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**John Goni's Original '65
Corvair Corsa Coupe**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, July 6th
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)**

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had nine SFBA members and two guests Cesar and Vanessa. Cesar was looking for a Corvair to show up for a photo shoot. He had arranged for a '60 Corvair to be used for some Engagement pictures and at the last minute the Corvair fell through. He was hoping someone in our Club could help out. The venue will be the Marin Headlands.

This month, some of the printed copies of last month's newsletter came out very dark. I apologize for this as I wasn't paying close attention and by the time I noticed, about half of the copies had already been printed. Let me know if you would like a better copy.

In the meeting there was an interesting conversation centered around who has attended all of the CORSA National Conventions? Seth and Christy thought maybe Larry Claypool, Ralph Aldersac (sp?), and Mark. I am sure we will hear from others with a more complete list.

I received the following email from Dave Newell. He wanted to set the record straight regarding the '72 & '73 Mini-Conventions in Santa Maria. In the Minutes last month I incorrectly indicated that Richard Finch organized these events while it was Dave who organized them. Sorry!

"Hi Clark: As always, I continue enjoying the hard copy of the Spyder Web every month and am pleased to add it to my full run of SFBA newsletters. Due to my vision, I have to spread out my reading time and finally got around to savoring the May and June issues today.

I read on page three of your May Minutes column about the 2025 National Convention plans for Santa Maria. Seth commented about

the 1972 and 1973 Mini Conventions that SFBA hosted in Santa Maria. Even though Seth attended them, he mentioned that Richard Finch had organized the events. Not so!

(see **"Letter."** on page 8)

On The Cover: This is John Goni's very original Corvair Corsa Turbo. The placard for this car reads *"This is an original condition, two owner unrestored 1965 Chevrolet Corvair. Purchased in 1968 by the present owner from the first owner. (Yes, the paint, chrome, upholstery, and license plate are original!!)".* John is the son of the late Lu Goni, a long time SFBA and Valley Corsa member.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

June 1, 2023

The regular meeting started around 7:00 PM following a short Board meeting. When the room was opened, Josh, Harry, Ray and I were quickly joined by Jeffery, Seth, Buck, Chris, Christy, and guests Cesar Lugaro and Vanessa.

Treasury Report: The bank balance as reported in the last newsletter was \$5103.65. Harry was trying to reconcile the income and expenses and a little bit off. Josh will send him a complete summary so he can check.

Membership: Josh reported we had no new members this month but there were a couple of prospects that seemed quite interested. He will follow up on these.

Old Business: Nothing mentioned.

New Business: Josh said the Central Coast Corsa will be looking for volunteers for the 2025 National Convention in Santa Maria. They will need help with various committees like Registration, Auto-cross, Concourse, etc. Seth said the Concourse judges are trained on site a day or so before and a group of judges look at each car. Individual judges have a specific area of responsibility (so you didn't have to remember the details for the whole car).

This evening Cesar Lugaro joined us. Cesar was hoping that someone in our Club could help him out with a photo shoot he had planned. These would be Engagement pictures and the background was the Marin Headlands. He has a photographer booked for this Saturday and a friend who had a '60 Corvair backed out at the last minute. He knew it was a long shot, but he was

hoping someone in the area could help out. Josh said we had several members that were reasonably close, and he would email them. We wish him the best of luck!

Events: Chris went to the Meet-Up in Lafayette. He drove his '67 Convertible Corvair and Don brought his '69. This time Paul brought his '44 Willys Jeep. He will send Clark some pictures for the newsletter. Chris said there was a Chevy powered Devin there. Chris also drove his Corvair to a car show in Danville (date not mentioned).

