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**Alan Smith's Nice '63 Monza
Convertible**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday,
Sep 2nd @7:00PM #243 888 8339
(Note The New ID Number!)**

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. We had thirteen people join in. I was a bit late. While eating dinner and watching Jeopardy I thought "isn't there something I was going to do tonight?". Oh! The SFBA meeting! I rushed to the computer and had to dig up the new Zoom ID# so I missed the Board meeting and the first five or so minutes of the regular meeting. But we had a good turnout and interesting discussions.

A few days after our meeting there was the SFBA/Valley Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. The weather was gorgeous and we had 25 people and 6 Corvairs. Great turnout! See the full report on pages 5-6.

Last month Josh sent out an email survey to all SFBA members to judge interest in in-person meetings. He heard back from 19 respondents indicating that in-person meetings were desired with several liking the idea of "rotating locations". But not surprisingly they were timid interest in actually hosting or scouting for a location. Some people had trouble opening the survey or responding so the survey is being included in the newsletter this month (see page 8). You can let Josh know what your thoughts are.

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, September 2 starting at 7:00 PM. Remember we have a new meeting ID# of 243 888 8339.

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On The Cover: Alan bought this '63 Corvair convertible off ebay in '06 and drove it home to Oakland from San Diego. Took Hwy 5 all the way at 55 mph. Drove great. He has had the body and interior redone and is looking at rebuilding the motor or having this done.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

August 5, 2021

The regular meeting started at 7:00. I was a bit late in joining the crowd, it just slipped my mind. We were quickly joined by Carl, Christy, Don, Dwight, Seth, George Josol, Paul, DJ Swan, Herb, and Joe Bald. I don't think I missed anyone.

Treasury Report: As of the last newsletter, the balance stood at \$4495.10.

Membership: Josh reported we had two new members, Alan Smith and John Rice. Welcome!. George Josol, who was with us tonight has a nice early model convertible. He is interested in joining.

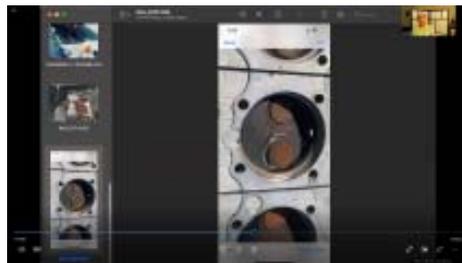
Old Business: Nothing mentioned.

New Business: Seth said that Valley Corsa started in-person meetings. This month they had an outdoor event at a near-by park I believe. Josh said that he sent out a flyer to all of SFBA to gauge member's interest (some said they had trouble responding).

Events: Our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic will be this Saturday at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. Josh is hoping to have his Corvair back on the road by then. If not he will be driving his Honda. Valley will be bringing Tri-Tip and SFBA will have burgers and dogs. Should be a great time! There is an Old Car Picnic in SF at Candlestick Park. DJ Swan will be there with his Cream colored Corvair. Cost is \$40 which goes to fire fighters and local charities.

Tech: While Josh was finishing up installing heads on his Corvair, he snapped a valve cover bolt! It must have been weakened for some reason as the Aluminum threads usually strip before the bolt breaks. He picked up an extractor and will try his hand at fixing this. Hopefully he can have it done so he can drive it to the Picnic. Also Josh said he uses head bolt nuts from Blue Chip Tools. He likes the way they seat. About \$50 a set. Josh took his heads with the dropped seat to

Norm's Auto Machine Shop in Petaluma to get the valve seats replaced.



The guy seems very knowledgeable. Josh will keep us informed. When Josh installed the oil pan, he used a cork/rubber gasket from Clark's. He tightened the bolts to be snug but not up to the 80-100 in-lbs as specified. He didn't want to take a chance in over tightening the bolts. He can always tighten more if necessary. He expects to install a '62 folded-fin oil cooler. Josh replaced the rubber shroud seals. At first he tried the replacement staples from Clarks' but they were too hard to bend by hand. He ended up using Arrow Staple Gun staples. Had to enlarge the holes a wee bit but they are much easier to bend. Seth suggested he write up a Tech Tip on this! When he cleaned the top of his pistons, he used gasket remover and worked at night to minimize evaporation. After the remover sat on the pistons for a bit he used a wire brush with his Dremmel to remove the carbon build up. Worked great. Using a Shop Vac he made sure everything was clean when he put the heads back on.



