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Jeffrey's Project Car

***Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Aug 3rd
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)
SFBA/Valley Picnic Aug 5th, Quarry Lakes Park***

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had eleven SFBA members and no guests this evening. This month Carl was joining us from New York where he is staying with relatives. He is in the US on vacation and will attend the Corvair and Impalla Conventions as time permits.

Our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic will be August 5th at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. SFBA will provide burgers and dogs and Valley will bring tri-tip. Just bring a side dish to share (salad, munchies, desert, etc.). Bring the whole family! Quarry Lakes Park is a nice venue with a grassy area for picnicking, three lakes, and a swimming area. Conditions are always subject to change so check ahead for swimming or fishing availability. The entrance fee is \$5 per car and \$2 per dog. By all means drive your Corvair! Last year we had almost 15 Corvairs in the lot. The picnic area we try to get is right in front of the entrance kiosk (maybe 150 yds) and the parking area will be just to the left of the picnic tables. Hope to see everyone there! Joe or myself will get there early to secure some tables and the burgers will be on the BBQ by noon. We usually break up by 2:00 or 3:00. It's a good idea to bring chairs (cement picnic tables get very hard), hats (and sunscreen) and water as it is typically warm this time of year.

Josh met with Bruce and Eric to iron out the details of this year's "Vairs at the Vault" in Napa. The intent is to provide food like last year and the Club is asking for a small contribution (\$5 or \$10) to offset the costs. They are planning on a raffle and a 50-50 drawing. If you have anything to donate for the raffle (does not have to be Corvair related), let Josh know. A guest speaker has not been finalized as yet. Unlike last year Cal Trans is working on Hwy 29 and you can no longer turn off of Hwy 29 to Soscil Ferry Rd directly. I would suggest taking Hwy 29

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to Hwy 12, go West (like you are going to the Napa Airport) and then take the frontage road back toward Napa where it runs into Soscil Ferry Rd.

(see *Letter* on page 10)

On The Cover: Jeffrey sent in many pictures of his Project Car. But this month I didn't have room for all of them. This shot shows the wonderful job Jeffrey has done on the interior. You may recall when Jeffrey got the car, the interior was completely gutted. We will be seeing more of this in the future.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

July 6, 2023

The regular meeting started around 7:00 PM following a short Board meeting. When the room was opened, Josh, Harry and I were quickly joined by Carl, Paul, Seth, Chris, Lane, Don, Randy Powers, and Christy. I hope I caught everyone.

Treasury Report: Harry reported the Bank balance was \$5143.20. There are some new members and newsletter expenses that are not included.

Membership: Josh reported we had two new members this month! There is Greg in Antioch with Spyder and Corsa (beautiful!) and Sergio who has a '67 or '68 Monza. Welcome!

Old Business: The date for the Vairs at the Vault 2 event has changed to September 9th.

New Business: Our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic will be coming up August 5th at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. Joe indicated he could get there early and secure a couple of tables like he did last year. Clark said SFBA will be providing the burgers and dogs and Valley will bring tri-tips! People should bring a side dish to share (salads, munchies, deserts, etc.). Burgers and dogs will go on the BBQs about noon. Bring the whole family and drive your Corvair! See page 5 for more details.

As mentioned the Vairs at the Vault 2 will be Saturday, Sept 9 at The Vault in Napa. There will be food and the Club is asking for a small donation (\$5-\$10) to offset the cost. They are planning on a raffle and 50-50 drawing. There will be a map in the newsletter (see page 9). They are looking for donations to the raffle. Does not have to be Corvair

related. There may be a guest speaker, Carl Jones of CPF. He may drive his Ultravan down from Washington and talk about CPF, what it's doing, it's history. Maybe someone can give Dave Newell a ride to the event this year. Last year Lane brought Dave and Carl still considers that talk the highlight of his trip. Joe said he lives close by but it depends on how his rehab goes.

