



VAIRMAIL



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The President's Message:



President Lorrie

Greetings from an excited conventioneer! If you haven't followed all the posts on Facebook it was a fun time. John Jackson, Larry and I arrived on the same flight (not planned) we shared a rental car and many adventures for the week. We needed to be in Pittsburg early Monday morning to present an update to the National Board regarding 2020 convention. This meant we flew in Saturday (Sunday tickets were considerably more). Thus, we had an evening and a day to explore some. We started by asking front desk about evening "must do's". The suggestion was a mountain overlook of Pittsburg. It was such a lovely sight with bridges over the 3 rivers that traverse this lovely city. Beautiful metal bridges, of which Pittsburg, the steel city, has many. We found ourselves on a hip street with many pubs and restaurants. We choose Chinese food, and it was yummy. Sunday, we explored downtown, heading for the university that has the second tallest university building in our country. It was

a gothic tower and made the three of us think of Mike Evans and his love of architecture. That evening John and I prepped for our meeting. All went well and both John and I shadowed this year's chairman at times picking his brain and watching. Larry went to judges' training and helped in the concours. The Corvairs were just beautiful. We had fun hearing about Kay and Scott travelling across country, making their way to the convention.

Ron Durie came Monday. Our Arizona friends were there and organized some fun dinners with 8 to 9 of us piling into a Corvair van and experiencing the different restaurants. We partied like this 3 nights of

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July Active:

Last month's event was Encinitas Cruise night. We had 5 Corvairs, but unfortunately they were pretty spread out. We all got together though and had a nice Dinner while listening to a great 70s' Rock and Roll Band. On the way home my oil pressure/temp light and buzzer came on and I was concerned to say the least, but fortunately it was just that the connection to the oil pressure sensor came loose (whew).

It's time for the club's birthday party which is this month's (August's) event. The party will held on Saturday the 18th at the same place as last year (Ski Beach). It will be one of



SAN DIEGO CORVAIR CLUB

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The San Diego Corvair Club was founded in 1973 and incorporated in 1978 as a non-profit California corporation to bring together people who own and/or appreciate 1960-69 Corvair cars, vans and pickup trucks. SDCC is Chapter 921 of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), P.O. Box 607, Lemont, IL 60439-0607, On-line at Corvair@corvair.org

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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)

August:

San Diego Car Club's Birthday Party
Aug. 18th time 11-3, Ski Beach

September:

South Coast Corsa's Corvair Cruise-In Car Show Saturday September 8th

October:

GWFBT&SW 2018, Oct. 26-28

See pg. 5 for full details

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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**

Lorrie's Letter—continued

convention. Each night was so much fun with our San Diego group and others from different parts of the country. The laughter and feeling like a teen again were good for the soul. John, Larry and I participated in our rental car both the Econ run and the Rally. Our score in the Rally in our non-competitive class was 1st. place. These events, along with the autocross and concours, count towards the Cole Award. This year winner for the 1st. time was a woman. There is much more to share, but I think you can understand the enjoyment this yearly event can bring, from exploring a new area, seeing friends and so much more.

Locally on the 18th of August we have another party coming up. Bob, Ruthi, Kay and David again are planning a beach party at Ski Beach. longtime member Rich Ernst will bring his boat for bay rides. This always proves to be a good time. The club will provide Hamburgers and drinks, and attendees are asked to bring potluck side dishes. Look for more details in the Vairmail, and please let our party planners know that you are coming.

There is much enthusiasm in our club these days. With more cars on the road each month and growing interest in both cars shows and garage runs it good to be a member of SDCC!. I look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting on Thursday, August 9, 7:00PM!

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*)

Vair Tales, Part 8 **By Bruce St. Gean**

It was May, 1969, a year, for Corvairs, of both sadness and promise. Sad, because Chevrolet had acted on their intent to end Corvair production. Sad, because Chevrolet sent all Corvair owners a \$200.00 credit towards the purchase of a new Chevrolet (We're sorry you bought that thing; here's an incentive to dump it and get a BETTER Chevrolet...).