While he had the sheet metal off, he cleaned and painted them. He used Krylon Black (Seth ask for part #). They look very nice now.

DJ Swan said he broke a bolt putting his steering column back on. The strap that holds the column in place now has only one bolt. He will be interested in how Josh handles his broken bolt.

Carl installed the carburetor linkage he got from Roger Parent. It took a bit of time to install because he wasn't familiar with it and he has air conditioning. Carl has a 110 engine, Seth said that the linkage for the 140s is trickier as clearances are tight. Joe Bald said when he took his 140 linkage off to work on the engine, he took many pictures to help him reassemble it. Great idea! Josh and Carl both said that Roger was very accommodating if you had any questions. Paul said he bought a clutch cable from Roger and it's very solid!

Paul is almost done with the interior of his '63 Spyder. He is working on recovering the arm rests then he will work on installing the engine. He ended up installing the new windshield himself. He watched a few Dave Palmer videos and decided to give it a try. He used the string method as outlined in the shop manual. Using Glycerin as a lubricant he had a friend apply some pressure from the outside while he pulled the string on the inside. Worked like a charm! Paul wants to have his trans looked at and asked if there was anyone near him that worked on them. Seth said that he sent his to someone in SoCal.

Seth installed his engine and trans. Both were empty of fluids. He has added one gallon of Swepeco oil to the trans/differential. He said that while the engine and trans were out, he added drain plugs to the trans and differential to make things easier in the future.

(See *Minutes..* on page 7)

Coming Events...

- Sep 2nd Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "739 9816 7995"
- Sept 11th Ageless to Anarchy Corvair Show, El Segundo, CA. **Cancelled!**
- Oct 7th Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "739 9816 7995"
- Oct 22-24th 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"

SFBA/Valley Picnic 2021

I arrived at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont at around 9:45. A bit later than I expected. I was not the first one there but found a couple of tables fairly close together with some shade. We would be using both BBQs so I checked that they worked acceptably. One year I picked a spot where the BBQ did not turn and the wind was such that I had a very hard time starting the berquettes. In fact Paul Lacey had to run out and get more lighter fluid. Now I remember to check.

After unloading my stuff I relaxed until the first Corvairs showed up, Hal came

in with his Rampside about 11:15 followed by Kevin driving his beautiful '67 Corsa Convertible which I had never seen. About 11:30 I fired up the BBQs so by noon the burgers were well on their way. In all, by my count, we had 25 people in attendance and there was plenty of food covering both tables. Seth grilled two Tri-Tips while I took care of the hot dogs and burgers. There salads, munchies, and desserts galore. No one left hungry.

The lakes were lower than usual this year but fortunately the ducks were not around making walking around the

lawns more enjoyable. In all the weather was quite nice. A slight overcast kept the temperatures down. I brought a jackey for the morning but never needed it.

Everyone seemed to be having a very good time talking with friends and partaking in various discussions. Between flips I managed to sneak away to take some pictures but unfortunately I missed a picture of Kevin's Corsa! At about 3:00 people started wrapping up and heading off to enjoy the rest of the day. Thanks to everyone for an enjoyable picnic. See you next year!



I staked out a couple of tables with shade.



We had a great crowd this year!



A couple of nice convertibles.



I believe this is Lane & Gigi's Corsa



Of course this is Hal's pretty Rampside.



I am sorry, I forgot the owner's name for this nice convertible.



Here is a '60 Sedan with fender skirts.



