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**Jack Pinard Towing His '66
Corsa to the Fan Belt Toss
With His Tesla!**

***SFBA Holiday Luncheon, Dec 4 @ 1:00PM
Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Dec 2nd
@7:00PM #243 888 8339***

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. We had 15 people join in. A great turnout with new faces.

As I write this I just returned from our November Meet-Up in Lafayette. There has been a lot of interest in these lately as it's great to get out and talk with others again. What a wonderful event this was!. There were 7 Corvairs (6 lates, 1 early) and 11 SFBA members plus a couple of prospective members. Besides the Corvairs there was an assortment of Corvettes and other muscle cars plus some restored hot rods. A complete report and pictures will be in next month's Spyder Web. We wish to thank Chris for setting this up and especially Hendrick for hosting this event and providing the coffee and donuts!

Our annual Holiday gathering will be a luncheon this year. The date is Saturday December 4th at 1:00 PM. The location is *Frankie, Johnnie, and Luigi Too!* in Dublin. This is the same restaurant we have been to before. Good food and great service. We are hoping that doing a luncheon rather than dinner will make it easier for those coming from farther away to attend.

This month we have some more pictures of Paul's restoration project which is really coming along. The body exterior & interior look fantastic. Engine drive train is progressing well. I was also sent some pictures of the Fan Belt Toss from John Heiser, president CCRC. Thanks very much for these!

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.

Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, December 2nd starting at 7:00 PM. Remember we have a new meeting ID# of 243 888 8339.

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On The Cover: Jack Pinard with Corsa West flat towed his '66 Corsa convertible to Palm Springs for the Fan Belt Toss behind his Tesla Model 3. He used a custom made tow bar for the Corvair and a towing hitch from Stelth for the Tesla.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

November 4, 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, Jeff, Seth, Herb, Buck, Christy, Paul, Chris, Lane, Carl, and new member Evan Tozier. I don't think I missed anyone.

Treasury Report: The bank balance stands at \$4,320.01 after expenses.

Membership: Josh reported we had a new member Evan Tozier with a few more in the wings. Interestingly Evan just bought his '65 140 Monza in Vancouver, Wa and drove it home. It had a real bad shimmy so he was limited to 45 to 50 mph all of the way. It took him two days!

Old Business: It was decided to try for a Holiday Luncheon this year. Same location as in years past. Clark will check on the availability, shooting for Saturday December 4th around noon or a bit after.

New Business: An in-person meeting was setup for Sunday November 21st in Lafayette. The scheduled Old Car gatherings officially ended in October, but Josh and Ray will check to see if this date would still be available. In any case the parking lot is still there. Josh or Clark will send out an email to alert everyone.

Josh is kicking around venues for a possible January meet-up. Stay tuned. Evan asked if we were planning another Tech Session as he is interested in learning to work on his Corvair. Hopefully next year something can be arranged.

Events: Seth reported that the Fan belt Toss was well attended. Lots of cars and people. The Banquet was particularly good with guest speaker Star Cook (sp?) who gave a very interesting presentation. Christy noticed that the wives were talking amongst themselves, so you know it

was quite technical). He showed a special tool for torquing head bolts (available from Blue Chip Tools).



Kevin was there selling parts cheap (he sold out in a couple of hours). Christy was also selling parts. On the way home around Santa Clarita Christy stripped an axle yoke and had to rent a truck & trailer to tow the Corvair the rest of the way home. About \$600, yikes!

Our next Corvair Meet-Up will be at Perks Double Drive Thru Café (next to the Library) in Lafayette. November 21st from 8:00 to 10 AM. There will be coffee and donuts also. Let's see lots of Corvairs show up!

CCRC will be having their annual Spring Fling again.

Tech: When Evan finally got home after the looong drive from Vancouver, just as he exited the freeway he heard a noise and then a grinding sound. What could it be? Various possibilities were tossed around. Maybe the flywheel is coming apart? Or maybe the harmonic balancer is failing? How about the fan bearing? There are several possibilities. To check the fan bearing, Don says to remove the fan belt at let the engine idle and don't be in a hurry as it can idle without the fan for quite a while. The harmonic balancer is also easy to check. If it is coming apart the outer ring may be contacting the oil filter causing the noise. If need be, Josh

said that he had a fan bearing re-greaser that would get him by until a replacement could be ordered.



