



# VAIRMAIL



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## The President's Message:



President Lorrie

Happy spring greeting fellow club members! Today was our desert flower run, which turned out to have a series of unfortunate events; or as Larry told me, a SNAFU. Now I found his explanation interesting, as life together, now again, shows one of his childhood experiences that, in

40 years, I had not yet heard. He began by explaining that this is a military word that he heard it as a boy. I had never heard this before, and on further discussion, seems this one word is a short cut for 5 words! Now studies have shown that most men use far fewer words in a day than a woman. So, the knowledge of this one word instead of 5 words gave us a laugh! "Situation normal all foul up" is the graded version. LOL. An added piece of information from Larry was that there is a Snafu base somewhere in Arizona. Talk about a bad omen if one was stationed there.

Well what happened you might ask? Well, the northern club contingency first messed up when we fell through with our offer to Barbara Badgett to join us on this event. This may seem so easy - just meet at the Peters home. Now, Old Highway 395 is not identified as Champagne Blvd. at the Gopher Canyon intersection. (I learn this is Bruce St. Geans' fault, because he was part of the Welk Development planning and helped change it to Champagne Blvd.) Anyway, Barbara was quite lost with the bright morning sun blinding her, and both the Tustisons' and Peters were packing cars and cleaning windows, etc. and didn't answer their phones. By the time the phone was answered Barbara had given up and was back home. Oops #1 Next, as we

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## BORREGO DESERT RUN

The forecast for a slight chance of showers made for a very comfortable day in our San Diego County backcountry. We started out by getting to the small town of Santa Ysabel in the Santa Ynez Valley. With all the rain this year, the hillsides and meadows were probably greener than I had ever seen them I like taking the route through Ramona because there are some nice windy roads to challenge. It reminds me of when my dad and I first restored my Corvair in high school and I would drive through here on a Friday evening to the Mataquay Scout Camp. Scott, his mom Kaye and I rolled in about 9:15 and had a great breakfast at the Apple Country Restaurant. Then we continued down the hill with Ken Burton, Jan and Jim Hoscher, and recent new members Christopher Hunt, his wife Jennifer and son Ethan. (Continued on page 7)



SAN DIEGO CORVAIR CLUB

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**Upcoming Club Activities**

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**San Diego Corvair Club meets 2nd Thursday of the month.** (details at the bottom of this page)

**April 29th:  
A 1 Day Avair, 4815 5th St.,  
Rainbow CA 92028, 9-2**

**Further out:**

Calibrate odometers and history of Corvair

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**Membership Roster Is Available**

**For those members who desire a roster of club members or wish to make a correction may request one by emailing Lorrie Tustison at [Ltust@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Ltust@sbcglobal.net).**

**The San Diego Corvair Club meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month at Ken Baldwin's (FPB Architects) 2nd floor Conference Room.  
4499 Ruffin Rd, San Diego  
Come join us!!**



Just a grand day out for all at Borrego Springs !!







# General Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2017

## SAN DIEGO CORVAIR CLUB

The meeting was called to order by President Lorrie Tustison at 7:08PM. Lorrie invited visitors to introduce themselves, and Roland Riemann did so. Mr. Riemann owns a 1965 Corsa turbo, and a Toronado powered 1963.

Lorrie then announced that long time members Stan and Marilyn Ozenbaugh's son had passed away. She indicated a sympathy card would be sent to Marilyn.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer David Kerth advised that the SDCC account balances are as follows:

Regular Account: \$5,467.76

GWFBT&SM Account: \$8,375.51

**Membership:** Membership Chairman Jon Peters stated that there are currently 71 members, including 3 new members.

Lorrie announced that CORSA's Chapter Fee is \$35.00 per year, and listed the benefits that the fee supports. She requested that the fee be paid.

**Convention Report:** John Jackson was absent, so Lorrie stated that the Crown Plaza has committed to \$135.00/night for an August, 2020 Convention date.

**Corvairs Recently Repaired:** Chris Hunt announced that he had cured a gasoline leak from the YH carburetor on his turbocharged Corvair.

**Activities:** Jim provided a list of upcoming activities (see Activities Section). He took a few moments to advise the members regarding classic car theft, stating that California is the #1 state for stolen cars. The activity for the month of March is a caravan to Borrego Springs to see the extraordinary wild flower display. This will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at Dudley's Bakery at the intersection of Highways 78 and 79 at 10:00AM. Bruce St. Gean will prepare a flyer, to be received a few days before the event.

