Santon
Newsletter	Sesto Chiarello

The second meeting, as well as several others, was held at Rancho Chevrolet in Reseda, California. The new club quickly outgrew that facility and, within four months, moved to State Mutual Savings and Loan in Encino, California, with the meeting date set for the second Thursday of the month. Meetings moved to the General Motors Training Center in March of 1977, to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San Fernando in May of 1980 and finally to the North Hollywood Park Auditorium in March of 1981. We've been meeting on almost the same night of the month, at the same location, for over seventeen years.

In March of 1974, a joint decision was made to form three separate clubs, each of which would be a section of the chapter. The central chapter was to remain as the corporate umbrella and would continue to own the club car and maintain a central treasury. The treasury of the Southern California Chapter, Inc. would provide capital for club car maintenance and to finance joint club activities

such as our annual SCC SCC Slalom. Funds for this central treasury would be replenished from the Slalom profits and from fund-raising events such as raffles and auctions. As for our membership in SCC SCC, it remained in the name of the central chapter with Herb Berkman and Andy Clark as the delegates. In March of 1974, SCC joined with the Morgan Plus 4 Club to stage our first-ever SCC SCC-sanctioned Open Slalom.

It was decided that each club would be free to set its own dues, elect its own officers, schedule its own events, and publish its own newsletter. The president and vice-president of each club would be the six directors of the corporation, and the club anniversary banquet in May was designated as the annual joint meeting of all members of SCC, Inc. This event developed into a traditional festive banquet, complete with entertainment and door prizes.

The three local clubs took the names Vintage CORSA of Orange County, South Coast CORSA, and, of course, CORSA West of Los Angeles. Their newsletters became, respectively, *Vintage Times*, *Hot Air*, and *Westwind*. In 1975, when CORSA initiated its plan for chartering local chapters, each club applied for and received individual charter status in the national organization.

The corporation known as Corvair Society of America, Southern California Chapter, Inc. was suspended by the Franchise Tax Board on March 1, 1984 for failure to file required annual tax forms. The tri-club banquets continued to be an annual affair until 1991.

In the years since 1974, CORSA West has grown from 19 individual members to as many as 109 families (1987-88). In recent years, we have averaged around 55 family memberships. Charter members who are still members of CORSA West include Herb and Jonni Berkman, Lee Campbell, Victor and Esther Geretz, and John Kerkhoff. Others who joined in the first year included Bob Testa and Marty Katz.

In the history of CORSA West, we have established a number of traditions and accomplished many goals. Our club rules are well

- c. Render monthly reports at Executive Board meetings and at meetings of the general membership.
- d. Insure that CORSA WEST and/or CORSA logos are used on all correspondence or publications.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Receive all monies for the Club.
- b. Keep an itemized account of all financial transactions of the Club.
- c. Render a monthly and annual report.
- d. Make no expenditures of Club monies, except upon the direction of the President, in excess of petty cash funds.
- e. Co-sign all checks.
- f. Deposit the funds of the Club, to the credit of the Club, in a bank selected for the convenience of the Treasurer.

Section 5.

The Membership Chairperson shall:

- a. Provide membership applications and information to all prospective members.
- b. Maintain a current roster of all members and distribute the Roster to all new members.
- c. Welcome new members and assure that they receive all materials due them upon initiation.
- d. Chair the Membership Committee which shall include the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Section 6.

The Activities Chairperson shall:

- a. Submit plans which shall insure that there will be at least one Club-sanctioned activity each month. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, competition, educational, social, fundraising, publicity, or spectator events.
- b. Assign members to organize and/or participate in Club activities.

Section 8.

The Chairpersons of the permanent committees (Article IV, Section 2.) shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, by the end of each January. Other standing and special committees may be appointed from time to time as necessary.

Article V – Duties of Officers

Section 1.

It shall be the duty of the President to:

- d. Preside at all meetings of the Club and Executive Board.
- e. Call all special meetings.
- f. Appoint Membership Chairperson, Concours Chairperson, WESTWIND editor, and Activities Chairperson.
- g. Insure that the By-laws, Standing Rules, and such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Club are strictly enforced and supervise generally all affairs of the Club.
- h. Be ex-officio, a member of all committees, except the nominating committee.
- i. Co-sign all checks.

Section 2.