Christy said that with a flywheel issue the noise would come and go with the clutch. Evan mentioned that he went through lots of oil on the trip down. He added a quart every half tank of gas, 18 quarts in all! He has some serious leaks to attend to.

Josh mentioned that he has picked up several items from Blue Chip Tools in Virginia (bluechipmach.rd@gmail.com). High quality Corvair specialty tools.

Herb is looking for a chrome plating shop in the area. Any suggestions? Josh knows of one in Hayward (High Luster Metal Finishing?) and will email Herb the contact info. Carl mentioned that he had his plastic arm rests chrome plated. He sent them to an outfit in Texas (they advertised in Hemmings).

Carl said he installed seat belts, front and rear. He used the '65 deluxe buckles and '67 retractors as he likes the looks. He ordered rear belts from Clark's but they were too short so he had new ones made locally. He had a hard time finding anyone to sew up the the material which he already had. Liability issues. Paul said he put the rear belts in his '63 Spyder. Ray wants to add them to his '64 and Josh said that the mounting locations were already there starting in '64.

(See *Minutes..* on page 10)

Coming Events...

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	SFBA Holiday Luncheon 1:00 PM at <i>Frankie, Johnnie, & Luigi Too!</i> , 11891 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA
Jan 6 th , 2022	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"

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"