The April, 2017 activity will be the One Day Avair, to be held in Rainbow, on April 29, 2017. Scott volunteered to stay late to clean up. Diamond will handle sanitation.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the GWFBT&SM. SDCC will be responsible for hosting in 2018. Committees will be formed shortly to plan activities.

**Old Business:** John Bobeck has purchased Rescue 921. After doing minor repairs, he plans to drive it to Rainbow in April. He will post it for sale on the Forum.

The SDCC Newsletter team, consisting of Lorrie, Addie, Jon and Carol Peters produced this month's newsletter, and received a round of applause for their effort.

Lorrie complimented Jon and Carol for organizing February's visit to the Miniature Museum.

Scott and Kay reported on their trip to Yuma, AZ to see the Southwest Car Show. It is the largest car show in the southwestern U.S., and was held March 3-5.

**Tech Sessions:** Two Tech Sessions were held.

**Power Brakes – Corvair:** Paul Kehler showed how a power brake unit could be fitted to a 1964 Corvair. It featured a custom made bracket and a Ford power booster.

**Contemporary Lighting – Corvair:** David Kerth distributed a spread sheet with bulb alternatives to those members and guests present. He discussed stock bulbs, noting that they are not very bright, nor are they long lasting. He then addressed lighting alternatives, beginning with halogen, then Zenon, then LED (light emitting diodes), then HID (high intensity discharge). David noted that stock and halogen headlights fit the existing headlight buckets, but the others require headlight bucket modification. He concluded by discussing wiring and relay alterations required to support higher intensity lighting.

**Buy/Sell:** None.

**Opportunity Drawing:** Ken won the opportunity drawing.

There being no further business to come before the Club, Lorrie adjourned the meeting at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce St. Gean, Secretary



# Lorrie's Letter—continued

northerners traveled on and we realized we were now a little late for going to Dudley's, so a plan was developed to have the club meet us at the Warner Springs turn off. After many phone calls, which Lorrie's phone was the only one that seemed to work, we finally got a hold of the southern club, telling them to meet us. We then proceeded to wait at the planned turn off. After a while, the southern club members called us wondering where we were. Seems out of the 4 adults in our two vehicles not one of us had read the full flyer to catch, a small detail, that the southern group planned on going to Borrego on the Banner Grade route. Oops # 2, During these phone calls, I noticed that our outing designer was not mentioned; and, once we did meet up in the town of Borrego, Bruce and Sharon were suspiciously missing. The Southerners said they never saw them. It was later we learned that Sharon was having knee pain, and at the last minute the St. Gean's decided not to risk it. Oops #3, This was the end of the series of unfortunate events! (SUE) Really, other than being sad for missing those who didn't make it, for whatever reason, a great time was had by all. The drive was so beautiful and the hike in the park lovely. Hope you enjoy the photos. One of the joys of being involved with the club on a leadership level is getting to know the new members better. Sometimes this happen slowly and if I don't write down names and practice I get them all mix up. Thus, Fred Bailey is finally not John Price and vice versa. About 6 month ago, Chris Hunt join our club and slowly we all have been getting to know this very interesting, but quiet guy. Chris came out for the event today bringing his wife, Jennifer, and 18-month-old son. At home, there is a 4-year-old with grandma. They enjoy hiking and Jenny is a bird watcher. He is restoring his Corvaire and has appreciated the help/ knowledge he been getting from different members. Chris is in the Navy and lives on Coronado. He has recently expressed an interest in being more involved in the club. One of the other joys is watching how the meetings come together. We as a board have goals, but to implement them is not always easy. We are trying to offer tech talks that meet the needs of the novice, to the expert. This month's talk is being offered from our own Bob Bacchi, who is going to help us know how to calibrate the odometer. In May, Paul Kehler will talk on the history of the Corvaire, which is always interesting. Then an advance talk with an innovative machinist from LA, who is coming down to talk on Carburetors. Plus in July, my honey, Larry, will do a requested basic demo on installing fan belts. Our next outing/ event is our "1day Avair" on April 29<sup>th</sup>, in Rainbow Ca. This is a traditional event that has something for everyone: Lovely green lawn with a car display and music. One can picnic or eat in the café. There is a farmer's market and other shopping. Clubs from all over southern California may join us. I want to thank all the board and club members who are adding so much to our club. Thanks to Larry for his February tech talk. There was a hearty discussion that evening and into the next week from the club members. David's workshop, both in the meeting room and then followed by a garage work day, was of great interest. Thanks guys. Prepping the talks can be a great effort with your already full plates, so we do appreciate you. Also, thanks to Jim Hoscher for heading up Rainbow and going to the car club council meeting. Also, Scott S. set up and keeps our Facebook page going. Mike Evans, who has been in the club since childhood brings much to the club. Atalanta also made the beautiful post-cards to hand out, which we did do in Borrego. We've been missing Mike Rodgers, who has brought leadership and interest to meetings for several years. There are many, doing small and large jobs, and often don't get appreciated. Kay, thanks for the coffee and treats each meeting, and John Jackson you are the bomb with this convention stuff. And here is a shout out to Ken, who remembers the lights each month. Our club seems to be running well and is welcoming to all ages, gender and races. We are looking for ways to build community and welcome any of your ideas. See you at the April 13th meeting and/or at Rainbow on the 29th.

