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Vairfest 2021 Arroyo Grande

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Aug 5th
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339 - New Number!)**

**SFBA Valley Picnic Aug 7th at Quarry
Lakes Park - Noon till ??**

Letter From the Editor

I hope everyone is doing well. Our last SFBA Corsa Zoom meeting was very well attended with about 15 people. It was pointed out that our Zoom meetings tend to be more on-topic and more technically oriented than our in-person meetings. I find them valuable and informative!

And speaking of in-person meetings, following the Zoom meeting the Board discussed several options for restarting regular meetings. Options include finding a fixed location on a set date (like we had with Black Bear Diner) to having "floating" meetings at various locations (like a Cars and Coffee), We are looking for suggestions on what our members prefer. Right now, there are no plans on discontinuing Zoom meetings.

Next month we will be having our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic. The date is August 7 at Quarry Lakes Park (as we have had in the past). We couldn't do this last year as the Park was closed. This is an open for grabs picnic area so I will get there as early as I can to stake out a comfortable location (I always try for the North end of the Park within easy view of the entrance). I would like to get there by 9:00 AM as it might be busy this year. The idea is to have the BBQs fired up so we can start by noon. However, come early and keep me company. SFBA is supplying burgers and dogs and Valley is bringing Tri-tip. Just bring a side dish to share (salad, desert, munchies, etc.). I will have some coffee and donuts for the morning. Let's have a good turnout and remember to drive your Corvair!

CORSA is now offering a special \$25/yr. "virtual" membership for new and existing members that don't require a hard copy of the Communique. For new members this special rate does not include a copy of Corvair Basics which alone should make the regular membership fee worthwhile. This special offer is good for 2021 only.

Last month I wrote up a short article on my replacement temperature sensor for turbos. I heard from Jim Simpson

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(Group Corvair - Washington D.C. area). Jim pointed me to a three-part article he and Dale Dewald wrote for the Communique (May, June, July 2016) regarding the details of the Corvair Head Tempera-

(See **Letter...** on page 10)

On The Cover: Vairfest is back!. Following a year that has seen all Corvair events cancelled or significantly changed, it was great to see this event again. The weather was perfect and the event was well attended. About the only draw back was the price of Hotel/Motel rooms. with Motel 6 going for upwards of \$200/night!

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

July 1, 2021

The regular meeting started at 7:00 right after a brief Board meeting (with Clark, Harry, and Josh) where treasury, membership, and events were discussed. Josh opened the regular meeting with several people already waiting in the queue. We were quickly joined by Carl, Ray, Jeff, Chris Myers, Christy, Don, Chris Breen, Dwight, Buck, Lane, Seth, and Vince Petrie. I don't think I missed anyone.

Treasury Report: The bank balance stood at \$4515.91. Josh has some checks to deposit and Clark has yet to submit the expenses for newsletters..

Membership: Josh reported that we had two new members. Ed Thompson and John Meyer. Welcome!

Old Business: Nothing mentioned.

New Business: Seth asked about in-person meetings. Josh said that we have not really discussed this but maybe we will talk about this at the picnic. There is a place for both. Josh will send out a flyer to gauge the opinions of the membership.

Events: Danville is having their July 4th Parade this Saturday (last years event was postponed). Jeff and Chris plan to bring their Corvairs. Josh went on a Breakfast Run. Mill Valley to Petaluma by way of Point Reyes Station. A 78 mile trip, he made 76!

The Vairfest in Arroyo Grande went very well. Lots of cars and perfect weather. SFBA and Valley were well represented. On his way home Lane went to the Estrella Warbird Museum outside Paso Robles. Lots of great planes and classic cars. Well worth the visit and breaks up the long drive home.

Tech: Don, blaming bad karma from previous meetings, finally had fuel pump problems. The pump started leaking. He tightened the bolts and it stopped leaking but asked, is it really fixed? Josh (and others) suggested he check the oil to be sure gas did not get mixed in. Harry said

his leaked and all he did was tighten the bolts. Been working fine since (knock on wood). Don also mentioned that on another occasion he started his car and the Temp light came on immediately, but dimly. He found he had broken a fan belt. So do not ignore your idiot lights!

Christy said that he took apart the five fuel pumps he had rebuilt (which had all failed) and found the diaphragm material looked like regular rubber sheet (like inner tube rubber) and not reinforced material as other pumps have. His Greenbriar was not running well. He found the distributor cap was at fault. The center button was almost completely disintegrated. He replaced it with a new blue cap and it runs beautifully again.

