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**Bruce's Yenko Stinger  
& Matching Skateboard!**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>  
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)**

## Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had ten people attend. Josh was not feeling well and after opening the meeting he retired back to bed! Get well soon! We had a very enjoyable meeting although it was a bit shorter than usual but full of interesting discussions!

Our annual Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at Frankie, Johnnie, and Luigi Too! In Dublin (see page 5). This is the same restaurant we have attended for the past few years. If you plan on attending and you have not already let me know, please let me know ASAP so the restaurant can plan accordingly. Thanks.

This month we have some pictures from the Fan Belt Toss in October courtesy of Bruce's son. Bruce also gives us an update on his '69 ("Blooper") engine install. Also I took some pictures from our last Meet Up in Lafayette. It was good to see Paul's newly restored '63 Spyder convertible on the road. Gorgeous! The only thing left to do is install the turbo (he just had a couple of carbs for this event).

Remember we have an in-person Meet-Up Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at Perk's Drive Thru in Lafayette. Lots of nice cars show up at 9 or 10 AM. Come and enjoy the cars and coffee and donuts. Don't be late as they go fast!

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, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339.

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**On The Cover:** Here is Buuce's Yenko Stinger along side the newly acquired Yenko Skateboard. Courtesy of Josh I believe. A great match!

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# Minutes of the Last Meeting

Nov 3, 2022

The regular meeting was opened by Josh around 7:00 PM. He was not feeling well so Ray took over and conducted the meeting. The attendance this evening was Ray, myself, Lane, Bruce, Harry, Vince, Herb, Don, Christy, and Carl. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

**Treasury Report:** We did not have our usual Board Meeting so no direct report from Harry. But the balance from last month stands at \$4582.23.

**Membership:** There are no reports of new members this month. Membership stands at >

**Old Business:** Nothing reported.

**New Business:** Vice said that Phil Daily (sp?), Central Coast Corsa member, was donating a Corvair race car to CPF. And also that CPF is now The National Corvair Museum and are allowed to use GM logos. Good deal!

**Events:** Clark went to the Meet Up in Lafayette. There were two Corvairs. Paul's newly restored '63 Spyder and Chris' '65 Corvair convertible. Josh and Hank drove their truck this time as the Corvair is not quite ready for the road. Plenty of other cars and the Corvairs attracted lots of attention. Hendrick, Perk's Drive Thru owner, had his very nice Ford Fairlane there. Pretty car.

The next VairFest is scheduled for June 23-24, 2023 in Arroyo Grande at Heritage Park. Same location as last year.  
No one at this meeting tonight went to the Fan belt Toss in Palm Springs but Bruce's son went and passed along some pictures. A good crowd and the weather was perfect. There was a new

"Corvair" built on a Camero chassis that debuted here.



This will be shown at SEMA the following week. It attracted a lot of attention. Vince said that several members of Central Coast Corsa did make the 5 hour journey to attend the FBT although he did not. Bruce indicated that there were no Corvairs for sale this year but the Swap meet was good and well attended.

Lane asked about a West Coast Corsa Convention. Vince said that San Diego has agreed to host one in 2024.

**Tech:** Bruce said he had his 140 HP engine worked on by Paolo Galli in Atascadero, CA. Nothing major but he wanted it gone through thoroughly. Paolo fixed some issues with carbs and differential. A nice afternoon drive and Paolo did a great job. Bruce will install the engine in the next week or so. Bruce said that he and a buddy were able to load & unload the engine & trans in the truck themselves. Vince said he also has had his engine worked on by Paolo. He has all of the tools and parts. On Bruce's Yenko he has had the carbs rebuilt and various parts powder coated. He will send the exhaust out to be ceramic coated, White to look original. Bruce said that Jim Sharp (Dayton, Ohio) sent him some Yenko 13x7 rims with vintage tires (Blue Streak). They look great. Traded for some wine. Bruce said that

Eric had his '66 Turbo Coupe over at Gabe's for a full, bare metal, rotisserie job. He will transform it into a Sprint. Over the years he has collected all of the Sprint specific parts. Eric's car collection includes a '61 Lakewood (that was a GM staff car), '66 Turbo, a '63 Turbo Coupe, '64 Turbo Coupe, '66 Corsa 140 Cvrt, '63 Monza Cvrt, and a Lotus and Porsche 911!

