



VAIRMAIL



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The President's Message:



President Lorrie

Happy Valentines Day! XOXOs to all. Thinking of valentine's day, I hope you all are looking forward to coming to our home for a love feast (potluck) on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1pm. Each person

brings a dish to share of some sort (I heard a couple of girls talking Italian food). You know, food always works out and is enough. Larry and I will provide coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods. You can also bring a favorite game to play. Children are also welcome and we have land to explore and a swing set. We are GPS friendly: 31205 Munster Platz Way, Valley Center. You may email ltust814@gmail.com or call 760-518-3599 with questions. Jim planned a lovely excursion to Julian. With the flu knocking so many out for the day we were pleasantly happy to see the Corvairs and the people. I shared the idea of stopping at the Memorial park on the way to Julian. It was fun to see the nature lovers in the group. Max, our high schooler, climbed all over enjoying the amazing views. We should come back

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Run for the hills Julian Pie Co. Run

Fresh Country Air, winding roads and friends describes our Julian run. It was chilly at 4,246' elevation but we were a hardy lot. We had 6 Corvairs, all late models, and 14 club members in attendance. We met about 10:00 AM Saturday morning in San Ysabel for breakfast. Many bought bread at the famous Dudley's Bakery. John Jackson brought his '69 convertible with the top down but quickly put the top up after experiencing the cool country air. After breakfast we made a quick trip up the mountain, first to a rest stop to take in a little nature, and then to Julian where we separated to find parking spots. Then several of us went to Mom's Pie Shop for some delicious pie (I had apple crumb with a scoop of vanilla ice-cream). It was no time for diets, except for Lorrie who brought something from home. Later, some of us went shopping and/or took in the town. We left at various times to wind our way down the mountain. As far as I know, there were no incidents, and all of the cars performed well.

Jim Hoscher



SAN DIEGO CORVAIR CLUB

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

February:

Valentine's Day Celebration at Lorries and Larry's new home 2/18 @ 1p.m.

March:

Chocolate Factory Run (Date TBD)

April:

San Diego Corvair Car Show and Swap Meet
Rainbow, A-1-Day-A-Vair , 4/28 9:00-2:00

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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 Jon Peters, Itallguy@att.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

Pictures from cruise to Julian



Lorrie's Letter—continued

and have a BBQ in this lovely setting. The weather was so beautiful (no snow), and was actually warmish. Julian is always fun.

During the February 8th SDCC meeting, I will be out of town playing with grandchildren. #2 will be turning 3yrs old. But you will be in the capable hands of Jim Hoscher and the Board. Seems there is much to go over with the 2018 GWFBT&SM. Mike Evans will be sharing logo drafts and other details. Thanks to Mike and John Jackson things are moving along smoothly. The Weekend Warrior is moving ahead, we are hoping guys and cars start working together. Jon has asked that we all send him our special dates so he can include you in the Vairmail. So, send those in.

Our tech guide for our February is member Tom Wright. He is going to share on 3 recent DIY experiences he had. Very practical information on wheel studs, replacing a convertible rear window, and installing a retractable antenna. I'm sorry lorry, I'm going to miss this, as Tom is a real interesting guy. Next month we should hear some funny travel stories as Scott leads explains what you should have in your car for emergencies. We will want to hear some of your antidotes(or should we say travel disasters!). The goal is to end up putting together a safety kit for your car.

Last month we had an impromptu discussion on gas. I wrote down the ideas past around. 1. Gas goes bad, so drain the tank if it sets for more than 6 months. 2. You can use that drained gas to clean parts. 3. Mix gas with other gas for other uses (ex. Lawn mowers). 4. One of the concerns over old gas is the alcohol in gas these days. Parts can corrode or rot.

Rod sold another \$20 worth of donated parts. Thanks, Rod. Kay and I are working with Barbara Bagget on a T-shirt quilt from Red's collection of past fan belt tosses. It will be raffle item at the fan belt toss. John and Mike are meeting up to do fan belt stuff. There are some of the activities happening in your club. We invite you to connect with other members for Corvair inspired fun. See you in March!

