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**'61 Corvair Loadside
For Sale on CraigsList**

**Next Meeting - Thursday May 2nd
7:00PM - Black Bear Diner - Hwy 680
at Sycamore Valley Rd in Danville**

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. We had eight members show up. Not too bad, a bit more than last month. I didn't check the parking lot so I don't know who drove their Corvairs. Probably Daniel and Harry but maybe Lane too.

We had our first Tech Session for 2019 on Saturday, April 13th at Don Burkard's house in Antioch. What a marvelous garage/shop area he has! He was all setup for us to go over the front end work on his '69 Corvair he was in the process of doing. Unfortunately we had very light attendance (mainly Harry, Roger, and myself) but we learned a lot. And that's what these are about. See the complete story on page 5.

Along with his club dues, Steven Schnier sent in a couple of pictures of his early Corvair. A '63 Spyder Coupe.



Almost identical to his current '64 Spyder. The first picture was taken at his family home in L.A. and the sec-

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ond one in front of an apartment building in Berkeley. It's great he still has these old photos!

(see [Letter...](#) on page 11)

On The Cover: This '61 Corvair 95 Loadside is indeed a rare bird. It's for sale on Craigs List. While it's possible Chevy may have tried adding a side door like this, I can find no information indicating that they actually produced any. This may well be a one off custom job. Nice idea however and the name would actually fit! This one has a fair amount of rust but could make a good project for someone and certainly spark conversations at the next Fan Belt Toss!

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

April 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order 7:45 by President Josh Deitcher. We had eight members and no guests this evening. Daniel mentioned that he has purchased a house on a bit of land up in Ashland Oregon. The family plans to move up there and he will be taking many cars and boats there over the next several months. He plans to keep the Antioch property.

Treasury Report: Harry reported that the bank balance stood at \$3659.54 after all expenses and deposits. Harry reported that he had the Club's bank account address changed to his home and wondered if we needed another signer? We didn't think so. Last month Harry asked when the Clubs' Corsa dues were due. Josh reached out and was told we were all paid up for 2019. Great.

Membership: Josh reported we have no new members but he did get a note from a guy in Berkeley that was interested in attending a meeting. A few final few renewal checks have rolled in and everyone is now up to date on dues.

Old Business: The "BayVairea Get Together" at the Riverview Lodge in Antioch was a great success! Lots of Corvairs and everyone had a fun time. Daniel said that the management was pleased as so many went inside to eat and drink. Full report was in the last newsletter. Just as people were leaving the rain came. Pretty heavy at times too. Josh had to wait inside (after he put the convertible top up) as he had removed the wiper blades ("the 'Vair looks better without 'em!") and didn't bring a spare. On the way home Lane pulled off the highway under an overpass to wait out the heaviest rain. But everyone made it home okay. Les (he had the Lakewood from Sacramento)

lost a wire wheel cover on the way home. He reached out to both clubs for a replacement. Someone from Vacaville (I think that's the town) had one and actually brought it to Sacramento. *Thanks!* The Corvair community sticks together. Josh is interested in planning another "BayVairea Get Together" so if you have a suggestion of a place to meet, let him know.

New Business: Josh mentioned that May was the 50th Anniversary of the last Corvair that rolled off the assembly line.

Buck said he was still working on Fred's car. The engine runs well but it had been sitting for so long that the clutch plate is frozen to the flywheel so he can only start it while on Jack Stands. Also he has to work on the brakes.

Remember the Tech Session will be next weekend!

Tech Session: Our first Tech Session for 2019 has been scheduled for Saturday, April 13th at Don Burkard's house in Antioch. This will start at

10:00 AM (with coffee & donuts) and be followed by a BBQ as usual. Don is in the process of rebuilding the front end of his late model Corvair. He purchased the "complete" kit from Clark's and will go over what has been done and what remains (we may even get our hands dirty!). This should be very interesting. Notice that this is in addition to (and not replacing) our April or May meeting.