That was not my attitude. It was a year of promise! Richard Langworth published an article In Car and Driver Magazine calling for the creation of a Corvair club, and invited enthusiasts to contact him for more information. The same day I read it, I wrote him a letter. He got back to me immediately, and gave me Dick Gunzek's name and phone number. Dick was the first person to contact Richard on the west coast, and I was the second.

Dick and I decided to start a club in the Los Angeles area. We ran an ad in the Los Angeles Times, inviting enthusiasts to the first meeting. Since I lived in Inglewood, I looked for a venue large enough to accommodate the expected crowd. I came up with the youth room at a local church (!) That first meeting found around 40 very enthusiastic Corvair owners attend, driving a variety of Corvairs. The church parking lot looked like a car show! Remember, the cars, at this point were between 0 and ten years old, and many were brand new!

Initially, we decided to meet twice monthly, as enthusiasm was so high. Interests ranged from all out racing (there were TWO Yenko Stingers, and one Fitch Sprint owned by local Corvair enthusiasts!) Attendance grew to 60, then 100, and we quickly outgrew that small venue. The group elected officers, produced a newsletter, planned a variety of activities, and continued to grow.

Why such rapid growth? Obviously it was the heightened enthusiasm created by owning a car whose numbers would be forever static. We didn't know it at the time, but we estimated that no more than 1.8 million Corvairs were produced in Corvair's 10 year production. We had a collector car! But it was more than that. There were, at that time, a myriad of shops repairing and modifying Corvairs. IEKO was literally three blocks from where I lived. Crown Manufacturing was making fantastic aftermarket parts for Corvairs, and offered a free ride in their CorVeight! Blake Swafford of OTTO Parts, Roy Findley of North Hollywood, Bill Thomas Race Cars...L.A. was a Corvair candy store!

After several moves to increasingly larger venues, we decided to divide this huge group into three parts. Many Corvair enthusiasts lived in the San Fernando Valley. It was difficult and time consuming for these members to drive to Inglewood, which was located in the South Bay. Orange County was being rapidly transformed from orange groves to residential subdivisions, and many members lived, or were moving, south. They formed a club now known as Vintage Corsa. The original club took on the name South Coast Corsa!

As for me, every time I saw a Corvair, I attempted to chase it down and give them one of the business cards we had produced regarding the Corvair club.

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Minutes of the San Diego Corvair Club June 14, 2018

President Lorrie Tustison called the meeting to order at 7:12PM.

Lorrie wished the members and guests happy Flag Day, and queried the group as to how many Corvairs had been driven to the meeting. There were eight!

Lorrie recognized Kay Smith for preparing and bringing the evening's refreshments.

There was one new member present; Renee Hernandez, who owns a 1962 Monza convertible.

The minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

There was no treasurer's report this month.

Membership Chairman Jon Peters reported that SDCC has 76 members and 2 subscribers.

Old Business: GWFBT&SM – The discussion focused on concours preparation, judges training, and t shirts. Bob Bacchi and Bruce St. Gean will conduct a mock concours judging at the next regularly scheduled meeting, prior to the start of the meeting.

Air Cooled Car Show – Those in attendance stated the even was fun. There were a lot of Corvairs in attendance.

Trophy construction – Held at Rod Tetrault's home. Lorrie indicated that three more emblems are necessary to complete those trophies constructed.

California Corvairs Car Show – Quite a few SDCC members attended. There were lot of Corvairs, and an excellent lunch was provided to those in attendance.

Chula Vista Car Show – There was one Corvair in attendance. There was also one Corvair in attendance at the Friends of Steve McQueen car show in Los Angeles.

New Business: The activity for June is a visit to Tom Wright's Garage. Members will carpool to Café 94 for lunch. Tom's place is approximately 300 yards from Café 94. Tom has an eclectic car collection you will not want to miss!

There are a number of car shows in late June/early July, with the El Cajon Car Show on July 11th one of the highlights. See the Activities Section of this newsletter for particulars.

2020 Convention: Members present reviewed and discussed the tentative logo.

SDCC Birthday Party: The date was set for Saturday, August 18th. It will be at the south end of Mission Bay. Bob Bacchi will head the party planning committee.