Lorrie Tustison

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

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Happy Birthdays: Carol Peters Jan. 25th

Minutes of the San Diego Corvair Club January 11, 2018

The monthly meeting of the San Diego Corvair Club was called to order by President Lorrie Tustison at 7:05PM. There were no guest present among the 21 attendees. One member drove his Corvair to the meeting.

Lorrie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2017. Those minutes were approved.

Lorrie then called for a treasurer's report. Treasurer David Kerth reported as follows:

Regular Account: \$6,882.60

Toss Account: 8,375.51

New Business:

Lorrie reminded the members that the January, 2018 activity is a Snowfall Tour to Julian, CA on January 27th. After breakfast at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel, members will leave for Julian at 11:00AM.

Lorrie requested a report on the Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet (GWFBT&SM). In Mike Evans absence, John reported that the dates are set for October 26-28, 2018. The host hotel is the Quality Inn, with rates of \$72.00/night. Activities, such as nature and location of the banquet, have yet to be established, as has a t-shirt design.

Lorrie then invited Carol Peters to offer tickets to the opportunity drawing during the course of the meeting.

Lorrie continued by announcing that the February, 2018 activity will be a potluck at Larry and Lorrie's new home on February 18th at 2:00PM. Tom Wright is slated to speak at the February, 2108 meeting on wheel studs, replacing rear window on convertible, and installing a retractable antenna.

The March, 2018 meeting will feature Rod Tetrault speaking on Corvair brakes. The activity has yet to be determined.

April's meeting will feature Earl Asbury, who will provide a review and analysis of starter, generator, and alternator operation. Lorrie concluded this discussion of future meetings and activities by expressing the Club's appreciation for member presentations.

Lorrie then announced that SDCC will compete for the Tony Fiore Award for Best Newsletter, 2018. She invited Bruce St. Gean to address the issue. Bruce thanked Jon Peters for his efforts in producing the SDCC Newsletter. He invited members to submit articles for publication.

Buy/Sell: Rick Michaud, 760-801-1156, needs the seat buttons for a 1962 Corvair.

Rod Tetrault needs any spare Corvair gaskets members might have.

Parts Sold: Rod Tetrault advised that parts sold from the SDCC stock yielded \$20.00, which he turned over to Treasurer David Kerth.

Member Concerns: Member Paul Kehler, who was being treated at a local rehabilitation facility, has been relocated. Due to privacy rules, the facility where he now resides is unknown. If his whereabouts are known, please advise SDCC so that we may visit him.

Lorrie expressed SDCC's desire to reach out to members/Corvair friends who reside in North San Diego County, mentioning Rich Michaud, Mark Marcouldas (760-920-2878), and Tom Kennedy ((760-945-8283, shop at 1330 N. Melrose Dr., Suite D, Vista, CA). Since the distance to the meeting venue, and the time to reach the venue are considerable, she encouraged members to carpool to ease transport costs.

Old Business: Lorrie described the efforts over the past few months to create a time/place/mentoring plan for Corvair repair. She invited Brett and Scott to advise SDCC regarding this effort. Brett and Scott announced that the date for the first session will be January 28, 2018 at the Coronado base. A description Sheet entitled Weekend Warriors Corvair Repair Group, together with a signup sheet, were distributed to the members present. On behalf of the entire SDCC membership, Lorrie expressed appreciation to Brett and Scott for their efforts.

Opportunity Drawing: \$32.00 went to Jon Peters, while the poster went to Scott and the magazine went to John.

There being no further business to come before the Club, Lorrie adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce St. Gean, Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

San Diego Corvair Club 2018 calendar of events

February:

Valentine's Day Celebration at Lorries and Larry's new home in Valley Center
"Love Feast", 2/18 1:00p.m., at 31205 Munster Platz Way, Valley Center 92082

March:

Chocolate Factory Run (Date TBD)

April:

San Diego Corvair Car Show and Swap Meet Rainbow "A 1 Day a Vair" 4/28 9:00am till 2:00p.m.

