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Vairs at the Vault
Aug 27th - Napa, CA

***Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Oct 6th
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)***

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had thirteen people attend. Some of the usuals, Harry & Ray couldn't make it. A very enjoyable meeting. One guest, Alex from Concord, just acquired a Corvair that had been in the family for years and he wants to get it restored. He came to the right place!

Last months Vairs at the Vault event was just amazing! 20 plus Corvairs and maybe 55 people! One of the best Corvair events I have been to. See the **Minutes** for more details and photos on pages 5-8. We wish to thank Josh for all of the arrangements and getting Carl and Arlette to and from SF. I am sure this is a lot more work than he lets on.

I don't know if you have had the time to checkout CORSA's Nash Fan YouTube presentation. It's well done and very informative. Kevin Nash, a Mechanical Engineer working for a company in the design of turbo fans, set out to find out why the stock Corvair fan was so inefficient. He ended up designing his own version that was much more efficient. Better, more even cooling, and using significantly less horse power. Check it out!

Also on YouTube is the Lone Tree Channel where Tony Richards is interviewing Bruce Mooers about his '69 Monza convertible with only 16 actual miles on it! Tony and Bruce present a great bit of history regarding this unique Corvair. The second to the last convertible made on the very last day of production. The dealer never sold the car and it's never been titled or licensed (and the convertible top has never been down). Bruce picked it up at a Barret Jackson auction in Arizona. Bruce bid online and was fortunate enough (or unfortunate depending how you look at it) to win the car. He had it shipped back to Napa.

I received this email from William Garrett (Silicon Valley Corsa) regarding a Road Rally they are setting up and

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inviting Valley & SFBA members to join. Should be fun!

*"It's been a few years since the last Silicon Valley CORSA driving
(see Letter... on page 10)*

On The Cover: Vairs at the Vault was a huge success! This is a group shot taken towards the end showing the 55 or so attendees. It's hard to see but there is Carl & Arlette in the front middle of the picture, next to Dave and right behind Joe who is kneeling. They came all the way from Australia and their vacation coincided perfectly with this event. I do hope they felt welcomed!

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

September 1, 2022

The regular meeting started around 7:00 PM following a brief Board meeting with Josh and myself. When the room was opened, we were quickly joined by Lane, Herb, Jeffrey, Joe, Carl, Craig, Tim, Hayden, Christy, Don, and guest Alex De La Campa. I believe I caught everyone.

Treasury Report: Harry was not able to make it but Josh reported that the money the Club made from the Vairs at the Vault event more than offset the other expenses.

Membership: Josh report one new member, Cameron, signed up at the Vairs at the Vault event. Welcome!

Old Business: Nothing reported.

New Business: There was talk about another event at Gabe's shop in Fairfield. Maybe in the Spring. This would be great.

Events: The Vairs at the Vault event in Napa was fantastic! Total head count was about 55 and there were about 20 Corvairs plus what Bruce had. A good mix of earlies, lates, a Lakewood wagon, and a Rampside. Josh had a "goodie bag"



ready for all attendees! Dave Newell gave a detailed run down on the '69 Corvairs and Bruce's in particular. He had a well prepared presentation that everyone enjoyed.



Besides looking at the Corvairs, for lunch there was pizza and hero sandwiches. Delicious!



And following lunch Bruce conducted a auction of various Corvair items that he and Dave contributed (and probably others also) may have contributed to the auction also, I don't know). The bidding was hot and heavy and in the end the tally came to about \$860! Even considering all of the expenses the Club netted about \$440 from this event!



Herb said this was the best Corvair event he had ever gone to and thought the auction was terrific. Carl said that he and Arlette really enjoyed the gath-

ering and meeting in person all of the Club members and is indebted to Josh for driving them to and from the event! He especially liked Dave's talk and seeing the Yenke Stinger. Lane was wondering if some of the other units at The Vault could be opened up as there are likely many other interesting cars being stored there.

Nate drove the farthest (from San Jose) and made it back okay. He said this was the farthest he has driven the Rampside since he owned it.

Bruce is already planning on doing this again next year. This time we will have more time to get the word out so people can schedule. This last event was put together in a hurry but turned out well!

Clark went to the Meetup in Lafayette on Sunday to see if any Corvairs would show up. None were expected considering this is the day after the Napa event and that's just how many showed up. But the coffee and donuts were still good and the other cars were interesting!



Tech: Lane said when he took Dave home from the Vairs at the Vault event he got a tour of Dave's house (Corvair museum). He said it was over whelming! Corvair stuff in every room and the garage. He must have 50 filing cabinets full of Corvair material (documents, photos, sales brochures,

(See *Minutes..* on page 9)

Coming Events in 2022...

