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**Paul's '63 Spyder at the
Meet-Up in Lafayette**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, June 1st
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)**

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had thirteen SFBA members, no guests but one new member joined in. Andrew Lovold from Calistoga.

The meeting got off on a tangent regarding driver's license issues. Everyone chimed in with their own horror stories. We could have gone on for a long time but after a few minutes Josh stepped in and got us back on track. Good job!

Lots of Cars & Coffee events are starting up after a long Winter's hibernation. I went to the last Meet-Up at Perk's in Lafayette. Paul had his '63 Spyder there. He has finished the turbo installation and it looks fantastic (see the cover photo). A beautiful car with that stunning Red paint that just says "Corvair"! There was also an inter-



esting "Rat Rod" that garnered a lot of attention and an early Nash Metropolitan.

This month SFBA member Adam McPhillips sent in some pictures of the '65 Corsa 140 he is working on. He picked up the Corvair from his father and is fixing it

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the way he wants. Not too radical, just some touches he enjoys. He now has it painted a very sharp Corvette Yellow. He is doing most of the work himself.

(see *Letter*. on page 10)

On The Cover: Here's a picture of Paul's '63 Spyder with the newly installed Turbo assembly at Perk's in Lafayette. It was a very nice morning unfortunately I got there too late for the donuts..

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

May 4, 2023

The regular meeting started around 7:00 PM following a short Board meeting. When the room was opened, Josh, Harry, Ray and I were quickly joined by Carl, Jeffery, Seth, Dow, Joe, Buck, Scott, Lane and Andrew Lovold a new member from Calistoga. Andrew has a '67 Monza. I believe I caught everyone.

Treasury Report: Harry couldn't make it this evening, but the bank balance as reported in the newsletter was \$4977.49.

Membership: Josh reported we had a couple of new members this month (in addition to Andrew). Our paid-up membership is now in the 70's for 2023. Good deal! He has sent in the checks to Harry and also his expenses (web site, decals, etc.). Josh said we now have several member from the North Bay area (Napa, Calistoga, Petaluma, etc.). As a result, North Bay events are becoming more popular.

Old Business: Nothing mentioned.

New Business: Josh said he had new Club decals made. He found a source that was 1/3 the cost of the last batch! It looks like the Meet-Ups in Lafayette have restarted for 2023 now that the weather is nice again.

Josh said he is running for Western Director in CORSA's upcoming elections. He said there were several projects

he had started and wanted to see complete. Be sure to vote!

Events: The next Air-Cooled event will be June 24, the same weekend as the VairFest.

No update set on an Open House at Gabe's.

Bruce is still planning on another Vairs At The Vault later this Summer. We are looking for ideas about a possible speaker or speakers. Mel's name was tossed about as well as Seth possibly talking about Bruce's Yenke Stinger. Let's hear some ideas!

Clark reported he went to the last Meet-Up in Lafayette. Paul had his Spyder there, this time with the turbo installed. Looks and runs great! No other Corvairs but several other nice and unusual cars.

The VairFest in Arroyo Grande is coming up. Clark, Lane, Josh, and Ray are thinking about going. There is also the Air Cooled event at the same time. So if you don't make one you can go to the other.

Andrew went to the last Breakfast Club rally. Drove his '67 Monza and had a great time (the only Corvair there). He is looking forward to the next event.

The VairFest will be June 23-24th in Arroyo Grande. Several SFBA members were planning on going.

Seth took his car to De Anza College

for a car show. This use to be called "Dual at De Anza" but has been absent for a few years. He had the only Corvair (it figures)

Seth said the "Vintage races at Laguna" are coming. Lane said these are fantastic!

Buck mentioned that the week before Pebble Beach Concourse was filled with great events.. One called "The Pre-Historic" was almost as good as Pebble Beach but way less expensive. Maybe 200 to 300 cars. Then there is the Pacific grove Car Show in downtown Pacific grove. And it's free. There are some vintage car races at Laguna Seca which are wonderful. One event has the cars racing backwards up through the esses!

Scott went to the Dream Machines show in Half Moon Bay. It was quite cold. There were lots of people and cars plus everything else mechanical (tractors, airplanes, etc.). He didn't take his Corvair.

Andrew went to "Vintage Races" at Sonoma Raceway. Not a lot of people but quite a few cars. Lots of fun.