SFBA Holiday Luncheon 12/4/2021 1:00 PM - Map and Directions

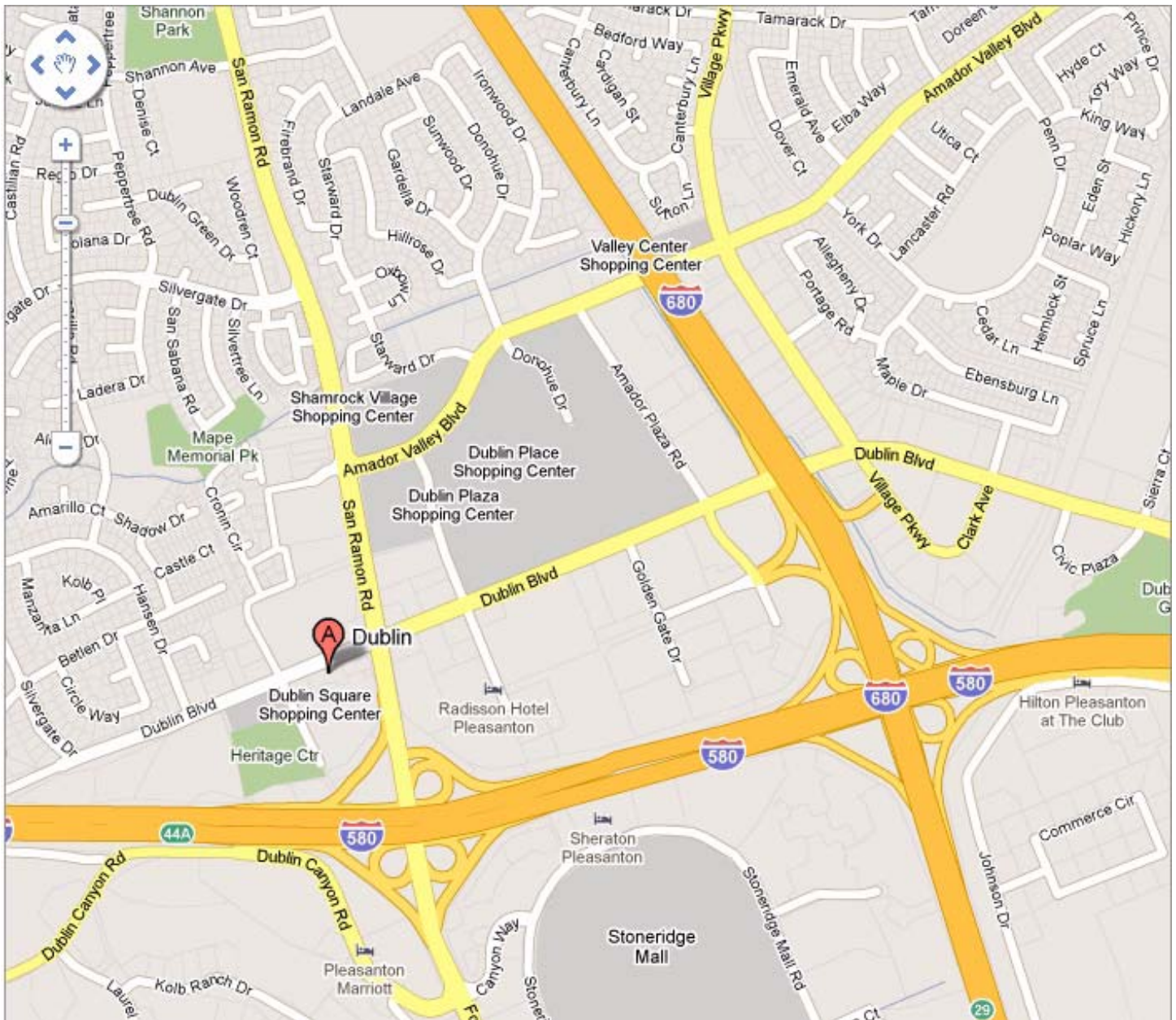
Directions

From San Jose: Take Hwy 680 North to Hwy 580, go West on 580. Take first off ramp (San Ramon Rd). Go North one block. Turn left on Dublin Blvd. Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too! is on your left next to the Shell station (you will have to go one block and turn around as there is no left turn into the restaurant).

From Hayward: Take Hwy 580 East and exit on San Ramon Rd (or Foothill). Go left (North) to Dublin Blvd. Follow directions above.

From Stockton: Same as above but head West on 580.

From Walnut Creek: Take Hwy 680 South to Hwy 580, go West on 580. Now follow **From San Jose** directions...



Frankie, Johnnie, & Luigi Too!, 11891 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA (925)828-9380

SFBA Corsa Members Current Projects

Paul Beer's '63 Spyder

The interior is all done now. Carpet, gauges, wiring, glove box, glass, weatherstripping, etc...

I started with some sound deadener. It's amazing the difference in the sheet metal before and after, this stuff is thin but makes the floor feel like a bank vault. Should cut the road noise way back. Very easy to install.

Next I cleaned up the dash and gauges. The tachometer was broken so I had Bob's Speedometer in Michi-

gan repair it, they replaced the internals with a modern circuit board. They also repainted the redline.

Now on to installing the carpet from Clark's.

Installing the windshield was next, including gasket and trim. I used the Clark's gasket, which required shaving down the flange that holds the trim in. Used some tape to hold the trim in for installation. I think there may be better alternatives out there for gaskets,

but all in all it went in easier than expected. Coating all the gasket and pinchweld surfaces with Glycerin (vegetable lubricant) really helped.

And finally the interior is done, with seats, panels, hardware, and seatbelts installed. I had Snake Oyl Products restore the front belts which came as an option on this '63, and also had them make up rear belts with the same materials (rear belts were a dealer accessory this year).





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Great Western Fan Belt Toss 2021

- Photos by John Heiser



CCRC member Michael Nyberg & son enjoying the 'Toss



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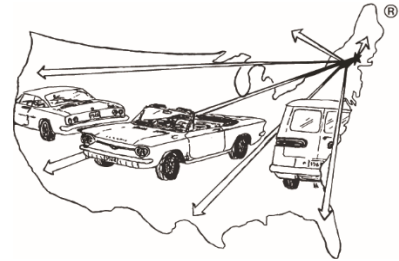
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Minutes... (from pg 3)

Ray rebuilt his YH carburetor. It runs just fine now, he didn't have to do any adjustment. Next he wants to replace the fuel filter and install new thermostats which should make the engine warm up much faster. Ray keeps his Corvair at a storage location on Mare Island.

