

Corvanatics Survey available Feb.3 – Mar. 10

Used Survey Monkey, which has totally anonymous response information

Sent out by an email that contained a link to 264 members, which was 91.67% of the total membership at the time (8.33% did not furnish email addresses)

140 members responded, which is 53.03%

All comments below are completely unedited

1. You are a Corvanatics Member because...

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
▼ You currently own a Corvair Forward Control (FC) vehicle.		89.29% 125
▼ You previously owned a Corvair Forward Control (FC) vehicle but don't now.		10.00% 14
▼ You enjoy the newsletter.		75.00% 105
▼ You like the people		57.14% 80
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses	15.71% 22
Total Respondents: 140		

Comments

1. The club has provided me with tech support and information since I joined in 1993. I used to be a regular contributor, but life got quite busy. It is a great club that has gotten more interactive in the digital age.
2. I really enjoy classic vehicles in general and I look forward to nurturing that love in future generations too.
3. Enjoy reading about other people's FCs and seeing pictures of them
4. My 64 Rampside 140 4-speed posi andhas been in storage for years, in hopes to one day get back to restoring it for my everyday vehicle and for my business.
5. Repair and Tech articles are great.
6. I like the Newsletter Editor.
7. The active registry and help identifying a van by the number and options.
8. interested in FC vehicles, although never owned one
9. Enjoy keeping updated on nationwide activities.
10. great articles. hands on by other members makes a lot of repairs a lot easier than reading the service manual!
11. "United we stand, divided we fall." Car clubs and social media groups help each of us and all of us maintain and enjoy our long-out-of-production vehicles.
12. Getting very good tech. tips
13. The valuable information Corvanatics has to share with anyone inter4sted or who owns a Corvair Fc.
14. So glad there is a group supporting these unique vehicles. Club officers do a super job, but I guess the high pay has something to do with that!
15. Tech articles.
16. I enjoy restoring Corvairs. I would like to see a data base established of spare parts for members to access and swap.
17. Stories and tech info
18. I enjoy supporting the website and the amazing amount of content provided.
19. For sharing between like-minded members, information specific to the FC vehicles.
20. I also like Corvairs!

- 21. I own Corvairs because they are great cars. However; I also see the need to save the dwindling numbers of antique cars as they tell the story of America in the 1900 in a very interesting and unique way.
- 22. good tech info, articles

2. Have you ever attended a Corvanatics meeting at a CORSA convention?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.71%	71
No	49.29%	69
TOTAL		140

3. If you answered Yes to question #2, have these meetings proved interesting and worth attending? If you answered No to question #2, scroll down to the next question.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.77%	63
No	6.41%	5
Comment below on any additions or improvements.	Responses 12.82%	10
TOTAL		78

Comments

1. Thought the candy wrapper handout at one was the greatest idea!
2. I liked the tech sessions by Ken Hand, Steve Spilatro and others on FC springs, suspensions, etc.
3. The meeting the last two years have been good. But prior, it was just a business meeting with no well thought out agenda or planned presentations. I come to learn and enjoy the social gathering. Please don't waste my time signing up new members, reviewing meeting minutes of a year ago, or waiting for the room to open.
4. It been years ago that i attended a CORSA conversation.
5. None
6. As far as "interesting and worth attending," sometimes yes, sometimes no.
7. usually, we can not hear what's being said. The speakers are not using a PA system and don't seam to try to speak out so we can hear. I have offered to bring a small portable speaker and mic before but no interest was shown.
8. The reason I've not attended the meetings is that I'm usually a Cole competitor, which leaves very little time available for other activities during a convention. Thus, I don't attend any of the other group meetings either, even though I'd like to attend some of them.
9. While some of the meeting is 'boiler plate', as it has to be with a business meeting, I often find the panel discussion or presentation interesting. sometimes the subject is more to my liking than others, but that is to be expected.

10. I just recently joined. I would like to point out the an overwhelming majority of CORSA events are east of the Mississippi. I live in Arizona.

