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Mike Wade has graciously offered to host another meeting at his place. There will be a map inside if you've forgotten how to get there.

There are no plans for food to be served so you might want to go eat brunch or breakfast before hand and/or consider a late lunch/early dinner.

SEE YOU SOON!

Inspired by Vic sending me so many other clubs' newsletter, I decided to add to the craziness of life by changing up the format and layout of our Vegas Vairs Vision. No, I don't really know what I'm doing and yes, this edition is taking my "I've had enough" version of "forever." However, the old format was one I cobbled together using a different program than our former editor and I just tried to make it look the same without ever really knowing how I was doing it. Some months were smooth, some months were excruciating (again, my overly dramatic use of a word). I'd manage to somehow go over something I couldn't even see and I can't tell you how or I could have fixed it. I guess I managed to fix enough of it each month so that it looked passable, but I'm certain that anyone with any skills could tell it was hobbled together. This new format may look that way, too, but at least I am starting with a blank document and making my own mistakes so I'll hopefully have more of a handle on what I'm doing, right or wrong, that creates the drama I encounter doing each newsletter. The dream is a) you'll like it; b) it will be easier for me in coming months; and c) I may accidentally learn something! PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK! And thank you for being patient with me.

Exciting fact: I've already learned something creating and filling this text box! This will be awesome...eventually!



~PREZ SEZ~
Vegas Vairs Newsletter
January, 2021

Happy New Year!!!! I mean, it has to get better, right? Let's see, 2020 was like looking both ways before you crossed a street, but then you got hit by an airplane!

Crap-and-a-half!

Maybe we should start off by not doing anything? By that I mean I believe we should cancel the January gathering. Why? Well, we only had eight folks show up for the November meeting. And at the Christmas party we had just nine attendees. Nine - for our annual really fun "white elephant" event.

Few people are as concerned about contracting COVID-19 as I am. Unfortunately, I'm an occupant of the highest risk group. But when Mel stepped down as president, I volunteered to fill in that post for a second time. Once the cursed virus hit, holding that office was the primary reason I still went to the meetings; I felt obligated.

However, with 40 total members, eight or nine participants just doesn't cut it. Those of you in absentia must have your reasons. We now meet in the daytime; no night driving. At the Christmas event Paul supplied four banquet tables spaced far apart amongst all his Porsches. Except when eating, everyone wore masks. It certainly still posed a serious risk, but it was for the club - right?

Well, I guess just not enough care????????????????? Normally, February is the last month when new officers are selected (voluntold?) and anointed at the March meeting. Here's my parting suggestion: We cancel future formal meetings until the virus is TOTALLY under control - however long a period that proves to be. Since one third of Americans polled state they will refuse the vaccine, well, that control may take decades!!!

Our only current alternative is to have Internet "Zoom" meetings. But I'm sure that's an insurmountable challenge. Some members still don't have an Internet connection, period.

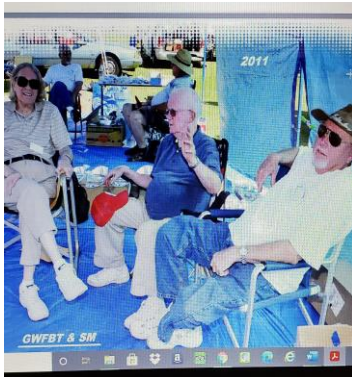
Thus, I invite someone else to take the reins and organize a January meeting. I'm stepping down to stay at home and hibernate. I'll be sitting on the sidelines. Mike Wade has volunteered to host yet another gathering. So - - - - -

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- - - Best Holiday Wishes Ya'll, Cora's Dad

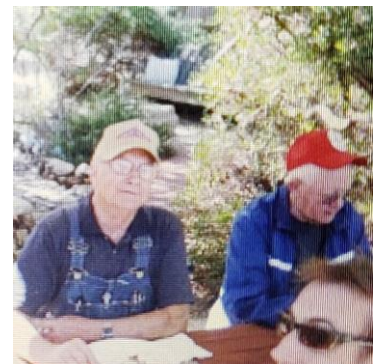
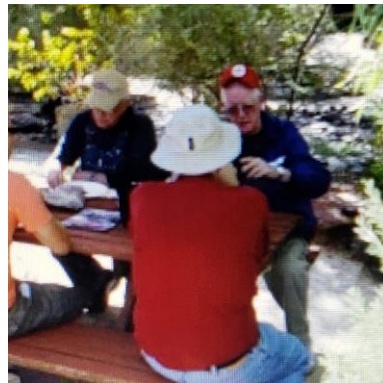
- - -Don't be a drip, Cora's Dad

