



Corvair Society of America

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Operating Procedure

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Title: The Edward N. Cole Memorial Award

**Scope/Purpose To define an annual Edward N. Cole Memorial Award
: Competition**

Applicability: Awarded at each CORSA Annual Convention

Procedure:

The Edward N. Cole Memorial Award is to honor Edward N. Cole as the “father” of the Corvair, and to perpetuate his memory by conducting a yearly competition. The competition selects one CORSA member as the outstanding Corvair person of the year, based on participation and performance at the Annual Convention.

(Background Note: In 1977 when this concept was being formulated, Edward N. Cole’s widow, Dollie Cole, was contacted for permission to use his name, which she very graciously gave. In all references to him, Dollie used the more formal form of “Edward N. Cole” rather than a familiar form. As such, the formal reference has been adopted as policy, and any familiar reference should be avoided.)

1. An Edward N. Cole Memorial Award competition will be conducted at each CORSA Annual Convention. CORSA members driving Corvair-powered and Corvair-bodied vehicles will be eligible for this award. The competition will select, from among the registered convention participants who apply, one CORSA member each year who has excelled overall in the competitive automobile events that are offered. The intent is to find the “all-around Corvair person” who has a nice car, knows how to drive it, and who participates in all Corvair related activities.
2. The competition will be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations published prior to the CORSA Annual Convention. Further, judging the winner of this competition will be based solely on objective, quantitative measures in accordance with a formula published prior to the convention.

Scores in all competitive automobile events will be used to judge the winner of the competition. The rules, regulations, and scoring formula for each year’s competition will be structured so that no one single-interest participant (autocross mainly, or concours mainly, for example) has an unfair advantage in the overall scoring. The intent is to recognize overall participation and achieved excellence. This award should never be allowed to degenerate into a single award (best of show concours award, for example), or into an award for a limited number of combined events. The formula used to judge each year’s winner will be kept as simple as possible to minimize the apparent “complexity” of entering and need for lengthy explanations to the contestants.

When convention competitive events allow for a female class, such as in the autocross, female Cole Competitors will compete for that class's event trophy just as if they were not in the Cole competition but, for Cole scoring purposes, will be included with and combined with male competitors.

During competition scoring, duplicate, independent records will be kept by the chair and assistant chair, and the winner judged based on a consensus of these independent tabulations.

3. The Edward N. Cole Memorial Award will consist of two trophies. CORSA will provide and maintain a perpetual trophy called the Edward N. Cole Memorial Award that lists the yearly winners. The perpetual trophy will remain under CORSA's control.

CORSA will also be responsible for providing the yearly winner's trophy that symbolizes the Edward N. Cole Memorial Award. This trophy will be unique and prestigious with respect to all other convention trophies for that year and will be earned in addition to any others that may be won during competitive events.

4. An article, with photographs as appropriate, will be published in the CORSA *Communique* after each CORSA Annual Convention to document each year's competition results.
5. To the maximum possible extent, the Edward N. Cole Memorial Award competition will be consistent in format, content, and procedure from one year to the next. This specific policy statement does not preclude any tailoring that may be necessary to accommodate special conditions at various conventions. Nor does it preclude refinements to make the competition better or more equitable each year as long as these do not violate the purpose or general policy statement.
6. CORSA's President will appoint an Edward N. Cole Memorial Award competition chair no later than two months prior to the CORSA Annual Convention. The convention chair will appoint an assistant Cole chair and co-scorer no later than one month before the CORSA Annual Convention. It is desirable, but not mandatory, that the assistant chair be a member of the host chapter. The Cole chair will be responsible for managing the competition or appointing another in his stead. He may also appoint additional committee members as needed or desired. *Ex officio* members will be the Executive Secretary and Chair of the CORSA Annual Convention.
7. The Cole chair will maintain, update, and pass on to the subsequent chair, all of the previous records, in sufficient detail, to aid in planning the subsequent year's competition. CORSA's Secretary will maintain a repository of duplicate records that will be updated each year by results from the current year's competition. These results will be provided by the Cole chair.