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Don's '69 in his Garage

***Next Meeting - Thursday Feb 6th 7:00PM -
Black Bear Diner in Danville***

***Special Tech Session - Saturday, Feb 8th
10:00AM in Antioch***

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. We had a good turnout (8 people) and the room basically to ourselves.



Great news, we have a Tech Session planned for Saturday, February 8th at Don's house in Antioch. This schedule came at the last minute but it should be fun. Don wants to pull the engine and rear suspension from his '69 convertible and needs our help. Members have been asking for the opportunity to actually put an engine for some time. At the last Tech Session at Buck's house, Buck had already pulled the engine and we just worked on the clutch. The last time we pulled an engine was at Dean's Holiday Storage, probably 20 years ago. At that time the car was on jack stands which made it difficult for most to see what was going on. This will be different at Don's garage with his lift. You won't want to miss it! Another Tech Session is planned for Saturday, March 14th where we get to put the engine and suspension back in!

For Christmas this year Carol got me a 3D printer! I had been looking at these for a few years trying to decide which one I should get (and how to justify another toy to Carol). I have several Corvair projects in mind and I can't wait to get started. But first I have lots to learn. This will keep me

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busy for quite some time. I am sure you will be hearing and seeing more about this in the coming months. Aren't you lucky!

(see **Letter...** on page 9)

On The Cover: Here is a picture from last year when we had a Tech Session at Don's place in Antioch. We are fortunate this year to have two more planned. The first will be on Saturday, February 8th and the second is set for March 14th. See page 5 for more info.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

Jan 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by VP Harry Kypreos and Secretary Clark Calkins. We had eight members and no guests this evening. It was good that both Josh and Tony were able to make it.

Treasury Report: Harry reported that the bank balance was about \$3557 before expenses of \$123.57 (newsletters and tech Session BBQ) or renewals. Club dues were a popular topic again this month. At the present time there no necessity to change as the bank account has been stable, but this may not always be the case. The primary Club expense is the newsletter and the cost is about \$2 each which would be just covered by the current dues of \$25/yr. Fortunately several folks get the newsletter via email or the web page which cost nothing now. This allows the Club to put on a yearly picnic and a couple of Tech Sessions. Some ideas for future consideration were tossed around. Like extra dues for those that want a printed newsletter (several clubs do this now). Currently we have a separate tier (\$15/yr) for those that live far away and won't be attending meetings or other Club functions. Most policies have remained unchanged since the Club was formed (50+ years). So it doesn't hurt to re-think things once in a while.

Membership: Josh reported that we had no new members but he has received interest for four prospective members via his web site. He is thinking of adding a sign-up button that would charge a user's credit card like most retail site do now. He could also offer Club merchandise (T-shirts, patches, etc.). This is a great idea. The Club indicated that it was willing to cover the extra charge for this service.

Old Business: Clark asked what people thought of the Holiday Dinner last month. Some indicated that they sat at one end of the table and couldn't hear what the other end was talking about. That seems unavoidable when we have such a large turn out (18 people). Most felt that the single table arrangement this year was much better than last years L-table arrangement. I thought the service we received was extraordinary and I let the manager know.

New Business: Clark penciled in a couple of Tech Session dates on the schedule. Don indicated that he was interested in hosting one again. He wants to pull the engine and rear suspension from his '69 and will check on possible dates. Stay tuned.

We are still looking for someone to take over the job as Club President. The job is mainly to conduct the meetings (so we don't get too far off track) and to set the focus of meetings and events. In the mean time Harry and I will attempt to conduct the meetings until a formal replacement can be found.

Josh will see if he can schedule another "Bayvairea Gettogether". The Riverview Restaurant in Antioch worked out well the last time and he will see if another can be arranged.

I believe it was Josh that said he went back east to visit family and Ronnie Jenkins (with whom he had dealt with before) lived in the next town over. Ronnie invited him to see his Corvair collection. Ronnie has a cool '65 with a 140, center mount carb. He did a complete restoration down to cleaning and plating every nut and bolt! He has about 40k miles on it. He also has '64 with 80k miles, a '67 or '68 that runs real well. There are 18+ Corvairs in his fathers barn and many more on his

property. There are countless parts that are all cleaned, plated, and ready to use. Un-real!

Events: Lane indicated that he has made reservations for the San Diego Convention. He plans to flat-tow his car rather than drive or trailer it. He will stay more than a week because there are lots of other things in the area he wants to do.

Josh said that there is interest in setting up a caravan to the Convention. The Sacramento guys are interested as are some of the Valley guys. I am sure we will be hearing more about this. Tony said that back in '73 a dozen Corvairs caravanned down to Anaheim. Lane said the next Good Guys show will be in March in Pleasanton. At the last show, 5 cars were stolen (2 that were inside then show!)

The Spring Fling is coming up, the first week in April. Scheduled for the Fry's parking lot in Roseville as in the prior two years.

