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**Quarry Lakes Park is
Closed to Picnicking!**

SFBA/Valley Picnic CANCELLED
Aug SFBA Zoom Meeting 8/6/2020 @7:00PM

Letter From the Editor

I hope everyone is staying safe and sane. The Coronavirus has sure put a damper on most activities. And the Fan Belt Toss, the last big Corvair event of the year, has been cancelled for this year. We held our third SFBA Corsa virtual meeting of the year and they are working our very well. These may be continued even after our dine-in meetings are allowed. They are working out that well!

The meeting format has changed and it seems to be for the better. We start with a Board meeting at 6:45 with Josh, Harry, and myself to go over the "dry" business stuff. Mainly Bank account, membership, and event planning. Then at 7:00 the meeting is opened to other participants. This time we had nine SFBA members and one guest. When I check-in from my iPad I can only see 8 people but from a PC I think you can see all those attending. Zoom does a pretty good job it seems although you do notice an echo for some people, but only at times. A nice feature is that Zoom focuses on the last person to speak. So you can easily tell who is talking.

Josh had this meeting setup so a recoding (audio and visual) is available when the meeting ends. This makes it easy for me to write the minutes!

As you can probably tell from the cover, our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic has been cancelled for this year. Just a couple of weeks ago Quarry Lakes Park was open and picnicking was allowed (with Social Distancing) but this has recently changed. The Coronavirus situation is so volatile it's hard to make plans for much in the future. I am even wondering if our annual Holiday Dinner will have to be cancelled.

Since Bank of the West started charging us for our account, Harry and I went to Comerica Bank in San Ramon and setup an account there for the Club. Doug Crane was very helpful and had us up and running in no time. Harry will close the Bank of the West account.

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At the meeting this month Christy Barden mentioned that he has bought a Nash Fan for his Ultravan. I hadn't heard of these. Check-

(see **Letter...** on page 6)

On The Cover: Unfortunately Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont has been closed to picnicking due to the Corona Virus (Covid 19). Up until a week ago it was open. It seems like every Corvair event of 2020 is being cancelled.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

July 2, 2020

The meeting was opened at 7:00 by Josh and Harry took charge in keeping the meeting focused. In all there were nine members and one guest (Christy Barden from Grass Valley). We all took turns discussing current projects and issues. Then the floor opened to general questions. Prior to the regular meeting the Board got together to get the dry Club business out of the way.

Treasury Report: Harry reported that the bank balance was about \$4200. Of note: Harry contacted Comerica Bank and we will be moving the Club's bank account there as they have no monthly fees for accounts like ours.

Membership: reported that we had two potential new members.

Old Business: Josh stopped by the Quarry Lakes Park and talked with the Park Rangers. The park is still open and picnics are allowed with social-distancing. So right now the SFBA/Valley Picnic is still on for Saturday, August 8th. However in these fluid times check the newsletter for last minute changes.

New Business: Nothing mention.

Events: The Fan Belt Toss has been cancelled this year as is most everything else.

Tech: Tony went to register his Chevelle Malibu and was told he owed \$775 in back registration fees and penalties. He mentioned that there was a Classic Car exemption for cars over 25 years old that have not been driven. He got the penalties removed bringing the bill down to a manageable \$400 (he still has to pay the non-op fees for several years). Rob thought he had to pay extra to register his car (he has older style plates) but Harry didn't think he paid anything extra (he has period Yellow plates on his '62). Don was working on his '69 after replacing the engine (our Tech Sessions this year). He found a loose wire in the back

and thinking it for a rear speaker (which he doesn't have) he just tucked it away. Came to find out that the wire controlled the convertible top! It took him a couple of hours to remove the rear seat and re-attach the wire. While the seat was out he decided to work on some rusted areas and replace the jute sound deadening material. He also noticed that the convertible top rubber motor mounts were shot so he order new ones from Clark's. The subject of gas additives came up and Christy said he used Sea-Foam. It helps loosens valves. He adds it every 3 or 4 tank fill-ups. Christy picked up a '67 Corvair Sports Sedan from Fred Beebe (sp?) at Chicago Convention. Has lots of rust which was fixed but was a nice looking car. The sedan with windows down has no posts and looks like a miniature Impala.

Dwight said he has redone the front suspension on his '64 convertible, now he is going to start on the rear suspension. Don said when he finishes he can take it to Precision Brake & Alignment in Antioch for alignment.

Ray Welter said he had been working on motor cycles lately and not his '64. He also has a '62 convertible which he will restore and then give it to his uncle in Oregon who had given him his first Corvair while in High School. It's payback time! Rob said he needs to fix the oil pressure sender on his '64 Spyder with a 140. It works initially then quits after 10 minutes or so. Strange. He had added several LED lights which we have seen in the past. He mentioned that at the Napa airport where he works, when mechanics work on piston engines they say him some spare gas (100 octane leaded!) which he gets to use every so often. Just a bit (maybe 10% or so) seems to help. Good deal. He had Napa Mufflers & Exhaust build him a custom exhaust with a single 2 1/2 in. exhaust pipe. Looks like a Spyder now. Rob asked how people adjusted valves these days. Some use a half valve cover and adjust the valves with the engine running (kind of messy). Christy said he does the adjustment per Finch (How to Keep Your

Corvair Alive) with the engine not running but you have to find top dead center (he missed by 180 deg once!). Just tighten the rocker arms until you can barely turn the push rods with finger tips and then 1/2 additional turn. Josh said the Chris Rogers uses a valve cover that he had put holes in to allow a socket wrench to pass through. Works great, no mess.