John "Jack" O'Shea

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Jack O'Shea passed away December, 29, 2020. Jack was a beloved member of Vegas Vairs for many, many years. He was always willing to share a story or advice and always had a kind word. He will be greatly missed. Below are some photos of Jack and his car through the years.



At the 2011 Great Western Fan Belt Toss. Photo taken from Nov 2011 Vegas Vairs Vision at vegasvairs.com

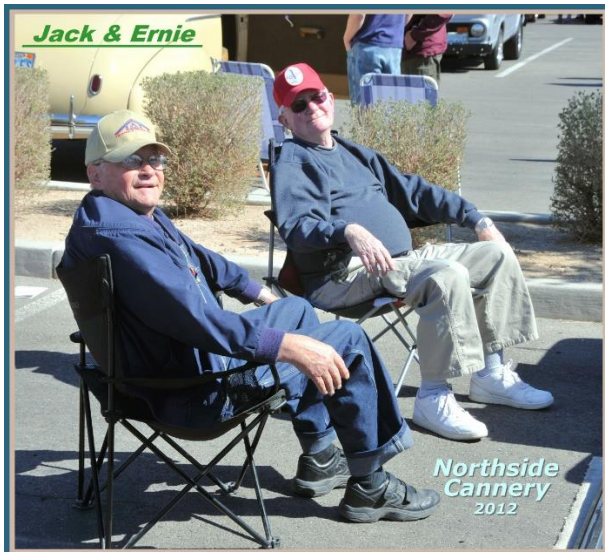
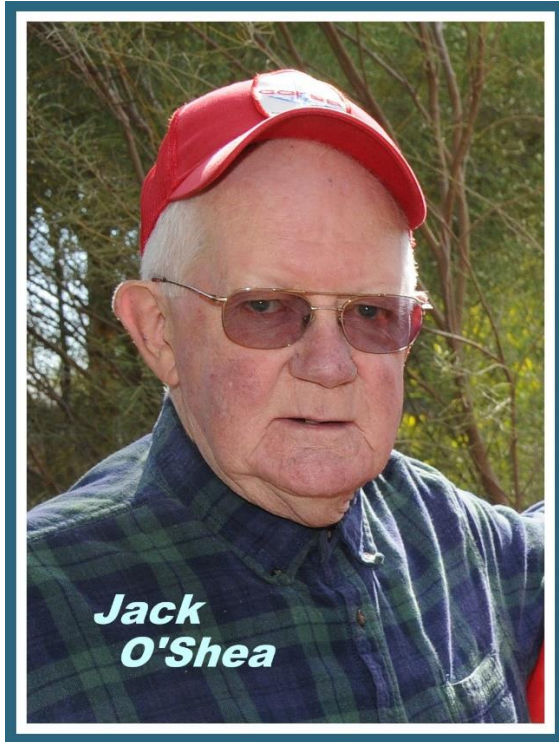


Jack at a picnic at the Wentworths' home. Photos taken from a Vegas Vairs Vision at vegasvairs.com.

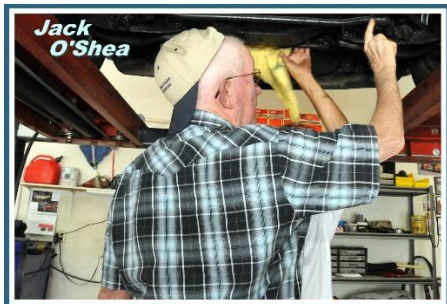
Jack with Bob and Delores Helt, Vic and Steve at a picnic in 2010. Submitted by Vic Howard.



Jack at a picnic at the Howards' home in 2009. Submitted by Vic Howard.



Pictures of Jack submitted by Harry Ransom, Arlon and Suzan Sibert and Vic Howard.