The Vice-President shall:

- a. Act as an assistant to the President.
- b. In the absence of the President, preside at meetings.
- c. Be ex-officio, a member of all committees, except the nominating committee.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall:

- a. Record the minutes of all meetings of the Club and the Executive Board.
- b. Conduct the correspondence of the Club at the direction of the President and/or Executive Board.

documented in our by-laws, originally authored by Herb Berkman and Leona Campbell. The by-laws were revised in 1991 by Norman Bloss and Earl Gallaway, and again in 1998 by Norman Bloss. The by-laws are printed in this handbook. Our club is identified by a beautiful logo designed by John Kerkhoff. The logo was selected by a vote of members at a logo contest held early in our first year. The logo appears on our stationery, on the club flag (handmade by Janne Finster), on the club banner (designed by Ruthe Wilson and Marilynn Ushman), and on parade signs made by Paul Peterson. We will be sponsoring the 25th Annual Concours d'Elegance in October of 1998. The first "Corvairs in the Plaza" Concours d'Elegance was held at Walnut Grove Shopping Center in Northridge, California. Most recent Concours have been held at Andres Pico Adobe in Mission Hills, and are more properly described as "Corvairs in the Park." Wash and Shine classes and a picnic have been added to the celebration in recent years. Over the years the activities calendar has included such favorites as Economy Runs, Poker Rallies, Photo Rall-Eyes, Poppy Runs, beach parties, Christmas parties, museum tours, swap meets, and installation banquets. In 1978, we had one of the highest participations of any chapter at the International Convention in San Diego and took home a lot of trophies to prove it, including Ken Banks' "Best of Show."

CORSA West has had many winners. Rich Bashford, Andy Clark, and Jonni Berkman have class championships in SCC SCC slaloms. John Kerkhoff and Rod Bean have carried our banner in SCCA racing. Ron Cohn has set land-speed records. Many of us have several Concours trophies, and a number of member cars have advanced to Concours Senior Division. Herb Berkman was a director of CORSA and was president of CORSA from March of 1979 through July of 1981. Herb was also the first national winner of the Edward N. Cole Award in 1978. Larry Shapiro won the Cole Award at the convention in Ontario, California, in 1990. For several years, CORSA West had the largest number of drivers in the SCC SCC Inc. slalom teams.

In 1990, CORSA West began awarding the Annual Gary E. Fricke Memorial Award for "Outstanding Service as a Member of

CORSA West of Los Angeles.” The winner is announced each year at the combination holiday party/ club birthday party/ officer installation held in December. Names of the winners are inscribed on a permanent plaque as follows:

1990 Perley “Red” Haynes
1991 Olga Testa
1992 Earl Gallaway
1993 Norman Bloss
1994 Dick Campbell
1995 Art Eller
1996 Leona Campbell
1997 Barbara Haynes

In addition to the many CORSA West activities through the years, the club has and will continue to support a number of multi-club activities. We will resurrect the San Buenaventura Beach party in August, 1998. Members of CORSA West have won trophies in Vintage CORSA’s Car Show and Swap Meet, in South Coast CORSA’s Concours d’Elegance, and in the LeCercle Charity Concours d’Elegance. Our biggest cooperative effort is the management of, and participation in, the Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet, held each year in Palm Springs, California. (1997 was the 20th year.) It is the largest Corvair swap meet in the world. CORSA West will assist the San Diego Corvair Club by handling the field raffle in 1998 and will sponsor the event in 1999.

CORSA West is proud of its members, their cars, and their accomplishments. If you want to get the most out of the club, you have to participate, so come out and join us. We look forward to the future while cherishing the past.

The Executive Board may appoint additional Members and shall do so when, in fact, Board membership falls below nine (9) Members.

Section 3.

A quorum of the Executive Board shall be at least two (2) Officers of the Club and two-thirds (2/3) of all other currently appointed Members.

Section 4.

Club policy shall be determined by a majority of the Executive Board. Any motion passed by the Executive Board shall become Club policy only after being submitted to the General Membership at a regular meeting providing no overriding motion is passed by a majority of the Members present at the same meeting.

Section 5.

The elected Officers of CORSA West shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. All of the foregoing Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Members present and voting at an annual meeting of the Club, held in November.

Section 6.

Nominations for each office shall be made by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President at least sixty (60) days prior to the November meeting. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one (1) candidate for each office. At the November meeting, nominations shall be asked for and accepted from the floor for any office. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election to office.

Section 7.

The new Officers shall take office at a holiday party which shall be scheduled in December of each year. The term of office shall be one (1) year.

Section 5.

All Members of CORSA West are required to be, or to become, members of the Corvair Society of America, Inc.