Clark mentioned that he needs to replace the harmonic balancer on his '64. 20+ years ago Clark rebuilt the balancer using pieces of the original rubber as spacers and black RTV. It worked reliably for many years! Josh said that Blue Chip Tools (Russ Davis) sells a puller that lets you remove the balancer without lowering the engine. Great time saver!

Christy asked if anyone had tried the new Nash Fan? He has purchased one but is waiting on a new pulley to arrive before installing it in his Ultravan. Currently the Ultravan runs hot and with the engine 20 ft. behind you cannot hear any detonation. He is hoping the new fan will lower the engine temperature significantly. A real interesting design although at \$1100 it's not cheap as it's machined out of billet Aluminum. Nash is hoping to get the cost down to around \$700 in the future. The fan needs a special pulley, belt, and new shroud. We are dying to hear how this works out! His other Corvairs runs fine as is (even the Greenbriar) but his Ultravan runs hot.

Josh said he got a fuel pump last year from someone in Massachusetts who rebuilds pumps for old cars. Cost was about \$75 but has worked great so far.

Swap & Sell: Josh said there was a '65 convertible, 110 4sp for sale in Antioch. Don may stop by to take a look as he is close.

Meeting adjourned about 8:30.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

Coming Events...

Cancelled!

July 6-11th

CORSA International Convention in San Diego. Host hotel is Crowne Plaza Mission Valley, 2270 Hotel Cir N, San Diego. See flyer on page 7.

Aug 6th

Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "739 9816 7995"

Aug 8th

Cancelled!

SFBA/Valley Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. BBQ starts at noon but there early to enjoy the comradery. Pending verification that the picnic area is open.

Sep 3rd

Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "739 9816 7995"

Oct 2-4th

Cancelled!

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, Sunrise Park, Palm Springs, CA. This revised date is still subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2020

Thursday Jan 9, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

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

Thursday Mar 5, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday Apr 2, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Canceled.

Thursday May 7, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting

Thursday Jun 4, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting

Thursday Jul 2, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting

Thursday Aug 6, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9815 7995"

~~Saturday Aug 8, 12:00PM SFBA/Valley Club Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park, Fremont, CA
(pending verification that the picnic area will be open)~~

Thursday Sep 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA or probably a Zoom meeting again.

Saturday Oct 3, 10:00 AM Tech Session (tentative - location to be determined)

Thursday Nov 5, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA or probably a Zoom meeting again.

Saturday Dec 5, 5:00 PM SFBA Holiday Dinner (location to be determined)

SFBA Corsa Active Roster as of June 2020

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Please let me know if this information is in error or out of date!

The "Nash Fan" Designed by Kevin Nash

This fan design is claimed to be more efficient and able to drop the cylinder head temperature by 20 deg F. This is rather expensive as right now as they are machined out of an Aluminum billet. An time consuming process. The

one note I saw indicated that the present design was for a '65 and later fan bearing. I recall seeing or hearing that Chevy tried many different fan designs. With both straight and curved blades but the '64 design worked the best. However CFD has progressed

substantially over the years so quite possibly this design represents an optimized approach. It is interesting that this design uses equally spaced blades, unlike Chevy, as resonance is apparently not an issue.



Letter...

ing Google the design for this unique fan was by Kevin Nash. See the pictures on page 6 (above)..

The SFBA Corsa meeting schedule (page 4) has been left pretty much as is even though the "Shelter In Place" orders may not allow such gatherings

in the near future. I guess I am hopeful we can return to "normal" some time soon although we may want to have both as the Zoom meetings seem to be working out well. We shall see.

Our August meeting will once again be a "virtual meeting" via Zoom. The meet-

ing ID "**739 9816 7995**". The time and date are August 2, 2020 from 7:00PM. Note unlike our usual meetings the time listed is not flexible. If you sign in a bit late you will join in the middle of the meeting. But that's ok, we would love to have everybody join in!

SFBA Corsa Club Merchandise

Josh has teamed SFBA Corsa up with Zazzle to offer a wide variety of Club themed merchandise. The Club nets

a small portion of the proceeds but doesn't have to order large quantities of these items. Zazzle takes care of

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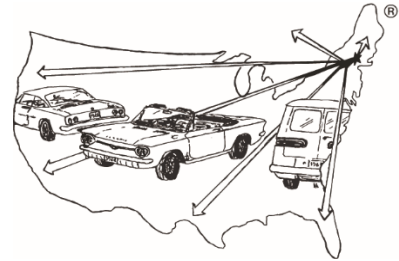
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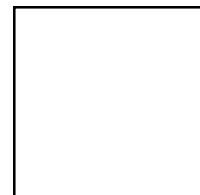
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07/02/2020	Newsletter (July)			28.20	4,110.27	Not paid yet
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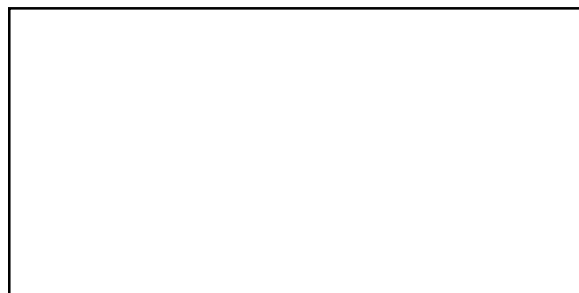
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