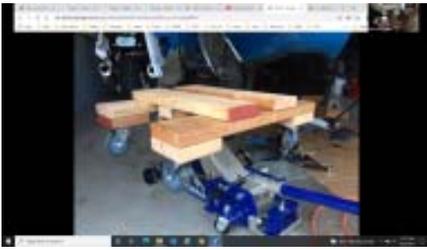
Corvairs were a bit spread out this year, but here is a group photo.



Here is Ray getting on his motor cycle getting ready to head home.

Minutes... (from pg 3)

Joe Bald showed pictures of the cart he made to remove his engine. He put wheels on the bottom to make it easier to move around. Great job!



He asked about the process of removing the trans and then the differential

from the engine. Seth said that he usually pulls the trans/differential as a unit but you can do them separately. They share oil so be ready to catch it as they come apart. Seth said if you take the side cover off be careful as the shifting forks can move making it hard to reinstall. Don said that he had no trouble when he removed the side cover to find out why his car was not shifting into reverse. Seth said that Don has a '65 which are different from Joe's '66.

George Josol mentioned that his Corvair did not idle well after it warmed up. Seth suggested checking the vacuum advance circuit. On his car, a '64 110, there should be no vacuum advance at idle. Also check that the chokes work properly (they don't stick on or off). Additionally, check for vacuum leaks. Make sure all rubber hoses are in good condition. Lastly, join CORSA as the Corvair Basics book

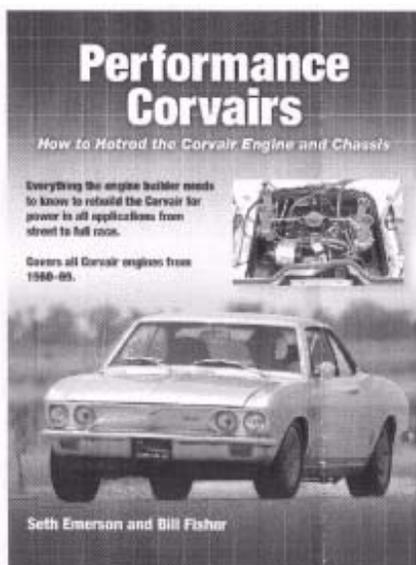
which comes with a new membership is very handy

Swap & Sell: Nothing specific was mentioned this month.

Meeting adjourned about 9:01.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary



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I am a member of SFBA CORSA

- Yes
- No

If Yes, I plan on renewing membership for 2022

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

If No, I plan on becoming of member of SFBA in the future

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

I enjoy and get value out of SFBA club zoom meetings

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree or Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

I would like to do monthly “in-person” meetings in addition to the club zoom meetings

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

I would be interested in hosting an “in-person” meeting in my area. (This can be hosting a Tech Session, BBQ, Restaurant, Park, etc.)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe



March 2019 - BayVairea Get Together at the Riverview Lodge in Antioch

If we do “in-person” meetings, what are your preferred days for the event? (check all that apply)

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

Where are you located?

- San Fransisco
- Peninsula
- East Bay
- North Bay
- South Bay
- Delta
- Outside of Bay Area
- Outside of California

Additional thoughts, comments, questions of concerns (this is confidential. Strickly info to make the Club more enjoyable for all of its members.)