The Autorama is coming up (at Cal Expo). Last year the Sacramento folks had 12 Corvairs show up and they had their own section. They are hoping to do this again (I believe they need at least 5 Corvairs to have their own section at the show).

Swap & Sell: Josh mentioned that someone in Concord bought a Corvair from a lady in Sacramento (the one at the Spring Fling that was painted like a Corvette, Black & White – aka "Orca"). He expressed interest in joining SFBA. Josh also mentioned that the two cars listed in the newsletter classifieds had been sold.

Tech: Lane is replacing the fuel tank

(see *Minutes...* on page 8)

Coming Events...

Feb 6 th	Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville,CA.nNote no meeting if we will be having a Tech Session..
Feb 8 th	Tech Session, Don's Burkard's House, 1520 Saint Claire Drive, Antioch, CA 94509. Starting at 10:00 AM there will be coffee & donuts with a BBQ afterwards.
March 5 th	Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville,CA.nNote no meeting if we will be having a Tech Session..
March 14 th	Tech Session, Don's Burkard's House, 1520 Saint Claire Drive, Antioch, CA 94509. Starting at 10:00 AM there will be coffee & donuts with a BBQ afterwards.
July 6-11 th	CORSA International Convention in San Diego. Host hotel is Crowne Plaza Mission Valley, 2270 Hotel Cir N, San Diego. See flyer on page 7.

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2020

Thursday Jan 9, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday Feb 6, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday Mar 5, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday Apr 2, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday May 7, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday Jun 4, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Thursday Jul 2, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Saturday Aug 8, 12:00PM SFBA/Valley Club Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park, Fremont, CA

Thursday Sep 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Saturday Oct 3, 10:00 AM Tech Session (tentative - location to be determined)

Thursday Nov 5, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Saturday Dec 5, 5:00 PM SFBA Holiday Dinner (location to be determined)

Tech Session, Saturday Feb 8th

Map and Directions

Our first Tech Session for 2020 has been scheduled for Saturday, April 8th at Don Burkard's house in Antioch. We will start around 10:00 AM and talk shop over coffee & donuts. This time the focus will be on removing the engine and rear suspension of Don's '69 convertible. This should be very interesting.

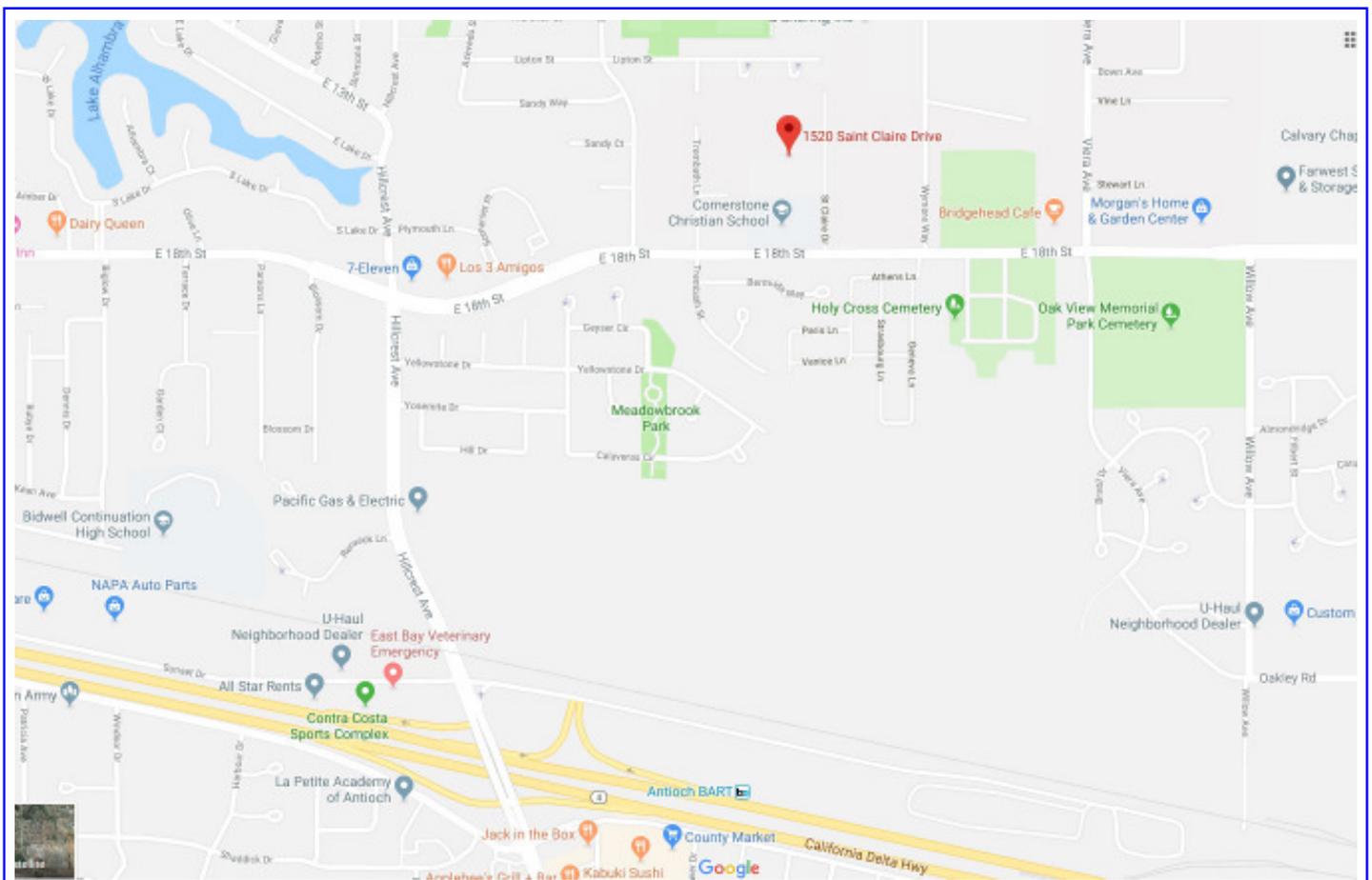
Following the "hands on" learning we will have a BBQ where we can continue our discussions.