May:

San Diego Air Cooled Car Show: Open to all air cooled cars (Date TBD)

June:

Campo Run: Lunch at Café 94 and visit Tom Wright's Car Collection (Date TBD)

July

El Cajon Car Show (Date TBD)

August:

San Diego Car Club's Birthday Party (Date TBD)

September:

South Coast Corsa's Corvair Cruise-In Car Show (Replaces Bob's big Boy Show) (Date TBD)

October:

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet 2018, Palm Spring's CA.
(San Diego Corvair Club 2018 host)

The Bagpiper

Lay down whatever is bothering you, breathe in the fresh air and LISTEN to this story

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice,
because the flow that has passed will never pass again.

Enjoy every moment of life.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director

to play at a graveside service for a homeless man.

He had no family or friends, so the service was to be
at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods,

I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone

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Vair Tales, Part Five

Corvair as Taxi

We were now in a suburb of Mexico City named Coyoacan, located south of the downtown area. Think how Long Beach is south of Los Angeles, only five times the size. We settled into a little house behind a larger house. The Corvair had to sit outside, but at least it was in a driveway and not on the street. We shared the house with two other women. They were high school Spanish teachers, down to brush up on their Spanish and immerse themselves in the culture. We were enrolled in Spanish (consisting of lecture and lab), Mexican History, and Mexican Folklore.

The two women Spanish teachers had flown to Mexico City, and had no car. We had little language skills. So, we made a deal: We'll be the transportation, and you be the translators. It worked out really well! The only problem was, there was no back seat in the Corvair! We solved that problem with several pillows and several blankets. The four of us, whizzing around in the Corvair, made good use of after school and weekends.

After school junkets involved visiting as many of the sights in the city as possible. We went to museums, parks, open air markets, shopping downtown – in the weeks we were there, we saw a lot! We also saw how residents drive in dense, chaotic conditions. It was the first time I had ever seen motorists drive on the sidewalk, and the first time I'd seen cars jump the raised median, and drive on the other side of the road, opposing traffic! Fortunately, no one hit us, and we didn't hit anyone, either.

We found the Corvair to be light and nimble; steering response was somewhat slow, but accurate. The car came equipped with two ply 7:00 X 13" U.S. Royal Larado Rain Tires. They didn't have too much grip, but they rode comfortably. The brake action was very good; firm, even, and no discernable fade. Weekend trips to Taxco, Tenochtitlan, Toluca and other points of interest were met with near universal praise from Mexicans for this beautiful, unusual car. We learned that few Mexicans had ever heard of, much less seen, the second generation Corvair.

Our summer session came to an end. We bid good bye to our host and our teacher friends, and set out for home. We intended to retrace our route through Guadalajara, Tepic, and Mazatlan, and make a few stops to surf. We had read about a surf spot in San Blas called Matuchin Bay. It reputedly had the longest right in the world. It was not too far off our route. So, we drove there and camped for the night. It was really hot, and the mosquitos were more numerous and aggressive than anything we had ever seen. We also learned about no-see-ums. Little tiny, biting insects. Really annoying. We spent our nights trying to decide between the oppressively hot tent, or being eaten alive.

While the nights were a nightmare, the surf was epic! Really long, clean lines; so long that Sharon would drive down the beach until I kicked out and paddled in. I'd load the board on the rack and drive back out to the point. I estimated some of the rides at over ½ mile in length! I was having a great time, but Sharon was not. The mosquitos and no-see-ums were relentless. Her only recourse was to go in the water up to her neck. We quickly decided to pack up and get on our way.

That Sinking Feeling

Before departing San Blas, we needed to wash the car. Since we were camping, we had no access to the usual hose, bucket, and wash mitt. So, we drove the car close to the water's edge, and washed it with a towel and sea water. Remember, we were 23, and knew everything...

What we quickly learned, however, was that the tide was coming in. Each successive wave moved closer to the car, until waves were coming under the car. We thought that was good, since we didn't have to go so far to get water. What we failed to see was that, with each wave, the car was sinking into the hard packed sandy beach. When I saw what was happening, I quickly jumped in the car, started the motor, put the trans in reverse, and attempted to back up. While the Corvair has excellent traction, I couldn't get the car to move! We yelled at the other surfers on the beach for help, and several came running. Between them pushing and me driving, we freed the car, and drove higher up the beach.

By now it was getting dark, and we needed to be on our way. The road from San Blas to the highway is about 20 miles.

