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**SFBA 50th Anniversary Mugs
Now Available...**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday,
March 3rd @7:00PM #243 888 8339**

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had thirteen members and guests. A good turnout with spirited conversations and even old-timers like me can learn something new!

Josh picked up a bunch of Corvair decals from FlatSix Graphics with the idea of giving these out to SFBA members. To save postage it was hoped that I could include these in with newsletters. However these were not received in time (and they were too heavy anyway) so I printed separate envelopes and filled them with the contents of the plastic bags Josh had sent me not trying to match names. After this was done I wondered why Josh had gone to the work of naming each packet? Maybe the contents were slightly different??? It turned out that that was the case, Josh had personalized the packets based on the Corvair model each member had and I just un-did all of this work!

I ordered a 50th Anniversary SFBA coffee mug from FlatSix and it arrived in just a few days. Very well packaged too! Looks nice doesn't it?



Check out the colorful graphics on the other side (see the cover photo).

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It's the beginning of the year and you know what that means. It's Dues time. See the details in the last newsletter on the various

(see **Letter...** on page 10)

On The Cover: Josh has been working with FlatSix Graphics on SFBA merchandise. I ordered this 50th anniversary coffee cup. Nice eh?

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

Feb 3, 2022

The regular meeting started at 7:00 following a brief Board meeting of just Josh and I. When the meeting was opened we were quickly joined by SFBA members Herb, Joe, Carl, Ray, David, Christy, Paul, and Seth. Special guests this evening were John Heiser, President of CCRC, Rolf, a friend of Carl's who also lives in Australia with a '64 Spyder, and Tim Purcell an auto-crossing friend of Joe Balderamma. I hope I didn't miss anyone. Seth has been absent for a while, good to have him back!

Treasury Report: Harry could not be present this evening, but the balance as reported in the last newsletter was \$4,519.30.

Membership: Josh reported that we had three new members. As a reminder this is the first of the year and dues are due. The Club likes to keep all renewal dates at the first of the year so if you joined in the middle of the year feel free to prorate the dues at \$2/month.

Old Business: An assortment of Corvair decals were sent out to current SFBA members. Let us know if you didn't receive your gift in the mail. Josh sent Clark several packets of decals for inclusion with the newsletters to save postage. However these arrived too late so Clark put them in envelopes to mail off not thinking to match names. It turned out that Josh had customized the packets and Clark just un-did all this work!

New Business: Clark sent a note off to Clark's Corvair Parts regarding their newsletter ad. We should hear back shortly. Josh said that Zazzle had relented a bit on copyright issues and is

selling Club merchandise again. FlatSix Graphics is also selling these items.

Events: Josh is listing the local Corvair related events on the Club's web page. He will not be sending out emails as these would quickly overwhelm everyone. So check the web site often.

Ray said that at the last Mecum Auction a Corvair Greenbriar went for \$70k. They have definitely been attracting more attention lately. Josh said a customized (definitely not stock) Lakewood went for more than that!

Tech: Last month the newsletter featured an electric Corvair conversion by Kevin Hightower. A few years ago Josh was in contact with Kevin when he was getting ready to start the conversion. He had already sold the engine and Josh was able to pick up the gas tank (which Kevin no longer needed!) for Chris Rogers. Josh noted that Kevin had 3D printed a replacement Turbo Corvair engine emblem. This was fitted with LEDs to act like a third brake light which read "Electro Charged" rather than "Turbo Charged". How true!

Herb mentioned that his gas tank started leaking many years ago. Just rusted out in places. He took it to a local radiator shop and they brazed a sheet metal plate over the leaking area. This has worked perfectly ever since. Try getting that done these days. A few months ago Herb asked for chrome platers in his area. He found a place to re-chrome some bumper guards for a '36 Chevy. Did a great job but the cost was \$110/each. Not cheap but not horrible either. Tim showed a picture of his Corvair

that was hit in the driver's side (coming off a freeway offramp the other driver did not stop). He was wearing a shoulder harness and luckily saw the other car coming and was able to grab the passenger's side seat belt (which you should always leave buckled up tight!) to keep his shoulder from being directly impacted. Doors on these older cars offer very little protection. The car has been repaired. Tim said he replaced a clutch cable with one from Roger Parent which is thicker and more sturdy. He has a five-speed trans and it needed a different cable. He mentioned that with 3.08 gears at 60 mph the engine is only turning 2600 rpm. Tim installed one of Seth's distributors. Works great but new high-tech timing light doesn't function. Seth didn't know why but said he uses a battery powered light as race cars don't always have a started battery to use.