The National Convention is coming up. Christy asked who would be going? From the group this evening, only Christy would go. He is taking his Ultravan. The week before the Convention is the Ultravan Club meet-up which he is planning on attending. Christy is driving his Ultravan for the 2000-mile trip! It will be the first major outing for the Ultravan since installing the Nash Fan. He is looking forward to finding out how well this works. Carl, from Australia (who is not present this evening), is also going. Christy will try to connect up. Christy said he signed up his Ultravan for the Concourse. He should do well. Seth said you are probably the only one who enters their hotel room in the Concourse!

The Vairfest will be in two weeks. Clark and Josh are planning on going. Maybe Seth and Ray also but there is an Air-Cooled event in Napa the same weekend. They will see.

Seth said that SFBA hosted the first two Mini-Conventions in Santa Maris in 1972 & 73. Dave Newall was the insti-

gator. These were well received. Seth said he went to one or maybe both events.

Josh reported that Christy had his '64 Corvair and Rampside at the Autorama in Sacramento this year.

Vairs at the Vault 2 is scheduled for August 12 (note subsequently the date was changed to Sept 9) at The Vault in Napa (near the airport). They are looking into having some sort of presentation, a Taco Truck, and a raffle. If you have anything for the raffle, let Josh know. Christy said he might drive his beautiful '63. Josh hopes to have his Corvair drivable by then. Seth might attend.

The SFBA/Valley Picnic is scheduled for Aug 5 at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. This is the same place as in previous years. Vanessa, a guest this evening, said she was looking forward to attending. She came last year in her Red '60 Corvair. The park has a modest entry fee (\$5 last year, extra for dogs). The Club will be providing burgers and dogs, just bring a side dish to share.

There is a car show in downtown Vallejo on June 10. Ray, Josh, and Chris plan to attend.

Tech: Seth said he picked up a lathe for his shop. He already had a mill and he just got it properly wired. The electrician knew of this lady that had a lathe for sale. Her husband had just died leaving her with the whole shop to clear out. Seth, when he went to pick up the lathe, told Barbara (his wife) "this will be you in 15 years". They just laughed.

(See *Minutes..* on page 8)

Coming Events in 2023...

July 6th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
July 30th	Meet-Up, at Perk's Double Drive Thru Cafe in Lafayette. From about 9:00 AM to 11:00 or so.
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. At The Vault in Napa. Near the airport.

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"

SFBA CORSA June Supplement

Hi All,

Hope everyone is doing well and getting some Vair therapy when time allows!

Here are some news and notes for the month in advance of the newsletter...

- CORSA National Convention is next week in the Wisconsin Dells. Are you going? If yes, please take photos and give us a little story of your experience at the convention and we will share it in the newsletter! Christy Barden is driving his UltraVan!!!! Safe travels Christy!!!
- Speaking of CORSA, our very own SFBA member, Josh Deitcher, was re-elected for another 3 year term on the board. Right now, SFBA has two members representing the Western Division with Greg Vargas being the other Western Director. Both of these guys are working hard to show the Corvair Community what we are doing here on the West Coast! If you aren't a member of CORSA, please consider joining. The National Org does a lot to keep Corvairs talked about in the classic car hobby. corvair.org
- Vairfest is fast approaching! Are you attending? If yes, please take and share photos!
- Vairs at the Vault has been locked in for Sept 9th in Napa. Please see the attached "Save the Date flyer". If you attended last year, you know how much fun this event is. We had so much fun, in fact, that we decided to do it again! Big thanks to Bruce Mooers and family for opening their Corvair house to us again! This will be a fundraiser for SFBA so bring some money to spend on the raffle & auction. If you have something to donate to the raffle, let us know. It doesn't even have to be Corvair related. We'll raffle off anything! We are also asking for a voluntary \$5 per attendee to help offset costs. Cheap way to spend the day and get some food and wine!
- We have a new member, Dante Renteria, out of San Francisco. Welcome Dante! Why we mention him specifically is that he does not yet own a Corvair, but wants to take a ride in an early model to see if it accommodates him comfortably. Anyone in the City or nearby want to give a new member a ride around the Mission? Hit him up 63corvairsf@gmail.com
- Do you need some sheet metal or glass for your Lakewood? Steph VonHoff in Salinas chopped up a donor wagon and has glass, suspension, panels and other parts. If you want to get in touch with her, let us know and we will make it happen. She's selling it all pretty cheap!
- The annual SFBA/Valley picnic is still scheduled for the 1st Sat in Aug at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. More to come in the next newsletter!