Section 6.

A membership shall terminate upon the death or resignation of the member, or upon his/her expulsion by a majority vote of the Executive Board. A Member may be expelled for non-payment of dues or for conduct the Executive Board shall deem inimical to the best interests of the Club, after a hearing, with reasonable notice, to allow the Member to refute any charges proffered against said Member. All rights of a Member in the Club or its property shall cease upon termination of the membership.

Section 7.

Membership shall be terminated after a Member has been delinquent in dues for three months by removing the name of the membership from the Roster and from the mailing list.

Article IV – Executive Board

Section 1.

The policies, business, and affairs of CORSA West shall be directed and governed by an Executive Board, who, in turn, shall be subject to these By-laws of CORSA West.

Section 2.

The Executive Board shall meet monthly and shall consist of a minimum of nine (9) Members, including:

- four (4) elected Officers,
- the immediate Past President,
- the currently appointed *Westwind* Editor,
- Membership Chairperson,
- Concours Chairperson, and
- Activity Chairperson.

Other appointed Committee Chairpersons shall serve as Members of the Executive Board for the duration of their appointment. The Executive Board shall include all elected Honorary Life Members.

Meetings

General Membership

Meetings are currently held on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 8:00p.m., in the North Hollywood Park Auditorium. Meetings are conducted using a modified Robert's Rules of Order agenda. News and notification of scheduled meetings are printed monthly in the *Westwind*. The *Westwind* is mailed to all active members, to all currently advertising vendors, to many other CORSA chapters, and to others upon request.

At the completion of regular business, new members and guests are introduced and time is given to “Buy, Sell, Swap” of cars and parts. Tech sessions, guest speakers, or club fund-raising activities follow. Refreshments are a feature of each meeting as supplied by members on a rotating bases. Coffee, tea, cups, etc., are supplied from your club dues.

Meetings must be over by 10:00p.m. We ask that members help tidy up the meeting room before they leave.

Executive Board

E-board meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month, prior to the general meeting. We usually gather at the home of one of the board members. Any CWLA member is welcome to attend or host a board meeting.

Those required to attend are the president, the vice-president, the treasurer, the secretary, the immediate past president, and all committee chairpersons, including the *Westwind* editor. Consult the *Westwind* for the time and place of each meeting.

Westwind

All members are encouraged to contribute letters and articles to the *Westwind*. It is your newsletter. Please submit your material to the editor at the monthly meeting or mail it directly by the 15th of the month.

Corvair-related want-ads may be placed in the *Tradewinds* section by any member, free of charge. Commercial ads may be placed at published rates, subject to available space.

Activities

It is CORSA West's purpose and hope to create a desire in each member to participate as much as he or she can in the activities of our club. Our goal is the preservation and promotion of the Corvair. Having fun at the same time is a bonus.

Concours d'Elegance

Roughly translated, a concours is a beauty show for cars. CORSA West has successfully presented a Concours d'Elegance annually for twenty-four years. The 25th Annual Concours d'Elegance and Picnic will be held Sunday, October 4, 1998, at Andres Pico Adobe in Mission Hills, California. This is our most consistent, most time-consuming annual activity.

CORSA has set out specific guidelines and instructions for the presentation and judging of Corvair Concours. These rules are used at the international convention and all CORSA-sanctioned regional and local events. Published rules and scoring sheets may be obtained from the CORSA office. CORSA West modifies the rules to fit local conditions and the size of the local event.

its meetings and activities are known to and open to members of the Corvair Society of America, Inc. and to members of CORSA's chartered chapters.

Article III – Membership

Section 1.

There shall be three classes of membership:

- a. Regular Member
- b. Family Member
- c. Honorary Life Member

Section 2.

Family Members shall consist of those Members of a regular or honorary life member's immediate family or associates who reside at the same address. However, persons who live at the same address shall not be excluded from establishing a separate membership.

Section 3.

All Members are entitled to the same membership privileges with the exceptions that there shall be but one mailing of club literature to a single membership and that each membership shall be counted but once in establishing a quorum (Article VII) and in any vote concerning the adoption and/or enhancement of these By-laws (Article IX).

Section 4.

Members shall be persons of responsibility, integrity, and good standing in the communities in which they reside. A Member shall be admitted to membership only upon approval by the Executive Board or upon approval by such Membership Committee, as the Board may, by resolution, have authorized to admit members, and upon submittal of appropriate dues and initiation fees if in effect.