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Vair Tales, Part Five

It is like driving through a tunnel; the tropical vegetation grows right up to, and over, the road. Our T-3 headlamps were not as bright as today's lights. After a few minutes we looked ahead, and the road appeared to be moving! We slowed the Corvaire and, looking ahead, were astounded to see a tarantula migration across the roadway! There were thousands and thousands of them. We watched in awe for a couple minutes before deciding to gingerly move ahead through the tarantulas. I watched my odometer; we slipped and slid across 3/10's of a mile of tarantulas.

Arriving in Mazatlan, we set up the tent, killed the mosquitos, and fell into a fitful sleep. Next morning, we awoke to a sunrise illuminating three offshore islands. The islands did not look to be too far from shore, so we decided to visit them. Since we only had one surfboard, we took turns swimming and paddling the board. It turned out the islands were a LOT further from shore than we thought! We arrived exhausted, but recovered sufficiently to beachcomb. We loaded our treasures on the board, and set off for the mainland. One of our treasures was a Hermit crab and his shell. We named him Hermie, and Hermie had the run of the inside of the Corvaire.

The rest of the trip back to our little house in Torrance was uneventful. Except for Hermie. Hermie decided to crawl into the heater vent located in the front footwell below the radio. He was never seen again.

While Hermie's fate was sad, our little Corvaire did not suffer serious harm. We drove it a total of 8,000 miles on this venture without a single problem. We did not use any oil, we did not change the oil or filter, nor did we lube it. The car did not squeak or rattle, and nothing fell off, despite the horrendous roads. When I serviced the car, I noticed the tires were pretty worn, and the steering was a little loose. The steering looseness was caused by a badly worn pitman arm bushing, which was replaced when the Corvaire suspension was realigned. Shortly thereafter, we replaced the tires with those newfangled "radial" tires.

So – did we retire the little blue Corvaire after this adventure? Nooo...In fact, its' adventures were just beginning! Its next adventure was a national, rather than international one. We'll get to that adventure next month.

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and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place.

I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around.

I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends.

I played like I've never played before for this homeless man

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep.

They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car.

Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say,

"I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost ... it's a man thing....*When you have stopped, laughing be sure to share this with others who would enjoy a good story.*

New Members:

Welcome back to Mark Anders

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

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February Tech Talk by Tom Wright:

