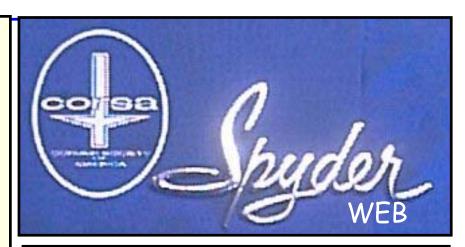
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CORSA Meet-Up, May 2022 From Australia!

Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, June 2nd @7:00PM #243 888 8339

Letter From the Editor

hope you were able to attend our last meeting. We had 13 people join in. Not too bad for Cinco De Mayo.

I attended Corsa's very interesting Zoom presentation on Corvairs in Australia. Hosted by Carl Kelsen. He did a well-arranged tour of his garage (or garages!) and talked about his four car restorations. A Cadillac Eldorado, Chevrolet Impala, Chevy(Holden) Caprice and of course his Corvair which he focused on. I believe (if memory serves me right) the Cadillac was a right-hand drive conversion while the Impala was exported as a right-hand drive car and the Caprice (Holden) was built right-hand drive. The main topic tonight was the conversion of the Corvair and all of the improvements he made. Carl tried to re-create the Corvair as it would have been sold in Australia (if it had been) as a luxury compact car. He has added every available option down to remote mirrors. Chevys at the time were considered luxury cars and were driven by corporate CEOs or diplomats. All of his cars were beautiful and displayed remarkable craftmanship. You should be able to replay this presentation by the end of the month. Just go to You Tube and search for Corvair Society of America.

I received the following email from Bruce Mooers regarding a Meet-Up at his place where we can see up close the Corvairs he has been restoring. "Gentlemen, I have had a chance to clean up 5988 and get it moved to its new home in South Napa over at the Vault. I thought we may want to arrange an event in June or July up here to catch up on things Corvair and to introduce this amazing car to the club. Dave, we spoke about arranging transportation for you to join us and I am sure that Josh and I could arrange that. Essentially Dave, I would love to get you here to inspect the car and to give the group an oral history of the 1969 Corvair saga with a focus on the peculiarities of the last cars

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built that are certainly found on this car and that I would like documented as original! I put the plastic air dam back on the front - it was removed for transport.

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

On The Cover: Carl Kelsen was the main presenter at this months Corsa Meet-Up. Carl went over the cars he has restored. A Cadilac Eldorado, a Chevelle, and a Corvair. Of course he went into detail regarding the Corvair. He also has a Holden (Chevy) Caprice that is the eleventh to the last one made before the plant closed down in 2017. All cars are Black and immaculate!

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

May 5, 2022

The regular meeting started around 7:00. Josh, myself, and Harry were quickly joined by Herb, Carl, Lane, Don, Rodney, Paul, Buck, Seth, Joe, and David. The total head count was 13. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Treasury Report: Harry reported that the bank balance as of April 26 was \$4,865.91.

Membership: Josh said we had no new members but there were a couple of prospects. One lady in Alameda with a '63 Monza Cvrt, Black – beautiful. And someone from Burlingame. Also, Don contributed an extra \$5 (thought he didn't pay enough). Thanks! Josh reported that we had a couple of Dazzle merchandise sales. They add up!

Old Business: We were reminded that the CPF Raffle Car would be awarded shortly. There is still time to get your tickets!

New Business: There was some general talk about selling our cars when "the time" comes. Several mentioned writing up the history of the car so it can be passed on. Seth asked for a "show of hands" from those that received history info when then purchased their cars. Surprisingly four "raised" their hands.

Silicon Valley Corsa is back to meeting in person at Wilcox High School. The third Tuesday of the month. Good deal!

Josh said that the CPF building's new owners do want to keep the museum alive for the time being. CPF does want its own place but that costs lots of money. They are still evaluating their options.

Events: Our last Meet-Up was at Perk's Drive-in Coffee in Lafayette.

We had a good turnout. No Earlies this time. See pictures in the last newsletter.

Seth said that CCRC was planning on attending Ironstone Concourse d'Elegance (in Murphys Sept 23-24th) this year. For CCRC members their Club would cover some of the entrance fee.

Josh said the CORSA Convention is again scheduled for San Diego (third times the charm!). Next West coast event (2024?). Josh also said that they would be including other seasons besides Summers. Maybe Winter or Fall so hotter areas can participate.

Several were planning on attending VairFest next month, but Seth will have to miss this one.