By-laws of CORSA West of Los Angeles

Article I – Name

The name of this Club shall be CORSA West of Los Angeles, a chartered chapter of the Corvair Society of America, Inc. This Club shall hereafter be referred to in these By-laws as CORSA West. (The Club may also be identified in practice, and in writing, by the abbreviation CWLA.)

Article II – Purpose

Section 1.

The primary purpose of this Club shall be the preservation and enjoyment of all Corvair automobiles and trucks or related vehicles and to encourage and conduct meetings, events, and activities which are designed to encourage and cultivate the preservation, ownership, operation, and enjoyment of Corvair automobiles, trucks, and similarly engineered vehicles.

Section 2.

CORSA West shall provide technical information to its members, encourage careful and skillful driving of all types of vehicles, provide facilities for meetings and for competition among its members with their vehicles, and encourage the testing and continued technological development of vehicles of similar design.

Section 3.

CORSA West shall establish rules and regulations covering the activities of its Members and shall provide and regulate events and exhibitions for vehicles and their owners and drivers.

Section 4.

CORSA West shall abide by the rules and purpose of the Corvair Society of America, Inc. and shall generally provide that

As a competitor, you should clean every inch of your car. If you do not win a trophy your first time out, do not be discouraged. Watch the judges as they score your car. You will be given a copy of your complete score sheet. Many clues to improving the presentation of your car will be found on those completed forms.

Slaloms and Autocrosses

A slalom is a timed, skill-driving event in which one car at a time drives a closed course including a variety of curves and straights of varying length. The course is marked by pylons and lines, and its complexity and attainable speeds are determined by the sponsoring organization. Each car participating is timed from a standing start and is required to stay on the proscribed course. Points are charged against the car for any pylons displaced during the run, and the car is disqualified if the car leaves the course and does not return to the same spot within a specified time.

Generally, each car is permitted to make at least two runs, more if time is available. The best timed run for each participant is used for scoring. Maximum attainable speeds depend upon the course and may vary from 5 to 100 miles per hour. CORSA West members who are interested in learning to slalom or in participating on a regular basis should join the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA).

Rallies

Rallies are road events in which participants follow a set of instructions defining speeds to be maintained and the course to be followed. There may be checkpoints along the way at which the time of arrival of each car is compared to its theoretical time of arrival. Those cars which arrive at the checkpoints and at the finish with the greatest accuracy of timing score the highest.

The complexity of rallies may vary from a simple tour in which the cars merely follow a simple set of instructions to complex courses with frequent changes of speed requiring accurate timing devices

and calculators. Generally, each car will have at least a driver and a navigator. The navigator reads the instructions, operates any timing and calculation devices, watches for navigational points, and instructs the driver. The driver follows the navigator's instructions, helps watch for navigational points, and calls out mileage and odometer readings to the navigator.

Rallies are always on public roads and highways, and legal speed limits are observed and designed into the instructions. Durations of rallies may vary from a short run to a day or more. They generally include quite a bit of driving on secondary roads and highways and afford the participant a lot of scenic driving that they might otherwise not enjoy. Frequently, rallies may include questions, photos, or other landmark identification devices, poker hands, or other games of skill or chance built into the instructions. CORSA West members who really enjoy rallying are encouraged to join the Santa Monica Sports Car Club in their regular First Niter Rallies. Ask for details at a CWLA meeting.

Economy Runs

Economy runs are events of utilizing cars in which the goal is to obtain maximum gasoline mileage over a specified, measured course. Entrants may be divided into different classes, by type of transmission or engine horsepower, to provide some equity in the competition. Generally, cars will have the gas tanks filled at a gas station at the beginning of the run and then have them re-topped at the finish in order to measure actual fuel consumption.

CORSA West usually combines a scenic tour with an economy run. We all meet at the starting location, fuel up and tour to a location determined and described in the instructions. Frequently the rally or economy run is completed by a picnic or a meeting at a restaurant where results are announced and prizes provided.

Gymkhanas

Gymkhanas or Funkhanas can be thought of as toned-down versions of slaloms. They are timed events run on a closed course

Membership Privileges

As a member of CORSA West, you are entitled to and encouraged to wear our club jacket. Jackets may be purchased from the club Merchandise Chair along with the patches to identify you as a member of CORSA West. As of this writing, our current jacket is almost out of stock. We are in the process of selecting and ordering a new jacket. The new design will be made available to both new and continuing members.

