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Vairs at the Vault 2

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Sept 7th
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)**

"Vairs at the Vault 2" Sept 9th (10AM)

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had eight SFBA members and one guest. There is a lot going on this week. Besides our meeting tonight we have the annual picnic on Saturday.

For our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic we had about 25 people. Pretty much the same as last year. We had 7 Corvairs (and one Pantera) show up while last year we had close to 22. The weather was perfect, not too hot. Joe got there early to secure some tables and I got there around 11:00 to fire up the BBQs and have the burgers and dogs ready by around noon. The tri-tip (contributed by Valley Corsa) took a bit longer to cook. There were a variety of salads, snacks, and drinks available. Nobody left hungry! I want to thank everybody for coming, it was a fun day. Same time next year!

Our next event, Vairs at the Vault 2, will be Saturday Sept 9th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Like last year there will be food and an auction. This year we are asking for a small donation to cover the food costs. And there will be a prize raffle, and a 50-50 raffle. Plus a magnum of wine for the one that drives their Corvair the farthest! Courtesy of Bruce Mooers. We are looking for auctionable items (not necessarily Corvair related). Let Josh know if you have something. One item I am kicking in is a brand-new GoPro Hero 11 Black camera. Perfect for documenting those Corvair caravans through the wine country or Ocean Beach! This was a gift from my company which I wouldn't use much if at all but it should be very useful to others.

Don sent in a link to an article about dyno testing a Corvair. It really is quite interesting. The article is too long to include here and the link is too complicated to publish. Try searching for "strapping my classic to a dyno" and find a reference to a Hemmings article.

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I also received an email from Steve Lautze who has recently moved to Boston and now has to sell his '61 Monza. The car is local and he is not asking much. Great project car! See Classifieds.

(see **Letter** on page 10)

On The Cover: Vairs at the Vault 2 is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 9th at The Vault in Napa. The event will go from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The address is 1055 Soscol Ferry Rd, Napa. There are maps and directions on page 7 (also there is a map in the last newsletter). The maps are helpful because of all the construction going on in the area.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

August 3, 2023

The regular meeting started around 7:01 PM following a short Board meeting. When the room was opened, Josh, Ray and I were quickly joined by Scott, Jeffery, Christy, and guest Tejasva Agarwal (hope I got that right).

Treasury Report: Harry was out of town but the bank balance as reported in the last newsletter is \$5143.20. There are some expenses that have not been turned in for newsletters and the picnic.

Membership: Josh reported we had no new members this month.

Old Business: Nothing mentioned.

New Business: Josh met with Eric and Bruce regarding the upcoming Vairs at the Vault 2 event in Napa. They were working on the details. Josh has a potential guest speaker. He has been in contact with Carl (somebody) a fund raiser for CPF. He is interested in driving down (from Oregon or Washington) and giving a CPF presentation. Maybe we can find a way to get Dave Newell here also. That would be great. The plan is to have a 50-50 raffle, a prize raffle, and an auction. We are looking for auction items. Not necessarily Corvair related. Josh has a die-cast Corvair he can part with and Eric and Bruce also have stuff. Contact Josh if you have something that others would be interested in.

This evening we were joined by Tejasva who is interested in acquiring a Corvair. He is looking for a '66. There was lots of discussion trying to help him out!

Events: Our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic was held August 5th at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. We had about 25 people attend and 7 or so Corvairs and a Pantera. The weather was perfect, not too hot this year. Joe got there early and reserved a couple of tables assuring we had great views of the lakes and parking lot. Plenty of shade also. There was plenty to eat and everybody had a wonderful time. See pictures on page 8.

Clark, Don, and Paul went to the last meet-up in Lafayette. This time it was held across the street in a medical parking area. Originally it was scheduled for Acalanes High School but it was moved because of a swim meet. This was a very large gathering of 125 cars! There were two Corvairs, Don's '69 and Paul's '63.

As mentioned above the Vairs at the Vault 2 will be held Saturday, September 9th at The vault in Napa from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There was a map and directions in the last newsletter. The intent is to have food like we did last year but we are asking for a few bucks to offset the cost. There will be a 50-50 raffle, raffle prizes, food, wine, an auction, and Corvairs! Should be a great event.