Christy attended the last CORSA meeting and asked Josh what all the fuss was about? "How much time do you have?" There is a lot of contention in the election of board members (not in the West however). Joe said he wanted to thank Josh for running for a second term. Josh said his focus is on membership. Without members nothing else has meaning. (and look what he has done for our Club? – Clark).

Events: VairFest was held last month in Arroyo Grande. Three SFBA members went (Josh, Chris Rogers, and I) and three Silicon Valley Corsa members (Vance, Hal, and Ken). There were close to 30 Corvairs and lots of people. Pictures made it in the July Spyder Web.

The National Convention was held at The Dells in Wisconsin. From our Club Christy and Carl went. Christy drove his Ultravan the 1985 miles and Carl flew all the way from Australia! Christy said that The Dells reminded him of Las Vegas with water parks, a Ripley's Believe It Or Not museum, and lots of tourists. It was so crowded downtown he could not find a place to park. He went to the Ultravan Gathering the week before the Convention. It was also at The Dells and there were six Ultravans there. Christy mentioned that Concourse was held about 1/2 mile from

the host hotel. He ended up driving back and forth, it was just too far for him to walk and there was no other transportation. He said the in-door and out-door swap meets were very good with lots of stuff. Christy emcee'd the Valve Cover races, as the original emcee was a no show. These are like soap-box derby races but with valve covers dressed up and wheels added and they race down an incline. They had a "Christmas Tree" light (like you see at the drags) but it didn't work so they went by verbal commands. Carl said that the opening party at "the beach" was not too enjoyable. Hot as Hell! Carl said he thought there were 100 to 120 Corvairs and the Hospitality Room had a map with pins showing where people were from (but only the US). Carl also said that the Tech Talks were not described in the booklet (only mentioned Tech Talk) so he may have missed some interesting talks. There was a dinner cruise on the river which was quite good. He said Clark's had only a small presents with only a few parts. He heard there were 250 registrants but it didn't seem like that many showed up. They announced that next year's Convention will be joined with the Impalla Club. Carl will be speaking at this year's Impalla Convention in about two weeks. They haven't let him know the exact time and date yet. Christy said he entered his Ultravan in the Concourse (Seth said "if you are going to drive that far you might as well show it as much as you can!"). At the Gymkhana Michael Lebeck (sp?) has the best time of the day, 48 (seconds?). Seth said several of the racers were at Indi the week before, a Vintage Racing Weekend. There were 15 or 16 Corvairs in a spe-

(See *Minutes..* on page 8)

Coming Events in 2023...

August 3rd	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
August 5th	SFBA/Valley Picnic. Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. 12:00 AM - ??
Sept 7th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Sept 9th	Vairs at the Vault 2, 1055 Soscol Ferry Rd, Napa, CA. 10:00 AM til ?
Sept 9th	Orinda Classic Car Show
Sept 22-23rd	27th Ironstone Concours d'elegance, Murphys, CA
October 20-22nd	Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, 401 S. Pavilian Rd, Palm Springs, CA 92262