Chris Myers ask if anyone had run into a replacement fan belt (from Clark's) that was too short? He had his car in for repairs and the shop had to replace the alternator pulley with a smaller one as the belt was just too short. Christy said to be sure and check that the cooling fins are turning in the right direction (the Corvair alternator turns opposite most others and the shop might not know). When Chris was on his way to a Cars and Coffee in Lafayette, he had the vibration damper pulley come apart. Luckily he was only going 30 mph so it didn't sever the oil filter. He tried to make it home but he couldn't so had it towed. Buck said that checking the damper should be a regular item on your "check list". Look for cracks or bulging in the rubber and verify that the timing marks are still aligned (Buck marks his in red to make them easy to see). Chris made up some SFBA decals for people to try. Jeff said that they were not water proof. Chris thought they were suppose to be but will check.

Carl said after hearing about Roger Parents throttle linkage at the last meeting, he order a set for his '65 140. Hopes to get it in a couple of weeks. The article he wrote about the first Corvair in Australia has been accepted by Restored Cars, a popular Australian classic car magazine. He expects it to be published in a couple

of months. He will be to get us a copy. Just in passing, Carl asked which engine was the most reliable? After some thought, Seth felt that the '64 95 hp engine should be very reliable. It has the upgraded '64 parts and a low compression. Carl is planning on making some videos of the cars in his garage. Should be interesting!

Josh said on the last Breakfast Run he dropped a valve seat (#4 exhaust). He came with a few miles of finishing when the car filled with smoke. He pulled over tried to call AAA. No cell phone coverage! Someone stopped to help and gave him a ride to town where he could call. All in all it took AAA over 4 hours to arrive (the dispatcher got confused with Navato the city and Navato Road). He got it home and now plans to install some 140 heads he has while the others get fixed. Seth said to check barrel sizes as the '64 are slightly different.

Vince asked if there was a replacement Corvair steering wheel that looks stock but was smaller. His knees hit his 16" wheel. Seth said that he sells a wood wheel that looks like the stock wood wheel and is 15". He doesn't recommend anything smaller. Vince will check this out.

Swap & Sell: Josh said the lady in Fremont with the '64 Spyder is having it gone through. The carburetor is being rebuilt and the turbo checked.. She is asking \$25k OBO and it's a well documented car.

Lane said there were two late model Corvairs for sale in Discovery Bay. A '67 110 3-speed \$1800, and a '66 that runs \$2200. Same seller. Assume these to be in rough condition.

Christy is interested in selling his '63 coupe. This car has only 6k miles (was in the Sloan Museum). Wants it to go to

(See [Minutes..](#) on page 10)

Coming Events...

Aug 5 th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "739 9816 7995"
Aug 7 th	SFBA/Valley Picnic, Quarry Lakes Park, Fremont, CA. Details on page 5.
Sept 11 th	Ageless to Anarchy Corvair Show, El Segundo, CA. Cancelled!
Oct 22-24 th	Fan Belt Toss, this is offically on! See flyer on page 9.

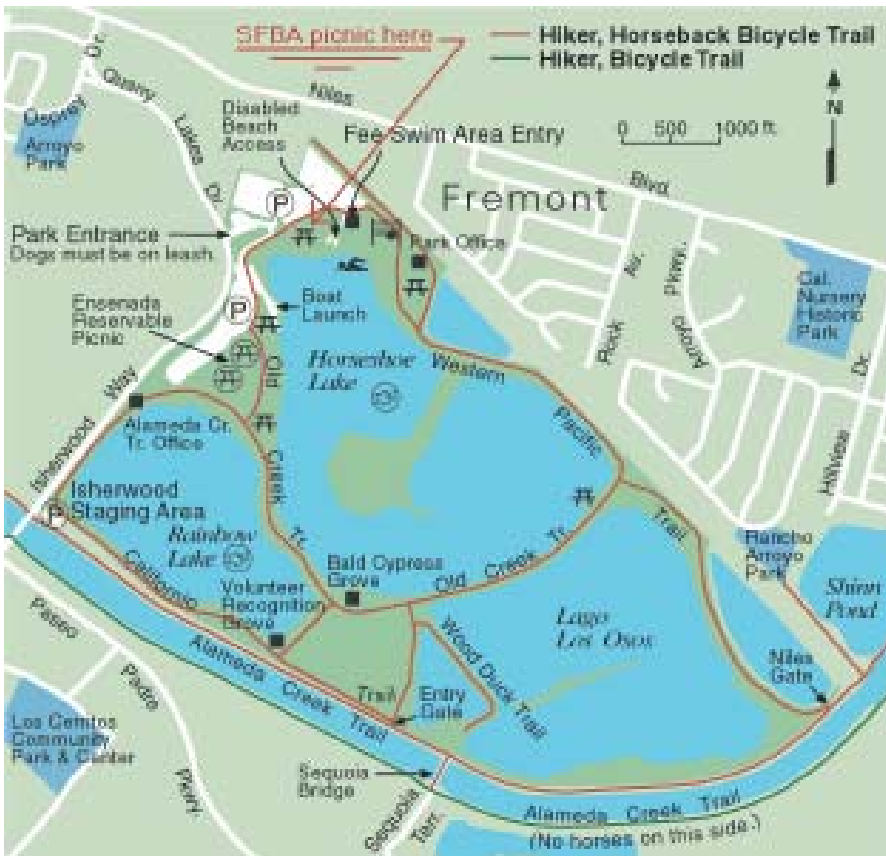
SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2021