Vince showed pictures of the Vin & Body Tag of a '68 Corvair for sale on ebay. They had different numbers possibly because GM employees mixed up numbers as the same assembly line was used for Corvairs and Novas. Interesting!



Here is the body tag #10567



Vin #11567

Carl is still having brake problems. He is having a lot of trouble bleeding the lines. Somehow air is getting in and yet all of the junctions are tight and he can't find any leaks. After lots of discussion as to the possible cause, it seems like the master cylinder was the most likely culprit as most of the lines were under pressure making it hard for air to get in. Bruce suggested trying a synthetic brake fluid rather than Silicone to eliminate that as a possible

(See **Minutes..** on page 9)

# Coming Events in 2022...

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|---------------------------|---|
| November 27 <sup>th</sup> | Meet Up at Perk's in Lafayette. 10:00 AM  |
| December 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"  |
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | SFBA Corsa Holiday Dinner at Frankie, Johnnie and Luigi Too! in Dublin at 1:00 PM. Please let Clark know if you are planning on attending (and how many). He will keep the restaurant informed. |

## 2023

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|--------------------------|--|
| January 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339" |
| January 29 <sup>th</sup> | Meet Up at Perk's in Lafayette. 10:00 AM                     |

## *SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2022*

Thursday Jan 6, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Feb 3, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Mar 3, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Apr 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday May 5, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Jun 2, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Jul 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Aug 4, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Sep 1, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Oct 6, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Nov 3, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

