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***Inspecting Phil's '66
Corsa Coupe***

***Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Feb 6th
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)***

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had 8 SFBA members and no guests this evening. A bit light but considering it's just after New Years which would make it easy to forget. Josh said he forgot but his wife reminded him at the last minute.

We were all disappointed that Carl didn't make the meeting this month. We were so looking forward to seeing and hearing his Corvair run! Maybe next month.

Of notable news this month regarding the 2025 Convention, I heard from Josh who got an email from John Heiser (of CCRC) saying that the host hotel, the Embassy Suites, was already sold out. Central Coast Corsa is in the process of lining up alternative hotels. Read the full story on page 5. On the positive side they have lined up an autocross location at an old airfield a few miles away and a Concourse location at an Elk's Club less than a mile away. So this is progressing well.

At the last meeting Vince Petrie said that the Convention was expecting to lose money as San Luis Obispo is pricier than Santa Maria. To help offset the costs, the Convention Committee will be asking the local clubs for donations. I have not seen the request but we should think if we want to sponsor some activity and how much might be appropriate. This will be a topic for the next meeting I am sure.

It's that time of year again when SFBA memberships are due for the upcoming year. As you are probably aware SFBA tries to keep the dues cycle starting at the first of the year. This makes planning and accounting much easier. Full memberships are \$25/yr while associate memberships are \$15/yr. If your due date is in the middle of the

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year, just prorate the dues at \$2/month. If you receive a printed newsletter your due date is on the label. For others, Josh keeps a spreadsheet, and we can look it up, just ask.

(see **Letter** on page 10)

On The Cover: Over at Don's house in Antioch, we had Phil's '66 Corsa on a lift where we could carefully access the brakes and suspension components to be sure the car is road worthy. See complete story on page 6.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

January 2, 2025

Josh got the regular meeting started around 7:00 PM following a short Board meeting. When the room was opened, Josh, Harry, and I were quickly joined by Seth, Vince, Chris, Joe, and Christy. I hope I have included everyone.

Treasury Report: The bank balance as reported in the last Newsletter was \$4850.56. Josh said he has received several dues payments (both checks and via PayPal) and will send this to Harry. Herb signed up for 3 more years!

Membership: Josh did not report any new members this month.

Old Business: Don will set up a time where we can inspect Phil's car in more detail. He wants to find a time when the lift is available, making it easy to access the underside of the car. Josh will also bring the car parts he has been storing (seats, radio, etc.) so we can see what can be used and what needs attention.

Josh said that Ray, who is losing his storage space in Vallejo, has moved his Spyder to Oakland. Josh said you can store cars in some self-storage facilities (for a charge) but you have to drain the gas tank and disconnect (or remove?) the battery.

New Business: Josh reminds us that 2025 Club Dues are due. We try to keep everyone's renewal date at January to make it easy for us to project future monetary needs. If you join in the middle of a year, how about prorating

your dues to bring the next renewal date to January at \$2 per month should do it!

After an initial survey of Phil's car Don and Josh will be setting up a Fun Day where we can actually start putting the parts back together. Stay tuned for an email announcement.

Josh mentioned that he had worked on the Club's web site. This should help facilitate the exchange of information within our own group. With the other groups (like Virtual Vairs) with hundreds of members your request can easily get lost in the crowd. He is collecting pictures of member's car so send some in! Photos will be organized by year and model (e.g. '62 Spyder) without any personal information.

2025 Convention: Vince reported on the progress being made on the Convention in San Luis Obispo. An autocross site has been secured at an old airport a few miles away and the Corvette Club will help out here also. The Concourse will be held at the Elks Lodge just on the other side of Hwy 101, less than a mile away.

Vince said that the Embassy Suites was now open for reservations. The reservation name is "CORSA Club Car Meet". The room rate is \$129 or \$139/night plus various tourism taxes (don't you love California!). The Convention runs Tuesday (May 20th) through Friday (May 23rd). Clark and Josh plan to get there on Sunday so they can get ready for the influx of attendees.

Vince said that the Convention cost will be more than projected because San Luis Obispo is a more expensive area than Santa Maria was and Corsa expects to run in the red. To help offset this deficit, Central Coast Corsa (the Host Club) is requesting donations from other clubs. They will be sending off letters shortly. Also they are looking for advertisers to appear in the Convention Program Guide. If you know of any place that may be interested in placing an ad, let Vince, Josh, or I know. Josh said he would ask Gabe at Sterling Restorations. Vince did not mention what the ad rates were.