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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
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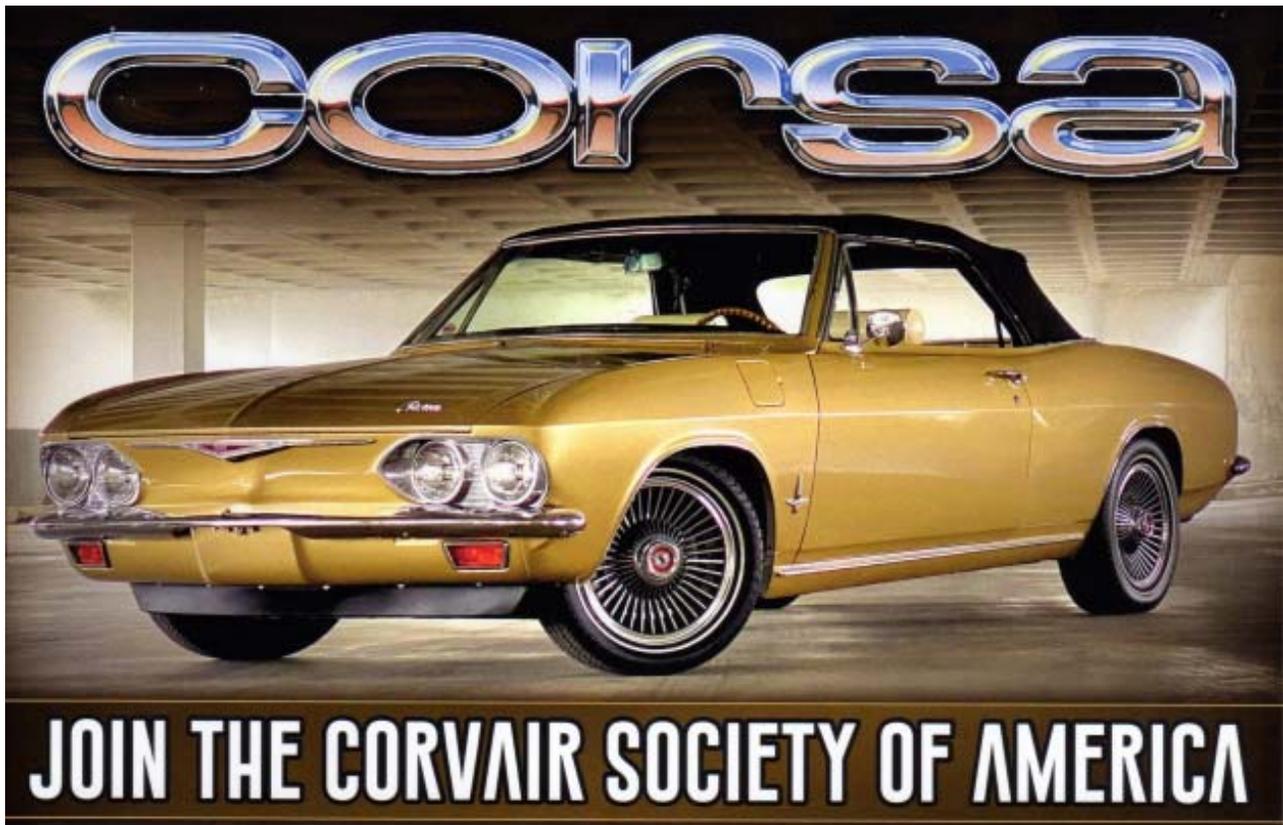
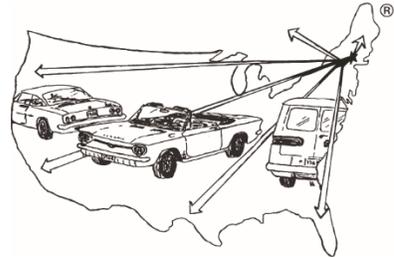
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1 Pair Late 95 rebuilt heads \$225

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

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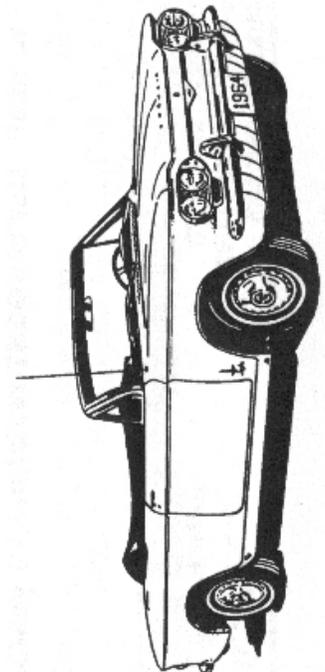
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We still have other misc items

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Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

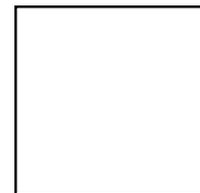
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08/15/2021	Member Dues		50.00		4,505.83	Estimate
08/24/2021	Ending Balance				4,505.83	
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