*Lorrie Tustison*

*After the meeting, come join us at **Jack in the Box** at:*

**7786 Balboa Ave, San Diego, 92111 (Between the 805 and 163 freeways)**



## BORREGO DESERT RUN *(Continued from page 1)*

I was trying to get some good shots of Ken's car going down the grade but had a hard time keeping up with his Corvair sedan through the corners. As we rounded those last few corners we were greeted with so many yellow flowers that the hills were bright yellow. A pretty good crowd again in the town of Borrego Springs this weekend, but we found parking along the roadway easily and we finally met up with the north county group, Jon and Carol Peters and Lorrie and Larry Tustison. The Park Rangers were only allowing limited parking at the visitor's center lot. We walked the trails around the center for about an hour seeing a large variety of plants with different color flowers before splitting up for lunch and the return trip. Some of us ate at the Big Horn Bar and Grill across from the visitor center. It was close to an hour wait to get our lunch but we didn't have to move our cars again. We got to visit out of the sun in the meantime and I felt kind of fortunate that we didn't have the much longer waits of the weekend before.

David Kerth



### **New Members:**

I would like to welcome Robert Langdon to our club, Robert lives in northern Ca. in West Point and has 38 Corvairs 1961—1967 and 2 Ultra Vans

Jon Peters, Membership Chairman

### **Dues is Due**

According to our member roster, it's the membership anniversary for the following members:  
Don't let your membership lapse. We need and appreciate every one of you

#### **SDCC MEMBERSHIP FOR APRIL 2017**

*72 MEMBERS & 3 SUBSCRIBERS*

#### **PAST DUE**

02/17

MICHAEL HOUSE

SCOTT SZALKOWSKI & Kay Smith

#### **DUE THIS MONTH**

04/17

Marilyn Ozenbaugh

Jim Stansbury and Carol White

Paul Kehler

DAVID & LAURA KERTH

ROYCE HILDRETH

MAX & Marjorie HUGHES

JIM STANSBURY & CAROL WHITE

#### **DUE NEXT MONTH**

05/17

Barbara Badgett

Phoenix Charlie Dye

Erick Kerckhoff

Michael Rodgers

### **Membership fees:**

\$20 SUBSCRIPTION TO VAIRMAIL ONLY (no voting or other membership rights)

\$25 REGULAR (yourself only)

\$30 REGULAR AND FAMILY (yourself and spouse or Other residing in same household)

# CORVAIR LIGHTING WORKSHOP

No takers for the workshop this time around. Although, we did some diagnosis when Scott Szalkowski brought by the rough running '65 Mustang. So instead I did some checking on my lights in the morning. I have been running the basic Sylvania Halogen headlamps for a while now. I may upgrade to the Ionix Halogens in the future but I'm trying to get my engine running better first. When I looked at my front turn signal/running lights there were a couple of issues I noticed. The bulbs were fairly clean and snug in the sockets but the lenses were pretty dirty and the seals were very hard. I plan to order new seals for the front and back. It looks like there is room for the basic Sylvania LEDs in the front. I bought one set to try and decided to put them in the back to start with. Although it's hard to tell by the picture, I would say they are significantly brighter. Also, since I have the back of my car painted silver, I paint the tail light backing plates at the same time. But they are easy to remove and paint separately as well and Clark's Corvaire Parts has new foam seals to go between the plate and the rear panel.