Seth said that he bought Jannis Gussin's (sp?) Corvair. A very nice '65 Monza 140 that has been sitting for a long time. He will get this fixed up and may or may not keep it. He looked at a '64 coupe in Los Altos which was a very nice car but with an automatic trans. It went to a guy in Reno. He said that he is coming out with a replacement steering box to be sold by Clark's. This will be a standard ratio box, not quick steering. A direct replacement part that is beefier. This works as is for '60-'63 Corvairs and '66-'69 models will need an extra "kit". For '64-'65 a different kit will be required that he is working on. Similar to the Flaming River box. Should be available in a month or so.

Christy is having trouble with his '64 Greenbriar. The engine cuts in and out

(See *Minutes..* on page 9)

Coming Events in 2022...

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| March 3rd | Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339" |
| April 7th | Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339" |
| April 29th-May 1st | 15th Annual Autorama Drive-In, Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA |
| June 25-26th | Vairfest, Arroyo Grande, CA |
| July 12-16th | CORSA International Convention, Peachtree City, GA |

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2022

Thursday Jan 6, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Feb 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Mar 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Apr 7, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday May 5, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Jun 2, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Jul 7, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Aug 4, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Sep 1, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Oct 6, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Nov 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

Thursday Dec 1, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "243 888 8339"

SFBA CORSA Members & Friends of the Club

Ray Welter, Harry Kypreos, Clark Calkins, Josh Deitcher

Hi Everyone!

Hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful summer-like conditions last weekend and were able to enjoy at least a little of that time in your Corvair!

Here are some items of note we wanted to share with you...

- The first round of the SFBA CORSA 50th Anniversary decals have gone out! If you are a member and have not yet received your decal, please send us a note. We may not have your current address on file or maybe have it entered incorrectly.

- We have decided, for now, to keep the zazzle store in conjunction with the 50th Anniv. items being sold at FlatSix Graphics. Zazzle seems to have backed down from their threats to pull our merch. Maybe they've found bigger fish to fry. Who knows? At any rate, support SFBA CORSA and look good doing it!

https://www.zazzle.com/store/sfba_corsa

https://www.etsy.com/shop/FlatSixGraphics?section_id=36873964

- Bruce Mooers is planning on hosting a BBQ in the spring and would love to get everyone out to his place in Napa. We are still working out all of the details, but make a note. This will be a special event that you won't want to miss. Details to follow...

- With the weather getting better and Covid on the wane (hopefully), we are looking for a good location with lots of parking to do monthly in person meetups. The monthly 1st Thurs zoom is staying, but we are scouting locations for a monthly Sunday late morning gathering where we can bring our Corvairs. So far we have two locations on the short list. One in Orinda and one in El Sobrante. Have a location

idea? We're all ears!

- Seth Emerson is hard at work developing a new part for YOUR Corvair. Can't wait to see the finished product and we are all glad that you are feeling better Seth! Details on the product will be in the Spyder Web as soon as it's ready for market.

- Five Corvair confirmed car shows are scheduled for 2022!

1. The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club is showcasing the Corvair this year. Our friends at SDCC asked that we put out an SOS to get as many Corvairs down there as possible as a show of support. Fallbrook is between Temecula and Escondido. Details for the event are attached.

2. Autorama Sacramento is back for 2022! April 29th at Cal Expo. Registration may be closed (not sure) but the Sacramento club always turns out big for this event. If you can show your Corvair, show it! If it's too late, drive your Corvair up to Cal Expo and support our friends in CCRC and see some beautiful classic cars. <http://www.rodshows.com/sa/index.html>

3. Vairfest is confirmed for 2022 in Arroyo Grande. If you missed it last year, it was a lot of fun and a great turnout! Let's show our friends in Central Coast Corsa our support and get a large SFBA turnout this year! <https://vwgiunta.wixsite.com/vairplay/upcoming-events>

4. South Coast Corsa's "Ageless 2 Anarchy" all Corvair show is back for 2022 at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo. 2nd weekend in Sept. Registration isn't open yet, but we will send everyone an email when it's announced.

5. The Fan Belt Toss will be happening again this year at the end of Octo-

ber in Palm Springs. Once the dates are finalized, we will let you all know. ALL events will be shared on our calendar on sfbacorsa.org Check often

Looking for a Corvair? A couple of cars are listed below. Both high quality. The '64 Spyder convertible in Fremont and a '65 Corsa in SoCal.



'64 Corvair Monza Spyder Convertible

Restored 98% to factory specs. Original engine. Factory 150 Turbo. Manual transmission. Mileage after 100K is 8470. 2nd owner. I have owned this car for 41 years. Have all repair documents. Interior and top in good condition. Currently has moon-type wheels. Also has original wheels and Spyder hubcaps. Has electric fuel pump. Recently had \$5200 in engine repairs.