September 25th	Meet Up at Perk's in Lafayette. 10:00 AM
October 6th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
October 28-30th	Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, Palm Springs, CA
October 30th	Meet Up at Perk's in Lafayette. 10:00 AM
November 3rd	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
December 1st	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
December 3rd/10th	SFBA Corsa Holiday Dinner. Tentative - date, time and location to be determined.

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2022

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

Vairs at the Vault - 2022

Of the gazillions of photos I have been given, the ones below seem to be most representative of this event. The photographer is listed. The captions (and typos) are mine. Special thanks to everyone who contributed! What a wonderful event!!!

(photos by John Heiser)



Bruce's Yenko Stinger # YS014. Unrestored.



The Yenko engine is being worked on.



Mike Lewis' '62 Spyder. Beautiful!



Bill Schaffer's Corvair with a front mounted Corvette LS V-8!



Eric Vandeburg's '61 Lakewood. Surf's up!



The crowd gathers to hear Dave Newell's '69 Corvair talk.

(photos by Tony Richards)



These are some of the various items that were auctioned off this day, There were many Corvair items and some rare bottles of wine (of course)!



An autographed copy of his Finger Tip Facts that was auctioned off.

Bruce is congratulating Dave on his great presentation! Everyone truly enjoyed it.

(My photos)



Marc's '65 Turbo that Bruce has restored. Beautiful!



The '65 Turbo engine, unbelievable!



It's hard to see here but Marc is behind the wheel and can't wait to take it for a drive!



Bruce's '69 convertible with 16 miles of the odometer!



The engine compartment of the '69. Many rare options.



Lunch is served. Seth is waiting patiently as the next pizza box is being opened. We went through 10 large pizzas!



Minutes...

etc.). He said you could be there a month and not see everything. Truly over whelming.

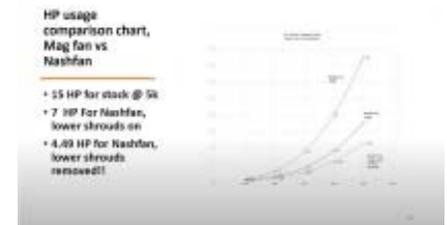
Herb mentioned that when he goes to car shows, he tends to go past the perfect restorations and head toward the "drivers". He finds those most interesting. He added that the military used Corvair motors in lots of ground transport equipment.

Alex (a guest tonight) said he acquired a '65 Monza convertible that has been in the family for many years. He wants to get it fixed and running so his wife can drive it. He asked about mechanics and Josh mentioned Mell, Dave and Zacki. Dave may be the closest. He has restored many muscle cars in the past (GTOs, Road Runners, etc.) but he knows nothing about Corvairs. It sounds like it's complete but who knows the condition after sitting for 15+ years. It was suggested he contact David Gray to see if he can access where he stands, what has to be done, and what he may need to get. The car is probably a 110/Automatic but Alex wasn't sure. Carl mentioned that many people seem to first acquire a car and then join a club. To him it made more sense to join a club first and afterwards acquire a car, possibly one from another member. That way you would know what you are getting into. Alex was wondering about an electric conversion. There is a place in So Cal that does this. Josh said that yes there was but it was quite expensive. Clark sug-

gested contacting SFBA member Keven Hightower who has done this on his early Corvair (see Spyder Web, February 2022). Alex asked about tires, Josh said that stock 13" (185-R13) were available from Maxxis or from Coker (more stock looking but more expensive). Paul said he purchased some from Simpletire.com, less than \$100 each and likes them. They came with free shipping and a local tire shop mounted them on his rims.

Craig said the driver's door is still frozen shut. He finally got the passenger's side open but has had no luck in opening the other. He asked if anyone has any ideas? Maybe he could locate another door so he could closely examine how the mechanism worked and what could possibly be hanging up. With the door closed access to the lock is very limited. It was suggested he squirt the daylighters out of the lock assembly in the hopes that some oil would penetrate to where it was needed. Several people indicated that they had heard of doors frozen shut before, but never this tightly. Usually, a good shove or kick from the inside was all that was needed. Craig asked how many had seen the CORSA's Nash Fan video. Many said they had and were impressed with the engineering and science that went into the design of the fan. It not only looks cool but is much more efficient. One chart showed where the stock magnesium fan consumed 15 hp at 5000

rpm, the Nash Fan with its more efficient design only used 7 hp!



Jeffrey said he lost a rear axle on his Raffle Car. He has taken the car to Mell to have him fix it and check it more thoroughly. He gets it back shortly. This is the third time he has had it towed in the few months he has had it!