David Kerth





# Buy & Sell

1/43 scale 1969 Conv. Red or White \$10.00 ea., 1/18th Red/ red and Blue / Black 1969 Conv \$25.00 and 1963 coupe in Red, White, Blue, Green and Black \$50.00. HOT WHEELS Vairy 8 , \$3.00 ea., lots of different colors now.  
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Grant steering wheel 13½".

Call Jim Hoscher at (619)337-9121 or email [jhoscher@cox.net](mailto:jhoscher@cox.net)

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New late model lower struts, -90 durometer urethane, by Corvair Underground. Sell for Lon's list price+shipping. Will deliver to SDCC meeting January 10th.

Bruce St. Gean, (760)505-0085, or [thestgeans0625@att.net](mailto:thestgeans0625@att.net)

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Five 13" mounted whitewall tires on 5-lug 13" wheels, off '66 Corvair. Wheels in good shape, hold air, mounted with whitewall tires. 2 tires have good tread, 2 have fair tread and one was used as the spare. Selling each wheel/tire for \$40 each. Would like all 5 gone at one time.

Call John Price at (619) 370-0349

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6 ea. engine cylinders, 1964, \$60 for the set.

Call Dave Kerth at (619)337-1369 or email [lauradg@aol.com](mailto:lauradg@aol.com)

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Wanted: Stabilizer bars, f&r, for '65 Corsa.

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Pic's from Clunkers and Dunkers in Bonita. Usually 40 to 50 cars every Saturday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**April 29th:** One day a Vair in  
Rainbow

## 6th Annual SDCC Event!

Don't miss our  
A 1 Day a Vair  
car show and swap meet

When: April 29th

Time: 9 to 2

Where: 4815 5th St.,  
Rainbow CA 92028

**May:** San Diego Air Cooled 5/21/17  
At Southwestern Junior College

**June:** California Corvair Open house  
6/10/17

**July:** Cruisin' Grand TBA

**August:** annual Birthday party  
TBD

**September:** replacing Downey show  
with a new location

**October:** Fan Belt Toss

**November:** TBA

## San Diego Corvair Club's 6th Annual

### Mid-Year Corvair Show & Swap Meet



@ THE  
RAINBOW OAKS RESTAURANT,  
In Rainbow, California

*Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>*

*9:00 am till about 2:00 pm*

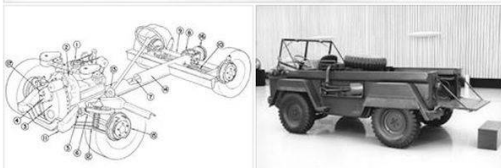
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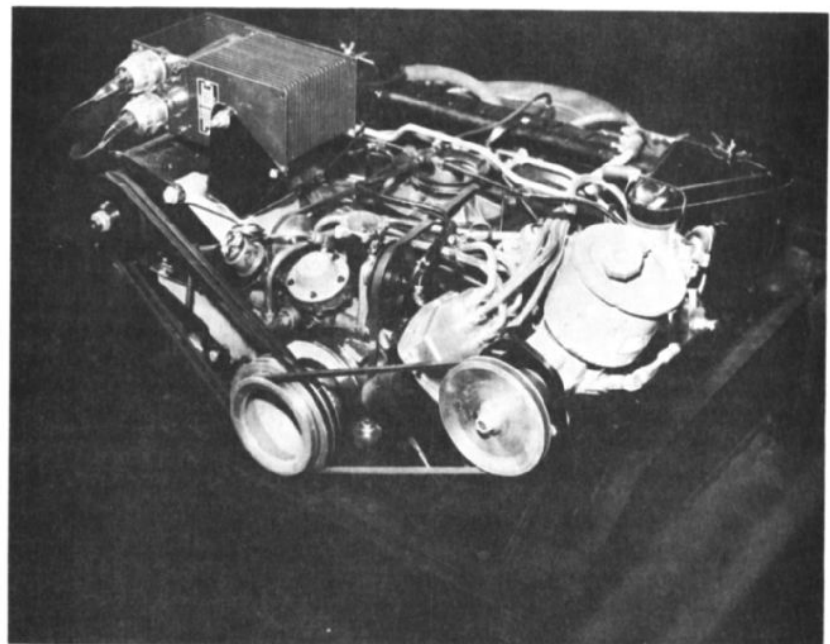
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