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"

Quarry Lakes Park Maps



Our next meeting will be our Annual SFBA/ Valley Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. If you haven't been there before this is a very nice park with plenty of green grass and lakes for fishing, swimming, etc. The city does charge a bit to drive into the park (about \$5 a car; a bit more for dogs) and swimming is also a little extra. If you choose, you can park outside the park and walk in. We won't be far from the entrance kiosk. There is plenty to do there for both kids and adults. Lots of hiking trails around the lakes. I will get there a bit early and try to reserve a suitable spot on the North side (see maps below). The BBQ should be ready to go by noon. The Club will provide the basics (burgers, dogs) so just bring a side dish to share (a salad of some sort, munchies, a dessert, sodas, or whatever) and your appetite. Help in managing the BBQs is always appreciated. This is usually a sunny park so sun screen and hats may be in order (we will try for a shady spot but no guarantees).



Getting There:

From I-80 in Fremont, take the Decoto Road (Hwy 84) exit East. Turn right on Paseo Padre Parkway, then left on Isherwood Way. Proceed to the park entrance on the right.

From Mission Blvd (Hwy 238) in Fremont, turn South on Nursery Ave. (away from the hills) and right (West) on Niles Blvd. Turn left on Osprey Drive and left on Quarry Lakes Drive. Proceed to the park entrance on the left.

For more information check out their web site (http://www.ebparks.org/parks/quarry_lakes).

Vairfest June 25-27, 2021 in Arroyo Grande

Vince Petrie - Clark Calkins

Vince Petrie reported on the Vairfest held at Heritage Park in Arroyo Grande, CA. It was the largest attended Vairfest event. Over 40 cars were entered and lots of people came. The weather was great. The raffle netted \$500 for a local charity (this year a local food bank). If you remember at the last event (2019) Feline Rescue was the charity and they were adopting out kittens at the event. On Friday night there was a pasta feed and a James Bond movie "Die Another Day". One of the Corvair folks worked on the special effects for the movie and prior to the showing mentioned what

to look for. There was no Melodrama this time because of Covid. This year's Vairfest was so successful that it has already been scheduled for next year, June 24-26 so keep the date open!

Vance Piper had a bit of difficulty on the way down (he had two flat tires and an electric fuel pump went out). He had an extra fuel pump and with Ken Lawyer's spare he made it to the Park but a bit late for the Friday night festivities. Checking around he was able to find a new set of tires (TA Radials) for his '62 at American Tire Depot which

was just down the street. He would have to wait until Monday for them to be delivered. Oh well, an extra day in paradise! At the event, Lane misplaced his keys and thought he had locked them in the trunk. He called his daughter who drove down from Castro Valley with an extra set. Considering dinners, gas, and motel costs, it was the most expensive key replacement ever! Turns out the keys were not in the trunk and must have been lost on the grounds someplace (they were never found).



Earlies, Lates, and FCs each had their own rows.



Over 40 Corvairs were entered this year!



These two Corvair Corsas were running the Nash Fan. I didn't find out how well they worked.



There were a few parts vendors. But Seth was missing this year.



A "Cool 36" coupe with a rear mounted Corvair motor!

Taylor's coupe has an interesting rear grill.

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*The Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet will be held at Sunrise Park,
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Host Hotel: Vagabond Inn, 1699 S. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, CA

Reservations: (760) 325-7211. Mention "CORVAIR EVENT" until Oct 1, 2021 for special rates.
\$68.00/night (king) or \$74.00/night (2 queens). Overflow accommodations can be arranged at the
Travelodge, 1269 E. Palm Canyon Dr. Reservations: (760) 323-2775.

Mention "CORVAIR EVENT" for special rates. Hotel check-in begins Noon Friday, Oct. 22nd.

The Welcome Party will start at 7:00 PM Friday at the Host Hotel.