Tech: Tejasva joined us this evening. He is seriously interested in acquiring a Corvair to drive. He found one on Craigs list in Modesto and wanted our opinion. It was listed at \$8500 which met his budget. From the pictures and description it did look like a decent car. Don suggested he check carefully for rust. Especially the area right behind the

front wheels, right in front of the rear wheels, and around the windshield. Carl said he should look to buy the best he can afford. The idea of getting a less expensive car and fixing the problems himself generally does not work out well unless you really know what you are doing. Carl also said it would be worthwhile having someone else look over the car, even if you had to pay a little. A second set of eyes never hurts. Don said that he should be aware that this is a 60 year old car and it doesn't drive like a new car. New cars are quieter, and much faster on the Highways and they can stop quicker. You have to be prepared for the differences. Around town, however, they are really fun to drive! Looking at the photos of the '66 Scott asked what the switch right below the radio was for? Josh thought it was probably an electric fuel pump primer or cut-off switch. Carl and Don both said that from the pictures the care seems to have been taken care of. With 170k miles and someone has enjoyed it and was careful with it. Tejasva asked about the cost to re-paint the car. That all depends on what you want. Most felt that 10k to 15k would get a good paint job but this can go higher if there is major body work to do. Jeffery said he paid \$9500 for paint and body work on his Project Car. Carl said whatever you do, get it done right. It may cost more but you will be happier in the long run.

Jeffery has been driving his '65 Project Car as much as he can to shake out any remaining issues. He already knows he needs to adjust the shocks as they are too stiff. Lots of little things to do.

(See *Minutes..* on page 8)

Coming Events in 2023...

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 4:00 PM
Sept 9th	Orinda Classic Car Show
Sept 22-23rd	27th Ironstone Concours d'elegance, Murphys, CA
Oct 5th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Oct 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"

4,000 Miles in a Corvair Powered Motorhome

- Christy Barde- -



Gone for a month, on the road to the mid-west. I set out on June 5th and drove for 7 days to the Wisconsin Dells. Spending the nights in rest areas along Interstate 80. My destination was the “the gathering of the whales” (the Ultra Van motorhomes are sometime referred to as whales, a bunch of them would be a Pod). There were 7 Ultra Vans that attended. We would socialize, have maintenance sessions, and dinner together. Driving at a speed of 50 to 60 MPH my mileage was 15.3 MPG for the trip east. It was a bit less on the trip home because of a headwind.

After the Ultra Van gathering the National Corvair Convention was held the following week, also at the Wis-

consin Dells. There were about 175 Corvairs, with about 225 people attending. They have road rallies; economy runs; gymkhanas; Concourse and lots of social stuff. I received a one hundred dollar bill for fuel for having driven the longest distance to the Corvair meeting. I entered the Ultra Van in the Concourse. It was well received. It's name is Oscar, when you see the paint job you'll know where the name comes from.(only if you are into hot dogs).

The trip took 6 days to get home after a stop in St. Paul to visit my brother and his family. I did get a broken front shock from the roads in Wyoming, those pot holes were

deep. Also had fuel pump problems. The OEM fuel pumps are no longer available and the after market ones, leak or do not pump. So relied on my electric fuel pump.

All in all the Ultra Van ran fine for a 1966 vehicle. The Ultra Van empty weight is only 3,600 pounds, so with fuel and other items I go down the road at 5,000 pounds. It always gets good attention where ever it goes.

Great Western Fan Belt Toss - 2023

- Paul Majchrzak

It's hard to believe but the 45th annual GWFBT event is less than 3 months away. In planning by the San Diego Corvair Club for the last 8 months we have made great progress to what we hope is the best ever event.

The online registration form is now live!! You can register at GWFBT.com or Greatwesternfanbeltoss.com. It's a super informative site where you can purchase (put in Cart) everything from swap spots to the mega-raffle tickets. We also have two, not just one, style of shirt to purchase. You can get a t-shirt of course but also now a polo type shirt with a pocket! We even will have a registration choice to get your car tested on a Dynamometer. Not only will you get horsepower/torque print-out but you will also get fuel mixture efficiency so that you know if your car is running rich or lean.

Register NOW please for the early bird

discount. That discount expires on September 15th.

On the same Registration website you will find the schedule of events, details on the car show, the expanded number of trophies to be given out (14 at last count)

The field will have many swap spots, room for over 50 cars for the car show, music and nice food. This year, like last year, there will be a food vendor on the field selling food at a reasonable price. Those long days shopping require nourishment.

The banquet will be held again at Indian Canyons Golf Resort. Winners at the Car Show will be prominently displayed outside the large viewing window overlooking the golf course. Our featured speaker will be Cal Clark remotely showing a private video tour of Clarks Corvair facility. How do

door panels get made you might ask? Come to the banquet and see how Cal Clark designs and assembles them.