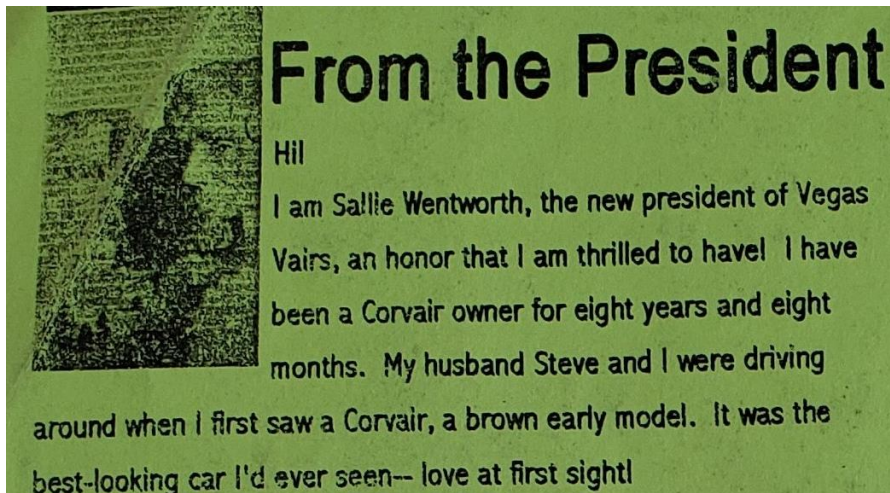


Editor's Ramblings and Blast from the Past

First, thank you to Vic for sending me some great newsletters the past couple of months and inspiring to make some changes I've wanted to make for quite some time. True, I don't feel like this version you're reading is "it" but I do feel like it's easier to manipulate and update each month. I also hope that it seems more streamlined and pleasant for you. Again, please let me know what you think—good or bad.

Ok, so on to my real ramblings. First of all, **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US!** Yes, you and me and all of us diehards! Twenty years ago, this month was my first month as President of the newly revived Vegas Vairs! The following photos are from the January 2001 Vegas Vairs Vision and are each accompanied by my (completely unnecessary) current commentary.

This is nothing you haven't already heard before. Well, perhaps some of our newer (the past decade or 15 years) members don't realize I was ever President, but it's true.



I much prefer the behind the scenes Newsletter Editor position. However, if I were President it would take FAR less time each month.

In 1992 Steve bought me a Corvair, a 1962 Monza I named Peggy, hoping that would "cure" me. Instead she got me hooked! I have owned seven Corvairs; but, sadly own only five now. Peggy lives forever in my heart and on video, but she and Hank, Sr., a 65 Monza four-speed are no longer mine. I currently have Vixen, my automotive soul-mate, a 64 Monza convertible (a birthday present from my wonderful husband), Hank, Jr., a 65 Monza (also a gift from Steve), Danny, a 63 Monza (the most recent gift from Steve), Claire, a 61 four door (previously Russ Thuleen's), and a 63 500 I saved from certain death at the hands of the City of North Las Vegas.

I'm sure you've heard about Peggy named after my favorite cousin. She met a sad demise beyond my control that I shan't relive here again.

Hank, Sr. (who was just Hank until there was a Hank, Jr.) was sold so we could buy our first home in 1994. Sadly, the next time we saw him it was obvious he was unloved.

Of course, you all know the lovely Vixen, my automotive soulmate who resides under her own chandelier.

And many of you may remember Hank, Jr., the yellow with white strips that we eventually sold and bought and sold and bought back etc. with John D'Angerio until his passing in 2014. We then sold it to a young man we hoped we'd see again, but haven't. The others have all moved on as well sadly.

I share my love of Corvairs with anyone who wants to listen as well as those who may not want to listen, but cannot escape--like y'all right now. As the president of Vegas Vairs, my vision is to make our club a known, seen and heard about presence all over Las Vegas.

OK, I admit it would be a serious stretch to say we are seen and heard about all over Las Vegas, but we're still here! Still together, still celebrating our cars! I'll call that success.