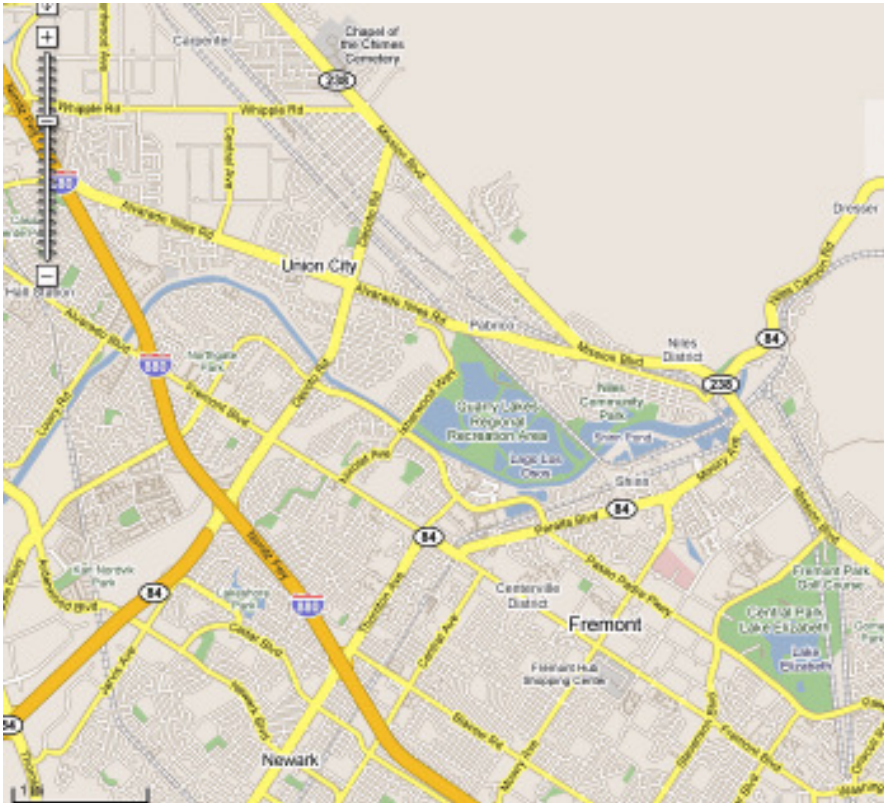
SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2023

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

Thursday Aug 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Sep 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Oct 5, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Nov 2, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"
Thursday Dec 7, 7:00 PM	SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Quarry Lakes Park Maps



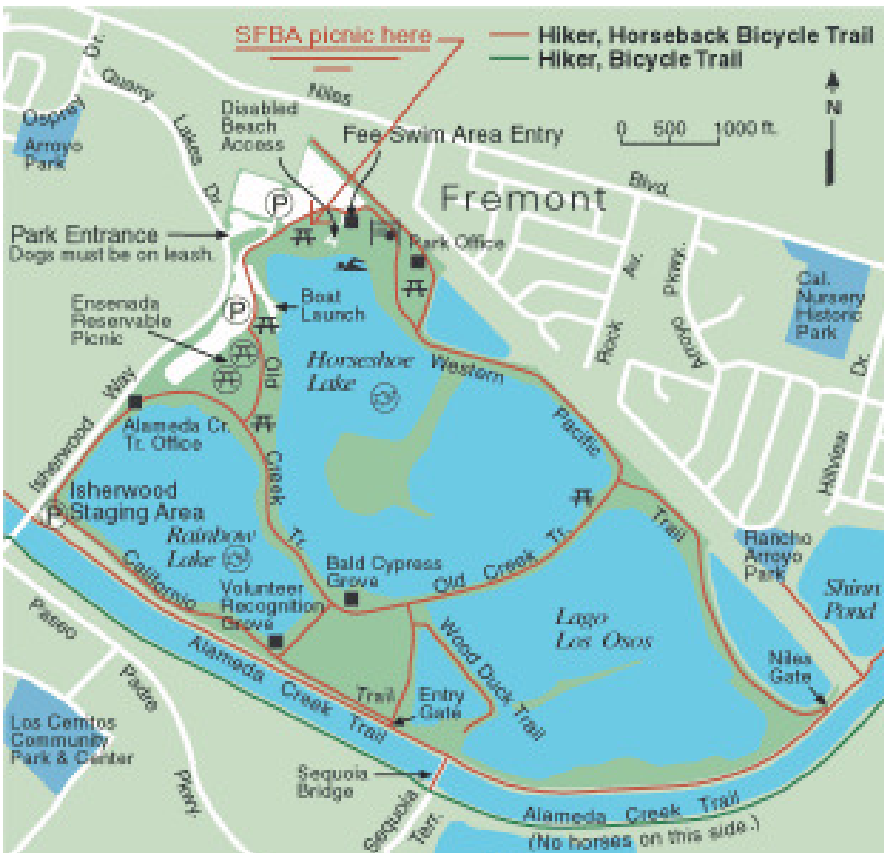
Our Annual SFBA/Valley Picnic will be at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. If you haven't been there before this is a very nice park with plenty of green grass and lakes for fishing, swimming, etc. See the park's web site for current Covid restrictions. The city does charge a bit to drive into the park (about \$5 a car; a bit more for dogs) and swimming is also a little extra. If you choose, you can park outside the park and walk in. We won't be far from the entrance kiosk. There is plenty to do there for both kids and adults. Lots of hiking trails around the lakes. I will get there a bit early and try to reserve a suitable spot on the North side (see maps below). The BBQ should be ready to go by noon. The Club will provide the basics (burgers, dogs) so just bring a side dish to share (a salad of some sort, munchies, a dessert, sodas, or whatever) and your appetite. Help in managing the BBQs is always appreciated. This is usually a sunny park so sun screen and hats may be in order (we will try for a shady spot but no guarantees).