Tech: Josh mentioned that he used the Motor Head Cradle to drop the engine last time. Worked great. Seemed to be very steady.



Herb said when he pulled the engine from his '63 the first time, he separated the trans from the engine. He finally got it out. In the process however he bent the drive shaft and ended to having to take it back out to fix. He doesn't recommend this technique! To this Don said, "If you can learn from your mistakes, they aren't quite as painful!"

This evening Carl joined us from his garage. He has a new WIFI setup in

preparation for his upcoming CORSA presentation on May 19th. He has been making progress on his brakes. Everything that could go wrong has! One brake hose failed internally stopping fluid from passing. All hoses are new but had been sitting for some time. Buck has seen this also. He said one time a new hose wouldn't work properly (the peddle was "spongy") so he cut it into 1" segments until he found the problem. It wasn't manufactured correctly. He estimated that 1 out of 10 or 15 are "bad" in some way. He ended up building a test rig so he could check hoses before installing them. Carl did a "walk around" of his garage with his iPad so we could see his cars. We saw many images of the excellent work he has done. Truly remarkable! (see separate article on page 5)

Herb said he also has seen issues with new hoses. As an aside he said it's recommended that brake fluid be changed every 150k miles. He has never done this. Just add more fluid when needed. Buck said when he was racing he would change the fluid every 2nd or 3rd week of racing. Fluid tends to go "sour" and you end up with a spongy pedal. Carl said he is using Silicon brake fluid which should last forever. Buck said a way to test the brake lines is to jack up the car and have someone press the brake pedal a little while you try rotating each tire. They should all have the same amount of drag if everything is working and adjusted correctly.

Buck was replacing a rear brake wheel cylinder and his "fat hands" made it difficult to reassemble. He ended up using a stick with a magnet on the end to position the bolts and then was able

(See *Minutes..* on page 9)

Coming Events in 2022...

May 29th SFBA Corsa In Persion Meet-Up, 10:00 AM at Perk's Drive Thru, 3489 Mt Diablo

Blvd, Lafayette, CA

May 29th Fallbrook Vintage Car Vlub's 55th Annual Car Show. Bates Nut Farm in Valley

Center, CA (Northern San Diego County area)

June 2nd Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"

June 10-12th Modesto "American Graffiti Festival and Show", Modesto Junior College West

Campus

June 25-26th Vairfest, Arroyo Grande, CA

July 7th Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"

July 12-16th CORSA International Convention, Peachtree City, GA

August 6th SFBA/Valley Picnic, Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont, CA. Noon till?

Oct 28-30th Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, Palm Springs, CA

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"

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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"

Walk Around Tour of Carl Kelsen's Corvair (Clark Calkins)

At the last meeting Carl did a "walk around" from his garage showing all of us the work he has done on his Corvair restoration. The right-hand drive conversion is one of the most interesting aspects. This was also a

chance to get the bugs out of his new WIFI setup as he prepares for his upcoming CORSA Meet-Up in which he will talk about all of his cars. During the tour I did many screen captures to save these images for the newslet-

ter so the quality is no better than my computer screen.













Walk Around...









This just needs an SFBA Coffee mug!





Note the CORSA dashboard was molded out of fiberglass to be a mirror image of the original. To make room for the shift lever the instruments were moved ever so slightly to the right. The metal rings were taken from the original dash.

After painting it looks factory made!

You may notice that he went the whole nine yards and converted the windshield wipers for right-hand drive also. No short cuts here!

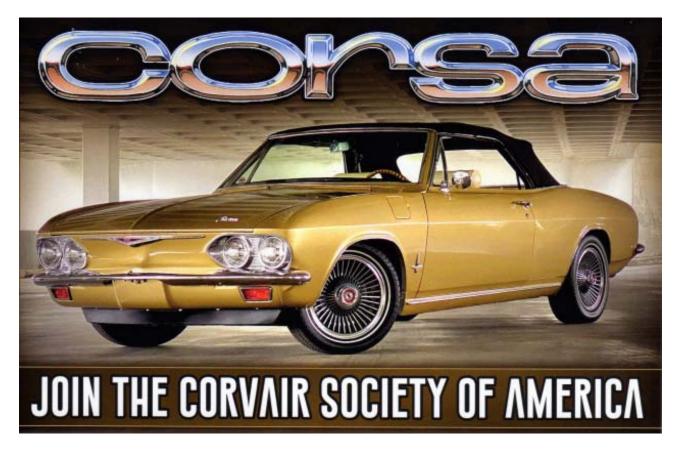
Carl mentioned that the hardest part of the right-hand drive conversion was the glove box door. Because this is not quite rectangular it had to be completely fabricated from scratch. This was made out of metal so it would withstand daily usage.