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 For Steve and me cars are like children. We spend most of our time and money on them. Steve also has a 67 Nova, a 69 Firebird convertible, an 81 Trans Am, an 88 Wrangler, a 96 Trans Am, and a 70 LeMans. (He doesn't name his cars.)
 Cars are also our livelihood. Steve and I own and operate Car City, a used-car lot at Lake Mead and Nellis.
 Guess what? When we go on vacation...we go to car shows! Last summer we made it to the CORSA convention in Daytona, the National Nostalgic Nova (NNN) Convention and the Corvette Convention, both in KY, all in a very busy two weeks. This year we will be going to the CORSA Convention in IL and the NNN show in IN during a more laid-back three weeks.

This, too, is still true. For Steve and me our vehicles are like children—we spend most of our time and money on them. The '67 Nova is finally the glorious girl we dreamed of for so long! We still have all the others except the LeMans, but that has been replaced with others so don't feel bad for us.

We still own and operate Car City. True, we don't keep regular office hours and we've rented the majority of the facility to a feed store--animals need love too—but Car City is still there and selling (a few) cars.

I don't recall why, but our dreams of the CORSA convention in IL didn't happen in 2001. However, we have more than doubled down on the vacationing around cars. Since 2013 we have been on seven more-than-week long Trans Am Runs...six Bandit Runs and 2020's Freebird Run!

Can you imagine a week-long Corvair run of some sort? Wow! What a sight that would be to see coming down the road!

So many lovely people (and Corvairs) have come to Steve and me through our involvement with Vegas Vairs. Thank you to each of you! It's a crazy time right now and who knows what the future holds, but won't it be something when some young whippersnapper (or someone my age who is a young whippersnapper as I write this) twenty years from now is writing a future edition of the Vegas Vairs Vision and celebrating the longevity of our club and how we all pulled together to keep our club alive so many years! We should all pat ourselves on our backs for our dedication. Even folks who have never held an office or hosted an event, have been absolutely essential to us being a club. Steve and I, or you and your spouse, or you and your friends or family, can sit around and admire our cars all by ourselves. None of us NEED each other to love Corvairs, but it sure is lovely that we all make the effort to stick together!

Stay safe! And don't forget there REALLY IS A JANUARY MEETING! Sat., Jan 9 at 1PM at Mike Wade's place. Info on the front page.

FOR MORE BLASTS FROM THE PAST, YOU REALLY SHOULD CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR NEWSLETTERS ON VEGASVAIRS.COM. Thank you, Vic, for keeping that updated! It's a treasure trove!

December Pictures

Thank you to Arlon and Suzan for these photos from the December Christmas Party!



Laps for Charity Registration

<https://www.speedwaycharities.org/events/las-vegas/laps-for-charity/registration/>



Sunday, January 31, 2021 Laps for Charity: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for the 11th Annual Laps for Charity benefiting the Las Vegas Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities. NASCAR fans and car enthusiasts will have the opportunity to drive the 1.5-mile superspeedway. Experience the thrill of a lifetime by driving your car, truck, motorcycle or other street-legal vehicle on the same track as your favorite NASCAR drivers! To keep things as safe as possible during our event, we will observe these COVID precautions:

- Everyone MUST remain in their cars
- Everyone MUST register in advance – we will NOT accept any cash or credit card payments on the day of the event
- No spectators on property; You must stay in the vehicle you arrived in
- Participants may not get out of their vehicles to take photos
- If you have to exit your vehicle to visit the restroom, then a mask or face covering is required

This year, we have three special packages available:

Car Club Special Offer: \$65

8 a.m. to Noon

Participants will take 5 CONTINUOUS LAPS around Las Vegas Motor Speedway's superspeedway. Participants will receive a link to download pictures from their experience.

Note: Car club president must contact SCC to schedule their club arrival time.

VIP Concierge Package: \$100

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Participants will take 7 CONTINUOUS LAPS around Las Vegas Motor Speedway's superspeedway. Access to a VIP Lane for limited wait time. Participants will receive a link to download pictures from their experience.

General Public: \$75

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants will take 5 CONTINUOUS LAPS around Las Vegas Motor Speedway's superspeedway. Participants will receive a link to download pictures from their experience.



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In ordinary times Vegas Vairs MEETS SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH AT 11:00AM

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However, these are NOT ordinary times so, watch for monthly updates.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

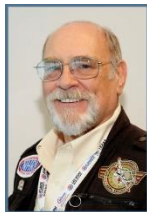


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