That's all for now. Hope everyone has a great weekend and does it in their Corvair!

Ray Welter
Harry Kypreos
Clark Calkins
Josh Deitcher
SFBA CORSA

Vairfest June 24, 2023



Here is Vance's '62 Coupe with clear rear deck lid



Nice setup for the drive-in. Looks good enough to eat!



A nice line up of the Late Models.



A late model setup for the Bonneville Salt Flats. Hit 148 mph!



A Cal Poly math teacher's interesting license plate. Any guesses?

Meet-Up in Lafayette & Danville



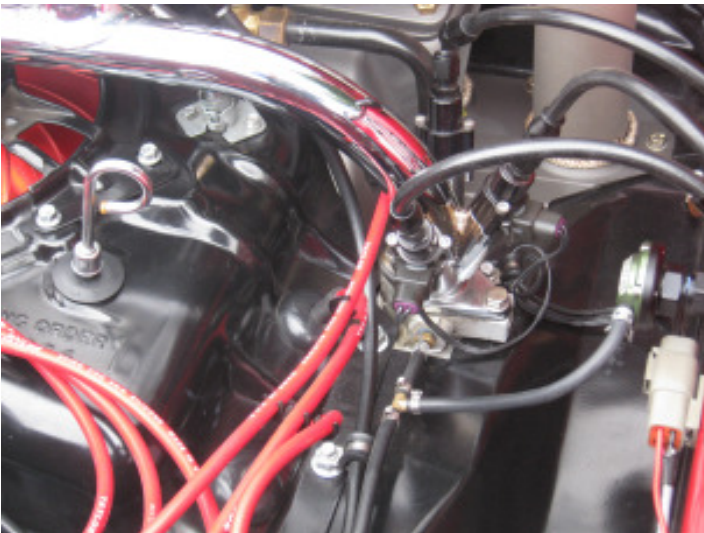
Vairfest...



Jim Pennel manning the raffle ticket sales both.



Ken and Hal looking over the Corvairs...



Here is an interesting fuel injection setup (from Canada)

SFBA Corsa - July 2023



Mike from Mike's Corvair Parts. The lone vendor.

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Minutes...

We are all in the same boat as we collect too much stuff and the other half will have to deal with it.

Christy is driving his Ultravan to the Convention. A 2000-mile trip! It will be the first major outing for the Ultravan since installing the Nash Fan. He is looking forward to finding out how well this works. Christy said he normally drives around 53 mph as this is the "sweet spot" for the engine. For climbing hills he usually just follows a truck if possible. Christy said he was looking at an auction sales list and it looked like Bruce paid \$38k for his ultra-low mileage '69 Corvair. Josh said that sounded about right for a 14 mile Corvair! Christy said he needs to pare back and is thinking of selling his '64 Corvair. He also has a low mileage '63, a Rampside, and an Ultravan amongst others. Christy proposed an interesting question. Who has attended all of the CORSA National Conventions? Seth

and Christy thought maybe Larry Claypool, Ralph Aldersac (sp?), and Mark (no last name mentioned). No one else had been a CORSA member long enough to know.

