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**'69 Corvair 500 Sport Coupe
with 29 Miles on B.A.T.**

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

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had eight people attend. Not a lot but there was a lot of participation from everyone. A very enjoyable meeting.

Josh was tied up with work for the meeting so he left it up to Ray and I to act as "host". I had done this before but when I tried this time, Zoom didn't like my password. So I fiddled around and finally got the password reset. Okay, then Zoom saw I was using a different computer and had me go through a validation step or two. By the time I finally completed these steps and tried to act as "host", the option was not available anymore. What? It turned out that Ray beat me to it and had already opened the meeting. Well at least we got the meeting started and it was only a couple of minutes late. Also Ray did a commendable job of keeping the meeting moving and on track. Certinly better than I could have done. Thanks!

Last month the CORSA Meet-Up featured Carl Kelsen showing everyone around his garage and talking about his restored cars. A Corvair, an Impalla, a Cadillac, and a Chevy (Holden) Caprice. Understandably he went into a lot of detail when it came to the Corvair. It is very well done and CORSA now has this on YouTube. Search for "Corvair Society of America" and you will see Carl's video amongst others.

I just returned from the Vairfest in Arroyo Grande. This was a very nice Corvair event in a wonderful local with great weather (especially compared to 100+ heat up our way). By my count on the lawn there were 21 Corvairs (6 earlies, 11 lates, 4 FCs, and 1 Lakewood) and one early was parked on the street and not entered, 3 specialty vehicles (a blown Chrysler Rampside, Corvair 110 trike, and a Honda flat-six motorcycle) and a very nice Camaro (for comparison with a late model Corvair; interesting idea!). Not as many as last year (with nearly

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40 cars) but these still drew lots of attention. As far as I could tell I was the only one from SFBA to attend (actually that is not true, Greg Vargas from Central Coast Corvairs is also an SFBA mem-

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

On The Cover: This Corvair popped up on Bring-A-Trailer recently. It is a '69 Sport Coupe with 29 miles on the odometer! This is a 500 model with a 95 hp engine, 3 speed manual transmission, and a AM push-button radio. Has original window sticker and Protect-O-Plate. The car is located in Salem, Oregon.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

June 2, 2022

The regular meeting started a few minutes 7:00 by Ray who was sitting in for Josh who had to work late this evening. I tried to host the meeting but Zoom kept getting in my way. First it didn't like my password, so I had to reset it. Then it didn't know my computer name, so it had me "validate this". By the time I got this far I couldn't start the meeting, Ray had already started the process which locked me out. We have to work this process. Anyhow after the meeting was started, we were quickly joined by Harry, Lane, Carl, Tim, Joe, and Craig Koozer. I am going from memory here, so I apologize if I left anyone out!

Treasury Report: Harry reported that the bank balance as reported in the last newsletter was \$4,719.48.

Membership: Josh couldn't make it tonight, but I have not heard of any new members for the month.

Old Business: Nothing reported.

New Business: Nothing mentioned.

Events: the 2022 Vairfest in Arroyo Grande is the weekend of June 25-26th. But come Friday for the Spaghetti Feed and entertainment! This is always a great event and a good excuse to get away for a few days.

At our last Meet-Up in Lafayette there was a rather small turnout with 2 Corvairs. Chris brought his '65 where Dave had just replaced the engine. It ran great. Also Mike & Toni brought their very nice '62 Spyder. There were pictures in the last newsletter.

Our next Meet-Up is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th at Perk's Drive Thru Coffee in Lafayette. This is the

same weekend as the VairFest in Arroyo Grande. So if you don't go to that then come to this!

Also on the agenda is a Tech Session that Ray is looking at setting up at his place in Vallejo. He wants to get his engine reassembled. It's now in pieces. This should be fun and we will let everyone know the time & date when this is set.

Bruce Mooers is trying to schedule a get together at his place in Napa. No date has been finalized yet, but this should be great. We will get to see his wonderful Corvairs and learn the history of the very late '69 convertible!

The 14th Annual Castro Valley Car Show is June 18th.

Tech: Carl said he is working on part 2 of his Corvair articles. The first part appeared last month and covered the early years. The second will of course cover the late model years. Carl said he had heard that a 180 turbo would give a Mustang or Porche 911 a run for its money. Not sure how correct that is. Clark said years ago at one of our meetings Dave Newell showed a GM promotional video where a Spyder beat a Mustang V8 in a ¼ mile race. GM chose a road with a 7% grade where the turbo could stay in third gear most of the way! Carl said if he mentions the comparison, he will be very careful how he words it!