4. Do you think Corvanatics donating \$500 each to the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) and the CPF Scholarship Fund is appropriate?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.48%	123
No	7.52%	10
TOTAL		133

5. Do you usually read the Corvanatics' newsletter, Corvan Antics?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes I read it and it's informative and I like it as is	88.49%	123
Yes I read it, it's informative, but I have suggestions listed below.	0.72%	1
Yes i read it, but it's just not informative.	0.72%	1
No, I don't read it.	1.44%	2
Suggestions for the newsletter.	Responses 8.63%	12
TOTAL		139

Comments

1. Would like to see advertisements in the newsletter.
2. The typical thing...needs more member input. It is a hard thing hi get people to do. General top stories and travel stories are always fun!
3. Publish a torque chart for as many van and rampside fasteners as practical.
4. Tech articles are great.
5. Like the newsletter. I've noticed that information is too often repeated by the president then the secretary and then again in the body of the text. I like technical articles more than Cruz photos. Also think the size of the font is large which limits the length of articles. I'm glad it is printed and mailed, and hope that option is available for a long time.
6. I have read every issue starting volume one issue one
7. Yes, I read it, but generally it is not particularly informative. As a local club newsletter editor, however, I understand all too well how difficult it is to get quality content.
8. I'd like to see more things for sale and more tech articles on unique fixes or add ons.
9. More useful information...less photos of member's vehicles
10. Recently I used a tech tip from a newsletter. Fuel gauge float hanging up. Either on the web site on on a news letter link, add a organized tech tip based on same # format as service manual. This way users will "go to" this data link more frequently, and avoid delays in service work. Also add a section for vendors who add upgrades, like disc brakes, etc. To avoid hours of research that may not yield positive results.
11. Add regional Newsletter directors - they work to encourage content from their region that is added to each Corvan Antics

12. I would hope that within the ranks of Corvanatics we could scrounge up a handful of authors who could produce regular articles on the following topics of interest: -- Body repair of areas specific to the 95 body, fenders, body frames, door skins, floors, etc. Each month/quarter coving in detail how to go about performing said repairs in a home driveway/garage. -- Paint: Prepping the surfaces, body filler, sanding, base coat/primer, upper coats, sealing coat. Headliner paint repair/replacement. -- Electrical system diagnostics, repairs, and upgrades (LED headlights, taillight refurbishing, alternator/generator maint and repair, regulator readjustment, dashboard upgrades/repairs, radios & entertainment electronics, wiring harnesses and improvements, engine instrumentation, etc.). -- Upholstery care, replacement, and damage repair. -- Camper modifications such as: adding an awning, fold down seating for sleepers, "shore power" when camping, adding tables/counters, refrigerators/ice-box, etc. -- Suspension repair, improvement, shocks/air-shocks, stability, steering improvements, parts availability, etc. ...and the list goes on....

6. How often do you visit the Corvanatics website?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Daily	1.44%	2
▼ Weekly	6.47%	9
▼ Monthly	38.13%	53
▼ Seldom	45.32%	63
▼ Never	8.63%	12
TOTAL		139

7. If you use the website, what do you especially like and do you have any suggestions? (select all that apply) If you do not use the website, scroll to the next question.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Newsletter Archive	48.48%	48
▼ Documentation reference	51.52%	51
▼ Photo Gallery	53.54%	53
▼ Newsletter tech article search index	68.69%	68
▼ Links to other resources	38.38%	38
▼ Merchandise	24.24%	24
▼ Any suggestions?	Responses 15.15%	15
Total Respondents: 99		

Comments

1. i'm a big fan of corvair history, and enjoy info and images of concept vehicles, early merch, and early advertising. i also love steve spilatros artwork and images on the site. i found a few broken link on your site... - under "history" section, the "corvair 95 press release" returned a 404 error
2. It's good the way it is I like it
3. Access to FC specific technical details.
4. No
5. If I were actively working on my FC I would use more of the features. As it is, the FC is done.
6. I would like to see t-shirt available with the club logo on the front.. Another suggestion might be a dash plaque with a members ID number.. and first date of membership... (this would be a very personal to each member) Make an agreement with Robert in San Diego to sell his Truck and Vans kits through the club... Maybe even a raffle for a kit at Convention meetings..
7. Search information about members, like what models they have and how to contact them.
8. I think the news letter is the only reason to belong to Corvanatics
9. No
10. Add more T-shirts.... 3 or 4 options.
11. E
12. No suggestions- I didn't realize there was a website - I will take a look
13. Also enjoy the details found in the Registry
14. I would like to see a shirt again if possible
15. N/A

8. Would you consider a Lifetime Membership if it was offered?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	64.18% 86
No	35.82% 48
TOTAL	134