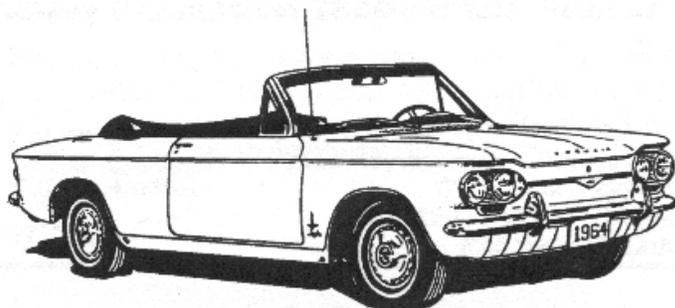
Hayden indicated he was interested in an EFI conversion for his Corvair. There are several vendors that sell components. Jeffrey suggested Mell could install it. Hayden said his car idles at around 2000 when cold and 1200 when hot. That seems quite high. Maybe 1500/700 might be better (and quieter).

Swap & Sell: Craig said someone in Cool, CA (a town East of Auburn on Hwy 49) has lots of Corvairs and part that must go. And soon! The owner must get his property cleared for an upcoming fire inspection. I think Josh has more details and contact info.

Meeting adjourned about 9:26.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary



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Letter...

event, so with the waning of Covid and the dropping of temperatures (hopefully), it's time we got together as a club for a spirited drive!

On Saturday, September 24, we'll be rallying through the hills on the backroads between Saratoga and Santa Cruz, with a few stops to cool down, walk around, and eat lunch. The route will be about 70 total miles of mostly slow to moderate speeds through the twisties in the hills with some higher speed sustained cruising along the coast. Though we're calling it a "rally," it won't be timed, and there are no prizes, other than fun and camaraderie.

This is a great opportunity to get your Corvairs out and give them a little exercise. For those of you working on your cars, you now have a deadline

two weeks away to have it ready to drive. But if it's not ready, feel free to drive whatever you have, even a late model commuter (shudder).

The exact route will be emailed to all the participants a few days before the rally, and I'll have a handful of paper copies to hand out at the start, if needed. See below for initial details.

This rally is open to all club members in Silicon Valley CORSA and SF Bay Area CORSA.

If you want to participate, reply to this email as soon as you can (and preferably no later than Sept 20), so I can figure out the exact logistics.

RALLY DETAILS

Date: Saturday, September 24

Meetup Time: 10am

Start Location: Saratoga Village Center, 14440 Big Basin Way, Saratoga

Lunch Stop: Loma Mar Store & Kitchen

End Location: Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk"

Keep the newsletter interesting by sending in pictures and stories of 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, Oct 6th starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339.

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'65 Corsa 140 coupe. Blue with black stripes. Los Angeles built car #148 Comes with replacement engine block and overhauled 4 speed. Has seat frames. Needs interior. Has telescoping wheel. All glass. Will need tow. Open to offers. Steve Heater (408) 505-1860 (08/22)

'65 Corsa convertible project car- 60% done welding all seams on car, rust free body, on rotisserie, tele wheel, complete 4 speed diff/trans gone thru with new seals/gaskets, fully rebuilt trailing arms, most all parts are with car, but will need to be reinstalled by buyer. Larry Tustison (760) 518-0323 in San Diego. (03/22)

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

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)

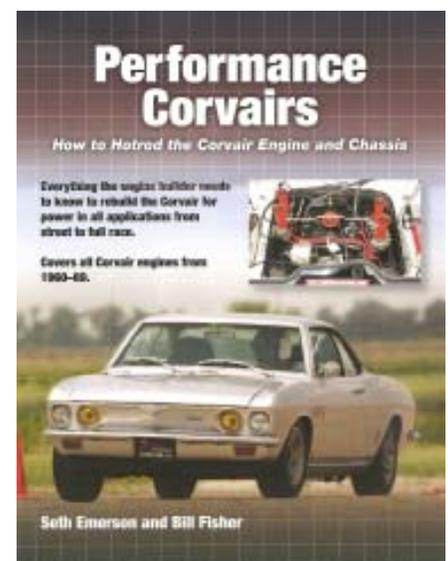
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Cleaning Out The Shop: '60-61 Turbo/ 4 Speed engine case and heads. T1226YR, no tin, exhaust, turbo, etc. '63-64 engine long block THO3Z, with distributor, auto bell housing, some tin, no exhaust. Might be good for restoration. All likely need rebuild. Engines in Carmel Valley, you pick up. Buck Jones (831)917-5952. (06/22)

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

August 2022

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
08/01/2022	Begining Balance				\$4,865.91	
08/05/2022	Membership Dues		\$30.00		\$4,895.61	
08/22/2022	SFBA/Valley Picnic	1010		(\$86.56)	\$4,809.05	
08/22/2022	Newsletters, Mar-Aug	1010		(\$254.59)	\$4,554.46	
08/22/2022	Stickers & buttons	1011		(\$223.85)	\$5,150.33	
08/24/2022	Newsletter, September			(\$45.28)	\$4,509.18	Not submitted yet
08/31/2022	Vairs at the Vault - Auction		\$865.00		\$5,374.18	
08/31/2022	Ending Balance		\$895.00	(\$610.28)	\$5,150.33	



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