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**'64 Corvair Spyder For
Sale in Pleasanton**

**Next Meeting - Thursday June 6th
7:00PM - Black Bear Diner - Hwy 680
at Sycamore Valley Rd in Danville**

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. We had seven members and two guests show up. It was nice to see Ed again. He drove his '67 convertible as usual. He mentioned that whoever did his engine did a wonderful job as he has had no trouble in many years. We hope he can attend more regularly. There were two Corvairs in the parking lot (Ed and Harry's). Two guests this evening, Dwight and Adam both had Corvairs worked on by Mell and related their experiences. Hopefully they will be driving theirs to the meetings seeing how they both joined!

For a good portion of the meeting we heard about Adam's Corsa restoration journey. What started out as a father & son project evolved into a 4+ year ordeal. They bought the car from Mell and had him do a "complete restoration" and knew this would not be a quick process as this is not Mell's regular line of business (like fixing starters, or tune ups, or brakes, or...). But every step of the way there were issues. The car has been painted (at least in part) three times. It came off the lift and dented a fender (luckily that's all that happened, but repaint!) when a wiring issue caused the starter to turn over with the car in gear (it was on a four post lift supported by the wheels). There were other similar situations and the costs runs up. Adam said that once you get to \$30k investment you just keep going! He is hopeful to be driving it in a couple of weeks. Yea!

Dwight also had Mell do work for him. In his case he had taken out the motor and trans and disassembled everything meaning to rebuild it. But then he gets married, and with kids on the way this get put aside (for 10 years or so!). Finally he decides to get it running but doesn't have the time. So boxing up all of the parts he takes it to Mell and says "put it back together". A month later he has a complete motor/trans back in his car. He has more to do (like interior) but it's drivable at last.

Even after relating their experiences both Dwight and Adam had nothing but good things to say about Mell. He really knows Corvairs!

On The Cover: This nice looking '64 Corvair Spyder is for sale in Pleasanton. Owner, Rick Wilcox is in the process of moving so is looking to sell the car rather than move it.

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Josh passed on some pictures of the Spring Fling that was held this month in Roseville (see page 5). It looks like it was a fun event. Sorry I missed it. Also Josh passed out flyers from Roger Parent outlining

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

May 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order 8:30 by President Josh Deitcher. We had seven members and two guests this evening. Even Ed Rodrigues was able to attend. We haven't seen Ed in quite a while. Dwight Greenhouse from Dublin has a '64 Monza Convertible and Adam Harry of Discovery Bay has a '65 Corsa Turbo Coupe. Welcome!

Dwight started on restoring his '64 Monza several years ago. He picked one up on Craigs List which looked almost exactly like one he had as a kid. Like most internet buys this car had more issues than he expected. Deciding to rebuild it, he dropped the engine and trans out and got everything apart (even split the case) and then "life" got in the way and the parts just sat. Finally, a decade later, he trucked everything down to Mell's and said "put it back together". After a month he now has a Corvair he can drive. He still has to work on the interior, suspension, and steering, but that he can do. Sounds like a good Tech Session topic!

Adam had a real story to tell of the restoration of his '65 Corsa (the details could fill a book!). He bought this from Mell as a project for him and his father who was quite ill at the time. They decided to have Mell do a "complete restoration". A much longer ordeal than expected. Finally Adam is hoping it will be done in a few weeks. It's been 4+ years with issues (and \$'s) every step of the way! Unfortunately his father passed away a few years ago. Yet, in spite of the issues, Adam had nothing but good things to say about Mell.

Treasury Report: Harry reported that the bank balance stood at \$3714.52 after deposits.

Membership: Josh reported that both Dwight and Adam joined (great) and Ed paid tonight.

Old Business: This was a busy month with the Spring Fling and Tech Session (see Events below)..

New Business: Josh said with the success of the last "BayVairea Get Together" at the Riverview Lodge in Antioch, he is trying to plan another one and is looking for suggestions on a location. Maybe the Napa Valley? Also another Tech Session in the September/October time frame would be good. Bring your suggestions to the next meeting.

Buck said a friend sold him a Corvair powered airplane (he had given him the motor). He is now looking for hanger to store it. He called the Monterey airport and is hopeful they will accept the plane (apparently hanger space is hard to come by these days and "approval" is required).

