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Mel at Vairmart

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

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had eleven SFBA members and one guest, Jim Pennell (president of Central Coast Corsa). It's always good to have people from the other clubs join in!

The big news at the meeting this month was when Jim Pennell joined us in our meeting and said that CORSA had approved their plans for a West Coast National Convention in Santa Maria in 2025!. There are many advantages to this location. They have an airport with commercial flights (there is also Santa Barbara an hour and a half away and Monterey about 2 hours away). The host hotel will be the Radisson which is right at the airport, and it has plenty of space for the events. Now the work begins. There are details of the activities to work out, committees to form, and non-car related activities like visits to Hearst Castle or Solvang to think about. Jim and the other folks at Central Coast Corsa will be looking for lots of help in pulling this off, so keep your eye on the Spyder Web for your chance to join in on the "fun".

It's that time of year again. Time for Club Dues! I have been lax this year on keeping up on when the various member's dues expire. For me it's been one thing after another for months now and I haven't had the time to delve through the various emails and spreadsheets to put together an accurate list. Last month I put together a list (as best I knew) of who hadn't renewed for this year. Since then, a few people have paid up and I have updated this list. Look it over that list to see if your name is on it. You can always check with Josh if you are not sure, or you spot an error. As you know the Club tries to keep everyone's due date at the first of the year. This makes it easier for us to keep track. If you receive a mailed newsletter, your due date is printed on the label. If you receive the newsletter via email, you are probably due the first of

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the year or very close to it. That's enough about this for this year.

Keep the newsletter interesting by sending in pictures and stories of
(see *Letter* on page 10)

On The Cover: Here's a picture of Mel at his Vairmart garage surrounded by several Corvairs in various stages of repair. Mel has been kind enough to let Jeffrey use one of his lifts (at times) to work on his Project Corvair. Along with a storeroom of parts Mel has provided invaluable guidance to help Jeffrey learn the ins and outs of Corvair maintenance.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

April 6, 2023

The regular meeting started around 7:00 PM following a short Board meeting. When the room was opened, Josh and I were quickly joined by Carl, Jeffrey, Herb, Paul, Seth, Jeff, Chris, Randy Powers, Lane and Jim Pennell from Central Coast Corsa. 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 no new members this month, but he had a couple of prospects. Several more have sent in their 2023 dues.

Old Business: Paul asked what was happening with the Zoom meetings. Last month Josh said our Zoom contract would be up in May. We would have the option of continuing our current arrangement (unlimited meeting length costing \$150/yr.) or switching to a 40 minute maximum time limit for free. We still have a few weeks to decide. The current arrangement has worked out well. Carl said he enjoys the meetings and gets something out of each one. Clark said meetings were lasting from 1.5 to 2 hours at the present time and are well attended.

New Business: Josh said that we had not heard if the Meet-Ups in Lafayette had been restarted since the Winter. If he finds out he will post this on the Club's web site.

Events: Of special interest this month, Jim Pennell (president of Central Coast

Corsa) joined us to report that the proposed West coast CORSA National Convention in Santa Maria was approved for 2025! The dates are May 19, 2025 to May 24, 2025. The Radisson Hotel by the airport will be the host hotel. Room rates are expected to start at \$120/night. The hotel has plenty of space for car displays and a large room that can be used for interior vendors and a banquet. Jim asked for advice on setting up an autocross. Seth said that in the past CORSA has solicited local groups to help setup and run the event. Sometimes for money sometimes in exchange for letting them hold their own event in the off hours. Currently the Porsche Club and the Corvette Club hold autocross events there. So they know the area, where spectators could stand, parking, etc. CORSA carries its own insurance (an important consideration these days). Jim said they will be looking for volunteers to help with this event. It's still a couple of years off but time flies! There is plenty to do in the area. From Solvang to Hearst Castle. The airport has a museum and the Planes of Fame museum is moving their operations from the Chino airport to Santa Maria. The move should be completed by the time 2025 comes around. Seth said that in 1973 or 1974 the first Mini Convention was held in Santa Maria organized by Richard Finch. Carl said he would be willing to put together a PowerPoint presentation on Corvairs in Australia if that would be of any use. Jim said it was too early but he will keep a note of the offer.