9. What other activities or events should Corvanatics sponsor? (scroll down if no response)

1. Determine the day the first FC's hit the dealerships and make it a national annual "Corvair Heritage Day" of celebration.
2. hosting the annual convention (like we did in tacoma a few years ago)
3. The old Corvanatics Drive-ins were great, but it is hard to get a lot of driven FCs in one place. Does anyone drive these things anymore??
4. Help to encourage the interest in old vehicles in young people. This is the single most important thing we can do as car owners. There are few young people currently being exposed to the classic car culture and our cars will presently be worthless if there is no generation looking to own them.
5. I happy that Corvanatics help sponser the Corsa convention a few years ago, but I was not able to attend.
6. Partner with Chapters to have Regional Events, i.e. Springfest, Vair Fair, etc...
7. Habitat for humanity home remodel event.
8. Group photo at conventions of the fc's
9. I would like to see a west cost (So Cal) event. Some of the gathering have very good attendance of FCs. A sectioned event would give a great boost to FC owners and help establish a presents of Corvanatics on the west coast
10. Annual FC calendar. An FC event at the National
11. I liked the long-ago concept of regional "Drive-In" events, one per region each year (the convention being one of them).
12. Has anyone considered putting on a mini-convention for FC Corvairs only? It could be interesting.
13. I think regional events, piggybacked onto another car show (preferably Corvair) would be a good idea.

14. West of the Mississippi events.
15. Anything appropriate. I'm UK based so unlikely to be much involved if I'm honest
16. Corvanatics should sponsor a regional convention each year
17. Though I am glad that so many folks maintain pristine vehicles and museum pieces, I *REALLY* like the DAILY DRIVEN vehicles. I'd like to see LONG road trips/caravans across a state or a region. People could join the caravan wherever they like and drop out wherever they like - it's the PARTICIPATION that counts! Places like Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park, or Route 66, or Zion Canyon scenic drive. You get the idea! This *could* be similar to the "Back to the Bricks" road tour, getting TV/News coverage along the way. I'd also like to see regional TECH SESSIONS that could be multi-day events where many technical training and assistance is offered.
18. I like the idea of a F/C registry. I think some does this, but it's not published by us.
19. Anything that encourages young people to take an interest in the hobby. Not JUST FCs, not just Corvairs, but any old cars. Our vehicles will be worthless junk one day if we do not encourage interest in upcoming generations. It hurts to think that perhaps one day my grandchildren will let my Corveric go to the scrap yard after all the love and money I have put in it
20. Push for more car show appearances. Last good guys show in pleasanton Ca; there was olny one rampside on a trailer needing restoration Not one for show
21. Sponsor some shows, do something besides. Once a year meeting
22. A FC convention, invite other makes and models to meet. The American Historical Truck Society has a annual convention with usually a good number of FCs in attendance.
23. Nationals Forward Control Event each year.
24. It's own regional convention
25. Regional get togethers

10. **Do you have any other suggestions or comments? (scroll up to make changes to previous questions or scroll down and click the Done button if finished)**

1. See my response to question 9
2. No
3. When I last looked, there were no production figures isolating the Greenbrier Deluxe from the regular Greenbrier. Has that changed?
4. Everyone does a great job and I enjoy being a member
5. I had trouble seeing some of these questions. I guess you get what you pay for. Some of the things in these questions that I don't do is because I am busy with other things right now.
6. Hauling 100% of materials for a Habitat project using 100% Corvan/Rampside vehicles.
7. I think the lifetime membership is a good idea for younger members but not at my age
8. Keep up the good work!!
9. I will be attending the 2020 SDCC convention.
10. Seem to being a good job. Like to know more about restoration services and supplies for FC's. Think an annual membership is a good idea. Would be nice to update dues for CORSA and Corvanatics at the same time.
11. Go to 100 percent digital delivery of the newsletter.
12. We, too, are scrambling to find why our membership total is drifting - down. The vehicles are better than ever and are not getting crashed, probably because they are not driven as much because their owners are "saving' them...?! If you get any positive results from this survey we certainly would like to copy your efforts. Thanks.
13. Maybe some more basic tech. and general maintenance tips for those of us who are new to Corvairs.
14. On the question of donations, I'm happier with the thought of donating to the CPF foundation than the scholarship.
15. Clubs in general should emphasize integrity in business dealing among its members.
16. I enjoy being part of the club, as an FC owner based a long way away from most members it's good to know there are like minded people out there.
17. Too late for me to get Lifetime now , bought life in Corsa and others many years ago 76 yrs old now.
18. Keep up the good work. Keep improving the quality and content of the newsletter and the website. And keep spreading the word! :) :)

19. About donations of money. We should do this only if we have the extra funds.
20. Wish the Post Office would stop beating up my newsletter. Can you put it in an envelope (since I pay extra for printed copies, anyways)?
21. It really felt good, that Steven Spilatro (spelling) took the time to make me feel important. I was new to a loadside, and he reinforced the excitement.
22. More local meets, and shows. in all states. Corvanatics could ask members in different states to find out shows in their area and post info
23. Excellent newsletter! Meetings at the Convention are always interesting. I enjoy seeing what other members are doing, picking up tech tips, etc.
24. Have elections before the annual meeting. Have candidate statements in the newsletter followed by 6 weeks of voting