Upcoming Events: Corsa is planning a Saturday drive and tour of the Canepa Museum in Scotts Valley. This will be a private tour so contact Tito Garrett (206-384-0005) for details on how to join them.

The next Vairfest is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 down in Arroyo Grande (same place as previous years). Clark said that he would be going for sure and Josh and Lane are expecting to go.

The Spring Fling in Roseville is scheduled for Saturday April 27th. Same place (Fry's parking lot) as last year.

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

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

April 2019 4/22/2019
SFBA Corsa Treasurer's Report

Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
April Beginning Balance				\$3,659.34	
Check to Clark for March & April News Letters	16		\$74.82	\$3,584.52	
Deposit		\$25.00		\$3,609.52	
Annual Dues Steven Schnier		\$30.00		\$3,639.52	
Annual Dues Tony Richards / Janet Lucano		\$30.00		\$3,639.52	
Ending Balance				\$3,639.52	
		\$55.00	\$74.82		

Coming Events...

April 27 th	Spring Fling, hosted by Classic Corvairs of River City. Fry's Electronic parking lot in Roseville, CA (same as last year).
May 2 nd	Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville, CA
June 2 nd	Barn Party, 1 - 5 PM, Pot luck, hamburgers provided. Contact Christy Barden, 10141 Cedarsong Road, Nevada City, CA 95959. 530 263-1001 (ChristyBarden@cs.com). We'll have a band, classic rock and roll, this is a free event. Drive your Corvair!
June 6 th	Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville, CA
June 21-22 nd	Vairfest at Heritage Square Park in Arroyo Grande. Hosted by Central Coast Corvairs. For more info or to enter your car go to www.centralcoastCorsa.org or mail@centralcoastcorsa.com .
July 11 th	Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville, CA
July 23-27 th	2019 Corsa National Convention, St. Charles, Ill

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday Jul 11, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA

Saturday Aug 3, 12:00PM SFBA/Valley Club Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park, Fremont, CA

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

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

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

Saturday Dec 7, 6:00 PM SFBA Holiday Dinner (location to be announced)

Tech Session April 13, 2019

Our first Tech Session for 2019 was held at Don Burkard's house in Antioch. It was very nice day when I arrived a bit before 10 AM. We got the coffee started and waited for the gang to arrive. First Harry came and then shortly after Roger showed up (at least he drove a Corvair!). We talked cars over coffee and donuts and marveled at Don's shop area. What an envious place to work on cars! After an hour or so it was apparent that this was all that would be coming so Don started on

the demo he had prepared.

Don's Corvair was already up on a lift and we (mainly he) went over the process of removing the front end assembly and replacing the components with the new stuff from Clark's. In the end we replaced the anti-sway bar, ball joints, shocks and springs, and re-connected the steering linkage (I might not be remembering everything correctly). Lastly we worked on the brakes, replacing the springs and shoes and then

bled the lines. All told the job went pretty quick and we learned a lot. We came away knowing that we could do this work on our cars if we had to. Of course having a lift makes the tasks a lot easier, but they can still be done with the car up on Jack Stands.

Don had the demos well planned with all of the parts and tools handy. It was great getting our hands "dirty" and putting the parts back together and understanding just what we were doing. I only wish we had better attendance as I know Don put a lot effort into getting this ready for us.

After the car work we fired up the BBQ and had burgers and hot dogs as we went over what we had learned. For dessert Don's wife brought some cookies!

Just after lunch Daniel shows up in his V-8 Corvair. He had planned to get here earlier but he was selling a boat and had to take the potential buyer out for a test run which took longer than expected. We finally broke up around 3 PM and headed home for the remainder of the day.

Enjoy the few pictures I took.



As we walked into the garage we find the Corvair already on the lift ready to start work. Is this a nice setup or what?



Here is a shot of a workbench with freshly painted parts laid out ready to be assembled. Looks like workbench at home, right?



Here Don is going through the steps of replacing the front A-arms and springs.

Tech Session (continued)



When replacing the springs, the car was lowered such that a floor jack could be used to get the A-arm in position to be bolted up. Be careful as compressed springs store lots of energy!