Getting There:

From I-80 in Fremont, take the Decoto Road (Hwy 84) exit East. Turn left on Paseo Padre Parkway, then right on Isherwood Way. Proceed to the park entrance on the right.

From Mission Blvd (Hwy 238) in Fremont, turn South on Nursery Ave. (away from the hills) and right (West) on Niles Blvd. Turn left on Osprey Drive and left on Quarry Lakes Drive. Proceed to the park entrance on the left.

For more information check out their web site (http://www.ebparks.org/parks/quarry_lakes).



Napa Vault



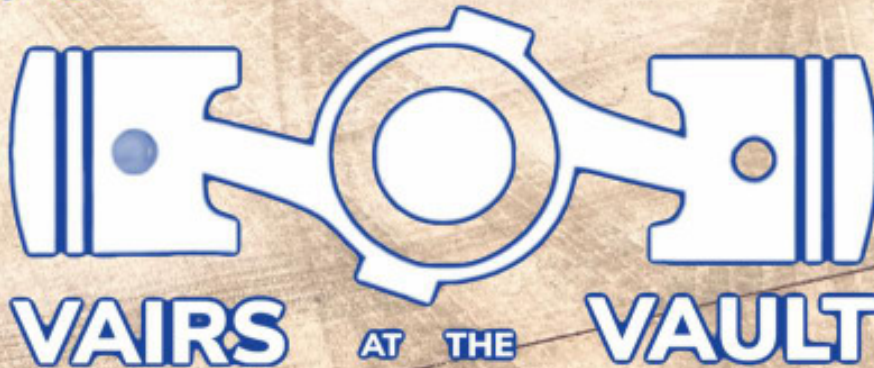
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 THE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE WEEKEND

Friday, September 22, 2023

Ironstone Vintage Back Roads Tour

Cars & Stars Dinner

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Saturday, September 23, 2023

Concours d'Elegance

Patron's Tent and Luncheon



Minutes...

cial race. For the most part this was held on the interior of the main raceway but there was just enough on the main track so the drivers could tell their grandsons “yea, I raced at Indi once!”. Christy said the Banquette was well attended and they did not have a guest speaker (yea!). When they handed out trophies they put up a picture of the car and owner so you could really tell who the winner was. No more guessing. He thought this was great. Seth said this year the Convention dodged a bullet on weather and air quality. The weather was bad just prior and turned nasty following the Convention. Next years Convention in Dayton, OH and they announced it will be joined with the Impalla Club. Paul said that the Dayton location would attract more attendees, easier to get to and there is an air museum there also. Paul asked wasn't there a flying Pinto years ago? Seth said yes and it did fly and crashed too.



The Ironstone Concours d'elegance is coming up Sept 22-23 in Murphys CA. CCRC will be sending lots of members. Seth said that if you join CCRC they may cover the entrance fee (they are voting on this provision currently).