Asking \$35,000/OBO.

Contact: Beverly Stone at:

Beverlystone25@yahoo.com

(see *Cars..* page 10)

Corvair Progress Photos - Paul Beers

Since last summer, I've finished up most of the interior, installed the glass and exterior trim.

The windshield was lot easier than I anticipated. The hardest part was trimming back the flap on the stainless steel Monza trim that locks in the glass

since the Clark's gasket is a uniform depth, and the factory trim gets deeper around the edges (I think Steele products might offer a better gasket that can allow the trim without any modifications). I used Glycerine as a lubricant, it really helped. The windshield is not in the best shape, but I didn't

want to go with a new aftermarket one since this car came with factory Soft Ray glass all around and I wanted the tint to match. If I come across a really good early windshield, I'll swap it out. I used tape to hold the trim in the gasket during installation.



I also installed sound deadener, it was fairly easy, just cutting and sticking. Since it's a convertible, it will never be totally quiet, but this should cut back the road and engine noise. Once this stuff goes on, the sheet metal feels a lot more solid, like a bank vault. And

put in a carpet kit from Clark's.

Then all of the door panels, side glass, seats, and belts. Putting new gaskets in the wing windows was definitely a project, though it came out so much nicer than the original cracked

weatherstripping.

Cleaned up the instrument panel and gauges. The tach was broken so I had it redone by Bob's Speedometer in Michigan. They actually replaced the internal parts with a modern cir-



cuit board, should be a lot more reliable. They also touched up the redline.

I also finished up the underside, just some surface rust, and the rear seat

floor area was dented up from someone previously using that area to jack up the car (just pounded it out a little, but the metal was solid). I cleaned, sanded, metal etched, and used some

POR-15 where the surface rust was, and then repainted everything to match the pattern of what was there - the red oxide primer with a wide sec-

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Paul...

tion of black paint on either side of the tunnel pan. I added a fuel return line, this is an early '63 (built in Sept. '62) so return lines weren't used yet, I don't

think they appeared on Spyder's till well into the 1963 model year.

I'm currently working on the power

train, especially the engine. I'm rebuilding the top end and cylinders/pistons/rods. Will provide some more photos of that later.





The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club has selected
CORVAIR as the Featured Car for their 55th Annual Car Show
May 29th, 2022 at Bates Nut Farm

The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club is holding it's **55th Annual Car Show** at **Bates Nut Farm** in **Valley Center**. We expect about 350 Show Cars at this year's show. **Corvairs will be the Featured Cars!** Show cars are parked as they arrive (arrive together to park together). As **Featured Cars**, Corvairs will have the **first row** of the show field **reserved** so that **all Corvairs will be parked together** (56 spaces available).

What does Corvair being the Featured Car mean?

- All Corvairs registered prior to April 15 will receive an email from FeaturedCar@Fallbrookvintagecarclub.org requesting information and pictures of their entry.
- This information will be used to select 20 **Featured Cars** to represent all the different models and varieties of Corvairs. These 20 will be notified via email of their **Featured Car** status and be given additional information as needed.
- Your Corvair does not need to be Concourse! Good examples of early and late models, FCs, as well as Ultravan, Cord, V8, stock and modified, and other yourion form) will be parked in the spaces 21-56 of the Featured Car row. (No Day of Show Registration!)
- **If you have any questions I can be reached at Featuredcar@fallbrookvintagecarclub.org . My name is Bill Munro and I have been a member of FVCC for over 20 years and a Corvair owner and member of SDCC for 4 years.**

Download the attached flyer or you can access the Featured Car flyer at the link below

<https://tinyurl.com/FeaturedCar>

**For information and registration forms for the
Fallbrook Vintage Car Club's 55th Annual Car Show
[Fallbrookvintagecarclub.org](https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org)**

Minutes... (from pg 3)

while accelerating in higher gears. When idling if he holds his hand over the left (Driver's side) carb the engine speeds up. But on the right carb the engine almost dies. He has checked for vacuum leaks. John said he had a similar problem and David Gray found he has a loose valve seat. Seth suggested that Christy try swapping the carbs to see if the effects move with the carbs or not. Christy said "Why didn't I think of that. Great idea!". Someone asked if the throttle shafts could be loose. No, he installed rubber seals to prevent leaks. Tim said to be careful with those, he had them on one of his race cars and the throttle stuck open during a race! Trying not to look foolish, he finished the race by turning the ignition on and off. Seth said this happened to him and he was glad someone else also finished this way!