VairFest will be June 23-24th in Arroyo

Grande. Several SFBA members were planning on going.

There was no update on a possible Open House at Gabe's place or final word on another Vairs at the Vault event.

Tech: Jeffrey said he replaced the paper backing on the door panels. He used some material that Mel had on hand. Seth asked if it had a wax or plastic coating on one side. Jeffrey said as he recalls it was the same on both sides. Josh said that the paper Clark's sells has a wax coating on one side which would make sense seeing how this is supposed to be a moisture barrier. Jeffrey asked who around here could install the headliner? Seth said any upholstery shop could do it. Carl said that they were not very hard to do. He has done it on full sized Chevrolets but not Corvairs. Paul said Freddy Dias (Concord Auto Upholstry) in Concord was very good at this. He has done the interiors of both Paul's and Bruce's Corvairs. Jeffrey re-covered his padded dash using Clark's material. It came out fine but he said you had to be careful because the contact cement bonds instantly (you can't redo a mistake. Seth that's why it called "contact" cement!). Seth said that when working around the dash that is in the car, be up to date on your Tetanus vaccine. There are many sharp edges, and you will bleed. When it came time for Jeffrey to install an ignition switch, Mel pointed him towards a drawer full of switches. And then another drawer with keys. He had fun

(See *Minutes..* on page 8)

Coming Events in 2023...

April 28-30th	ACCC SACRAMENTO AUTORAMA, Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA. Entry deadline is 2/1/2023. See “https://hotrodshows.com/sacramento-autorama/” for details.
April 30th	Meet Up at Perk's in Lafayette. 10:00 AM - Unconfirmed
May 4th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
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
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 o- Jeffrey's Corvair

Jeffrey sent in the following pictures of the Corvair he is working on down at Mel's. When he got the car, the exterior was already in good shape how-

ever the interior was completely gutted. With Mel's guidance he is painstakingly putting the interior together. I have tried to add some verbiage

on the parts shown to help in understanding the steps involved. Any errors in the descriptions are on me!



Here you have the emergency brake level and the various peddles(brake, clutch, gas).



Here the pedals have been installed. You can even see the new wiring harness going to the bright/dim switch.



With the instrument panel in place Jeffrey is looking into installing the turn signal mechanism.

Project Car...



Here is a close up of the canceling cam. You can see the delicate hooks that tend to break!



With the steering wheel installed it's starting to look like a drivable car...



Here is a picture of the moisture barrier paper installed. Jeffrey did not notice any difference in the coating on one side or the other. He got the paper from Mel.



Now with the new door panel installed, it looks great, doesn't it? I believe these came from Clark's.



Here are a couple of pictures of the front side windows being worked on. All of the parts were removed, cleaned up and repaired or replaced if necessary. Now the task is to get it back together!



Here Jeffrey has the Corvair outside, as you can see it is coming together very well. It's going to be a great looking and driving car. At the right is a shot of Jeffrey with Mel in the background. Jeffrey is very appreciative of the help and guidance Mel has provided!



Minutes...