Events: The Holiday Luncheon last month was a great success. There were twenty people for lunch, 6 Corvairs parked prestigiously in front of the Museum, and most of the attendees enjoyed the reduced Club rate for the Museum tour. This was the second year at Blackhawk so we will probably schedule something different next year.

Josh said that others have expressed interest in setting up a Fun Drive Day to take a short drive in our Corvairs. Similar to what Josh and Cameron did last year. Josh suggested that they pick a time and date and we will let everyone know. And who shows up, does. Be prepared for several or a few people. But you will have fun either way!

Tech: Vince said that he, Jim Pennel, and Phil Daly (Central Coast Corsa members) drove to Morgan Hill to look at a '62 700 Wagon. Vince has been looking for one. They were dis-

(See *Minutes..* on page 8)

Coming Events in 2025...

Feb 6th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Mar 6th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Apr 3rd	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
May 1st	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
May 20-23rd	2025 CORSA International Convention, San Luis Obispo, CA. Host hotel is the Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 Reservation is Under "CORSA Car Club Meeting" - (805)549-9899

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2025 Convention Update - Josh Deitcher

Hi All,

I was going to send off a note about updates with the upcoming convention in San Luis Obispo when I received one from our friend (and SFBA member) John Heiser from the Sacramento club. I can't think of anything he left off, so his original email is below. Thanks for putting this together John!

We do need more volunteers to help with parking, and if you're able, the Tiger Team that Central Coast Corsa wants to have at the ready to assist with various activities. Thanks to all who have already committed to volunteering a little time at the convention.

From John Heiser:

Greetings fellow club members and friends: Last night it was brought to my attention during the Club's monthly meeting, that the Corvair Society of America's website indicated that the Registration for the Convention is closed.

Doing a bit of research and going through my emails and the Central Coast website and convention meeting minutes. Central Coast CORSA indicated that the block of rooms for

this event at Embassy Suites was sold out. Central Coast CORSA is looking for overflow hotels. Also, indicated to please check the Convention status and Hotel information on their Clubs website.

<http://www.centralcoastcorsa.org/>

The Corvair Society of America (CORSA) website still indicates the Convention is still happening. <https://www.corvair.org/index.php/corvair-society-of-america-2/corsa-headlines>. Look for registration information in the March 2025 CORSA Communique or visit CORSA's website for Convention news updates and or Central Coast CORSA's website.

The Convention meeting minutes and the emails I receive have indicated that this is for CORSA members. CORSA membership for this event will be \$20. The membership is good for 6 months instead of paying a \$30 to \$45 membership fee for the year. The onsite Convention Registration for the temporary membership will be at the registration table. It may be included in the online registration at the CORSA website as well.

Or:

You can become a CORSA member

here: <https://www.corvair.org/index.php/membership/join-or-renew-here>

Additional information on registration and early bird registration fees, event fees and t-shirts provided below. Note: Convention information will be updated.

Convention registration will open early in the year 2025.

For more information, visit <https://vwgiunta.wixsite.com/vairplay>

When: May 20th, 2025 1:01 AM to May 23rd, 2025 11:59 PM

Location: Embassy Suites By Hilton
333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Contact:

Phone: 1 855 605 0319 (Hotel)

Email: corsacluboffice@gmail.com

Thank you and thank you for those attending the Convention and helping out!

Cheers!

John Heiser, SFBA CORSA
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2025 Convention Fee Schedule - John Heiser

Early Registration

Convention	\$65.00
Additional Adult	\$20.00
Child (under 18)	\$00.00
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Vehicle Competition

Autocross	\$50.00
Concours d'Elegance	\$40.00
Economy Run	\$30.00
Rally	\$30.00
Edward N. Cole Competition	\$00.00
Corvair Show	\$10.00
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Valve Cover Race	\$10.00

Vendor Space.

Indoor Vendor	\$40.00
Outdoor Swap Meet	\$20.00

Awards Banquet.

Buffet	\$67.00
Restricted Diet	\$67.00
Hearst Castle Tour	\$85.00
Craft: Paint a Puzzle	\$00.00

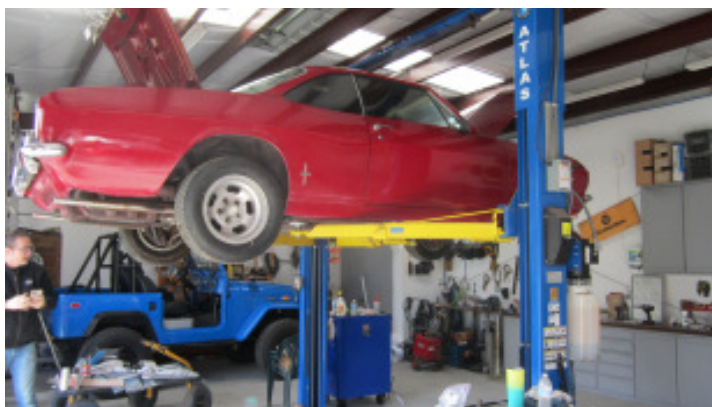
Shirts.