Carl said he is still having trouble with the brakes. This time the issue is bleeding the brakes. He finally got over the leak issue but now some lines just don't seem to pass any fluid (he is using Silicon brake fluid). No matter how long he pumps the brake, it does not help. It was suggested that he remove the master cylinder and verify

that the plunger, seals, and return spring are all working. A vacuum bleeder would also help. Carl said he had one but it didn't fit on the Corvair bleed valve. He will find an adaptor. Tim said that if he pulled back the boot he should be able to tell if the plunger was moving correctly. Tim also said that some master cylinders were not manufactured correctly and just didn't work. Strange as they are such simple devices.

Carl said that after his CORSA demonstration video he received 3 calls from other Australians he didn't know about.

Joe is ready to install his engine and trans. He noticed some gaps in the surrounding sheet metal and asked how to fill them. It wasn't clear just what he meant as the engine compartment should be pretty well sealed. Maybe a piece is bent or he is missing a plug?

Joe asked what issues others had experienced when installing the engine so he could hopefully avoid them. Tim said, other than forgetting to install the throw out bearing, there wasn't much. Lane said that the cross member (forward motor mount) made engine installation more difficult. Earlyies are very easy. Joe will consider removing the cross member from the car and install the whole package at the same time. People have done it both ways and there was no clear indication which was best.

Joe said that Scott Morehead (Corvair Farmer aka H2Oless) had lots of NOS parts. (843)478-4223.

Tim has been looking more at his fan belt lately and found he was running it way too loose. This was causing the

(See *Minutes..* on page 9)

Coming Events in 2022...

July 7 th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
July 12-16 th	CORSA International Convention, Peachtree City, GA
August 4 th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
August 6 th	SFBA/Valley Picnic, Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont, CA. Noon till ?
Oct 28-30 th	Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, Palm Springs, CA
September 1 st	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"

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"
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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"

SFBA CORSA Members & Friends of the Club

Hi Everyone!

We hope that you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather and hitting the streets in your Corvairs.

Here is some news and some upcoming events in advance of the Spyder Web newsletter...

- Our next in person meetup is the last Sun of the month (6/26) at 10am at Perks in Lafayette. We understand that this is the same weekend that Vairfest is wrapping up and that many of you will be down there. But, if you are reading this and will be local, fill up that Corvair with some premium gas and come out to Perks and enjoy some premium coffee and premium company! <https://www.yelp.com/biz/perks-lafayette>
- If you were planning on going to Vairfest and haven't registered, you're cutting it close but not too late yet! <http://www.centralcoastcorsa.org>
- We have received a few emails about parades that really want some classic cars in them this year. What a great way to show off and advocate for the Corvair! There will be a parade in Danville on the 4th. For info on this, please email member Chris Myers at crmyers165@gmail.com There will also be a parade in Alameda on the 4th. For info on this please email Juan Aguilar at jaguilar@alamedaca.gov
- The CORSA Convention In Peachtree City (Atlanta, GA) is fast approaching. Are you going? If the answer is YES, please email us photos and your experience at the convention. We will publish it on Social Media and in the Spyder Web!
- Did you hear??? The concourse 1961 Monza that was raffled off by CPF was won by an SFBA member! We will just tease this for now and let him introduce himself and his car in the near future. What a beautiful car to add to our SFBA stable. Congratulations!
- CPF is always looking for donations. Donations are tax deductible and every dollar is spent to fund the scholarship and to operate the museum. <https://www.corvair.org/index.php/preservation-foundation>
- We received a message through instagram from a young man in the Monterey County area who is looking for an early or late model coupe to learn and drive in. He's a high schooler, so there is a budget, but he is enthusiastic, loves Corvairs and I think we should help him find one. This is also an SOS to our Valley CORSA and CCRC friends. Let us know if you know of anything! Being in Monterey, maybe we can also guide him to the Corvair guru Buck Jones when the time is right. This kid will know more than most of us after a master course with Professor Buck!
- Clark is always looking for great content to put in the Spyder Web newsletter. If you have a Corvair story that you want to share, please drop us a line and we will get it in the newsletter. You might be surprised, but reading a story about a repair, restoration or a fun weekend Corvair trip can really motivate other members to work on their cars or take their cars out. Don't be shy, we want to hear your story!

I think that's it for now. If anything was missed, please let us know and we will include it in the Spyder Web and in the next email supplement.

Take care everyone and take out your Corvairs!

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Vairfest 2022 Photos



Some very nice Late Model Corvairs



A Beautiful '64 Spyder with custom fuel injection



Some Earlies and Forward Controls.



More Late Models



A Camaro next to a Late Model for comparison!



Hal's Rampside next to Vance's '62 coupe.

Vairfest...



Vance all setup for the drive-in!



A gorgeous '65 150 hp Corsa Turbo Convertible



Pretty '66 180 hp Corsa Turbo Coupe



A very nice Greenbriar



A very nice Early ('63?) that stopped by.

Vairfest...