It took a little bit of "persuasion" to get the linkage connected back up. Imagine doing this while laying on your back!



Following the demonstration we setup a small BBQ and quickly prepared some burgers and hot dogs. Don even had some saurkroust to go with our Costco Polish dogs. Delicious. For dessert Don's wife made some cookies!



As we were leaving I took this parting shot of the garage. Besides the 5 bays for cars Don has a wood working shop on the far side. You can also see the large TV for entertainment. I want something like this!

An Invitation to a.....

Barn Party

Sunday, June 2nd 2019 1-5 PM

Christy Barden
10141 Cedarsong
Rd. Nevada City,
CA. (530) 263-1001



Here is the Band



Here is the Barn



Bring a pot luck dish. Free hot dogs and Hamburgers to he first 150 guests. Sprung dance floor.

Hwy 49 to Nevada City, continue on 49 by making a left turn at the first opportunity after passing Nevada City. Continue for about 4.5 miles and turn right on Cedarsong Road. Turn right into the first driveway after the two speed bumps. **Park as Directed.** No RSVP needed

Special parking for classic and special interest cars.

CORVAIR SPRING FLING

April 27, 2019 – Roseville, CA

2019 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-register before April 20, 2019

Make check payable to; "CCRC"

Mail to; Corvairsting Fling
c/o Wes Nicholas
132 Southcreek Circle
Folsom, CA 95630



Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

TYPE OF CORVAIR

Year ____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Class Requested _____

Your Corvairstory _____

Sunday activity tour: California Automobile Museum

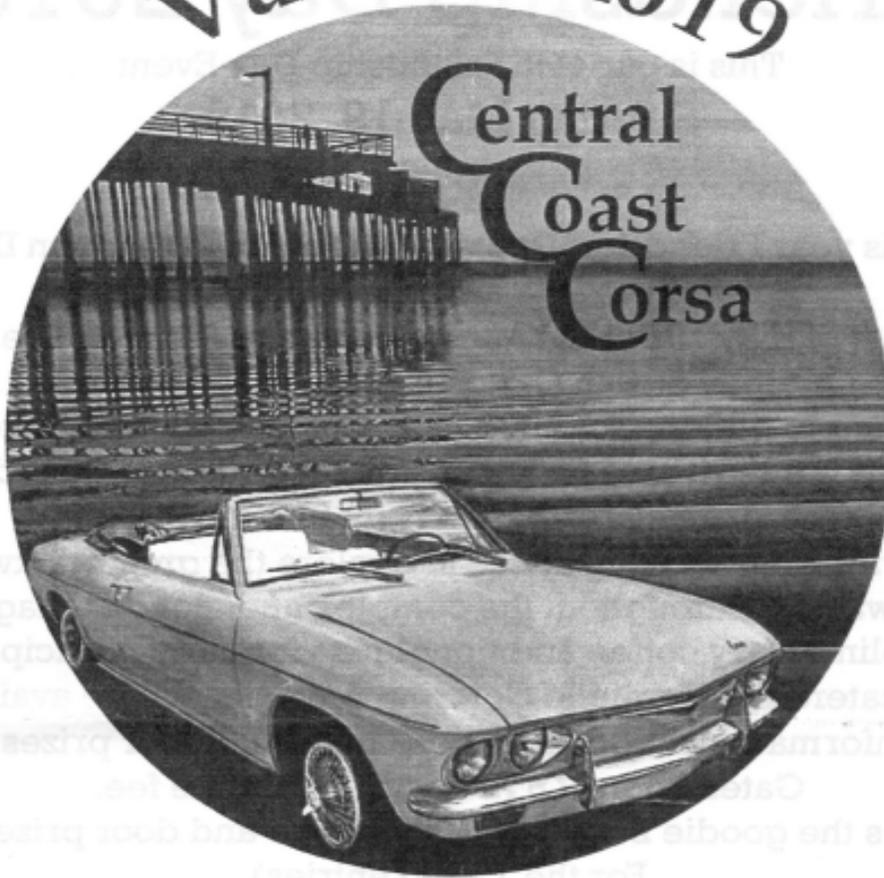
	Quantity	Pre-Registration	After April 20th	Amount
Car Show Entry Fee	_____	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$ _____
Spring Fling T Shirt M L XL XXL <i>(Please circle size(s))</i>	_____	\$22.50	\$27.50	\$ _____
Car Show Dinner	Steak _____			
Saturday, April 27 th at 6pm * Vegetarian Dinner Available	Chicken _____	\$35.00ea	\$40.00ea	\$ _____
	Salmon* _____			
Outdoor Swap Meet Size is standard parking stall	_____	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$ _____
50/50 Raffle Ticket(s)	_____	\$2.00ea	\$2.00ea	\$ _____
Raffle Basket Ticket(s) This raffle benefits the Corvairsting Preservation Foundation	_____	\$1.00ea	\$1.00ea	\$ _____