An Open House at Gabe's place is still possible this year but nothing decided yet.

Tech: Christy said he drove the Ultravan to Wisconsin and back with no real issues (he did bust a shock on one of the Hwy 80 pot holes and won the “Hard Luck” trophy as no one else had any

problems). On the way there he averaged 15.3 mpg (but he thinks he had a slight tail wind). He won the “Farthest Drive” award and pocketed \$100 (which went right into the tank). Christy said he drove by himself and only filled the tank ½ way to lighten the load. He took Hwy 80 all the way as it's a two-lane road allowing others to pass him easily. The “sweet spot” on the Ultravan is 53 mph. On hills he would get behind a truck and take his time. Christy said the Nash Fan performed beautifully! Head temperature stayed around 300 F and oil temp was about 210 F. Going up a hill in high gear the head temp would go up to 400 F (about 2100 rpm). But if he goes up in low gear (about 3000 rpm) the head temp stays about 300 F. Christy said at Palm Springs last years there was a '65 Turbo Convertible with custom fuel injection. Beautiful! Josh, said the same car was just at Vairfest and is spectacular.



Christy's Ultravan has “flappers” that open up the lower sheet metal for better cooling. Originally it had a 140 engine which had good high end power but poor low end torque. Now he uses a 95 hp engine which has better low end performance.

Joe said he was recovering from a motorcycle injury. He was running at Thunder Hill and just over a slight hill another motorcycle had stopped in the middle of the track and he couldn't avoid him. He flew up in the air and

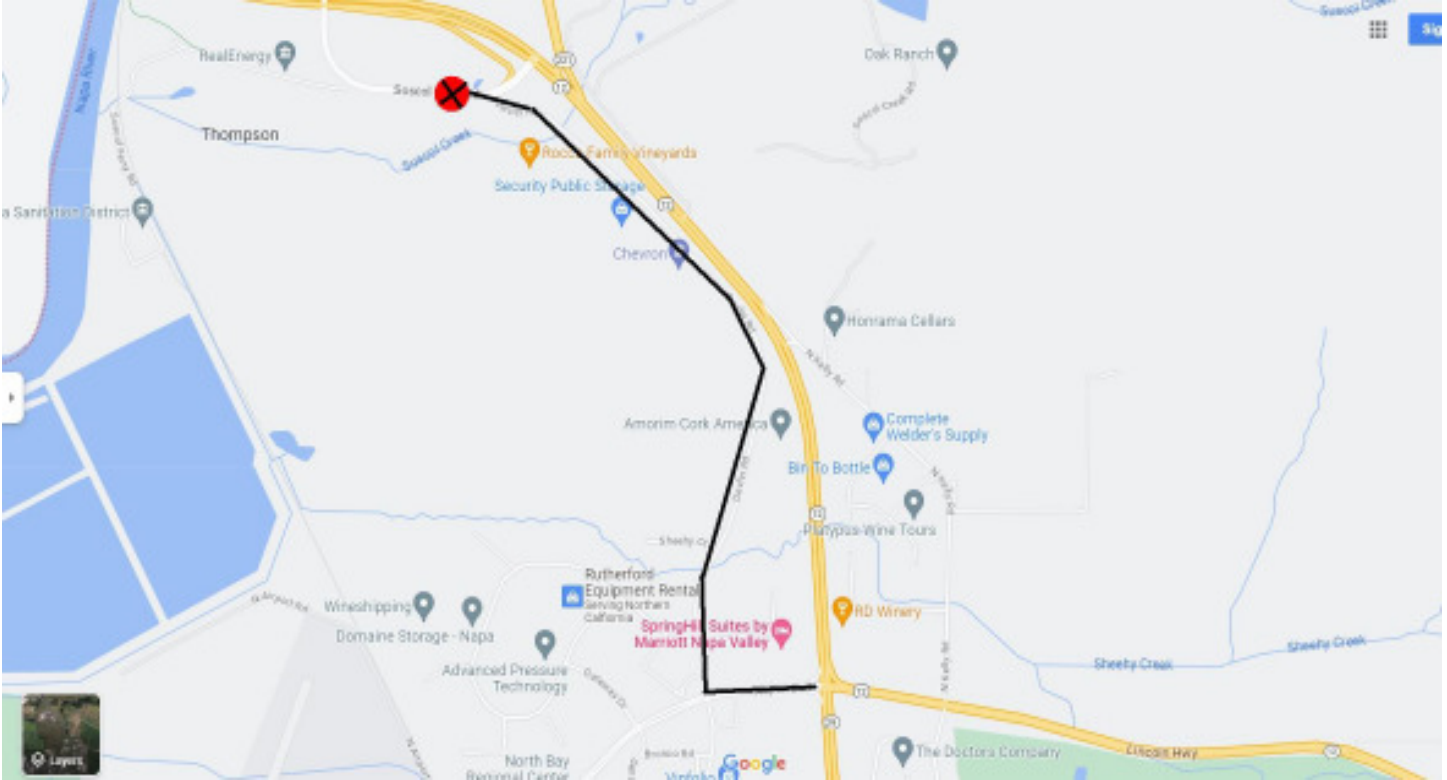
came down on his left side. He was air lifted to Chico with a broken collarbone and six cracked ribs and a mild concussion. Don asked (tongue in cheek) “so how was the bike?”. Joe looked good but he can't drive the Corvair as he can't turn the wheel. He can't even drive his SUV with power steering! We wish him a speedy recovery! Joe asked if racers were using the Nash Fan. Seth said no they're not, they have better places to put \$1500. Racers typically use a vertical fan but they run at high rpms (6500) but no fan belt issues! Joe inquired about oil cooler locations. Seth most put this up front but a few used other places. Joe asked if there was a Corvair event a few weeks back? He saw three Corvairs driving through Fremont. Josh said maybe they were headed for Vairfest?