Carl asked if anyone was planning on going to the Convention this year. Seth said he couldn't make it and no one else this evening was planning on going. Carl is definitely going however.

Tech: Buck joined us this evening from Pebble Beach. The bad weather, with

(See *Minutes..* on page 8)

Coming Events in 2023...

May 28th	Meet-Up, at Perk's Double Drive Thru Cafe in Lafayette. From about 9:00 AM to 11:00 or so.
June 1st	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
June 16th - 24th	CORSA National Convention, Wisconsin Dells, WI
June 23rd - 25th	Vairfest, Arroyo Grande, CA
July 6th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
August 3rd	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
August 5th	SFBA/Valley Picnic. Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. 12:00 AM - ??

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2023

Thursday Jan 5, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Feb 2, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Mar 2, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Apr 6, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday May 4, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Jun 1, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Jul 6, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Aug 3, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Sep 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Oct 5, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Nov 2, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Dec 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Progress on Adam McPhillips' Corsa

Hi guys,

I've been reading your names and stories in the newsletter, but honestly never met any of you (few I have). Been around Corvairs my whole life and wanted to share what I got going on. I own my fathers '65 Corsa coupe 140/ 4 speed. He gave it to me in 05 with the instruction of "make it yours and enjoy it". So since then, it's been a slow journey but now that kids are grown I've been making progress.

I'm building this car with every idea I've ever seen at any car show, some ideas may be dated or don't belong, or just don't fit on a Corvair. Started fixing minor rust spots and sanding body in 2012, it's 2023 and just com-

pleted the paint. Trying and learning to do most of the work myself, don't have the endless budget. I don't think I can give the details justice by typing them I apologize. In a nutshell this is some of my progress:

- * Black 17x7 US mags(rubs slightly oops)
- * Home made custom exhaust with motorcycle tips
- * Gold paint ('72 Corvette, War Bonnet Yellow) looks awesome
- * Wood veneer to my dash at radio
- * Custom wood veneer and Speaker

box in back window tray area

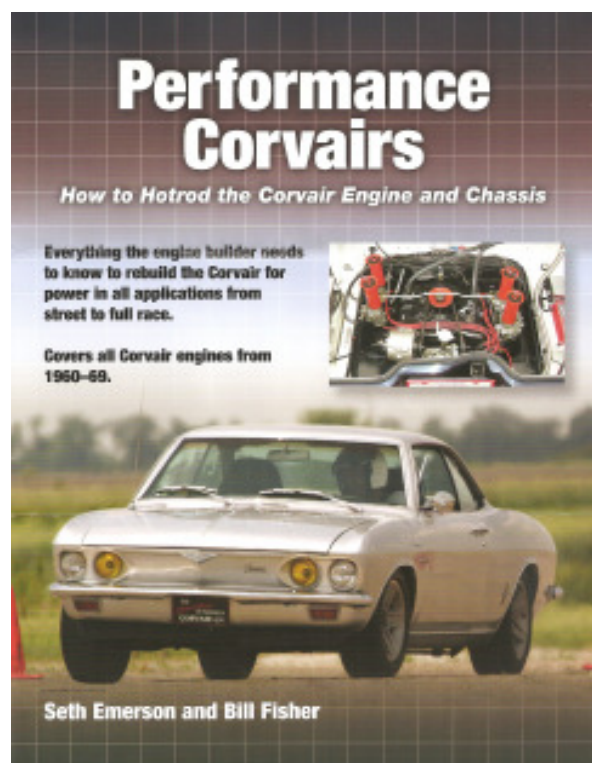
- * New carpet/ headliner

I'm currently designing (trying) custom door panels, stock ones will probably be on awhile. Thinking of going with aftermarket bucket seats from Summit Racing or JEGS

I have many ideas I'm considering still. Hoping soon to get this all back together and show it off at one of the functions someday



Progress...



2023 Autorama Pictures

Pictures shamelessly copied from the May 2023 Corvair Chatter, the CCRC newsletter (with permission). There were 17 Corvairs in their own group. Made for a dramatic sight! Photos taken by Dean James.