When Joe was working on his clutch, he found that the pressure plate bolts were different lengths. Of the eight bolts 2 were a tad bit longer (maybe 1/8"). Seth said that these were shoulder bolts and they should all be the same. To clean out the threads Joe

bought a tap & die set from Ace Hardware. Using the correct tap he tried cleaning the threads (turning the tap by hand not with a tap handle) he stopped when it became hard to turn. Seth said that he should be using a thread chasing tap which is less aggressive and not designed to cut new threads but restore existing threads. The difference can be seen in the picture below.



When Joe went to replace the pilot bearing he tried the "wet bread" technique he saw in Dave Motorhead's video. Didn't work for him. He then tried very thick grease and this did work. Tim said you can just use a 5/8" bolt. Thread it in until it bottoms out and then keep running and the bearing comes out. You may have to toss the bolt afterwards.

Swap & Sell: Christy said he still has his low mileage Corvair for sale.

Meeting adjourned about 8:47.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

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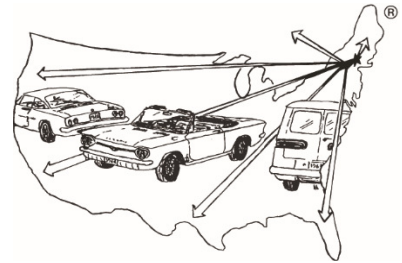
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Letter...

payment options (besides cash and checks) we now offer.

This month Paul has sent in some update photos of his '63 Spyder restoration. It is coming along beautifully!

Our next meeting will be via Zoom of course on March 3rd starting at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

Cars...

'65 CORVAIR CORSA 140 4spd

95% complete - needs some finishing. Really clean, Car owned and newly painted by SCC member Kirk Kubik (RIP). New Tires. Lots of new/rechromed/polished trim. A/C - not hooked up. 4 to 1 Weber. Headers. Brakes: Disc front, drum rear - good braking. Runs and drives well - needs fine tuning. Located in Seal Beach, CA. Asking \$12K (worth itself in paint). For more info contact Mike Kubik at 708-323-0122, or email kubik@hotmail.com



Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'64 Spyder Cvt 2nd owner. Owned since 1977. Excellent Condition. Engine original, body and interior fully restored. Yellow / black. Fully documented. Located in Fremont. email sfbacorsa@gmail.com for contact info. Asking \$25K OBO (07/21)



'64 Monza Coupe 110/AT, engine rebuilt by Mell, good interior. Been kept in running condition Lassen county area (can deliver). Asking \$3000. Contact Dan McCormick (510)919-9527 (03/21)

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

Skip Polacchi has the following parts for sale. Best to call evenings (530)474-4227.

1 Pair Late 110 rebuilt heads - \$250

1 Pair Big Valve Heads, Bill Thomas.all new parts, angle port exhaust, rotated manifold, w/mod carbs, linkage - \$1700 firm

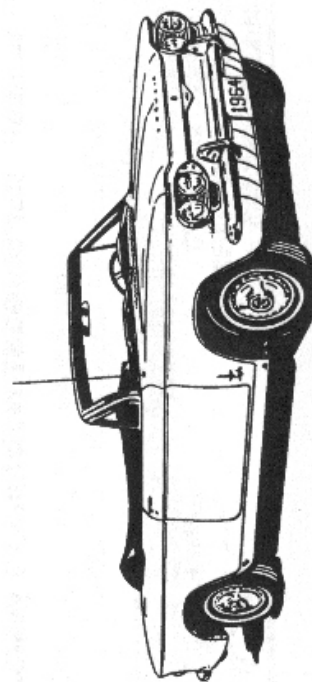
1 New complete Clark's Ultimate 140 carb kit, linkage & air filter - \$700

1 All New Parts for an early 102 hp NOS crank, cam, 0.030 pistons & barrels+heads etc. You assemble - \$700

We still have other misc items

CORVAIR MECHANICS

David Gray: Fairfield - Retired GM/Corvair Mechanic. Can do minor repairs, engine rebuilds, tune-ups. Located in Fairfield but can travel. Also has parts for sale. (916)531-0905 (corvairguru@gmail.com)



Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

February 2022

| Date | Activity | Check # | Credit | Debit | Balance | Status |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 02/01/2022 | Begining Balance | | | | \$4,519.30 | |
| 01/29/2021 | Newsletter Jan & Feb | | | (\$83.00) | \$4,436.30 | |
| 02/02/2022 | CORSA Dues (2 yrs) | | | (\$70.00) | \$4,366.30 | |
| 02/10/2022 | Stamps for Decals | | | (\$11.00) | \$4,358.30 | |
| 02/18/2022 | Membership Renewals | | \$130.00 | | \$4,485.30 | estimate |
| 12/31/2021 | Ending Balance | | | | \$4,485.30 | |
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