



# VAIRMAIL



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## The President's Message:



President Lorrie

We were greeted at the auto museum with a billboard which stated, "Rust is not a Crime". I love this, as so many of our cars have a rust problem. This field trip was a nice time for us. We drove our Corvair and saw some rad vehicles!

Many seemed a mix between junk yard art and a Sc-fi movie. Super cool. One had rust patina outside, and the most polished copper and stainless décor for the interior. Another interesting item to me was a display of the first garages to hold these horseless carriages. After our tour 7 of us rode the trolley over to the fountain, ate lunch, enjoyed the art and talked over many current events.

Last month my husband stepped in at the last minute to speak on the convention. Part of our initial goal is to help our membership understand the different events held at a national convention. We are hoping to trial some of the moving events prior to the convention. So, if any of you want to take on planning a rally with me, let me know. Thanks, Larry for the great job.

At our last meeting, Chris Hunt display the almost finished logo for our 2018 fan belt toss.

It's looking great, and we hope to have a finished product soon. We will need to shop t-shirts soon. There are other decisions to be made in upcoming months and we need your input. One thing Chairman Mike Evans and I

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## San Diego Automotive Museum Tour

The automotive museum in Balboa Park was a fun trip. Not too many showed up, I counted 8. We enjoyed our private tour and saw some very interesting cars both restored and original. There were also lots of motorcycles some very rare. We were all surprised at how much we enjoyed the rat rods. The most obvious thing was the quality of work. The builders were absolute wizards with a welding torch and the creative ideas were abound. From skeletal hands holding the side mirrors to an all metal car even the seats, it was beautiful. One car even had a 6 inch hunting knife sticking out of the steering wheel horn with the blade pointing at the driver's chest. The inscription below was "No Sudden Stops". One thing we all can empathize with is their passion for rust. They had huge signs stating "In Rust We Trust" and "Rust is not a crime". I can tell some of us feel the same way.

After going through the museum we decided to have lunch in the park. We took a free trolley to the main area of the park and found a pleasant outdoor restaurant, I think it was called Panama 66. We stayed over an hour and had a great time just chatting.

Jim Hoscher



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

**May:**  
San Diego Air Cooled Car Show, May 20

**June:**  
Campo Run:

*Support Your National  
Corvair Organization*



Many Corvair events, such as the National Convention, now require CORSA membership. Don't let your membership lapse. And don't let others support your Corvair interests.

CORSA is not only a group of Corvair owners, it underwrites many of our events by providing information, ideas and insurance

Go to [Corvair.org](http://Corvair.org) for information, or see a fellow member for a Communiqué and/or a discount sign up form.

**Vairmail Advertising Rates**

The club rates for display advertising on the Corvair-Center.com site and in the Vairmail.  
Bob Bacchi is handling the invoicing for advertising.

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~ includes a 12 issue quarter page ad in the Vairmail

**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](mailto: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**

# Lorrie's Letter—continued

are talking about is buying a sound system for the club to own. Chris has volunteered to help download the classic tunes into a new system. We will need to vote on this at upcoming meeting, as we would like to have this at the Rainbow event. Rainbow is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and is a favorite event for many of the Corvair owners from southern CA.

At our next meeting, we will have Earl Asbury presenting a tech session. Earl is a very skilled, knowledgeable mechanic. He also is just a very interesting guy. As we look ahead, we have in May the air-cooled show. Many of our members are looking forward to this show and we hope to have your car there. Details for this, and our June event, are pending.

Something happens as you participate in SDCC activities! There is a growing interest not only with the members, but also their family. Last month most of us got a kick out of Chris's energetic 4-year-old. This month we learned that Carol's dad rode a motorcycle just like the one displayed in the museum. At the after-meeting party I learned about Earl's trip to the Philippines and John Jackson's trip to Asia. I most likely won't ever go to these places, so it's fun to hear about it. I encourage you to plan on coming to our meetings and events, and get to know your fellow members better!