Men's T-Shirt (S,M,L,XL,2X,3X)	\$25.00
Men's Polo (S,M,L,XL,2X)	\$38.00
Women's T-Shirt (S,M,L,XL,2X)	\$25.00

Phil's Corsa Inspection

Last Sunday, Josh and I went to Don's place in Antioch to get a close inspection of Phil's '66 Corsa. Phil was in the process of doing something to the interior and had taken out the rear seat, radio and door panels. Josh picked up all of the Corvair parts that Sandy could find. Our job was to find out if everything was accounted for and what might need replacing. When I arrived Don already had the Corvair on the lift (what a great garage he has!). This made it easy to inspect the brake lines, the rubber bushings, and check the suspension in general. The brake lines were still flexible and appear to be in good condition with no signs of leakage. This a good sign. The rubber bushings could stand being replaced but this did not seem absolutely necessary (to me anyway). This we will think about. In general everything seemed to be in good with no rust that we could see. The front bucket seats needed to be recovered and new carpet would be desirable. The rear seat was actually in good shape with only a very minor issue. This should clean up well. The door panels were not bad but the cardboard was warped making them questionable to be reinstalled as is. Clark will look into straightening these and cleaning them up. Josh will check out the radio to see where stand with that.

Phil had installed locking lug nuts and, as luck would have it, they couldn't find the key when it was time to replace the tires. The tire shop had to cut the lug nuts off. Initially it was feared



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'66 Corsa...

that the lug studs would have to be replaced. But upon closer inspection it was found that only the locking nut was cut. So we just need to replace the lug nuts. Don thought these would be easy to find.

Don's neighbor (I forget his name) who is a retired upholsterer, came over and gave us some tips on how to approach the seat covers, headliner, etc. He was very helpful!

We made a list of the items we thought would be necessary. I volunteered to look these up and categorize the items (must have, nice to have, maybe later) and to price them out.

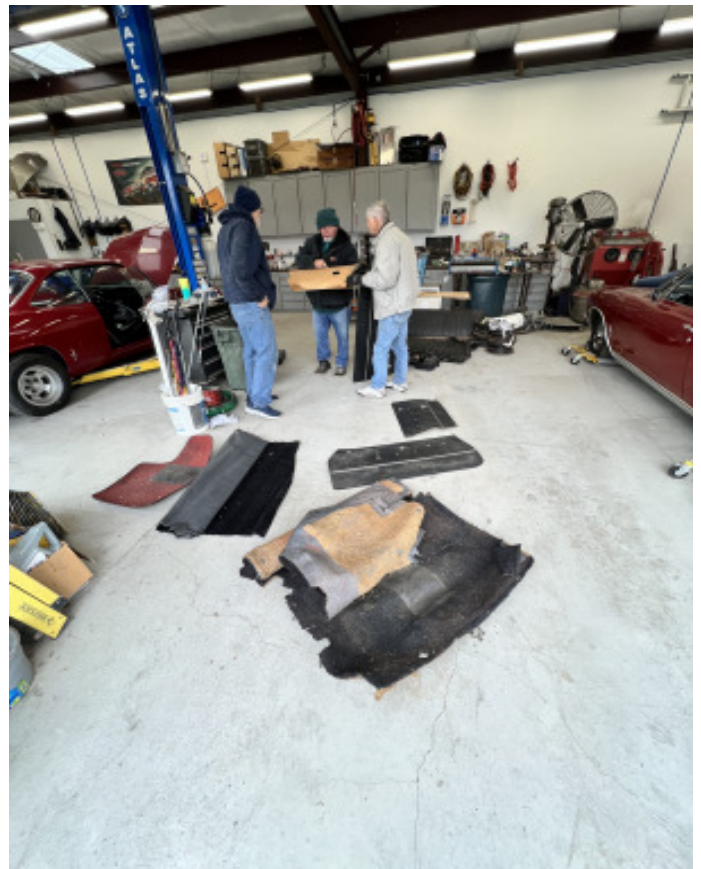
I assume we will talk about this at the next meeting or two and formulate a plan on how to move forward.



Here we are going over all the parts that Josh could line up. We separated the Corvair parts from the others.



The parts are kind of sorted here.



Here Don's neighbor (green cap) is checking over a door panel to see how the emblems have been attached. New panels come without emblems. You have to transfer them yourself.