Don asked about Classic Car insurance. He has regular insurance and pays \$500/yr. Seth said he doesn't have a garage for his car so doesn't qualify. Josh said he has Haggerty and pays maybe \$200/yr for two cars. Chris said he has Haggerty and keeps his Corvair behind a fence with a cover. Haggerty was okay with that. Christy said he had JC Taylor insurance and pays \$650 for all of his cars (a Porsche for \$22k, a Rampside for \$20k, and others). Christy said after three cars JC Taylor does not charge for liability on additional cars. Clark said he also had JC Taylor and paid about \$75/yr for \$3000 coverage.

Chris said he was driving home from an event when the alternator started putting out 17 volts and the car ran terribly. He barely made it home. He changed the regulator and the voltage dropped back to 14 volts but it still ran poorly. Then he changed the coil,

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Napa Vault - Map & Directions



The Vault, 1055 Soscol Ferry Rd, Napa.

Minutes...

same result. Next he replaced the Petronix ignition, same result. Down at a local garage an old mechanic said it must be the alternator putting out an AC signal that is fouling up the electronic ignition. He disconnected the alternator and the car ran perfectly! So Chris got another alternator from Mel and is happy again. When he tried calling Petronix he got nowhere. Then he called Clark's (he bought it through them) and talked with a technical guy and they thought it had to be the points. They are warranted for a year and its only been a bit over that so if you pay the shipping they will replace them. Chris said "you bet!". Seth said that if you disconnect the battery the alternator voltage will rise to maybe 20 volts which is bad for coils, points, other stuff. It's not good to drive like that. Chris mentioned that for the last couple of years he went to the CCRC picnic

in Gault but he had to drive his other car as the Corvair was not running. Seth said "what, you only have one Corvair? We don't understand."

Seth said the Nash Fan was machined out of Al billet. This takes a lot of time and an expensive CNC machine. This is why the price is so high. And it can't come down unless they come up with another manufacturing technique. GM was able to cast their fans because of the volume, the current Corvair market is way too small for this.