Events: Our first Tech Session for 2019 was two weeks ago at Don Burkard's house in Antioch. Besides Don, only four members were able to attend. This was covered in the last newsletter. Valley Corsa had a fun drive and tour

of the Canepa Museum in Scotts Valley a week or two ago. Dwight went and said it was a wonderful museum with many famous cars but no Corvairs. Josh reported that the Spring Fling in Roseville was a bit smaller than last year. Still lots of Corvairs and people showed up. Besides himself and Chris, SFBA Members Don, Lane, Seth, and Tony (maybe others) were there. Don took the river road from Antioch and said it was a beautiful drive. Interestingly Don noted that an oil leak he had been fighting for months dried up after the trip. Seems like all it needed was a long drive! This year there were two Ultravans. Josh said that one in particular was very interesting. The outside needed a bit of work but they were trying to keep the insides as original as possible. With wood paneling it was like stepping into a time capsule. Three vendors showed up with lots of parts and great deals. This was held a week later than previous yearsn so maybe conflicts contributed to the smaller

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Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

May 2019
SFBA Corsa Treasurer's Report

5/29/2019

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
5/1/2019	May Beginning Balance				\$3,639.52	
5/3/2019	Deposit Ed Rodriguez	Cash	\$25.00		\$3,664.52	
5/3/2019	Deposit Adam Harry	Cash	\$25.00		\$3,689.52	
5/3/2019	Deposit Dwight Greenhouse	Cash	\$25.00		\$3,714.52	
5/30/2019	Ending Balance				\$3,714.52	
May Totals			\$75.00	\$0.00		

Coming Events...

June 2 nd	Barn Party, 1 - 5 PM, Pot luck, hamburgers provided. Contact Christy Barden, 10141 Cedarsong Road, Nevada City, CA 95959. 530 263-1001 (ChristyBarden@cs.com). We'll have a band, classic rock and roll, this is a free event. Drive your Corvair!
June 6 th	Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville, CA
June 15 th	14th Annual NORCOAST Rodders car show in Ft Bragg. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Franklin & Laurel Streets. www.NorCoastRodders.com. For more info contact Mike @ (707)964-8648 or Danny @ (707)964-6660
June 15 th	Castro Valley Car Show, downtown Castrol Valley Blvd. For more info got to https://castrovalleycarshow.com
June 21-22 nd	Vairfest at Heritage Square Park in Arroyo Grande. Hosted by Central Coast Corvairs. For more info or to enter your car go to www.centralcoastCorsa.org or mail@centralcoastcorsa.com .
July 11 th	Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville, CA
July 23-27 th	2019 Corsa National Convention, St. Charles, Ill
Aug 3 rd	SFBA/Valley Club Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park, Fremont, CA

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2019

Thursday Jan 3, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
Thursday Feb 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
Thursday Mar 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
Thursday Apr 4, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
Thursday May 2, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday Jun 6, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday Jul 11, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
Saturday Aug 3, 12:00PM	SFBA/Valley Club Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park, Fremont, CA
Thursday Sept 5, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
Thursday Oct 3, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
Thursday Nov 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
Saturday Dec 7, 6:00 PM	SFBA Holiday Dinner (location to be announced)

Spring Fling April 27, 2019

-photos by Josh-



Spring Fling (continued)



Letter...

the products he offers. Roger produces high quality linkage kits for Corvairs (all years and styles) and uses Heim rod-ends for minimal backlash. Also he has Aluminum replacement pulleys for the stock plastic Corvair ones (like the clutch cable rides on). The flyer is too large for me to include it in the newsletter.

This month Buck sent in an article about a Corvair powered airplane he just acquired. Very interesting. See page 7.

I received the following note from Josh related to the SFBA Corsa website he is setting up. I think it looks great!

"In case you haven't heard yet, SFBA CORSA has a new website and an Instagram page. It was discussed and decided that a new website and social media presence would generate more interest in the club. The site and the Instagram page are up and running, but we need your help. Yes, YOU! Email either me or Clark some photos of you Corvairs! We are also looking for SFBA history and memorabilia to do posts about and take photos of to share.

Anything that you think may be of interest to current newer club members, or to the Corvair Community, as a whole. This will have no impact on the newsletter and the Hemmings site will stay up for the time being until there is more traction with the new site. This is being used as another platform to get our name out there to Corvair owners who may not even know we exist! If you use facebook, we also have two pages up on that platform. We have the SFBA CORSA page which is now

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A Corvair Powered Zodiac 610

-Buck Jones-

Eight years ago when I emptied my garage here in Concord before we moved back to Monterey, I had an accumulation of engines, surprise!. As I was loading up the keepers, my 84 year old neighbor came over and asked if I had any Corvair engines to spare. He had seen Corvairs going into and out of the garage. He was starting on a homebuilt airplane, it is a Zodiac 610 by Zenith.