SFBA CORSA Members Projects Bruce Mooers

Bruce sent in these photos of his '69 Convertible being taken to its new home, the Napa Vault. An amazing car! We hope to have a Meet-Up there soon!









VairFest 2022 - Arroyo Grande, CA

June 24 - 26, 2022

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Minutes... (from pg 3)

to guide them and finally get it reassembled. He suggested enlisting someone with small hands! When he was racing said he used ceramic brake pads on his car. He had to warm them up by taking a few laps (dragging the brakes) before they would work properly. He said, "I don't see why anyone would want these on a street car". He said has a '62 serial numbered turbo block he doesn't need. Contact him if you are in need of one.

Herb asked if swap meets were coming back. He really enjoys going to these but they disappeared with Covid. Josh said that Turlock was a couple of weeks ago. He will send Herb a list he gets every week. Buck said that there is one this coming weekend in Paso Robles at the airport/war museum. He has gone to Hershey's Swap Meet in Pennsylvania. The largest in the world. Of course, there is also Pomona (a bit of a drive). Carl said that the Pomona swap meet is well known even in Australia! Herb also wondered where the "center" of SFBA membership would be? Seth guessed at maybe Hayward or San Leandro. Josh thought maybe Lafayette? It's hard to say because with Zoom meetings members can be anywhere.

Rodney has been working on his '66 Corsa Cvrt (Red with Red interior and a White top). He just bought a new upholstery kit from Clark's. He mentioned that when driving the head temperature shows about 400 F. He thinks this is too hot. Seth asked if there were any other symptoms of a hot engine. Pinging or run-on or smells hot? Rodney said "no, just the temp gauge". Seth said the gauges are not overly accurate and are best used to tell if the car is running hotter or cooler than normal. So he wouldn't worry about it. Seth said that years ago when driving his Corsa to work he noticed the temp drop suddenly. Turns out the spark plug wire on #6 came off. Right where the sender is located. Buck suggested he check the connections and use electrical cleaner (from auto parts stores). The gauge uses a thermistor so contact resistance can effect the readings. However poor contacts would tend to show up as slightly cooler temps, not hotter. When Rodney first bought the car he smelled gas. He removed the tank and found several screw holes in the top below the trunk area. Someone used sheet metal screws that were too long and penetrated the tank! He replaced the tank but noticed a rattle noise. Came to find out that Clark's sell two sizes

of tank straps and he used the wrong one. Rodney said he was soon retiring and would be moving to Tennessee. That's okay, he can still join us via Zoom!

Seth just replaced the gas tank in his newest Corvair. Used Mell's lift. Took ½ hour to get the tank in place. Had to jockey it a bit. He said Clark's now sells a new tank design that is easier to install. Buck asked what to do with the old gas? Haz Met outfits won't take it. Seth said that Mell had a way to dispose of it legitimately. Seth is now rebuilding the shift mechanism. The previous unit was lacking the bushings causing the shifting to be very "sloppy".

Swap & Sell: Nothing specifically mentioned this time.

Meeting adjourned about 9:00.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary



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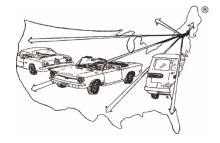
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Letter...

We will have room for seating and lunch and an open forum about our cars. Could be a really nice event. I have a nice space where we can do these things now - so I look forward to it. Let's pass around a few dates and agree on timing. Thanks."

As you can tell the date is still up in the air, but we will let you know the final details. By the way the Napa Vault is close to the Napa Airport at the Hwy 12/221 junction. Easy to get to.

Remember we have an in-person Meet-Up Sunday, May 29th at Perk's Drive Thru in Lafayette. Lots of nice cars show up at 9 or 10 AM. Come and enjoy the cars and coffee!

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, June 2nd starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our meeting ID# is 243 888 8339.



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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 (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)

"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

'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

<u>1 All New Parts</u> for an early 102 hp NOS crank, cam, 0.030 pistons & barrels+heads etc. You assemble - \$700

We still have other misc items

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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 (corvairguru@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 May 2022										
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05/01/2022	Newsletter, May			(\$43.72)	\$4,749.18					
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