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Letter From the Editor

I hope everyone is staying safe and sane. The Coronavirus has sure put a damper on most activities. And Corvairs are no exception. CORSA's National Convention that was supposed to be held in San Diego in July has been postponed for a year. It will still be in San Diego, but in 2021 instead of this year. The Spring Fling was canceled but there is talk of trying to setup something a bit later. And of course our monthly meetings have been curtailed because the Black Bear Diner is closed for in-diner seating, only take-out meals are available. It may be some months before they are allowing groups like ours to dine in the back room.

I am sure you noticed that last month I did not send our any mailed copies of the Spyder Web as Kinkos was not open, at least the store I usually go to. This month I hope to be able to make the necessary copies somewhere. I might have to find another printer that is open if Kinkos is still closed. If you really want a hard copy of this or last months newsletter (maybe you keep a collection) just let me know and I will mail something out for sure.

This month in the Spyder Web you will find a great article by Bruce Mooers. Bruce is a long time friend of SFBA who lives in Napa. Over the years he has owned many Corvairs, especially late model convertibles and is always looking for low mileage restoration candidates. The last time we heard from Bruce he and his son were restoring a '67 Corsa Convertible (see Dec 2014 Spyder Web) they picked from Sally Hunt in El Dorado, CA. This time he found a '65 Corsa convertible down in Barstow that had been stored for many years. What a wonderful find, see how it turned out!

The SFBA Corsa meeting schedule (page 4) has been left pretty much as is even though the "Shelter In Place" orders may not allow such gatherings in the near future. I guess I am hopeful we can return to "normal" some time soon!

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<i>Web - new</i>	

For our May meeting, Josh has setup a "virtual meeting" via Zoom. The time and date are May 7, 2020 from 7:00PM to 7:30PM. Note unlike our usual meetings the times listed are not flexible. If you

(see [Letter...](#) on page 9)

On The Cover: Bruce Mooers has a new restoration project. This time it is a '65 Corsa Convertible. This has been in storage for many years but appears to be in great shape (with the exception of the "mouse hotel" in the engine compartment). See the full story on pages 5 - 8.

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SFBA Corsa Virtual Meetings For 2020

- Josh Deitcher

As discussed in our email exchanges, I went ahead and set up a virtual meeting for the Club for our normal date of [May 7th](#) at 7pm and re-occurring, the first Thursday of the month, through November. I know that the Aug BBQ at Quarry Lakes usually counts toward the Aug meeting but, due to the nature of the times, I wanted to have the date set just in case. I can always modify it as needed.

Originally, I was going to go with WebEx to host as I already have an account with them through work. As it turns out, the host of the club website, Wix, is affiliated with Zoom and links easily with them. The Zoom account was free, as well, so I went ahead and created a profile with them.

Attached is the information for logging into the meeting. You can do it by video chat or audio by dialing in by phone. The limits are 100 participants and a 30 min time limit. I don't see either of these criteria as being prohibitive.

We have already received quite a bit of positive feedback from Social Media on this. A few members from out of area are excited to participate and I received a message from our friend Vini Ryan from England to participate

I have attached Tony, Dave and Seth to the email. Seth, I also invited John Heiser from CCRC and Greg Vargas from SCC to attend so that other club leaders can

watch SFBA be the Guiana Pigs for this experiment and decide if it is the right course for their clubs.

Clark, I think it would also be a good idea to send out an email blast to everyone. I have attached the login information on a word document.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any additional info.

Thanks, Josh

Meeting Dates and Times

Access Phone Numbers

May 7, 2020 07:00 PM
Jun 4, 2020 07:00 PM
Jul 2, 2020 07:00 PM
Aug 6, 2020 07:00 PM
Sep 3, 2020 07:00 PM
Oct 1, 2020 07:00 PM
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To find a local number for you, check the following web address:
<https://zoom.us/j/73998167995>

May Zoom Meeting Connection Information

Date & Time: **May 7, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Zoom Meeting ID: "739 9816 7995"

Password: "8dbkA3"

Web Address: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73998167995?pwd=aE11TnImd01CdlljODJVa2RITncvdz09>

Note that the password is case sensitive and please don't enter the quotation marks.