*Lorrie Tustison*

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

**10809 Tierrasanta Blvd, San Diego, CA 92124 (East of HW 163)**



You know you're from California if:

1. Your co-worker has 8 body piercings and none are visible.
2. You make over \$300,000 and still can't afford a house.
3. You take a bus and are shocked at two people carrying on a conversation in English.
4. Your child's 3rd-grade teacher has purple hair, a nose ring, and is named Flower.
5. You can't remember . . . is pot illegal?
6. You've been to a baby shower that has two mothers and a sperm donor.
7. You have a very strong opinion about where your coffee beans are grown, and you can taste the difference between Sumatran and Ethiopian.
8. You can't remember . . . . is pot illegal?
9. A really great parking space can totally move you to tears.
10. Gas costs \$1.00 per gallon more than anywhere else in the U.S.
11. Unlike back home, the guy at 8:30 am at Starbucks wearing a baseball cap and sun glasses who looks like George Clooney----- really IS George Clooney.
12. Your car insurance costs as much as your house payment.
13. You can't remember . . . . is pot illegal?
14. It's barely sprinkling rain and there's a report on every news station: "STORM WATCH."
15. You pass an elementary school playground and the children are all busy with their cells.
16. Or it's barely sprinkling rain outside, so you leave for work an hour early to avoid all the weather-related accidents.
17. HEY!!!! Is pot illegal????
18. Both you AND your dog have therapists, psychics, personal trainers and cosmetic surgeons.
19. The Terminator was your governor.
20. If you drive illegally, they take your driver's license.  
If you're here illegally they want to give you one.



# More pictures from the San Diego Automotive Museum Tour



## Minutes of the San Diego Corvair Club Meeting March 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Lorrie Tustison at 7:00PM.

Lorrie inquired as to whether there were any visitors present. Ernesto Rodriguez said he had now joined the club. Renee Hernandez introduced herself, as did Mike and Mary Gordon. Welcome!

Lorrie next inquired as to those who drove their Corvairs to the meeting. There were four Corvairs in the parking lot. She also asked if there were any Corvairs back on the road, and it was reported that Rita, Atalanta Jackson's red Monza convertible, was now roadworthy!

The minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer David Kerth reported as follows:

General Account: \$7,682.10  
GWFBT&SM Account: \$7,945.28

**Membership Report:** Membership Chairman Jon Peters reported as follows:

Regular members: 74  
Subscribing members: 2

**New Business:** Lorrie invited Jim Hoscher, Vice President, to report on Activities. The following activities are planned:

March: A docent led tour of the San Diego Automotive Museum, slated

For March 24, 2018 at 10:00AM

April: One Day Avair, planned for Saturday, April 28, 2018 in Rainbow, CA

May: The Air Cooled Fiesta, to be held on May 28, 2018

June: Open House, California Corvairs.

See **Activities**, this Newsletter, for additional information.

Lorrie announced that Chris Hunt was working to update the SDCC Website, and invited members to assist in compiling a history of SDCC. Chris is also working on the logo and club t shirts for the GWFBT&SM.

**Old Business:** Lorrie thanked the members for their participation in the SDCC party held at Larry and Lorrie's new home in Valley Center.

Scott reported on the Yuma Car Show, which he and Kay attended. There were over 900 cars at the Saturday and Sunday event, held in Yuma, Arizona. He also reported on the Big Three Swap Meet, held at the SDCCU Stadium, where both Corvairs and Corvair parts were available for sale.

There ensued a discussion on the disposition of Corvair parts and assemblies in the possession of recently deceased member Paul Kehler. Bob Bacchi indicated he would attempt to do research and investigation of the matter.

Mike Evans, Chairman of the 2018 GWFBT&SM, reported that the field has been reserved, and invited members to save Corvair parts for the creation of trophies.

A general discussion followed regarding a "practice Concours". Included in the discussion was whether to charge a fee for the "practice Concours"; whether trophies of certificates should be awarded, and judges/judge qualifications.

**Buy/Sell:** Bob Bacchi has three late model windows for sale at \$15.00 each. Renee Hernandez has early model fender skirts available.

**Opportunity Drawing:** Fred was the lucky recipient of \$29.00! Lyle was the lucky winner of the magazine.

**2018 International CORSA Convention:** Larry Tustison explained to the members present the importance of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA); the services they render not only to affiliated clubs like SDCC but also individual members; and activities they sponsor. He focused on the International Convention, slated for Pittsburg, PA in 2018. He explained that the convention is a week-long affair that includes a concours d' elegance; car display; rally; slalom; model concours; regional tours; and more. A short question and answer session followed.

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

### April:

San Diego Corvair Car Show and Swap Meet Rainbow "A 1 Day a Vair" 4/28 9:00am till 2:00p.m.  
4815 5th St., Rainbow CA 92028

### May:

Air Cooled Fiesta 6 (new location this year) Imperial Beach

Let's party at the beach this year! May 20, 2018, 9am till 3 pm (registration / move in 7-9am)

### 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) 09/08

### October:

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet 2018, Palm Spring's CA. 10/26—10/28  
(San Diego Corvair Club 2018 host)

### November:

TBA

### December:

Christmas Party: TBA

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## Vair Tales – Part Seven

### By Bruce St. Gean

Corvair owners living in cold climes know well the stellar abilities of their little cars in snow and ice. We California residents, now living in Chicago, had a lot to learn. For example, snow plows easily buried the little Corvair, and sometimes, we had a problem finding it! Several times I worked to uncover the Corvair, only to discover it was a different car!