Scott is hosting a Garage Run on June 24th beginning at 9:00AM at his home, 7535 Olive Pl., La Mesa, CA. Bring your Corvair and any repair parts, and we'll work on it!

Tech Session: Tom Wright gave a presentation on the types of California Historical License plates, their cost, and how to obtain them.

Buy/Sell: Lyle has 4 steel early model wheels for sale.

Bob Bacchi has a 1964 rear grill for sale.

John is looking for a competent auto upholstery shop.

Lorrie asked those present to get back to her with birthdays and anniversaries, so that they may be recognized in the SDCC Newsletter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce St. Gean, Secretary

Minutes of the July 12, 2018 Meeting San Diego Corvair Club

The meeting was called to order by President Lorrie Tustison at 7:30PM, after a mock concours in the parking lot, taught by members Bob Bacchi and Bruce St. Gean.

Lorrie asked how many members had driven their Corvairs. There were seven.

There were 24 enthusiasts in attendance. There were no visitors this month.

Minutes of the May, 2018 meeting were unavailable.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer David Kerth advised that the regular account was \$7,690.99, while the GWFBT&SM account was \$8,185.28.

Membership Report: Membership Chairman Jon Peters reported 77 members and 2 subscribers.

Lorrie inquired of those in attendance how many have cars back on the road. There were 3.

Old Business: GWFBT&SM – Bob Bacchi reported that, at this early date, there were 12 registrants. There is \$1,100 in the GWFBT&SM Account. Reservations have been, and will be, at the Travel Lodge. In the absence of John Jackson and Mike Evans, there is no further report.

Website – No report, as Webmaster Chris Hunt is currently deployed. Chris did report that Rescue 921, the Corvair 95 that SDCC used as a support vehicle for many years, is now in Germany!

May, 2018 Activity – The drive/lunch at Café 94/visit to Tom Wright's Garage was a great success! The road was a fun drive for a Corvair; the food/fellowship at Café 94 was excellent; and Tom put on a great one-man Car Show! Thanks, Tom!

Scott's "Garage Day" was a success! A number of members brought their cars, and a good amount of work was done to improve them.

New Business: Encinitas Cruise Night – Thursday, June 19th, beginning about 2:30PM. We'll meet on Old Highway 101 in Encinitas, look at the cars, eat dinner downtown, look at the cars!

SDCC Beach/Birthday Party is scheduled for August 18, beginning at 11:30AM, Mission Bay (same place as last year). Bob Bacchi is coordinating this event.

In September, two activities are planned: A visit to Taylor Guitars, and the South Coast Corsa CruisIn at the El Segundo Auto Museum. The latter is a regional event, and is slated for September 8th.

Buy/Sell: There is a 1967 coupe for sale in Escondido. See Larry Tustison for details.

Mike and Mary Gordon are looking for a Greenbriar.

David Kerth, (619)913-4612, has a car trailer for sale, \$2,500.00.

Jon Peters has a large selection of toy/miniature Corvairs for sale.

Bill Murio has a Mercedes motor home for sale.

Chris Hunt is parting out a 1963 coupe.

Opportunity Drawing: Larry Tustison received \$24.00 in the opportunity drawing.

Lorrie announced that the next SDCC meeting will be on Thursday, August 10th at 7:00PM. There being no further business to come before the Club, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce St. Gean, Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

San Diego Corvair Club 2018 calendar of events

August:

San Diego Car Club's Birthday Party, Saturday Aug. 18th 11am to 2pm, Ski Beach Park, Mission Bay
Look for the SDCC Club Banner on the club's pop-up tent. Hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks and the birthday cake will be provided by the club. If anyone cares to bring a side dish, it would be appreciated.

September:

South Coast Corsa's Corvair Cruise-In Car Show (Replaces Bob's big Boy Show)
Saturday September 8th

October:

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

November:

TBA

December:

SDCC Christmas Party (TBA)

Vair Tales, Part 8

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One of the Yenko Stinger owners lived in Inglewood, and I saw him going the other way frequently. I would spin a 180, and follow him, but I never caught that guy. I did the same to a gold 1965 Corsa turbo. Hard to catch, but when I did, he became one of my all-time favorite guys: Marty Katz. The reason he was so hard to catch? He had a smaller scroll exhaust housing on one end of his turbo, a large carburetor on the other end, and water injection. I later found out he ran consistent 13 second quarter miles at over 102mph!