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

# SFBA Holiday Luncheon 12/3/2022 1:00 PM - Map and Directions

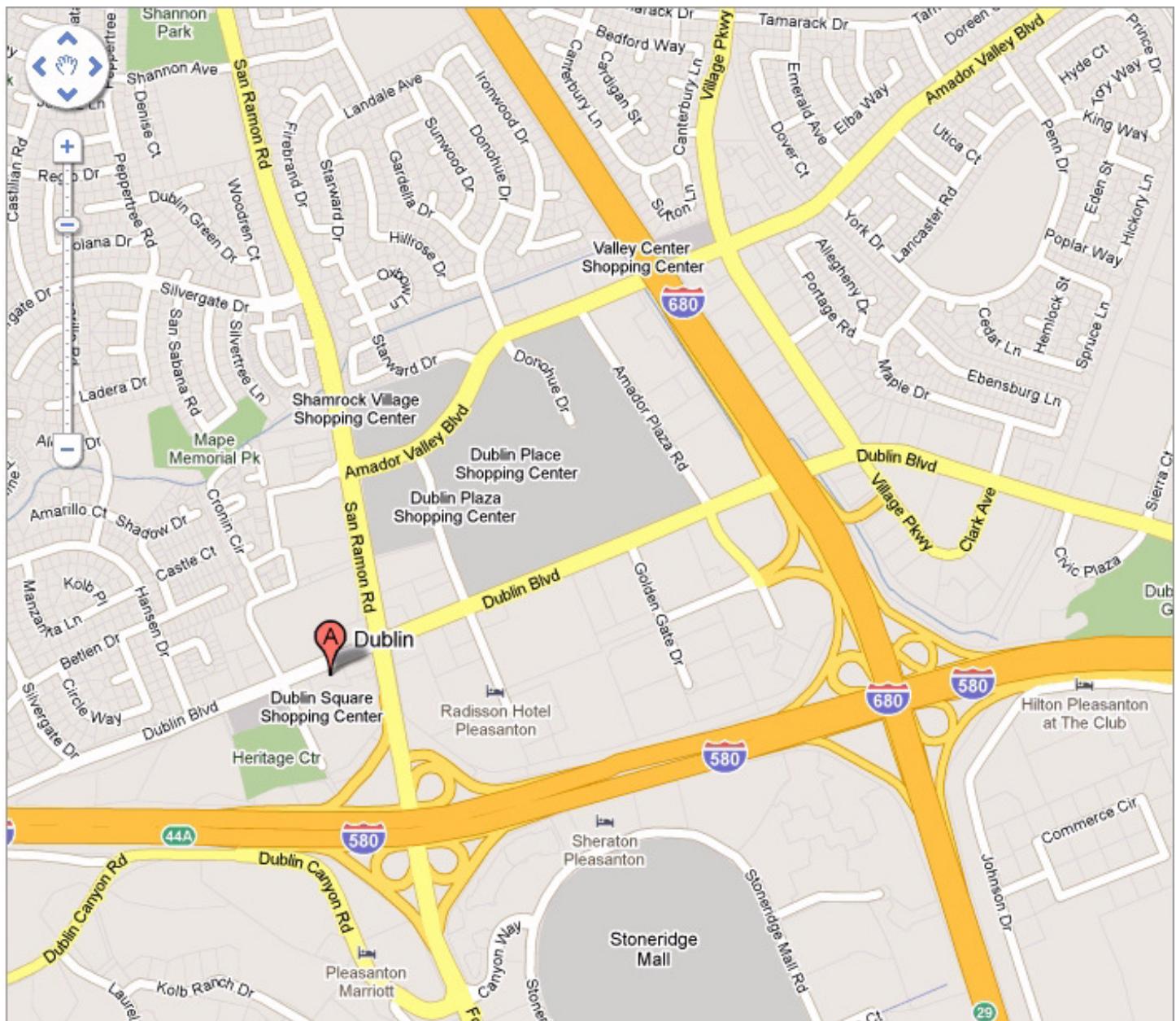
## Directions

**From San Jose:** Take Hwy 680 North to Hwy 580, go West on 580. Take first off ramp (San Ramon Rd). Go North one block. Turn left on Dublin Blvd. Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too! is on your left next to the Shell station (you will have to go one block and turn around as there is no left turn into the restaurant).

**From Hayward:** Take Hwy 580 East and exit on San Ramon Rd (or Foothill). Go left (North) to Dublin Blvd. Follow directions above.

**From Stockton:** Same as above but head West on 580.

**From Walnut Creek:** Take Hwy 680 South to Hwy 580, go West on 580. Now follow **From San Jose** directions...



**Frankie, Johnnie, & Luigi Too!, 11891 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA (925)828-9380**

# 2022 Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs

*Photos Provided By Bruce Mooers*



A Nice Yenko Stinger just coming in.



A well kept up Greenbriar. Love those wheels!



An interesting late model. How do you open the hood?



A very well restored '62/63 Monza Coupe - SAFENUF



A group shot of some nice Corvairs



An interesting Lakewood from Lucky 7 Surf Shop.

# Meet Up, 10/30/2022 in Lafayette



Paul's beautifully restored '63 Spyder sans turbo.



Chris' '67 convertible.



The two Corvairs did attract attention.



A very nice '59 Cad. Monstrous!



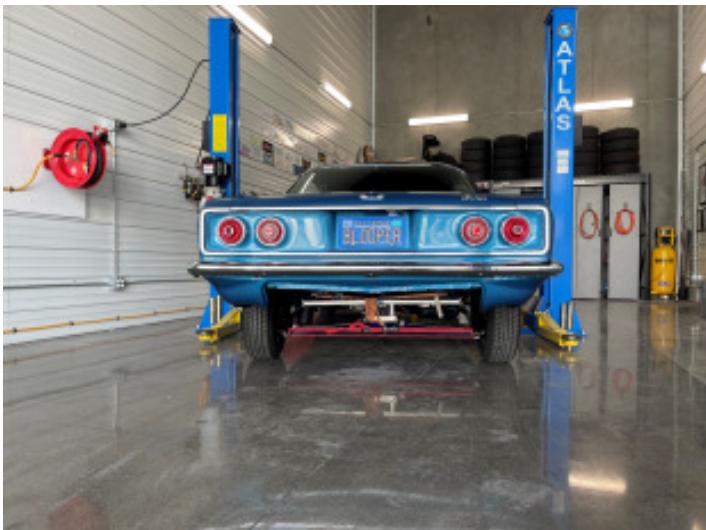
Nice Karmman Ghia, another air-cooled, rear engine car.