[\(see More '66 Corsa... on page 8\)](#)

Minutes...

appointed as it was too rusty. Josh said there were currently a number of wagons for sale. There is a Lakewood in Modesto but it was pretty rough. There is one in Vallejo which is also rough and there is one in St. Helena (they only want \$700 but it's out in a field).

Chris said he will be going to a Vintage Trailer rally in Pismo Beach the week prior to the Convention. So he already has a place to stay!

Christy mentioned that there would be an Ultravan convention before the National Convention down in the Pismo Beach area. So, like Chris, he also

already has a place to stay!

Joe asked if race car engines were generally hard to start? He just bought a Honda race cycle that is a bare to start. Seth said that their intake systems were not optimized for cold starting. For example, most race cars do not use chokes yet they are needed for cold weather starting. There isn't much Corvair racing in January! Joe said that when he washes his Corvair, he points in down the driveway (maybe a 10% slope) rather than up. This helps keep water out of the car's interior. Good idea!

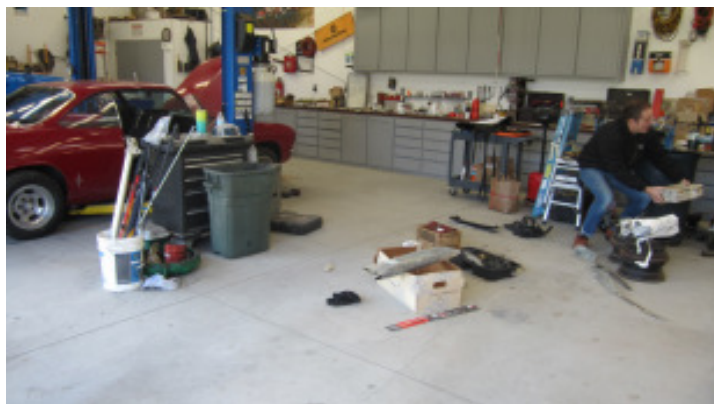
Swap & Sell: Josh said someone in Templeton (near Paso Robles) had lots of Corvairs for sale. Vince and Phil Daly went to look at them. The lady has a nice '62 which has been on Facebook. Most other Corvairs are project cars. Contact Josh for details.

Meeting adjourned about 8:01 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

More '66 Corsa...



Here we are cleaning up trying to leave the place presentable.



At home I am working on the door panel. You can see the warpage here. Not horrible but I would like to see it flatter.



The door panel actually looks in good shape. All emblems in place and no tears. It should clean up nicely.



Here I have the panel layed out on my garage floor. It's sitting on a damp towel with a small weight holding it flat. In a few days I will turn it over, again keeping it flat, while it thoroughly dries. Then it will be ready for Armor All.

2025 CORSA International Convention



2025 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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Letter...

Remember that if you work on your Corvair (even if it's only to change plugs or adjust the brakes), take pictures and send them in to me. When we see others working on their cars it gives us the incentive to do the same!

Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, Feb 6th starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339. A reminder email will be sent and hopefully it will contain a link to the meeting making it easy to join

SFBA 2025 Dues

Here is an update of dues received so far for 2025. We are off to a great start! Remember you can either by check or PayPal. If you choose PayPal, remember to select "Personal" to avoid the Commercial service charge.

Laurence Jones	\$25
Harry Kypreos	\$25
Robert Langdon	\$25
Bruce Mooers	\$25
Greg Vargas	\$25
Herb Wimmer	\$75 (3 yrs)

If you find any errors or I missed someone, please let me know.

Joe Balderrama	\$25
Paul Beers	\$25
Clark Calkins	\$25
Roger Chang	\$25
Josh Deitcher	\$25
John Heiser	\$25
Don Houghton	\$25
Barney "Buck" Jones	\$25

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'65 Corsa Cvrt, 140 HP, Madeira Ma-
roon with Black interior. 1 family owned
Bay Area car. Lots of documented work
completed. Engine needs work. Con-
tact Michael Chamorro at (415)310-2482
or middlechamorro@gmail.com (02/25)



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The Sacramento club is selling two turn
key engines.

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interested persons should email
sfbacorsa@gmail.com

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

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

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Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

January 2025

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01/01/2025	Beginning Balance				\$4,712.05	
12/26/2024	Jan newsletter			(61.33)	4,650.72	**
01/13/2025	SFBA Renewals		200.00		4,850.72	
01/14/2025	SFBA Renewals		175.00		5,025.72	
01/20/2025	SFBA Renewals		65.00		5,090.72	
01/31/2025	Ending Balance		\$440.00	(\$61.33)	\$5,090.72	

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