Jeffery said he did his first road test on his '65 Project Corvair. He had trouble getting it in reverse. He adjusted the linkage and all is well now. He put in 5 gallons of gas but the gauge still showed empty. That need to be worked on. He replaced the oil pressure switch as it was bad from the years just sitting. This was expected. He said the brakes work (more or less), so does the clutch. He installed new carpeting and put in a temporary '66 rear seat. He will re-cover all of the seats and asked if anyone wanted the '66 rear seat buttons as he will put on new '65 seat covers. He has a small leak in the right-front brake line and planned to use some Teflon tape to seal it. Seth said there was no place for Teflon in

the brake system! You can use some small copper washers that are made for the flared connections for stubborn joints. Most auto parts stores will have them. They come in different sizes depending on the brake line size. Seth didn't recall if these were 3/16 or 1/4 for the Corvair. Josh said he had them on his car. He wasn't sure if he needed them, just used them as a precaution. Jeffery said he went into a local auto parts store wearing his Fan Belt Toss T-shirt and the clerk asked if that was a Rock Group? He got a kick out of it.

Swap & Sell: Nothing specifically mentioned outside of Christy thinking of selling his '64 Corvair.

Meeting adjourned about 7:58 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

Letter...

Even though it's ancient history now, I have to blow my own horn. If I don't, no one ever will. So if you'll allow me, I'd like to add this to the official record: I was the chairperson of both the 72 and 73 Mini-Conventions, ran both events, coined the term "Mini-Convention" and chose Santa Maria as the location. The idea of a regional convention held mid-way between North and South was hatched from discussions with the Southern California CORSA Chapter. The 1972 event was the first regional CORSA meet ever held in the West and very likely anywhere in the country.

Richard Finch attended the 1973 meet and went on to make Corvair history with his books. The first "Fan Belt Throwing" game for Corvair enthusiasts was held at that year's meet, fittingly named after a common Vair occurrence due to misadjusted, worn out or incorrect fan belts. The San Diego club asked

for permission to use the game at their first mini-convention, which later was usually renamed the "Fan Belt Toss" before moving to Palm Springs.

You'll find full details and photos of both Mini-Conventions in SFBA's 40th Anniversary history booklet.

Thanks for letting me set the record straight. I'm sure we're all looking forward to Santa Maria in 2025!"

I just returned from Vairfest in Arroyo Grande. This was a great show with 30 or so Corvairs. Always a good time. From SFBA we had Josh, Hank, Chris Rogers, my wife Carol and myself. From Valley Corsa there was Hal, Ken, and Vance. Let me know if I missed anyone. See some pictures on page 6

Also on page 7 you will see some pictures of the last Meet-Up in Lafayette and the Danville Car Show sent in by Chris. He had his '67 Corvair convertible there.

A friend of mine sent me a couple of Hagerty articles regarding Corvairs. Both interesting to read. One on Corvair engine choice: Turbo or Carbureted? and the other on Corvair Safty: Will the Corvair kill you?

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!

(See "Letter" on Page 10)

Vairs at The vault 2



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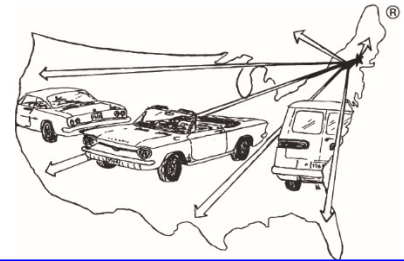
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Letter...

When we see others working on their Corvairs it gives us more incentive to do the same.

Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, July 6 starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339. A reminder email will contain the "Christy Link" to make it easy to join.

Classifieds..

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 (corvaiguru@gmail.com)

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

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 resto-

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

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

1 Pair Late 110 rebuilt heads - \$250

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

see **"Classifieds..."** on page 10

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

May 2023

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
05/01/2023	Beginning Balance				\$5,204.33	
05/01/2023	Renewals		25.00		5,229.33	
05/09/2023	Renewals		30.00		5,259.33	
05/08/2023	Zoom, Web Site, Decals	1015		(497.55)	4,751.78	
05/26/2023	Newsletters (May)			(46.63)	4,715.15	(**)
01/31/2023	Ending Balance		\$55.00	(\$544.18)	\$4,715.15	

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