Total Enclosed

Release of Liability

Signature of Corvairsting Owner _____ Date _____

Vairfest 2019



June 21-22, 2019 **Arroyo Grande, California**

Join us for the Best Corvair Car Show on the Central Coast

Fri. June 21 - Pasta Dinner and Movie

Sat. June 22 - Corvair Car Show at Heritage Square Park
In the Village of Arroyo Grande
8 AM - 3 PM

Sat. Evening - Live Melodrama at Local Theater

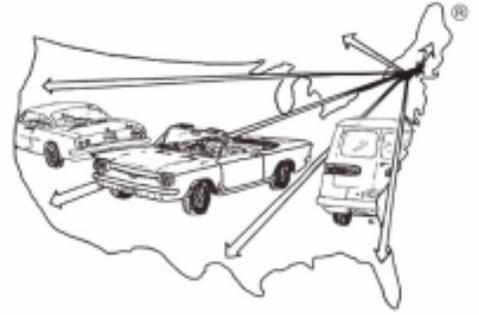
Show includes Raffle Prizes & People's Choice Awards

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Minutes...

Josh said that the Sacramento Club was looking for help but has not gotten back to him so it is quickly getting too late for us help.

Swap & Sell: Josh said there was a Corvair Camper Shell for sale on Craig's List. Perfect for a Rampside like Hal has. Asking \$750 which is a good price so don't wait. Josh also said there was a Monza Wagon for sale (that's a '63 right?) on Craig's List.

Tech: Buck asked if anyone has tried the Heat-Cool procedure for shrinking Corvair body metal. There are lots of You Tube videos but they all seem to use more modern cars (thinner metal?). Daniel said he knows a body man that uses a torch and compressed air (uses an inverted can of compressed air so the refrigerant cools the area real fast). This is a slow process.

Lane mentioned that when he was taking out an engine he tried using an engine cradle (sold by Dave Motorhead?) but it didn't fit correctly because he had an Otto Parts finned

Aluminum oil pan cover and the mounting bracket had ears the interfered. He will see if it can be modified. Instead, this time he used a transmission jack. Daniel talked about his Wayne 100 Corvair powered boat. It has power steering that runs off the engine oil pressure. When idling if you turn the wheel the oil pressure light flickers! But the system works well! When he last took it out it ran okay but it needs a tune up. Josh said that on Central Cost Corsa's web site they had an article (scanned from an old Hot Rod magazine) on the Wayne Corvair boats. Daniel is also finishing up a '76 Corvette. He put a C4 drive train in it. It's all done, he is just waiting for a shortened drive shaft to be made (he had this shortened before but was still an inch and a half too long).