This gentleman is a WWII Army Aircorp veteran flyer. Now you might think that's a little old to start on an airplane, how-

ever over the next 8 years he constructed it from bare sheets of aluminum delivered to the shop he built along side his home. As an aside he personally removed, by hand, a walnut tree stump, over 72" in diameter, as well as the roots, in the blazing sun that summer. That is where he built the shop for the airplane.

The plane is 95% complete and the engine runs really well. He had it completely rebuilt by Main Machine here in Concord. It was specially built as it only can turn 2800 rpm due to prop

speed restrictions. Now comes the fun part, as you can see from the pictures it is a low wing plane. That means you climb up on the wing and step into the cockpit. Well it turns out after all this work he is now unable to lift himself out of the plane. So what does he do now, but start on another plane. This time a high wing plane that he can get in and out of like a car! He hasn't asked for another engine as he isn't that far along. If anyone is interested the first plane is for sale at about 95% complete.



An Invitation to a.....

Barn Party

Sunday, June 2nd 2019 1-5 PM

Christy Barden
10141 Cedarsong
Rd. Nevada City,
CA. (530) 263-1001



Here is the Band



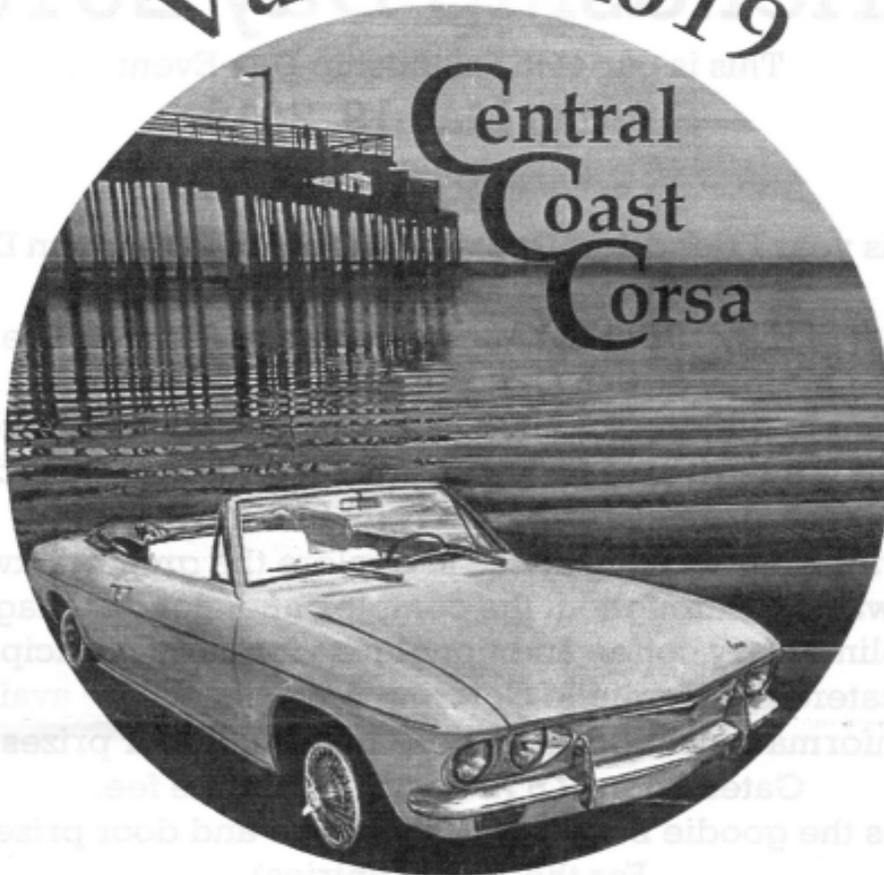
Here is the Barn



Bring a pot luck dish. Free hot dogs and Hamburgers to he first 150 guests. Sprung dance floor.
Hwy 49 to Nevada City, continue on 49 by making a left turn at the first opporunity after passing Nevada City. Continue for about 4.5 miles and turn right on Cedarsong Road. Turn right into the first driveway after the two speed bumps. **Park as Directed.** No RSVP needed

Special parking for classic and special interest cars.

