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**Sterling Restorations
Open House 10/3/2021**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday,
Nov 4th @7:00PM #243 888 8339**

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. We had eight people join in. A little light but not bad considering the Get Together we had was just the weekend before. The discussions were very interesting, and the time flew by.

At the meeting there was interest in having a Holiday Dinner this year (we missed last year of course). This could also be a luncheon if that would make it easier for people to attend. Be sure to let us know your preferences at the next meeting so we can see what can be setup.

Our first Bay Vairea Get Together for 2021 came off without a hitch at Sterling Restorations in Fairfield. We had a great crowd as seen on the cover. See the full story on page 5.

We have a second Get Together scheduled for Sunday Nov 21st in Lafayette at the Public Library, 3491 Mt Diablo Blvd. From 8 AM to 10 AM. There will be lots of cars so bring your Corvair! Let's have an interesting time.

I recieved an email from Larry of CCRC. Apparently Dee Smirlis (former SFBA member) has put together a 2022 Calendar featuring the clubs Corvairs. These are 8 1/2 x 11, full color, and spiral bound. The cost is \$20 for the first and \$15 for each additional calendar this includes shipping. If you are interested send checks payable to Dee Smirlis to 3015 Cinsant Drive, Cameron Park, CA 95682.

Keep the newsletter interesting by sending in pictures and stories of you 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.

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Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, November 4th starting at 7:00 PM. Remember we have a new meeting ID# of 243 888 8339.

On The Cover: The Bay Vairea Get Together at Sterling Restorations was well attended as you can see. A great chance to get away and meet in person!

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

October 7, 2021

The regular meeting started at 7:00. At the prior Board Meeting it was Josh, Harry, Ray, and I. Not much to go over. When Josh opened the forum, we were quickly joined by Don, Dwight, Seth, and Carl. I don't think I missed anyone.

Treasury Report: The bank balance as reported last month stands at \$4,505.83. Clark has not submitted expenses for a few months.

Membership: No new members were reported. Total membership stands at about 60!

Old Business: At the last meeting it was suggested that we try to setup an in-person Get Together at Sterling Restorations. Josh was able to get this setup in short order and it went off without a hitch. See complete report on page 5.

New Business: We will be trying to setup in-person meetings each month as there is a lot of interest. From the Survey Josh reported that most people preferred Saturday or Sunday (about equal) over weekday dates. Watch for announcements in the Spyder Web or via email.

Events: Ray got back from his work/vacation in Main. While there he went to the Owls Head Transportation Museum in Owls Head, Maine. They have a great collection of cars, motorcycles, planes, bicycles, you-name-it. This was fabulous! Back home, Ray went to the 34th Annual All Italian Day Car & Motorcycle Show in Alameda. Lots of Alpha-Romeos, not too many motorcycles. But lots of amazing cars. There was a very nice Maserati Bora (mid-engine, 4-wheel independent suspension). This was the same day as our Get Together so he couldn't attend both! As a "thank you" for hosting the Get Together Josh gave Gabe a Club t-shirt and decals.

Tech: Ray is planning on rebuilding his Carter YH carburetor on his Turbo. Hopefully this will cure the high-speed issues he was having.

Josh said his heads were still in the shop getting repaired. In the mean time he will swap engines from his '65 140 and the '64 110. Hopefully this coming weekend baring any other issues that might arise. The 110 engine needs some work. He thinks he might have an oil blockage somewhere that was causing his issues. Josh picked up some adjustable struts. The struts cost \$389 per set. A lot, but the quality justifies the price. Seth said



he can now replace the eccentric washer and substitute a plane one. Now a loose bolt won't effect camber. Then just use the struts for camber adjustment. Maybe a visit to Don's to borrow his alignment tools when the time comes.

Carl said he has installed new stainless steel brake lines but was having trouble getting them to seal (remember Jeff's issue last month?). Especially the rear brakes. He expects to just replace them (again) this time using mild steel lines and be done with it. Josh was able to send Carl another brake junction block that he was asking for last month. Unfortunately, the fittings were the wrong size, but Carl was able to locate a suitable replacement, so he is all set to go. He also plans to make a video-tour of his garage, but this must wait until the Covid lock-down ends. He asked what A/T fluid to use? Seth said he could use most any A/T fluid, no need

for synthetic. If he had a manual transmission he would need GL 4 for the differential. Carl comments on the Roger Parent throttle linkage he installed on his 110 motor. Went on very easy and works great. Seth mentioned that if he had had a 140, the adjustment would have been quite tricky. Carl said he had lots of oil that that has been sitting unopened for years. Is it still good? Seth said to shake it up in case the additives have settled out but it would still be good.

Dwight said that a friend's father had passed away who worked at a local Chevy dealership. He had lots of material saved. Dwight was given some new, 1960 Corvair brochures (great keepsake!) along with



some new pistons and jugs.

Swap & Sell: Nothing new was reported.

