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**Workshops at Sterling
Restorations**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Mar 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 12 SFBA members and one guest, Gabe Lopez of Sterling Restorations.

Gabe joined us to tell us about the Workshops he is setting up at Sterling Restorations. These will cover the gambit of restorations projects from metal working and electrical to painting. He expects to have beginning and advanced classes. He is shooting for one each month at his place in Fairfield. There is likely some cost, but he did not indicate what that might be. Contact Gabe via Facebook or Instagram for more details.

As you have been made aware, SFBA is in charge of supervising the parking at the 2025 Convention in San Luis Obispo. A few months back at a meeting, I asked for a show of hands of who would be willing to help out with this endeavor. Several people indicated they would and now it is time to try and put a schedule together. I have estimated the time required (see page 5) and would like to hear those that will be going to the Convention and when you would be able to help out. First consult the schedule of events so you won't miss those items that you are eager to attend. Please let me know when you will be able to help out. Just send me an email or come to the next meeting. Nothing is cast in stone at this point, I am looking to get an idea of what I am up against in filling the voids. The Convention is still a few months away but it is approaching fast.

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 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

(see **Letter** on page 10)

On The Cover: Gabe Lopez of Sterling Restorations has started conducting classes on various aspects of car restoration. He has already had a welding class and an electrical class. He is hoping to have one each month. What a wonderful idea. Contact Gabe for details at SterlingRestorationsNV@gmail.com or visit their Facebook or Instagram accounts.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

February 6, 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 Chris, Joe, Don, Lane, Buck, Carl, Paul, Joe, Peter, and Gabe Lopez (Sterling Restorations). I hope I have included everyone.

This month the majority of the meeting was taken up by Club business. Specifically the 2025 Convention. Towards the end there was some Tech talk.

Treasury Report: The bank balance as reported in the last Newsletter was \$5290.72 Josh said he has received several dues payments (both checks and via PayPal) and will send this to Harry.

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

Old Business: Josh said the inspection of Phil's car showed it to be structurally very good. No rust in the usual locations. Mechanically it has a 140 motor with a center-mount Holly 4-barrel carburetor. It starts and runs well. Josh has only driven it a short distance around Rosemore, brakes work fine. He thinks it might have a quick-shift setup but he wasn't sure. While on the lift, Don felt the rubber mounts for the sway bar needed to be replaced. The gas tank looked fairly new. The real concern is the interior The head-liner, carpet, and bucket seats need to be replaced. The back seat is not bad but does have small tears. It's questionable as to whether or not this needs to be replaced. However the package tray area does need work. The paint is good but might not meet Gabe's standards. Just needs to be cleaned up. Peter asked how it was

electrically? Josh said everything worked but the radio is out of the car and Josh will be checking it soon. Don said the front speakers are missing but easily replaced. Clark felt the door panels would clean up well rather than replacing them. Replacement door panels come plane. You have to transfer the emblems from the current panels. Herb said that we need to keep the price in the buyer's range. The car needs to look desirable and need not be perfect. Buck asked what the car would reasonably sell for as is and how much after it is fixed up. Josh thought, that since this is a desirable car ('66 Corsa 140, LA low numbers, no rust) it should bring \$5500-5800 as is. With the interior fixed, \$10k maybe more.

New Business: Josh received a solicitation from Central Coast Corsa (CCC) asking for financial assistance to offset the cost of the 2025 National Convention. The unexpected move from Santa Maria to San Luis Obispo will cause CCC and CORSA to dig deeper into their coffers. Harry asked if CORSA was currently expecting a short fall? Nobody knows yet as Registrations have just been opened. Buck inquired how much CCC was requesting? The note was not specific but listed \$500 as a "gold" donor amount. Josh said that CCRC was giving \$1500 although they have a healthier treasury. Other clubs were expected to kick in around \$500 also. Clark mentioned that there were a dozen or so Western clubs and an average of \$500 each should be sufficient. Josh also mentioned that CORSA would absorb some of the loss (if there were any). Clark said maybe we should be giving to CORSA as well? Various options were discussed. The donations can be directed towards a

specific event (like the Banquet or Autocross) if desired. In the end Don made the motion to donate \$500 to CCC for general use with the caveat that we could do more if necessary. Lane (and others) seconded this. By show of hands, and there were no objections, this was passed. Harry will send a completed donation form and a \$500 check to CCC.