Hendrick's beautiful Ford Fairlane. Nicely restored!

# Blooper's Engine Install

## Bruce Mooers



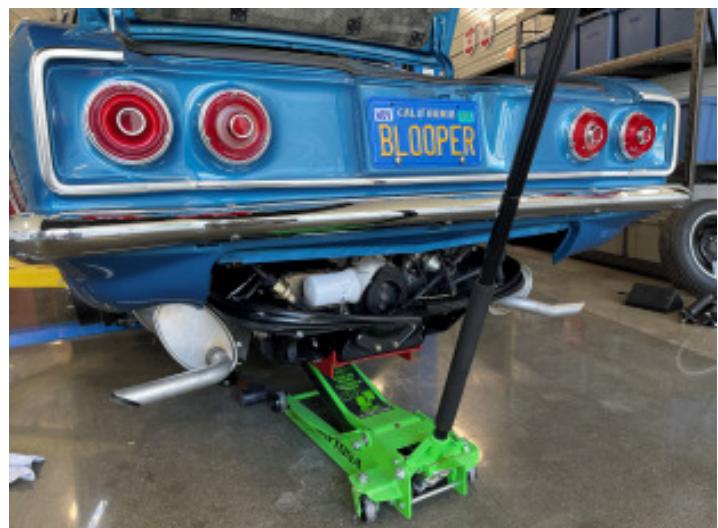
Blooper on the lift getting ready for the power train.



The engine being moved into position.



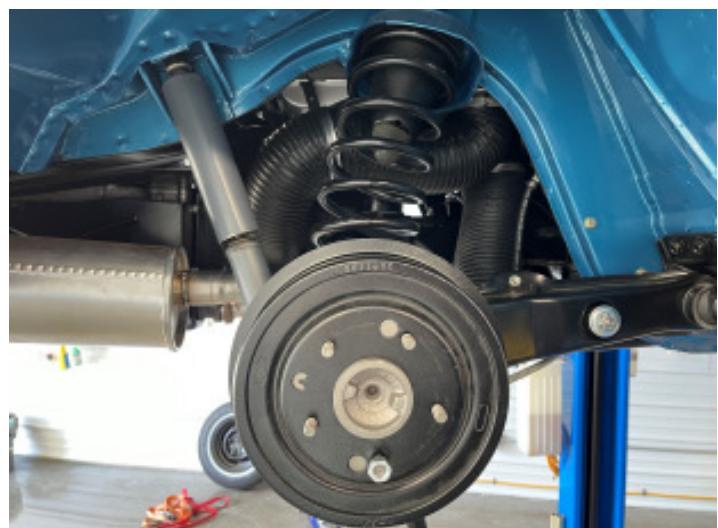
The body is hoisted so the engine can slide underneath.



Now the engine is positioned, ready to bolt in.



The engine is in. How clean is that?



Connecting the heater ducting and checking suspension.

## Minutes...

issue. Christy asked how the master cylinder was bled initially? Carl said he just pushed in the plunger by hand. Christy said that was not recommended as you can push the seals too far and damage them. In the car travel is limited. Carl will have a close look at this and hopefully by next month he will report that the brakes work perfectly! Carl was asked if he had received any feedback from his article in Restored Cars? Not yet, but it is too soon as the next issue won't come out until December. He said Restored Cars is the Australian equivalent of our Hemmings. In his article Carl estimated that there were 100 Corvairs in Australia. When he first joined SFBA he estimated only 40. He thinks he has now become aware of more in the country rather than more being imported as the exchange rate currently makes this awful expensive. Carl said he is planning on attending next year's Corsa Convention in Wisconsin.