Meeting adjourned about 8:47.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

Coming Events...

Nov 4 th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Nov 21 st	Bay Vairea Get Together, Lafayette Public Library, 3491 Mt Diablo Blvd. From 8 AM to 10 AM.
Dec 2 nd	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Dec 4 th /11 th	SFBA Holiday Dinner. Tentitive. Date, time and location to be determined.

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2021

Thursday Jan 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9816 7995"
Thursday Feb 4, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9816 7995"
Thursday Mar 4, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9816 7995"
Thursday Apr 1, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9816 7995"
Thursday May 6, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9816 7995"
Thursday Jun 3, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9816 7995"
Thursday Jul 1, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9816 7995"
Thursday Aug 5, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Sep 2, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Oct 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Nov 4, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Dec 2, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Sterling Restorations Open House

On Sunday, October 3rd Gabe hosted an Open House for Sterling Restorations in Fairfield. Part of the parking lot was reserved for Corvairs and there was food and refreshments! By my last count there were 28 people in all and 11 Corvairs. Gabe went over the work he was currently doing on Bruce's '69 Coupe and how he approaches a restoration project. I was impressed when Gabe said "sometimes when dis-

sembling old parts, you break a bolt and it takes you an extra hour of work. I just can't charge the customer for that...".

Gabe has a very nice shop which is incredibly clean. It gives you a good feeling when you see how well he protects the other cars while he is working on one. Minimizing the chance of accidental damage.

While Bruce was having his Corvair completely restored "rotisserie style" as it were, Gabe will also do a partial restoration as Paul had done to his '63 Spyder. Just body and paint for the most part. Gabe knows that not everyone has the same budget.



Here are a few pics of the Corvairs that showed up. I took more pictures as news cars arrived. Gabe had coned off several park-



ing spaces in anticipation. But I don't think he expected this many Corvairs! And beautiful ones too.





I believe Bruce's son drove this nice Corsa Convertible.



Bill Schaffer brought his newly acquired '65 Corv8. It has a beautifully installed Corvette LS motor in the front. The gas



tank was moved to the rear to accommodate the drive train.



Bruce's gorgeous Evening Orchid Corsa. A 140 of course.

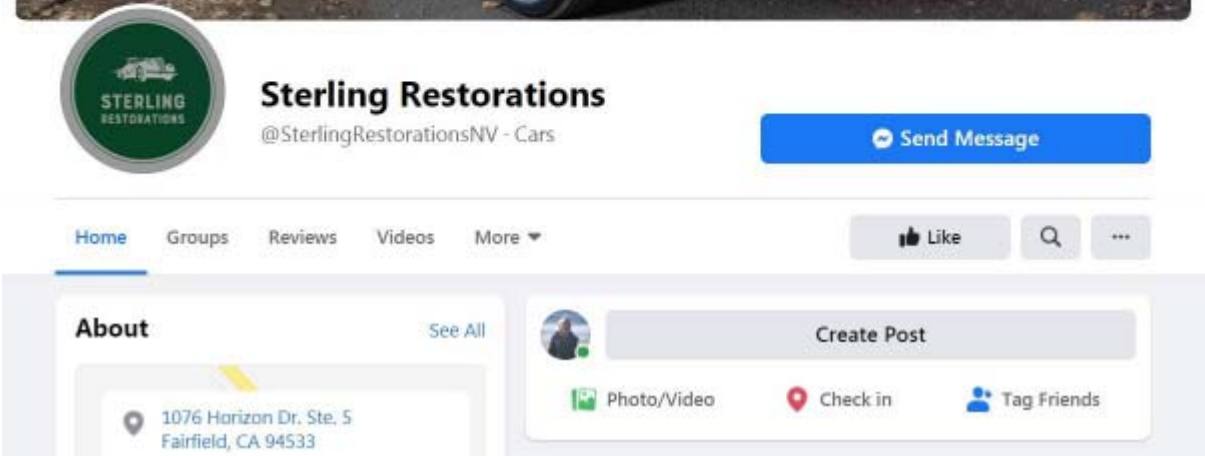


Here is Bruce's '69 that Gabe is working on. It's so nice it looks better than new.



Gabe and his wife opening up another bottle of wine, courtesy of Bruce! There was also sodas plus great food in the kitchen