Vairfest 2019



June 21-22, 2019 **Arroyo Grande, California**

Join us for the Best Corvair Car Show on the Central Coast

Fri. June 21 - Pasta Dinner and Movie

Sat. June 22 - Corvair Car Show at Heritage Square Park
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8 AM - 3 PM

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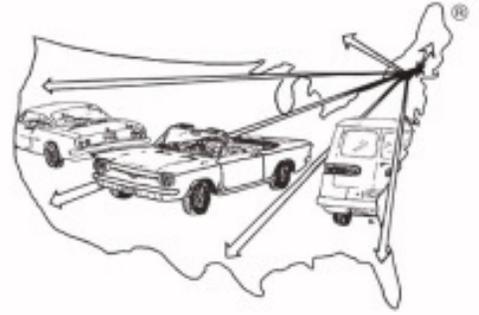
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Minutes...

size. To increase interest next year they may include other air-cooled cars (VWs, Porsche).

Adam mentioned that the Cobra museum in Martinez ("Cobra Experience") would be a fun event for us. It's open the third Sunday of the month.

Swap & Sell: Josh said he still has the Corvair parts available (see the list posted a few months back). All free to SFBA members and very reasonable to others.

Tech: Adam talked extensively about the restoration process on his Corsa. He added Dynamat thermal & acoustic sound deadening material from Quiet Ride Solutions (Stockton). They sent out a representative to Mell's place to measure the car for the templates. He didn't mention the cost but it can't be cheap. Also he said that he had a full, 4-wheel alignment done at a cost of \$500. But this was done "right" with weights added to simulate the driver and passenger. He also said that Mell now has a lift!

Lane put the 140 back in his car. Still not running right. Has ordered carb

kits. Will do primaries first.

Josh has been fighting carburetor gremlins. Car just did not run well. He was told to be sure to clean the carburetor ports (use a wire bristle from a brush and clear every port he could find). This seems to have done the trick even though they "looked" clean before! Also Josh ran across a couple of Corvair parts vendors as alternatives to Clark's or California Corvairs. He passed around their cards (see page 11). Additionally he contacted Roger Parent (from El Cajon, CA) who makes precision linkage assemblies for Corvairs (carb & trans) and related parts (clutch/brake cable pulleys) and other parts. All precision made. A "catalog" was passed around. He has been noticing lots of play in his throttle linkage and may order a kit from Roger. He also found someone that rebuilds generators (I didn't catch the name - see Josh).

Meeting adjourned about 9:15.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

Letter...

pretty much linked with the website and Corvair Community Of Northern California, which has quite a bit of chatter and traffic.

Have a look at the new sites, and don't forget.... Corvair pics and anything you think could benefit the site!

<https://www.sfbacorsa.org/>

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Hope to see you at a club meeting and/or get together soon!"

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 6th at Black Bear Diner in Danville. We start around 7:00 PM. As usual Josh or I will get there a bit early so we can get a convenient table in the back. The weather is nice this time of year so drive your Corvair!

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'64 Corvair Spyder Convertible, Car looks and runs great. Lots of upgrades and documents. Email for details. Located in Pleasanton.



Asking \$10k, contact Rick Wilcox at shadowcs22@aol.com (06/19)

'66 Corvair Monza Coupe 110 Auto Trans. Runs well. Body solid. Good paint & chrome. Interior is very good.



Asking \$8400. Contact John (916)631-9407. Sacramento area. (03/19)

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

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

1 Pair Late 180 Heads, custom rebuilt \$850

Late Bumpers, new set front & rear w/ guards. Rechromed. \$375

1 Pair Late Rear Control Arms w/ rebuilt bearings w/ backing plates - \$275

3 Pair Late Heads - All rebuilt, 1 pr 140, 1 pr 110, 1 pr 95. Call for price.

4 Custom Kelsey Hayes K/O wire wheels & hubs to fit a **late** 65-69 w/ tires, \$1850

1 Pair Bill Thomas 4 Carb Heads, all rebuilt w/angle port exhaust \$1250 firm.

1 Complete Ultimate 140-Carbs + linkage, all new w/cleaners, \$800.

1 Rebuilt 95 HP Short Block w/new GM cast S.T.D. barrels, \$650.

1964 Rear Air Grill (NOS) \$125

1964 Rear Air Grill, very good. \$65

1964 NOS Major Turbo Carb Kit, \$55

We have other parts so inquire please.

MISC CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE - OUT OF AREA

Eight Corvairs and 6 shipping containers of NOS and used parts. Must be purchased as a lot. No picking! \$18,500. Located in Willits Contact Josh Deitcher (510) 388-4986 vondeitch@gmail.com for more info. (08/18)

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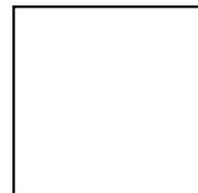
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