Paul is working on the engine for his '63 Spyder. Wants to install new turbo heads along with new pistons, rings, and rod bearings. He showed a picture of the piston in cylinder #5 which had a dropped valve seat. Josh said that it



looked familiar!

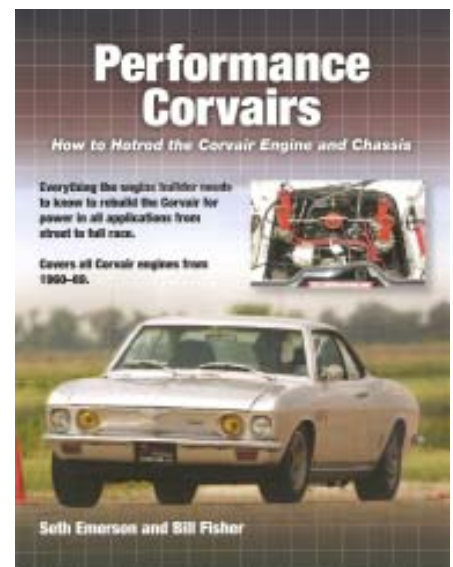
Christy said the other day he drove his Greenbriar just a short distance and heard a "pop" and saw a huge cloud of smoke. He had it towed home and checked the compression. All cylinders were 75-80 psi. What could it be?

Swap & Sell: Christy is selling his Red '63 coupe, original tires with lots of tread remaining. Only 6000 miles on the car. Basically, a show car. He just has too many cars and has to pare down (don't we all?).

Meeting adjourned about 8:54.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary



Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'64 Spyder Cvr 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 (07/21)



'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

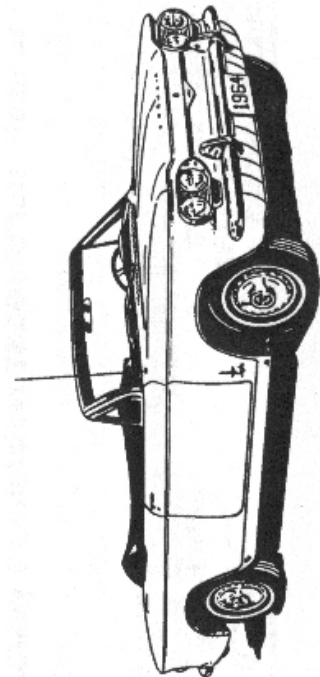
David Gray: Fairfield - Retired GM/Corvair Mechanic. Can do minor repairs, engine rebuilds, tune-ups. Located in Fairfield but can travel. Also has parts for sale. (916)531-0905 (corvaiguru@gmail.com)

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

November 2021

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
11/01/2021	Begining Balance				\$4,485.10	
10/25/2021	Newsletter November			(\$34.01)	4,4501.09	(*)
11/04/2021	Newsletter Aug-Oct	1005		(\$118.35)	4,332.74	
11/04/2021	SFBA/Valley Picnic	1005		(\$50.00)	4,282.74	
11/04/2021	Membership Renewals		\$35.00		4,317.74	
11/22/2021	Ending Balance				4,317.74	
November Totals			\$35.00	(\$202.36)	\$4,317.74	

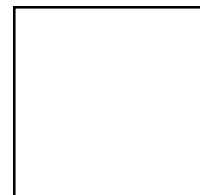
(*) Expense not sent to Harry yet.



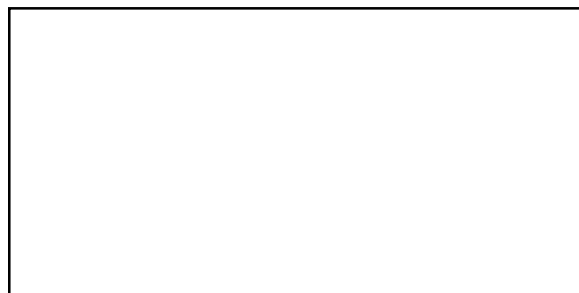
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