Directions:

Take Hwy 4 towards Antioch, get off on Hillcrest Ave and go North (left). If coming from Brentwood, take the Hillcrest Ave exit and turn left on Slatten Ranch Rd (follow signs) a short distance and then turn right on Hillcrest Ave. Proceed on Hillcrest for ¾ miles. Then turn right at the light on East Eighteenth Street. In ½ mile turn left on Saint Claire Dr. (just past the Cornerstone Christian School). Note that Saint Claire Drive is a small dirt road and Don's house is at 1520 which is

the second house on the left. This is a Spanish style house that sits back from the road. The shop is in the back, behind the house.

Note you can park in the back by the garage. You will see other cars (hopefully Corvairs!).



Don Burkard, 1520 Saint Claire Dr, Antioch, CA 94509



Join the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Corvair Society of America and Support the Preservation & Restoration of the Chevrolet Corvair

Membership Application

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Address _____

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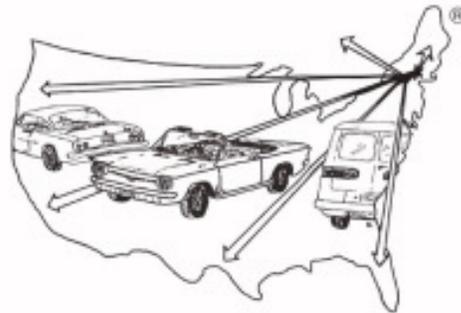
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Show Your Pride

SFBA Corsa T-shirts are still available and so are patches and decals, see Josh.



Minutes...

on his '65 convertible. He intends to add an electric fuel pump. He said there was a gap between the tank and a box beam he intends to use. He will use a rubber mount to reduce noise. He will also rebuild the front suspension. He plans to buy the parts from someone in Sacramento, rebuild these parts, and then swap in the replacement parts. Dom mentioned that Daniel may have

the parts he needs.

Josh is looking to pick up several Corvair motors (some have been converted to aircraft use). We will more about this shortly...

Racing: No racing info was discussed. Buck couldn't make it this evening.

Meeting adjourned about 8:45.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Galkins, secretary

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

Nothing at present!

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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, 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 filterd - \$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

MISC CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE - OUT OF AREA

Eight Corvairs and 6 shipping containers of NOS and used parts. Must be purchased as a lot. No picking! \$18,500. Located in Willits Contact Josh Deitcher (510) 388-4986 vondeitch@gmail.com for more info. (08/18)

FC parts in Cloverdale. Various parts. Contact Brian Osborne for prices & details. Call or text (707) 479-1595 (08/18)

Letter...

Note that we will have our usual BBQ lunch so we can discuss what we just learned with good food and company.

We are still planning to have a regular Club meeting on the Thursday before the Tech Session for those that won't be able to attend the Tech Session due to such short notice. Or maybe, like me, you will attend both.

We are still in need of a permanent Club President to provide order for the meetings and guide the Club's activities going forward. In the mean time Harry and I will do our best to keep the meetings organized and for the most part on topic.

As a last minute reminder Club Dues are now due for 2020. I know several people have renewed already, in fact Robert Langdon kicked in an extra \$10 (like he did last year). Thanks! As soon as I learn the new membership system Josh has setup, I will have a complete tally. Hopefully next month I can print an accurate accounting.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 6th. at Black Bear Diner in Danville. The meeting will start around 7:00 PM. I will get there early to try and reserve a quite spot in the back as usual. Hope to see you there. And drive your Corvair!

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

January 2020

SFBA Corsa Treasurer's Report

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
12/1/2019	Beginning Balance				\$3,557.04	
	Expenses	019		123.57	\$3,433.47	not cashed yet
	Renewals		236.00		\$3,669.47	
01/26/2020	Ending Balance				\$3,669.47	
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