Swap & Sell: Josh got an email from Jerry in Brentwood. He has lots of Corvair parts that must go soon. It will be too late for the newsletter so Josh will send out an email to the full group letting them know. Lane said he had bought some suspension parts from him. There are a couple of Corvairs

out front and he had lots of parts, Corvair and Impalla. Also a 140 4sp. Don will stop by for sure as he is very close.

Joe said there was a '65 Corsa Turbo on Craig's List. Marina Blue. \$18k. Decent shape but some rust on a rear sail panel.

Chris said there was a Late Model 4 sp in Virginia on BAT. Josh said remember the price you pay is not what you think. Besides transportation costs there are other fees involved.

Meeting adjourned about 8:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

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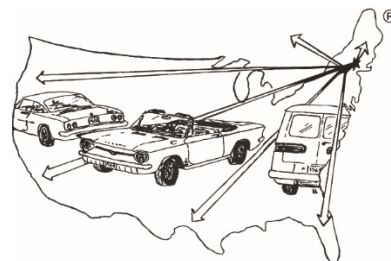
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Letter...

You probably noticed some errors crept in to the Spyder Web last month. Vairfest came at the wrong time for me and when I got home I had to rush to get the newsletter out and didn't have (or didn't take) the time to check it over. It just doesn't seem like I have as much time as I use to.

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, Aug 3rd starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339. A reminder email will contain a link to make it easy to join.

Classifieds..

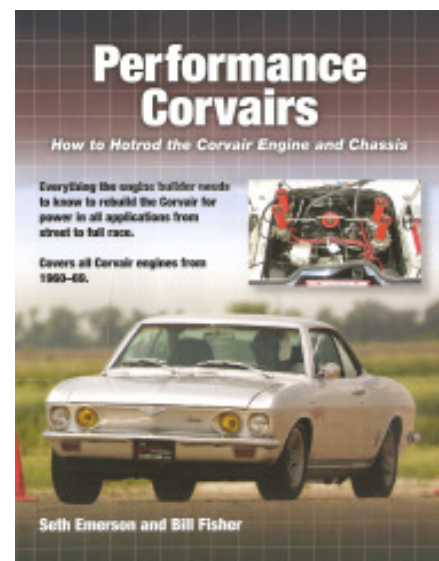
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Cleaning Out The Shop: '60-61 Turbo/ 4 Speed engine case and heads. T1226YR, no tin, exhaust, turbo, etc. '63-64 engine long block THO3Z, with distributor, auto bell housing, some tin, no exhaust. Might be good for resto-

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



Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'64 Rampside. Josh saw this Rampside in person at Goodguys. He looked it over and could find no flaws.



Beautiful restoration inside and out.(Hayward) \$22K obo (510) 823-6540 (05/23)

'63 Rampside, does not run.its been sitting for few years.needs new plugs,flush gas,replace ignition point.

'60 sedan Runs & Drive.needs valve job.need new fuel tank. \$7,500 obo for both (916) 896-4448 Sacramento (05/23)

Corvan and Lakewood Wagon, I'm going to be selling this vehicle's once I



get them to start and stop, I was hoping if anyone knows who will interested in buying as is or the repairs I'm

going to do? Alfredo Pinon, Whittier, CA. Open to offers (480)768-7280 (05/23)

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

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1 Pair Late 110 rebuilt heads - \$250

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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

see "Classifieds..." on page 10

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

April 2023

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
06/01/2023	Beginning Balance				\$4,715.15	
06/06/2023	Renewals		25.00		4,740.15	
06/16/2023	Renewals		14.55		4,754.70	
06/26/2023	Newsletters (June)			(48.00)	4,706.70	(**)
01/31/2023	Ending Balance		\$39.55	(\$48.00)	\$4,706.70	

(**) Newsletter expenses have not been turned in for several months. These are my estimates. The official bank balance is \$5,143.20


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