**Swap & Sell:** Vince showed a picture of a Corvair for sale in Santa Barbara. It was a Greenbriar with dome camper. Very unusual but it turns out this was an original after-market accessory available at the time. It's a Travel Top Camper made by Travel Equipment Corp.



Seller is asking \$3500. It's complete but not running. Looking for a unique project?

Bruce said on Bring A Trailer there was

a white Rampside with red stripes for sale. This same car has changed hands 4 times in the last 16 months. From California to Florida to Oregon.

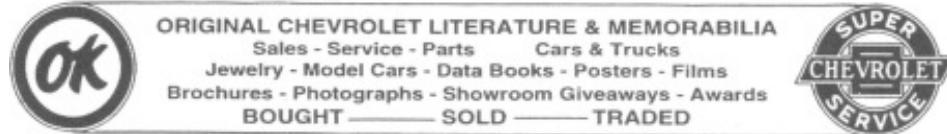
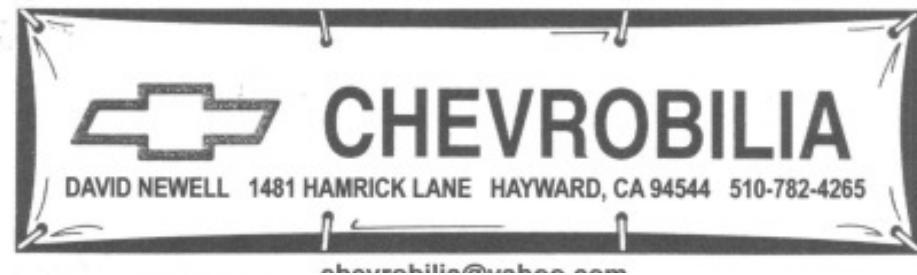
Meeting adjourned about 8:09

Respectively submitted,

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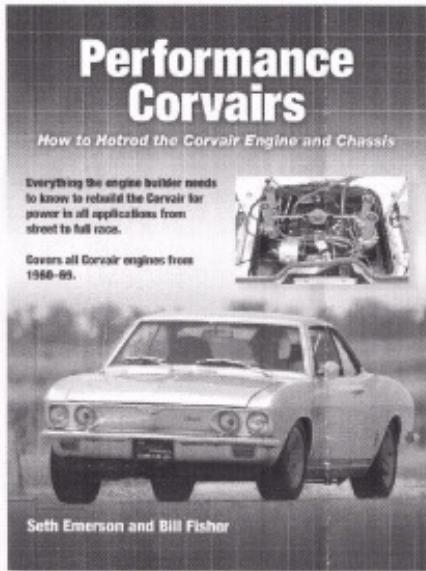
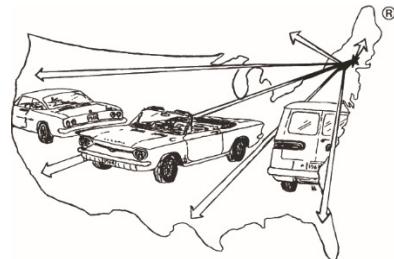
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**'65 Corsa convertible** project car- 60% done welding all seams on car, rust free body, on rotisserie, tele wheel, complete 4 speed diff/trans gone thru with new seals/gaskets, fully rebuilt trailing arms, most all parts are with car, but will need to be reinstalled by buyer. Larry Tustison (760) 518-0323 in San Diego. (03/22)

## 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

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

## Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

October 2022

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
09/01/2022	Begining Balance				\$5,150.53	
09/21/2022	Newsletter, October			(\$45.88)	\$5,104.65	Not submitted yet
09/30/2022	Vairs at the Vault - Food 1012			(\$522.42)	\$4,582.23	
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