The winter of 1968-9 was cold and snowy. Sharon became used to the trip from Hyde Park to South Holland to teach her elementary children. I was content to walk to U of C, knowing that the Corvair would not let her down. But – all was going to change, for in just a few months, we were going to be parents!

As Christmas approached, we decided that during Christmas break, we would return to California to celebrate the holidays with family, and tell them our exciting news. We loaded the Corvair and set out for warmer climes. Somewhere along Route 66, in rural Oklahoma, we blew a rear right tire. The spare was the original U.S. Royal Lorado Rain Tire, size 7.00 X 13. It was a two-ply tire. We had long since replaced the other four tires with radials. I think the size designation at that time was D70 X 13, a designation no longer used. I knew the problems with mixing radial and conventional tires, but we had no choice, and pressed on.

Near the border between New Mexico and Arizona, we drove over a patch of black ice. The Corvair began to swing to the right. I attempted to correct for the slide, but the ice patch was too large. We hit the center median (at that location, it was an Armco steel barrier), bounced off, and ended up in the ditch on the side of the highway. It was about 10:00PM in the middle of nowhere, and it was pitch black. I got out of the car to inspect the damage, and was amazed at how cold it was. The front end was smashed flat; all four headlights were broken; and the hood was bent up at a 90 degree angle. The hood was bent such that I couldn't see the road ahead.

Neither of us was injured. The inside of the car was a jumbled mess, and a flying suitcase had broken the rear right window crank.

At first I thought we would be unable to drive the Corvair out of the ditch. The ditch was deep, and the sides were at about a 45 degree angle. The front wheels were on the paved shoulder, and the rear wheels were on dirt and snow. There was no one else on the road traveling in either direction. And it was COLD. To do nothing would be suicide.

Starting the engine and easing the shifter into first, I slowly released the clutch. The engine began to lug, so I gave it more throttle. Amazingly, the Corvair drove right out of the ditch! Once I had the car up on the shoulder, I realized it could not be driven; I couldn't see over the buckled hood. So, I climbed onto the hood, and jumped up and down until it was flat enough to see ahead. The hood latch did not release, so as the hood straightened, it forced the flat front end forward.

About that time, I looked eastward, and saw the approaching headlights of a vehicle. It was a truck. I jumped back in the Corvair, started it up, and entered the roadway next to it. Relying on the truck headlights, we drove to the little town of Hauk, Arizona, and spent a warm and very, very grateful night.

We were able to make it to Sharon's parent's home the following evening, and we needed every daylight moment to do it. The following morning we took the car to Century Chevrolet in Inglewood, CA. We told them the car had to be repaired in five days, so we could return to Chicago, and it was! Oh – and we replaced the spare and the rear right tire with radials to match the other three tires.

The holidays sped by, and our time with loved ones in the warm California sun came to an end. We drove back to Chicago in early January over treacherous roads covered with snow and ice in our little Monza without the slightest concern. Well, we did leave our pillows in a motel room in Missouri. But that was nothing. After all, we were 24, and we knew everything.

## New Members:

## 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 March 2018** *76 MEMBERS & 2 SUBSCRIBERS*

#### **PAST DUE**

SCOTT SZALKOWSKI & KAY SMITH **02/18**  
RYAN ROULETTE **03/18**

#### **DUE THIS MONTH 04/18**

MARILYN OZENBAUGH  
JIM STANSBURY & CAROL WHITE  
DAVID & LAURA KERTH  
DOLORES ROTH

#### **DUE NEXT MONTH 05/18**

BARBARA & ERIC BADGETT  
RICH MICHAUD

#### **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)



We are having our open house this June 9th from [10:00](#) to [2:00](#)

Thank you, Jeff

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[hharpo@earthlink.net](mailto:hharpo@earthlink.net) (714) 920-2878

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For Sale: set of standard cast piston rings.