Sterling Restorations - Fairfield, CA



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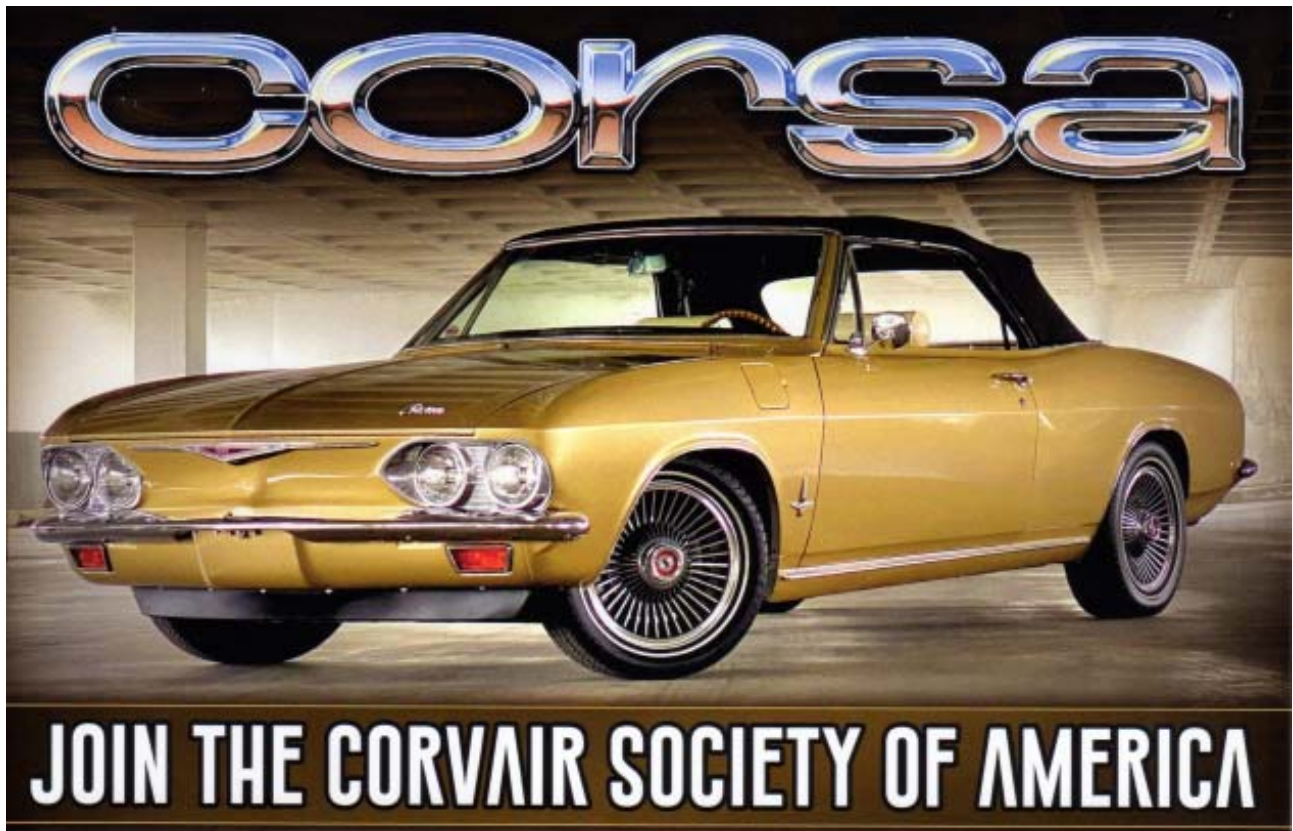
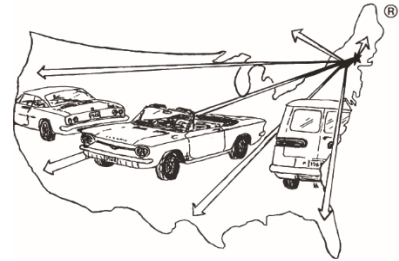
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1 Pair Late 110 rebuilt heads - \$250

1 Pair Late 95 rebuilt heads \$225

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1 Excelant used Posi for an early axle - \$250 firm

We still have other misc items

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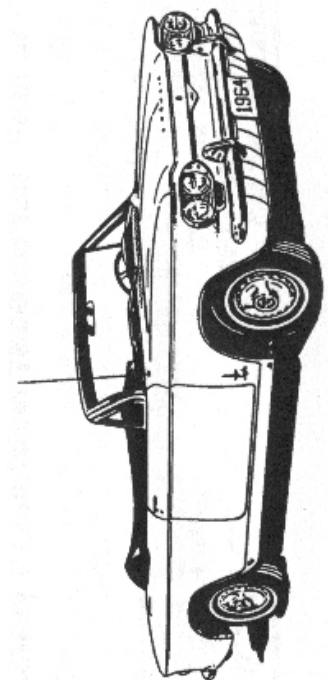
David Gray: Fairfield - Retired GM/Corvair Mechanic. Can do minor repairs, engine rebuilds, tune-ups. Located in Fairfield but can travel. Also has parts for sale. (916)531-0905 (corvaiguru@gmail.com)

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

October 2021

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
09/01/2021	Begining Balance				\$4,501.56	
09/25/2021	Newsletter - October			(\$39.23)	4,462.33	(*)
09/30/2021	Ending Balance				4,462.33	
September Totals				(\$39.23)	\$4,462.33	

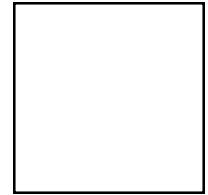
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