Minutes...

its power outages, has prevented him from attending these last few months. Most everything is working again now (he still has router issues, but he can get around this). When asked about his airplane (a Zenith with a Corvair 110 motor) he said it still hasn't flown. Buck is working on the linkage for his 140 and asked for Roger Parent's phone number. Josh will email it to Buck. Josh said the only hard part in installing the linkage on a 140, was the driver's side primary linkage. Clearance is tight (Lane had to grind away a portion of one nut or screw.) Carl said that Parent's linkage makes the factory stuff look "crude". He is very pleased (although his motor is not running yet).

Lane said Williams Wynne was planning on having another Corvair College in California this year. For those interested in Corvair power airplanes, this hands-on course covers most everything you need to know about putting a Corvair motor in an airplane. This would be great news (I thought William Wynne canceled all future events a few years back – ed.) Lane was saying that the only original Corvair parts used are the case, heads, and crank. Everything else is after market. After all, when you are up in the air you can't just pull over to the curb to fix an issue. Reliability is paramount.

Buck mentioned he had to renew his driver's license. He spent some time taking the on-line DVM tests He thought this was worth while as some of the questions. Carl mentioned that in Australia, you get your license at 18 and you keep it for life. Jeffery said when he moved back from The Netherlands after 38 years, he applied for a California driver's license and was issued a Learner's Permit which he had to use for a few months before he could take the driver's test! Ray said when travel-

ing to another country you need to get an International Driver's Permit (AAA has them for about \$25) before you can legally drive in another country. Joe said when getting a new license, also get a ID Card which can be used as a backup identification in case you lose your wallet.

Scott said on his '64 Turbo he replaced the blower bearing and at the same time fixed the leak in the exhaust that was preventing the engine from generating the proper boost. But when he started it up, it ran very poorly. Thinking he might have accidentally messed up the timing, he reset it to 24 deg advanced. When he tried to start it up he heard a noise and the starter quit. Turns out the starter nose piece broke. Seth said, when you buy another, buy two. That was if the cause was a problem with the engine (flywheel or way too advanced issue) and the new one breaks, you will already have a spare. It was suggested that the harmonic balancer be checked to be sure the marks are still aligned. The marks are hard to see but there should be two marks on each side of the rubber bond that are put there to verify the rubber bond hasn't failed. This would allow the outer ring (with the timing mark) to move invalidating any attempt to time the engine. Seth asked if the engine had been making any rattling sounds when idling. This would be an indication of a failing flywheel. Scott said "no", it was running fine. Seth said it was doubtful that it's a flywheel problem. Clark said maybe the starter just failed at this moment. They are old and do break.

Joe said when he installed his "Igniter" ignition on his Corvair, he was not careful and severed one of the wires under the cap. Seth said, "you are not



He soldered the wires back together and used shrink-tube. Seems to be fine. At the last meeting Joe mentioned that all of a sudden, his Corvair motor started making a loud clacking noise. Like a very noisy lifter. It was suggested that he do a compression test to see if was mechanically okay. As he was pulling the car into the garage, he noticed the noise just went away! Maybe he had a stuck lifter and it freed itself? Not sure but he has put about 500 miles on the car since and it is still okay. Seth said he was probably good then. Fortunately, it was not a valve seat issue. It is possible that a dropped valve seat will re-seat itself and be okay, temporarily.

Clark said in a recent article in CCRC's newsletter, there was mention of how GM used Holdens as a disguise when developing the Corvair. Carl said, that's true and beyond that GM had all third-party suppliers send their parts to San Francisco to make it look like they were bound for Australia. GM of course would just ship them back to the Detroit proving grounds.

Swap & Sell: Nothing specifically mentioned this evening.

Meeting adjourned about 8:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary



VairFest 2023 - Arroyo Grande, CA

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(Includes pasta, salad, garlic bread, wine, coffee, iced tea, dessert and movie)

Total \$

Adult	Qty: _____	\$20/adult	_____
Child up to 10 yrs old	Qty: _____	\$10/child	_____

Saturday - Car Show

Sat. Jun 24, 8 AM - 3 PM, Heritage Square Park, 205 Nelson St., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

(Registration includes ballot & goodie bag)

Total \$

Individual Registration (One Corvair & Driver):	Qty: _____	\$22 ea.	_____
Family Registration (One Corvair with up to 3 people):	Qty: _____	\$33 ea.	_____
Regis. - Vendor, swap spot or Individual without corvair:	Qty: _____	\$11 ea.	_____

Year: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____ Conv? Y or N

(If entering additional Corvairs, add car info on back and check this box.)