Call Rod Tetrault (619) 733-4821

An extra attraction at the Automotive museum were the motorcycles, one in particular is a 1950 Vincent Red Rapide Series C, and was restored by Carol Peter's father, the late Ralph Krogh. It was Ralph who got Carol interested in Corvairs years ago, since he loaned her his '66 blue Monza convertible when she was 16 yrs. 'Course he had removed the 140 from it for his 4 seat rail sand buggy which she got to ride in often and even got to drive once or twice. Carol now owns the 66 Blue convertible, her dad even installed a fresh 140 in it. Jon Peters



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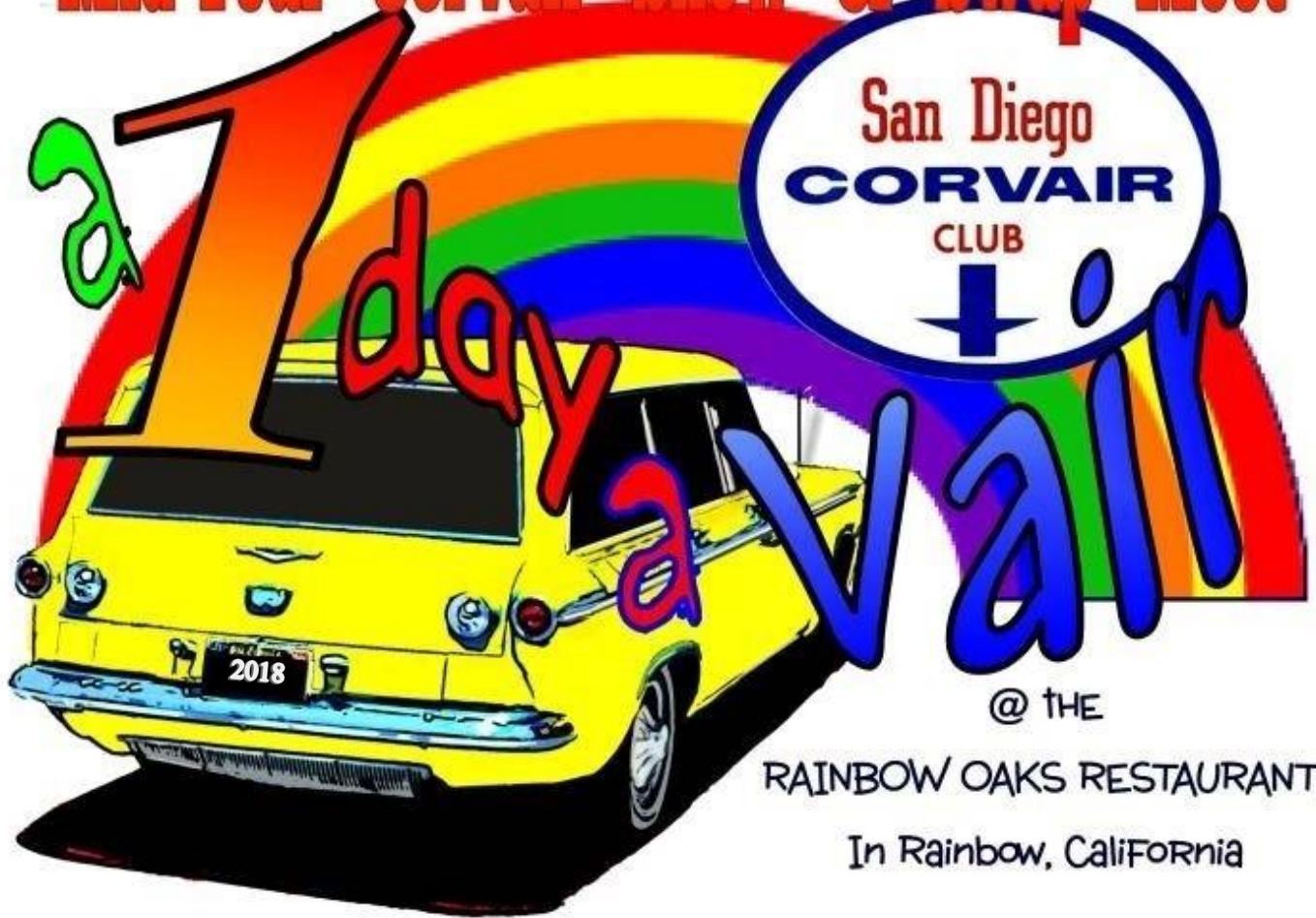
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# San Diego Corvair Club's 7th Annual

## Mid-Year Corvair Show & Swap Meet



**Saturday, April 28th**  
**9:00 am till about 2:00 pm**  
*(or as long as you like)*

More Information?  
Event Coordinator:  
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