matching up the keys! He finally settled on a switch and it happened to be a '66 which is slightly different than his '65 expects. This was fine in his case as the wiring harness that came with the car was also for a '66. No modifications were necessary. He ordered new tumblers from Clark's, but for a '65. Another present for Mel! Jeffrey ordered a new clutch cable from Clark's. The shipping cost was so great (because of the box size) he went ahead and ordered 3 expecting to give Mel 2 of them. Seth said from what he has heard, you better hold on to a spare. They don't seem to last long. Jim said that the wire they used was too brittle and didn't handle the pulleys that well. Jim said that Ray Segman was looking to make these using the proper cable. Seth and Paul both said that Rodger Parent sold replacement cables that were very good along with Aluminum pulleys to replace the stock plastic ones. Seth mentioned to check that your engine is well grounded. If not the clutch cable becomes the ground! Jim asked if Seth had a '69 clutch cable he could part with. He needs to have a spare. Seth will check. Herb said replacing clutch cables gives us old guys practice in clutch adjustment. Seth said if you have to adjust the clutch cable it may be telling you something. A fraying cable will tend to stretch a bit before failure. One of the Corvair owner's Rites of Passage is driving home without a clutch! We have all done it!

Paul now has his turbo installed. He can really notice the difference! He said it feels stronger than he expected. He has installed the Dale Advance/Retard setup and gets boost in 3rd and 4th gear no problem. He gets 10-12 in boost. Seth asked how he set the advance. Paul said

he set it at 18 deg BTDC (with vacuum line plugged). With manifold vacuum he figures he has 30-35 deg advanced. When he first installed the Carter YH carburetor he found the throttle would stick some times. Once it stuck wide open and threw a fan belt before he could shut it off. Checking the linkage he found the accelerator pump link was not tightened correctly. After fixing that the issue went away. On the freeway the head temp is around 375 F. Not bad at all. Clark said a few months back Scott Barton reported his turbo engine did not get much boost and seemed to run too hot. Maybe Scott should talk with Paul and compare notes. Paul said he had his exhaust system ceramic coated. This may help.

Carl said he will be getting a Nash fan for his Corvair. Even with A/C it's supposed to fit, no problem. This should help keep his engine cooler and also help the A/C unit as the heat exchanger sits right above the fan. And it looks cool. Christy reported very good results when he installed the Nash fan on his Ultravan and Rampside. Carl said in Australia lots of car enthusiasts are starting to pay attention to Corvairs. Maybe due to the articles he has written? He would like to think so. Most of the feedback has been positive but one reader mentioned Ralph's book and the "thousands" of people that have been killed in Corvairs. He wrote a response to that complaint (see April Spyder Web) and in doing so took Hayden's advice and addressed the safety issue and not directly attacking the complainer. Carl mentioned that he is definitely going to the CORSA National Convention this year even though the air fair has gone up over 40% since last year. "Oh well, you can't

take it with you."

Swap & Sell: Nothing specifically mentioned this evening.

Meeting adjourned about 8:25 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

SFBA Club Dues Status for 2023

According to our records we have the following list of members that have not paid for 2023. If you find an error please let us know. Keep the Treasury health, send in your dues today!

Rafael Arroyo
Chris Breen
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Brian Goldin
Dwight Greenhouse
Matthew Harris
Terry Hoefer
George Josol
Darcy Langolis
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Sat, June 24 – Corvair Car Show & Benefit Raffle

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Sat. Evening – Live Performance at the Melodrama Theater

Sun. June 25 - Breakfast at a Local Restaurant

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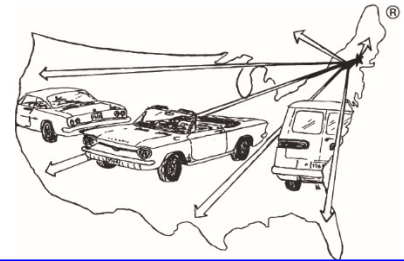
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Letter...

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, May 4th 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..." o- page 10

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

April 2023

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
04/01/2023	Beginning Balance				\$4,957.17	
04/10/2023	Renewals		25.00		4,982.17	
04/10/2023	Clark's Ad		75.00		5,057.17	
04/17/2023	Renewals		170.00		5,227.17	
04/23/2023	Renewals		25.00		5,252.17	
04/29/2023	Newsletters (Apr)			(47.84)	5,204.33	(**)
01/31/2023	Ending Balance		\$295.00	(\$47.84)	\$5,204.33	

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