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3. Retractable antenna

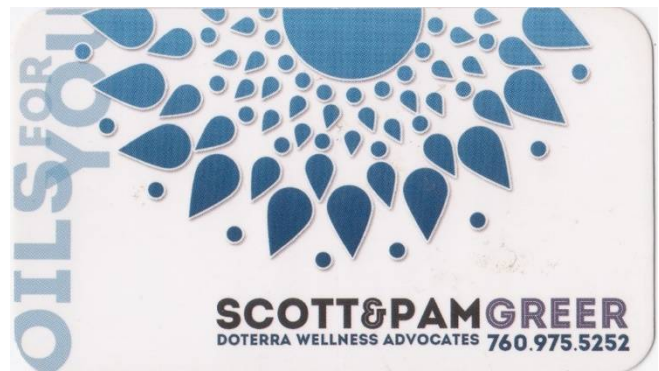
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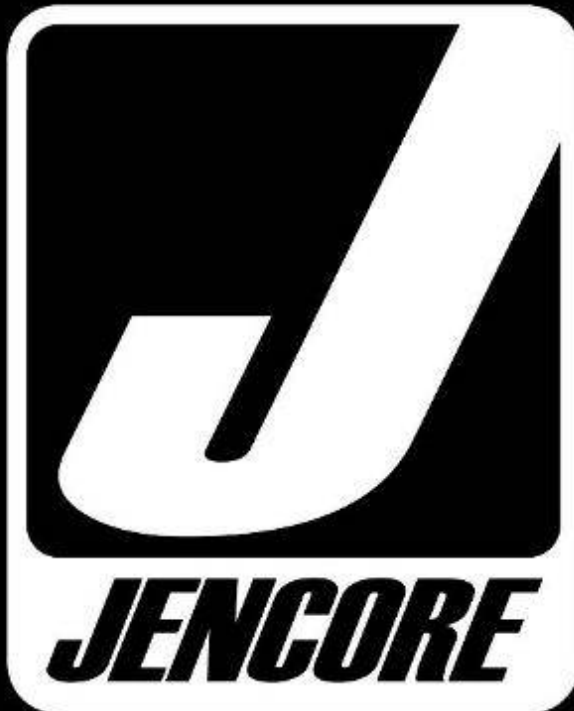
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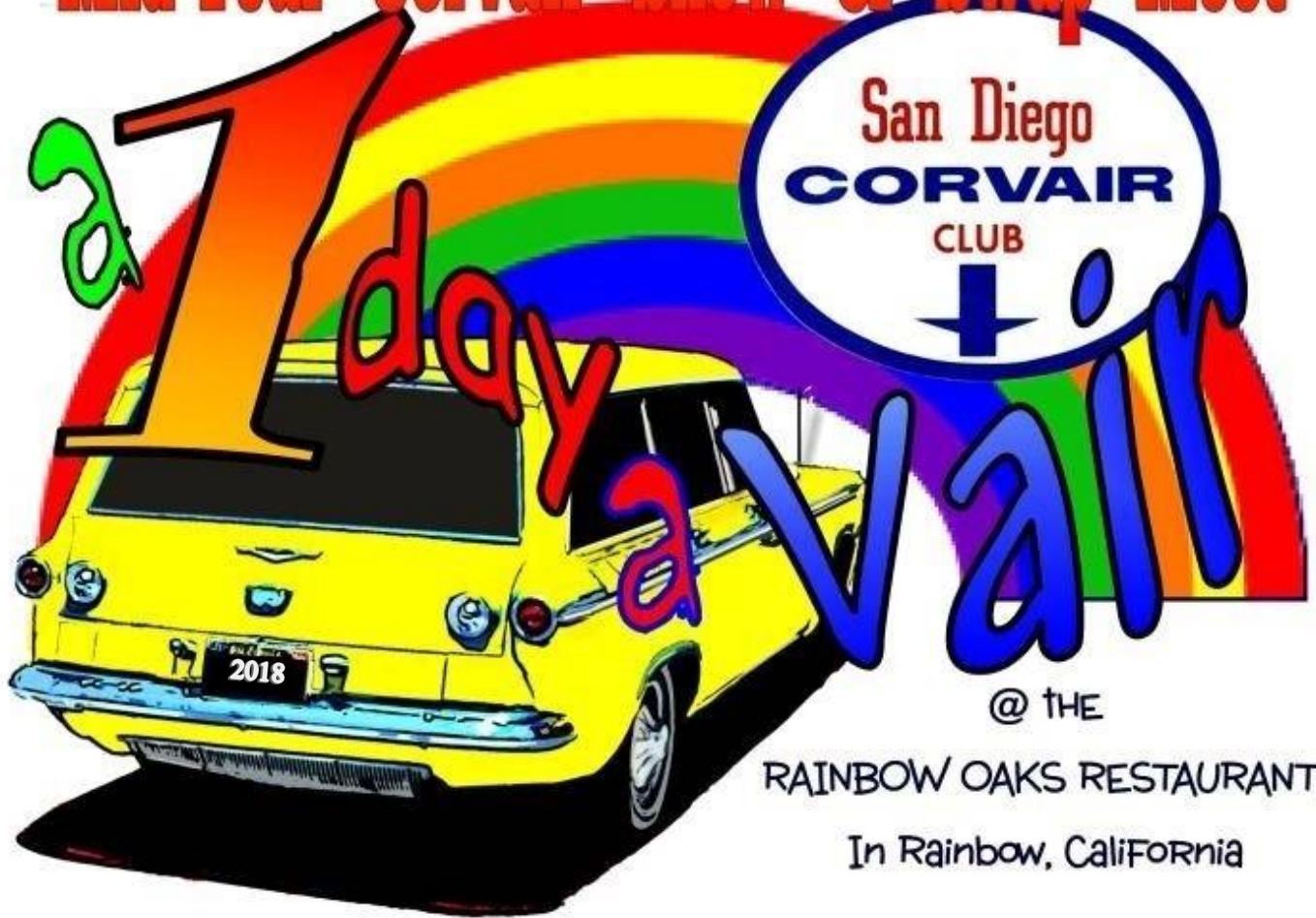
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