As for our '66 Monza 110? We moved on to a Corsa 140, and never looked back.

After all, we were 25, had a brand-new baby girl, had new jobs, and the future looked promising!



San Diego Car Club's Birthday Party, Saturday
Aug. 18th 11am to 2pm,
Map of Ski Beach Park, Mission Beach



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 77 MEMBERS & 2 SUBSCRIBERS

PAST DUE

RICH MICHAUD 05/18
KEN & SHARON BURTON 06/18
MICHAEL NELISSEN 06/18
BRUCE & SHARON ST. GEAN 07/18
ATALANTA JACKSON 07/18
JON & MAX ROBERE 07/18
PAUL & LYDIA MAJCHRZAK 07/18

DUE THIS MONTH 08/18

EARL ASBURY 08/18
JOHN JACKSON & ANITA BURREGA 08/18

DUE NEXT MONTH 09/18

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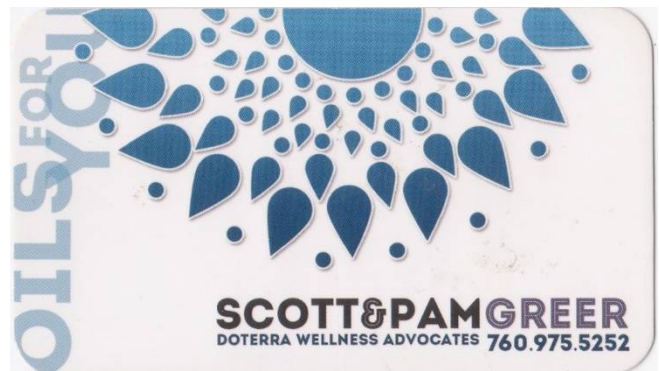
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Johnny Lighting 1/64th Classic Gold Corvairs, Maroon 1962 Conv., and Green 1963 Convertible.

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Also please visit my web site <http://jonstoyshop.50megs.com> Jon Peters: phone 760-749-9014
email 1tallguy@att.net

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Two for driver's side and one for passenger's side. No scratches. \$15 each.

Call Bob Bacchi 858-454-4567 [bbobb@att.net](mailto:bbobb@att.net)

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Wanted: Rear stabilizer bar for late model Corvair

Call Tom Wright at (619)787-1439 email twright3@san.rr.com

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For Sale: 4ea 14" x 7" chrome standard 5 bolt pattern for GM wheels of the 60s plus caps and 2 wheels have useable tires included for \$100.00, Call Mark Marcoulidas

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

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For Sale: set of standard cast piston rings.

Call Rod Tetrault (619) 733-4821

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1961 Rampside, runs well, clean title, \$11,500. FC parts: Five wheels, five tires 205/75-14 (old but hold air) and 4 baby moon-moon hubcaps, \$125. Pair of headlight bezels, decent condition, \$25, front grill, decent condition, \$25. pair of side view mirrors 6x8, rusty metal, glass whole, \$20, metal radio antenna, 3 stage, \$5. speedometer works, odometer stuck, repairable? make offer.

Two fuel gauges, both working as far as I know, make offer. Pertronic Igniter II Electronic Ignition, unknown status, make offer. Pertronix Flame Thrower II High Performance Coil, unknown status, make offer. Three complete seat belts, gray, will sell 1,2, or 3

Two female only (buckles, not latch) dirty brown seat belts, free if you pick them up

[maurer.mac@gmail.com](mailto:maurer.mac@gmail.com) Randy 213-925-1511

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For Sale: 1964 Convertible Corvair. I am the second owner and never got around to restoring this Corvair. Very little has been done to this car, so it is in mostly original condition. This would be an excellent project car. While the car runs, I have not driven it in two years. Come see this diamond in the rough. 78,000 original miles. Moving to a new home, so priced to sell at \$5,500.

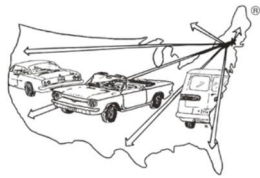
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