

The Windjammer News

Newsletter of the Central Valley Corvairs January 2018



CVC President
Tracy Grainger

Meetings for January - New Years Day: Annual Chinese Luncheon. We will be at the Golden Bowl in Waterford again this year. Meet at noon.

The annual Board and Planning Meeting will be on January 9th, a Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Dotson's, 3001 Lancelot Lane, Modesto. We will use this meeting to announce changes, if any, and to make a tentative schedule of monthly dinner meetings, monthly social outings and Corvair tours. We usually assign members to arrange a program for these meetings, and choose a member to lead the activity for each month. So, every member of Central Valley Corvairs is invited to attend, and bring practical ideas for weekend one-day trips. We will also address the dues structure. If you have ideas, either attend the meeting or put your idea in writing as a proposal and get it to one of the Chapter officers. This goes for activities, dinner meeting locations, Corvair events, and social stuff. Refreshments will be served.

The January Dinner Meeting will be in Turlock at the El Rosal Mexican Restaurant, 1401 West Monte Vista Avenue. Meet as close to 6:00 PM, order, eat, the business meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Our 2018 President, Tracy Grainger will be in charge.

Happy New Year 2018

Here we go! Thirty-two years of being #953 Chapter of Corsa, same number of years with a monthly newsletter. Other numbers: Membership in the low 40's, 12 dinner/business meetings a year, over 200 club events that called for us driving our Corvairs at least out of town, including theatre performances, **Corvair** and other autos Car Shows, Wild Life Refuges, Ski Mountains, National Parks (Yosemite), Train rides and Train Museums, Rare Auto Museums, deep caves, Observatories, and all of the passes over our Sierra (both ways and all seasons.) California's Sacramento River Delta has auto ferries (holding four or six Corvairs.) All of those outings were planned with stops for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Does anyone remember when member Angelo Penasco radioed the leader to stop? Yes, California has some "Middle of Nowhere" highways. That is where we were. We (seven or eight Corvairs) gathered and were told that it was a few minutes after NOON, WHAT ABOUT LUNCH? Angelo, who was a retired law enforcement officer, saved us all on a trip to the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, when an all-night snow storm closed the parking lot and we parked on the edge of the winding paved road. An earnest young patrolman was busy writing parking tickets when Angelo, in that blue 1962 Monza, pulled to the side of the road, introduced himself, and "reasoned" with the officer, resulting in his canceling the citations. A few drivers not in our Corvair group benefitted, too. FD