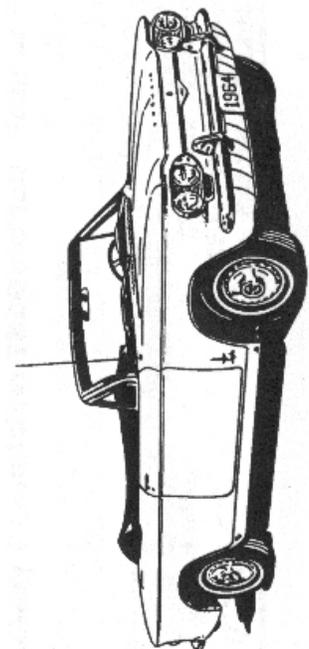
The subject of cleaning parts and tools came up. One intriguing idea was Lane's suggestion of using old anti-freeze heated in a crock pot. Let the parts or tools sit in the hot liquid overnight. Won't harm steel or Aluminum. I wonder if it has to be "old" antifreeze?

Probably best not to use the wife' crock pot!

Meeting adjourned about 8:30.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins. secretary



Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'66 Corvair Monza Coupe 110 Auto Trans. Runs well. Body solid. Good paint & chrome. Interior is very good.



Asking \$8400. Contact John (916)631-9407. Sacramento area. (03/19)

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

Skip Polacchi has the following parts for sale. Best to call evenings (530)474-4227.

1 Pair Late 180 Heads, custom rebuilt \$850

Late Bumpers, new set front & rear w/ guards. Rechromed. \$375

1 Pair Late Rear Control Arms w/ rebuilt bearings w/ backing plates - \$275

3 Pair Late Heads - All rebuilt, 1 pr 140, 1 pr 110, 1 pr 95. Call for price.

4 Custom Kelsey Hayes K/O wire wheels & hubs to fit a **late** 65-69 w/ tires, \$1850

1 Pair Bill Thomas 4 Carb Heads, all rebuilt w/angle port exhaust \$1250 firm.

1 Complete Ultimate 140-Carbs + linkage, all new w/cleaners, \$800.

1 Rebuilt 95 HP Short Block w/new GM cast S.T.D. barrels, \$650.

1964 Rear Air Grill (NOS) \$125

1964 Rear Air Grill, very good. \$65

1964 NOS Major Turbo Carb Kit, \$55

We have other parts so inquire please.

MISC CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE - OUT OF AREA

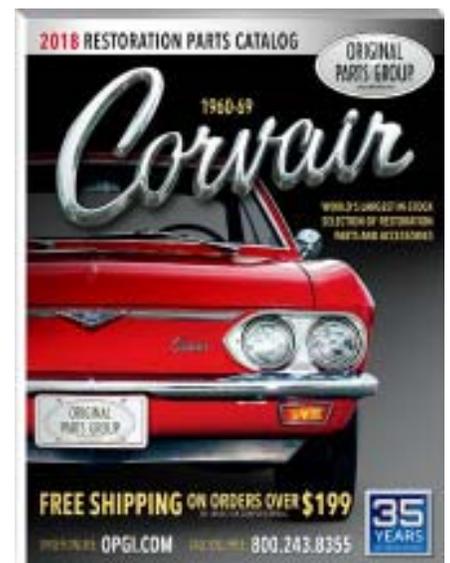
Eight Corvairs and 6 shipping containers of NOS and used parts. Must be purchased as a lot. No picking! \$18,500. Located in Willits Contact Josh Deitcher (510) 388-4986 vondeitch@gmail.com for more info. (08/18)

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

Letter...



Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 2nd at Black Bear Diner in Danville. Typically we get there around 7:00 PM and talk cars over dinner with a more formal meeting starting around 8. Either Josh or I will get there a bit early to reserve a suitable table in the back (if possible). Come on by and, by all means, drive your Corvair!



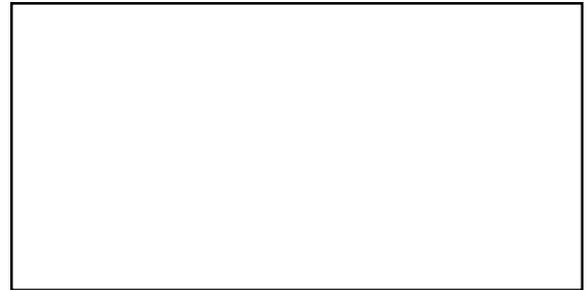
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