The host hotel is the Caliente Tropics hotel. Built in 1964 (note that there are two 1964 Corvairs on our logo) it was one of the most famous hotels in the 1960's Palm Springs area. The Rat Pack frequented it and even had designated tables at the restaurant. The oversized pool will be the site of our Welcome Party. At the Tiki Bar and Restaurant next to the pool you can purchase excellent meals for around \$15. And have a drink with an umbrella in it if you so choose.

So come on out even if you do not have a Corvair running right now. We have a super event planned and the people watching will be great.

Minutes..

Josh showed pictures of his newest Corvair, a '64 Monza convertible. Yellow with Black interior. It has an automatic trans and is very original. He will install an electric fuel pump and drive it to the Picnic if it is ready.



Carl showed us all his new Nash Fan! He pickled it up just before he had to board the Qantas flight home. He just needs to get the special pulley and install it. He said it took about 8 months to get and the price keeps going up. Christy said these were originally priced at \$700-800. Christy paid \$1000 for his and Carl said he paid about \$1100. Now they are about \$1500. The cost is primarily labor and materials. They are N/C machined out of billet Aluminum. Christy said that on his Ultravan this really helped keep the temperature down. Don asked if he had ever fixed

his brake issues? Carl said YES! He finally now has a hard peddle that he is proud of. What was the issue? Carl felt the Silicon brake fluid was the main hurdle. It is more viscous than regular brake fluid and air bubbles take longer to get out of the system. He now feels that after adding brake fluid he needs to wait a couple of days to be sure the air is out of the system so the brakes can be bled. Even after all he has gone through, he still likes Silicon brake fluid! He said he may try bleeding the brakes

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Vairs at the Vault 2 - Map & Directions

Hi Everyone,

We hope that you all are enjoying the summer weather and getting out in those Corvairs!

Speaking of which... our next event, the 2nd annual Vairs at the Vault is fast approaching. Sept 9th! Thanks to all who have RSVP'd. We hope that if you are reading this and have not RSVP'd yet that you will do so soon. It's a really fun time and your presence makes it so. So come on out!

On that note, I work out in Napa near the vault and HWY 12 where the event is at has some serious roadwork going on. We were hoping that it would be finished by the event, but it doesn't appear that will be in the cards this year.

So, here are the details of how to detour to the Vault...

Entering Napa from the South side

(HWY 12 or HWY 29)

- If you are coming up from 29 in Vallejo, make a Left on Airport Rd at the 12/29 intersection. Stay in the right lane and make a right on Devlin Rd. You will take Devlin Rd all the way out until you get to Soscol Ferry Rd. Make a left at Soscol Ferry Rd and you will see the Vault to your left.

- If you take I80 to HWY 12, these are the same directions as above. The only difference is that you will continue straight through at the HWY 12 / 29 intersection light and make a right turn on Devlin Rd.

If you are coming down through wine country, you will want to make a left on Napa Valley Corporate Way just past the college. Then, you'll make another left at Napa Valley Corporate Dr. This will loop you around to Soscol Ferry Rd and the Vault will be to your right.

I have attached maps from both directions to give you a visual of this.

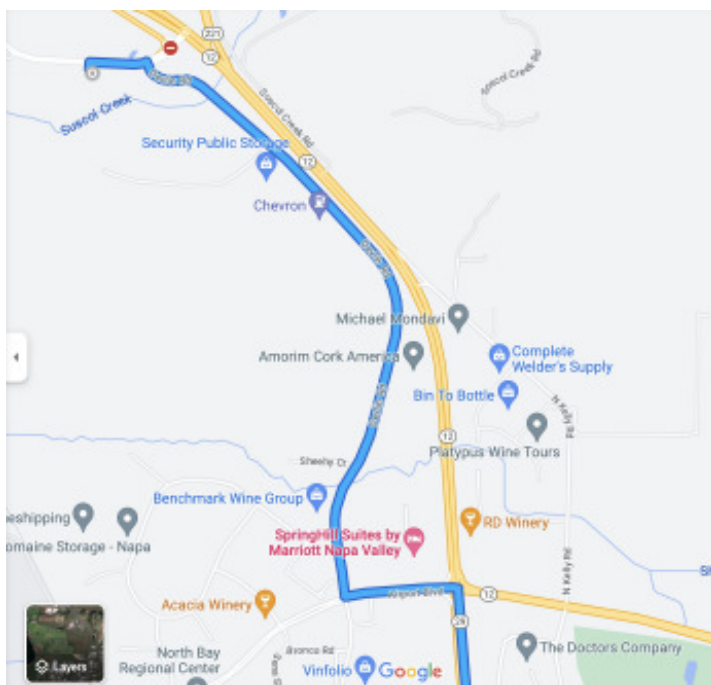
Also, Bruce has generously offered a Magnum of Far Niente Cabernet for the person who drives the longest distance in their Corvair! So, you road warriors who appreciate a fine wine, here's your challenge and your reward!