As a member, you are also entitled to the following:

- Annual membership card
- Membership roster
- Monthly issues of the *Westwind*
- Free ad placement in the *Westwind*
- A CORSA West inside decal of the club logo (Additional decals may be purchased.)
- Name tag (Members furnished with name tags are fined twenty-five cents for not wearing their name tags at official club activities. Additional name tags for family members may be ordered and purchased.)

Note: It is expected that all members of CORSA West of Los Angeles shall also be members of CORSA (Corvair Society of America). If you are not a member of CORSA, you will not receive *The Communiqué* and may have to pay dues or surcharges before registering for regional events and events of other CORSA chapters. CORSA West must pay an annual fee for reporting a chapter CORSA membership of less than 100%.

Larry's Corvair Parts & Rebuilding Services (310) 970-9233
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Hawthorne, CA 90250

Marty's Corvair Parts (310) 970-1960
12831 Cerise Avenue
Hawthorne, California 90250

The following publications are available to assist the Corvair owner and driver:

GM Owner Manuals, Shop Manuals, Body Manuals, and Assembly Manuals are available from most of the vendors listed above.

The CORSA Technical Guide and the CORSA Technical Guide Supplement are available from CORSA, P.O. Box 607, Lemont, Illinois 60439.

The Corvair Decade, by Tony Fiore, is available from CORSA.

The Compleat History of the Corvair, by John Wipff.

How to Hot Rod Your Corvair, by Bill Fisher.

How to Keep Your Corvair Alive, by Richard Finch.

Corvair, a History and Restoration Guide, by Bill Artzberger.

These and others are available from Clark's, Wall's, and other vendors. Many other out-of-print and more specific materials are always available to some degree at Corvair swap meets.

with lots of turns. But the typical gymkhana course is much smaller in scope and can usually be run in a parking lot. The gymkhana may involve stopping, driving in reverse, even getting out of the car to perform a specified task. The course may be marked with signs, pylons, or even paper cups, with points deducted for straying from the course.

These events require quite precise driving and usually involve some parallel parking and back-up driving. Speeds are by necessity very slow. Some events permit a navigator on board who helps guide the driver and acts as an extra set of eyes.

Swap Meets

Swap meets are the most wonderful way to find that all-important part and to always learn more about your car and your friends who drive them. One CWLA past president has been quoted as saying, "There can never be too many Corvair swap meets."

Simply stated, the swap meet is a marketplace for Corvair spare parts. One member may want to sell, one may want to buy, or you may just want to look and talk. The object is to periodically move those rare parts from the garage of one enthusiast to another. Most recent swap meets have also included several of the commercial parts vendors usually offering sale prices on new, reproduced, and used parts.

In recent years, Vintage CORSA has held a swap meet in conjunction with their annual spring car show. There is always a swap meet at the convention and at most mini-conventions. Many chapters have local meets from time to time.

Then, there is the annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet (GWFBT&SM), usually held in Sunrise Park, Palm Springs, California. It is billed as the largest Corvair swap meet in the world. It is alternatively sponsored by one of four Southern California CORSA chapters, typically during the first weekend in November. CORSA West will sponsor the 1999 event.

Miscellaneous

Periodically we receive notification of car shows, concours, parades, rallies, and other such events sponsored by a variety of organizations, including other CORSA chapters, other car clubs, charities, and governmental units. Often we are expressly asked to participate in these events. Of course, we want to know about all such events and will publicize as many as practical.

If activities are your area of involvement within the club, then the Activities Committee is the place to volunteer. All our engines are ready to roll whenever yours are.

Parts and Service

It can be very frustrating owning and driving a Corvair if you do not know where to get needed parts or that wanted food service or technical assistance. The following information should be of help but is not intended to be either an endorsement of particular sources or a complete list of sources and references. Start by checking each monthly issue of The Communiqué and the Westwind. Both include want-ads, ads from commercial vendors and specialty services, and technical articles.

The following vendors should be noted:

Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc. (413) 625-9776
Route 2 Catalogue available
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Southwest Corvair Salvage (602) 268-5968
32 E. Raymond Street Catalogue available
Phoenix, AZ 85040

The Source (619) 259-1520
13975 Mira Montana Catalogue available
Del Mar, California 92014-3113

Wall's Corvair Underground (503) 434-1468
P.O. Box 339 or (800) 825-VAIR
Dundee, OR 97115 Catalogue available

Local Sources:

The Corvair Doctor (310) 970-1966
13727 Inglewood Avenue or (213) COR-VAIR
Hawthorne, CA 90250