Coming Events...

Apr 25th
Canceled!

Spring Fling, hosted by Classic Cars of River City, Lowes parking lot, 7840 Greenback Ln, Citrus Heights, CA. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

May 7th
Canceled!

Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville, CA. Note no meeting if we will be having a Tech Session.

July 6-11th
Canceled!

CORSA International Convention in San Diego. Host hotel is Crowne Plaza Mission Valley, 2270 Hotel Cir N, San Diego. See flyer on page 7.

Aug 8th

SFBA/Valley Picnic at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. BBQ starts at noon but there early to enjoy the comradery.

Sep 3rd

Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville, CA. Note no meeting if we will be having a Tech Session.

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, Canceled.
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 (May be cancelled if the Convention goes on as scheduled)
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)

"I Got A Tip..." - Bruce Mooers

I will share the story with you.

The Corsa was in dry storage and had not been moved since 1979. The owner purchased the car in the early 1970s and for one reason or another parked it alongside several other cars he had. I received a tip from an old neighbor who knows I love Corvairs. So I got on a plane and flew to SoCal, rented a car and negotiated a deal on the spot. We used a flatbed to get the car back to Napa where I promptly started disassembly. The car was really dirty! Take a look at what the rats were doing in the engine compartment! Miraculously they did not get to the interior. Not one dropping there – I think they were having too much fun in the engine compartment. The Regal Red paint sure looked a lot better with the silly pinstripes removed!

It turns out the car was an LA Built car - a very early car – as the data plate is situated on the LEFT side of the rear rail. This occurred on very early cars as that is where the plate was on early model Corvairs.

Here is the data plate info:

09B Build Date is September 1964 (09) and second week (B)

65-10767 1965 Corsa Convertible

Build in Los Angeles (LOS) #50 built in 1964

Interior Color 785- Regal Red Exterior, Red Interior, Bucket Seats
R-1 is the body color; lower = Regal Red; upper = white (as in top)

Options

Group 1 W = RPO A02 Tinted Windshield only
D = RPO C06 — Power Top

Group 2 L = 4 speed manual
S = RPO U73 — Rear Antenna

Group 3 C = padded dash

Group 4 – U = Spare tire lock

Group 5 - W = Custom Deluxe Chrome Front Seat Belts with Retractors

In addition, there is a nice dealer installed correct Corvair wood steering wheel.

I removed all trim, interior, engine, gas tank, rear suspension, brake lines, wiring harness – and called Clarks.

Since the car was a SoCal car, there was no rust – none on the undercarriage and every bolt / nut came off with ease, they were cleaned up and reused where appropriate. I replaced / repainted the entire rear suspension bushings, springs, front and rear motor mount. The engine compartment was stripped to bare metal and resprayed the correct color. Tail light housings were given a fresh coat of 3 step gold zinc paint. There was no rust in the trunk, I simply stripped it to bare metal and painted it with correct splatter paint.

If you have not used a Clarks wiring harness – they are great and easy to install. I added a new gas tank, master and wheel cylinders and brake lines. While I was doing this, I had ordered a complete Clarks red interior and a shop in town did an amazing job of putting it on the seat frames – so all I had to do was reinstall with new carpet and door cards. 4 carbs were rebuilt by Wolf.

(see [I Got A Tip...](#) on page 6)

I Got A Tip...

I had a nice rebuilt 140 in the garage that was built within 2 weeks of the car! So that was installed to replace the incorrect 110 that was in the car on arrival. We used new engine to body seals and added new fuel lines and pump.

We polished up the old paint for now with an eye on a respray. I did respray the Argent rear cove. I have a new Clarks Conv top to install after paint. The power top works great. It is hard to find a Corsa these days in just about any condition. This was a fun project that we started end of April and had running by October. All I need to do is put a fine tune on the carbs now that spring is here and we are ready to drive!

Car looks great now!



This is what Bruce found when he arrived, the cars are old, dirty, but covered and complete.