I work in this area, so prior to the event, I will make every attempt to put up direction sign markers to help you navigate to the event.

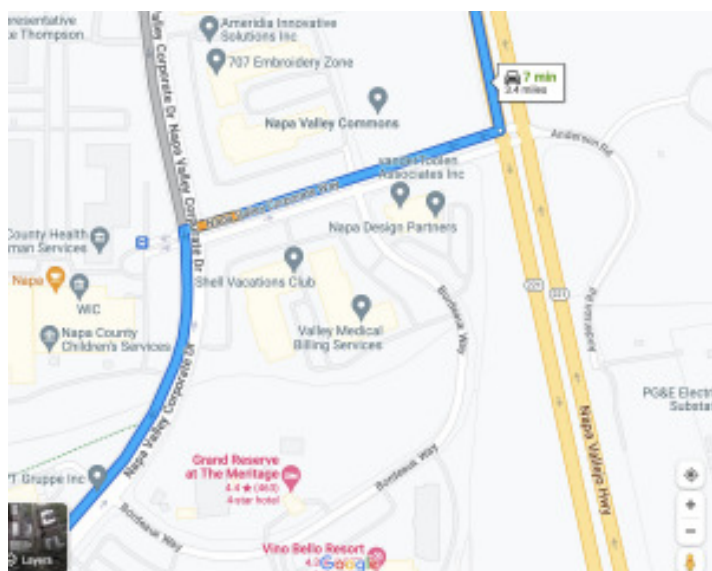
There will also be a 50/50 raffle, raffle prizes, food, wine, Corvairs and, hopefully... YOU!

If you have any questions, shoot me, Clark or Bruce a message and we will get back to you right away!

Josh Deitcher - sfbacorsa.org



Coming from the South or East



Coming from the North or West

SFBA/Valley Pic-ic 2023



(See Minutes on Page 9)

SF Ocean Beach - Third Anniversary



Minutes...

one more time to be sure. Christy said, "let sleeping dogs lie"! After rethinking, Carl may just do that!

Christy said he was calling in from Reno. He went to attend the Hot August Nights event. He drove his '74 GMC Grand Suburban. He said the A/C was wonderful. There were lots of cars but only two Corvairs. Both earlyies.

Swap & Sell: Nothing specifically mentioned.

Meeting adjourned about 8:20 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Clark Calkins, secretary

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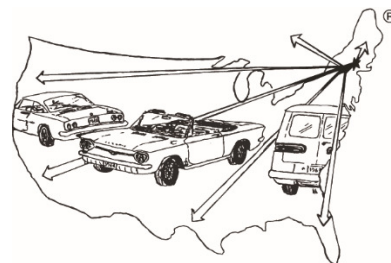
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Letter...

Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, Sept 7th starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339. Be sure to look for the **"Christy Link"** on the reminder email which will be sent a few days prior to the meeting.

Classifieds..

1 Pair Big Valve Heads, Bill Thomas. all new parts, angle port exhaust, rotated manifold, w/mod carbs, linkage - \$1700 firm

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

CORVAIR MECHANICS

David Gray: Fairfield - Retired GM/Corvair Mechanic. Can do minor repairs, engine rebuilds, tune-ups. Located in Fairfield but can travel. Also has parts

for sale. (916)531-0905 (corvairguru@gmail.com)

FREE CORVAIR PARTS

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 restoration. 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)

'61 Corvair Monza 900, primary driver has moved to Boston. "Moxy" is now for sale. Many pictures available on Craigs List. Berkeley area.



Asking \$2000. Contact Steve Lautze (510)280-4341 or steve.lautze@gmail.com (9/23)

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

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

1 Pair Late 110 rebuilt heads - \$250

see "Classifieds..." o- page 10

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

August 2023

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
08/01/2023	Beginning Balance				\$5,143.20	
08/26/2023	Newsletters (Dec-Aug)			(431.33)	4,711.87	(**)
08/31/2023	SFBA/Valley Picnic			(54.16)	4,657.71	(**)
08/31/2023	Ending Balance			(\$485.49)	\$4,657.71	

(**) Newsletter and Picnic expenses have not been turned yet. The official bank balance is \$5,168.20.


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