'64 Spyder with custom A/C and fuel injection



Another shot of the injectors. Looks factory made!



A Corvair powered 3-wheeled cycle



Nate's Rampside with super charged Chrysler V-8.



Several vendors showed up this year.



Custom hand-made Trophies on display before being handed out.

Minutes... (from pg 3)

belt to flip and come off (you remember the video he showed a few months back?). Craig said he talked with Ray of American Pi who said the belt should allow you to just turn the alternator pulley by hand. Tim suggested the best belt for Corvairs was the Gates 3V560 (3/8" x 56").



This is a bit thinner than stock and seats deeper in the pulleys. For tensioning Joe said Gates has an App where you can pluck the belt and it checks the frequency to see if it is at the proper tightness. There are also some free guitar tuner apps that do a similar thing.

Tim mentioned that he works for Harbor Freight Tools and had a few coupons that he could give out on their "friends & family" deals. These coupons were for 25% off your entire order (better than the regular employee

discount) and were good for the first half of June. He said to contact him if you were interested and he could email the coupon.

Craig has a '68 140-hp 4-speed that has been sitting for a while. Now the doors won't open. He removed the rear window (it leaked so he figures it had to come out anyway) allowing him to crawl in and try to force the doors open from the inside. He managed to get the passenger's side door open but not the driver's side door. The lock mechanism seems to work but the door just won't open. He doesn't know if it's a latch issue, door hinges, or what. Ray suggested he take off the door panel (might have to remove the seat to get at some of the bottom screws) to get access to the latch and handle pieces. Then try WD-40 or Kroil to see if this will help. Tim said to have someone on the outside hold the push button in while you, from the inside, try to force the door open. Craig said has a '65 Corsa with door problems also. He asked if there were any new or used parts for sale? Clark's didn't list any.

Craig mentioned that he couldn't sign on to Corvair Center which CORSA recently took over. Not sure what the problem is. Maybe Josh would know?

Lane said that he was driving down to Fresno to see Mike (of Mike's Corvair Parts) and said if anybody wanted to have anything brought back, he would gladly do so.

Swap & Sell: Nothing mentioned.

Meeting adjourned about 9:02.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

Vairfest...



Vance and Hal with their awards!



The '64 Spyder convertible won its class.

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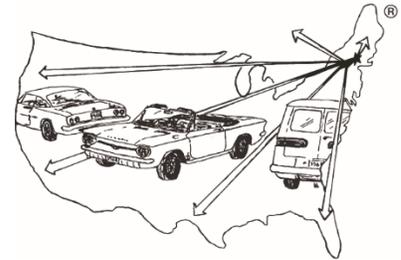
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Letter...

ber). But our usual members Josh, Lane, and Seth were unable to attend this year. There were 3 from Silicon Valley Corsa (Hal, Ken, and Vance). I was able to talk with Greg Vargas and Vince Pietre who regularly join our Zoom meetings but I had not met in person before. In the preceeding days I had received several emails regarding a genetlemen's Corvairs for sale an hour or so South of Arroyo Grande outside Santa Barbara, as it happened he attended the Vairfest and announced what he had for sale. There are many Corvairs and lots of parts. Everything had to be gone by the following week. He said "if you don't have the cash, we will work something out!". He wanted the Corvairs and parts to go to someone who would make use of them.

I don't recall the details but the Yellow, '64 Spyder convertible won, as did Vance with his '62 coupe, and Hal with his Rampside. Sorry if I missed anybody! Congratulations to all..

This year there was the usual Friday night Spaghetti Feed and Saturday night Mellodroma but we didn't attend as we had other plans. Looking around for a hotel, this year we stayed at the Agrarian Hotel in Arroyo Grande which is right downtown and within walking distance of everything. Very convenient, but pricey. Our favorite hotel, the Kon Tiki Inn in Pismo Beach about 5 miles away, doesn't accept pets and we had our dog with us this time. So that was out.

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, July 7th starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our meeting ID# is 243 888 8339. You can participate as much or little as you like. And if you have to bug out early, that's okay too. We would love to have you join us!

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'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

'65 Turbo engine with carb, needs dist, fuel pump and exhaust, was gone thru several years ago with new seals and checked all components for clean

and wear. all found to be in very good condition. Larry Tustison (760) 518-0323 in San Diego. (03/22)

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

CORVAIRS WANTED

WTB Early or Late model coupe. PG or stick. Teen looking for Corvair to drive, have fun with and learn on. Needs to be running, driving & mechanically sound. Located in Monterey County but will travel to Bay Area or Sacramento area for right car. Email Oliver at oliver3baenziger@gmail.com

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 restoration. All likely need rebuild. Engines in Carmel Valley, you pick up. Buck Jones (831)917-5952. (06/22)

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

June 2022

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