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Saturday Night at the Melodrama

Sat. June 24

Qty: _____ \$36/person* _____

Performance: **Under the Boardwalk**. Arrive at 6:30 PM. Show starts at 7 PM.

Great American Melodrama, 1863 Front St, Oceano (www.americanmelodrama.com) 805-489-2499

***ORDER DEADLINE:** Melodrama ticket order must be received by **May 24, 2023** to guarantee your seat.

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June 25, 9 AM

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Registration material & T-shirts can be picked up Friday at dinner or Saturday at the Car Show

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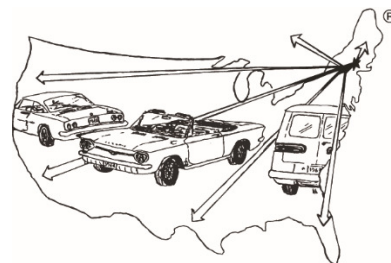
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Letter...

Also on page 6 you will see some pictures of the 2023 Autorama that was held in Sacramento at the Cal Expo site. A lot of Corvairs showed up. They even had acut-away engine on display.

Keep the newsletter interesting by sending in pictures and stories of your latest projects. Even if you only adjust the carburetors or rebuild the transmission, take photos and send them in! When we see others working on their Corvairs it gives us more incentive to do the same.

Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, June 1st starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339. A reminder email will contain a link to make it easy to join.

Classifieds..

CORVAIR MECHANICS

David Gray: Fairfield - Retired GM/Corvair Mechanic. Can do minor repairs, engine rebuilds, tune-ups. Located in Fairfield but can travel. Also has parts for sale. (916)531-0905 (corvaiguru@gmail.com)

FREE CORVAIR PARTS

Cleaning Out The Shop: '60-61 Turbo/ 4 Speed engine case and heads. T1226YR, no tin, exhaust, turbo, etc. '63-64 engine long block THO3Z, with distributor, auto bell housing, some tin, no exhaust. Might be good for resto-

ration. All likely need rebuild. Engines in Carmel Valley, you pick up. Buck Jones (831)917-5952. (06/22)

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'64 Rampside. Josh saw this Rampside in person at Goodguys. He looked it over and could find no flaws.



Beautiful restoration inside and out.(Hayward) \$22K obo (510) 823-6540 (05/23)

'63 Rampside, does not run.its been sitting for few years.needs new plugs,flush gas,replace ignition point.

'60 sedan Runs & Drive.needs valve job.need new fuel tank. \$7,500 obo for both (916) 896-4448 Sacramento (05/23)

Corvan and Lakewood Wagon, I'm going to be selling this vehicle's once I



get them to start and stop, I was hoping if anyone knows who will interested in buying as is or the repairs I'm

going to do? Alfredo Pinon, Whittier, CA. Open to offers (480)768-7280 (05/23)

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

The Sacramento club is selling two turn key engines.

1962/1963 102 hp engine \$1500

1962/1963 80 hp engine \$1000

interested persons should email sfbacorsa@gmail.com

Skip Polacchi has the following parts for sale. Best to call evenings (530)474-4227.

1 Pair Late 110 rebuilt heads - \$250

1 Pair Big Valve Heads, Bill Thomas.all new parts, angle port exhaust, rotated manifold, w/mod carbs, linkage - \$1700 firm

1 New complete Clark's Ultimate 140 carb kit, linkage & air filter - \$700

1 All New Parts for an early 102 hp NOS crank, cam, 0.030 pistons & barrels+heads etc. You assemble - \$700

We still have other misc items

see **"Classifieds..."** on page 10

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

May 2023

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
05/01/2023	Beginning Balance				\$5,204.33	
05/01/2023	Renewals		25.00		5,229.33	
05/09/2023	Renewals		30.00		5,259.33	
05/08/2023	Zoom, Web Site, Decals	1015		(497.55)	4,751.78	
05/26/2023	Newsletters (May)			(46.63)	4,715.15	(**)
01/31/2023	Ending Balance		\$55.00	(\$544.18)	\$4,715.15	

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