Here the Corsa is being loaded on to the trailer. An easy job if the tires are okay and nothing is frozen.



Finally back in Napa, it looks like the car has been washed. Maybe they hit some rain on the way back?



Well you can tell mice have been living here for a bit. But only the engine compartment for some reason.

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Bruce has the paint cleaned up and he removed the pin stripes and chrome strip pieces.



You can see that the paint is actually in very good shape.



It looks like Bruce has straighten the rear deck lid and is getting ready to repaint the back Silver.



The trunk area has been cleaned and repainted with splatter paint.



Here are a couple of shots of the "new" seatcovers. Bruce picked the material from Clark's and had a local shop install them. They did a very good job.





The suspension was gone through, cleaned up and painted. Rubber parts were probably replaced with Clark's stuff.



Bruce has replaced the 110 with a period correct 140 he already had. You can see the new wiring harness from Clark's.



From this view you can see the clean installation and also the repainted back area.



The finished job! This looks great even though he plans on replacing the convertible top sometime and maybe re-spraying the paint.



Here is a nice shot of the garage. Two very nice Corvairs and an equally nice Corvette. Can you tell which gets driven the most often? Hint: It's the one that's not on wheel dollies.

Plot a Course to CORSA 2020

San Diego Corvair Club

presents...



San Diego, CA July 6th - 11th 2020

Letter...

sign in a bit late you will join in the middle of the meeting. For this coming meeting the connection information is shown on page 3 (each meeting will be different I believe). I plan to send out a email notice prior to the meeting containing more detailed instructions and a link so you don't have to type such an onerous web address!

so it should be possible to view and hear the meeting again if you happen to miss this one. Note that Zoom meetings are limited to 30 minutes (at least the free ones). Hope to "see" you there!

I believe the meetings will be recorded

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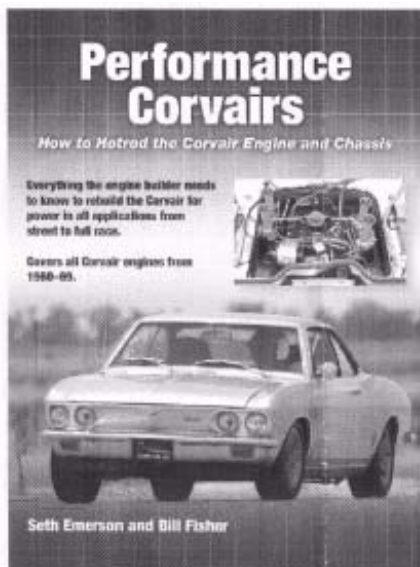
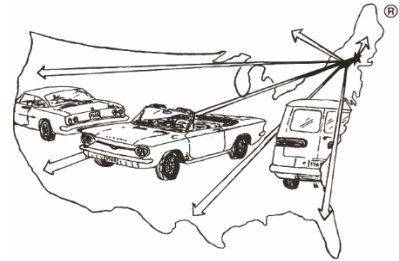
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'54 **Corsa Cvrt**, Marc Brutschy wants to sell his car to someone who will restore it. No price or phone number mentioned, come to a meeting for more info! (03/20)

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

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 filter - \$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)

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

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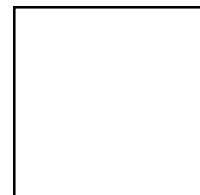
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04/27/2020	Advertising		75.00		4,164.47	
04/27/2020	Corsa Dues	20		35.00	4,129.47	
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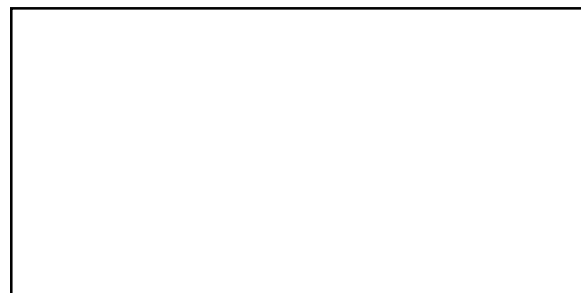
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