*The carshow, swap meet, raffles, food, & games are at Sunrise Park, Sat. Oct 23rd
Banquet: Saturday evening 6-10:30PM at Indian Canyon Golf Resort,
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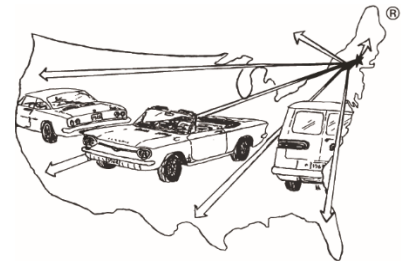
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Letter... (from pg 2)

ture gauge. Interesting article if you want to learn how these gauges actually work. My idea was just to come up with an acceptable replacement sensor at a reasonable price. Jim did have some suggestions that I will be investigating.

This month pictures of the Vairfest in Arroyo Grande take up most of the space in the newsletter. I will be getting back to Member's Projects next month so we can keep up with the progress in these Restorations.

Remember if you work on your Corvair, even if it's only to replace an oil seal or spark plug wires, take some pictures and sent them to me. We are all interested in what other members are doing. It gives us more incentive to work on our cars...

Note: For our August Zoom meeting we have a new ID # of **243 888 8339**. Josh said this will be our new number from now on, The time and date are August 5, 2021 starting around 7:00PM. If you sign in a bit late you will just join in the middle of the meeting. But that's ok; we love to have everybody join in when they can. And if you must bug out early, that's ok too!

Minutes... (from pg 3)

someone who will take care of it. No price mentioned.

Chris Breen had just sold his '65 before the Pandemic. Now he is looking for a Greenbriar. Josh said he would keep his eyes open.

Meeting adjourned about 8:45.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'64 Spyder Cvrt 2nd owner. Owned since 1977. Excellent Condition. Engine original, body and interior fully restored. Yellow / black. Fully documented. Located in Fremont. email sfbacorsa@gmail.com for contact info. Asking \$25K OBO



'64 Monza Coupe 110/AT, engine rebuilt by Mell, good interior. Been kept in running condition Lassen county area (can deliver). Asking \$3000. Contact Dan McCormick (510)919-9527 (03/21)

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

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

1 Pair Custom rebuilt, new seats, c'ced 180 Heads \$850

1 Pair Late 110 rebuilt heads - \$250

1 Pair Late 95 rebuilt heads \$225

1 Pair Big Valve Heads. Bill Thomas.all new parts, angle port exhaust, rotated manifold, w/mod carbs, linkage & Otto air filters - \$1700 firm

1 New complete Clark's Ultimate 140 carb kit, linkage & air filter - \$700

1 Rebuilt Late 95 short block w/ new S.T.D. GM pistons + barrels, resized rods w/ heads - \$875 firm

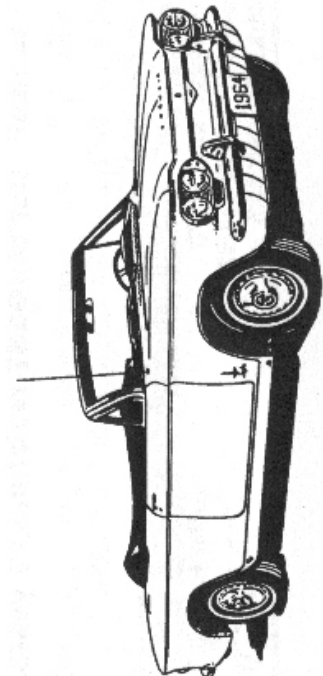
1 All New Parts for an early 102 hp NOS crank, cam, 0.030 pistons & barrels+heads, bearings etc. You assemble - \$725

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

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)



Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

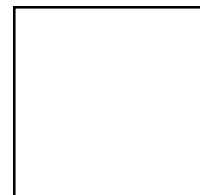
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07/15/2021	Member Dues		115.00		4,495.10	
07/24/2021	Ending Balance				4,495.10	
July Totals			\$115.00	(\$135.81)	\$4,495.10	

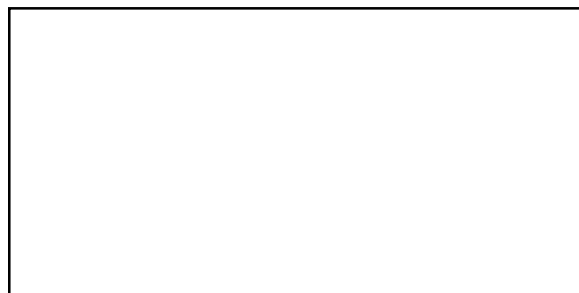
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