2025 Convention: Josh and Clark reported that the Convention planning was progressing well. A last-minute change has moved the Autocross up to Thursday as there is maintenance scheduled at the air field for Friday. The Concourse will be Wednesday at the Elks Club a short distance away. The Car Show will be Tuesday evening. Parking assistance will be needed for Monday and Tuesday. Parking will not be controlled the rest of the week. Clark will work up a preliminary schedule to access where we are with volunteers.

At last report, all of the reserved rooms at the Embassy Suites had been taken. But CORSA was trying to secure another block of rooms. Regardless you can always try, as cancellations do occur. At this time rooms are available at the Best Western and the Springhill Suites, both a short walk away. Mention the 2025 CORSA Convention. Joe asked how pet friendly the hotels were? Josh said he would find out.

Clark is in the process of working up a schedule for volunteer help with parking to access where we currently stand. The Convention will be here before we know it and we need to be prepared.

(See *Minutes..* on page 8)

Coming Events in 2025...

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

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"

Convention Parking Volunteer Schedule

Josh & Clark

SFBA will be handling the parking for the 2025 Convention. For Monday and Tuesday Corvairs that are entering the Car Show will be cordoned off in a special area of the hotel parking lot. There are two main ways to approach the Embassy Suites Hotel, and we will need 2 to 3 people to assist in guiding the Corvairs to the correct parking spot. It is expected we will need help from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Monday May 19th, and from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 20. We have broken this down into 2 hour "slots" so as not to over burden anyone. But feel free to tackle multiple slots if you have the time and energy.

At the moment trailer parking is more of an unknown. We don't have an estimate of how many to expect. There will be an area set aside for trailers to unload and for parking, but this has not been finalized yet.

The time slots listed below are our best estimate of when cars will show up. During the busy times I expect we will need three people, four wouldn't hurt. Two to man the two main entrances and one to oversee the parking so the Corvairs don't get too close together and are parked neatly. Other times we should be able to get by with two.

Monday, May 19th - Busiest Times will be 12:00PM to 6:00PM

08:00-10:00	10:00-12:00	12:00-02:00	02:00-04:00	04:00-06:00	06:00-08:00
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Tuesday, May 20th - Busiest Times will be 8:00AM to 2:00PM

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If you are willing to volunteer, please let us know what time slot or slots will fit into your schedule. I want to find out where we stand so I know if I need to approach other clubs for additional help

Workshops at Sterling Restorations

At the last meeting Gabe announced that he was starting up some Workshops for people to learn the ins and outs of vehicle restorations. He has already conducted a couple, mainly a welding workshop and an electrical workshop. He is planning on having one per month. Here are some pictures I grabbed off the Sterling Restorations web site. It looks like they are of the "Welding 101" workshop. It would be great to get a report from anyone who has attended one of these!





Minutes...

Carl said that he and his wife Arlette will be attending as well as another couple that lives an hour and a half away from them. So, Australia will be well represented!

Events: Peter mentioned that in San Carlos, Auto Vino has a cars and coffee (actually a wine and pizza) events. The owner is interested in car-specific events and in particular Corvairs. He was wondering how many Corvairs would show up. Josh thought that between SFBA and Valley they may get 10 or so Corvairs. Josh is definitely interested and will check with CCRC also.

Gabe is planning on another Open House this year. Probably in June or July to avoid conflicts with other events.

Joe said the "24 Hours Of Lemons" will be held at Sear's Point (Infinion Raceway) on March 22 and 23rd.

Tech: Gabe joined us this evening to talk about some Workshops he is setting up at Sterling Restorations. These are either beginning or advanced courses. They expect to conduct about

one each month and have already put on two. One on Electrical Work where they re-wired a car and another on Welding. What a great idea for anyone wanting to learn the ins and outs of car restoration! Contact Gabe for more information on schedules and pricing.

Peter said he had some '65 Black bucket seats that may work in Phil's car. Josh will look into this as this would save money. Peter is looking for a video on how to repair the rear quarter windows. He thinks a support bracket is loose or missing. He has the panels off but it is hard to see what's going on with all of the sheet metal in the way.

Don asked if it was okay to get two tires on Phil's car fixed? They keep going flat. Josh said "Yes".

Carl said he was driving his Corvair when it started making a clanking noise. He pulled over and not wanting to risk anything major, he had the car towed home. He suspects a nut holding the rocker arms has come loose. Looking back he thinks he should have used new

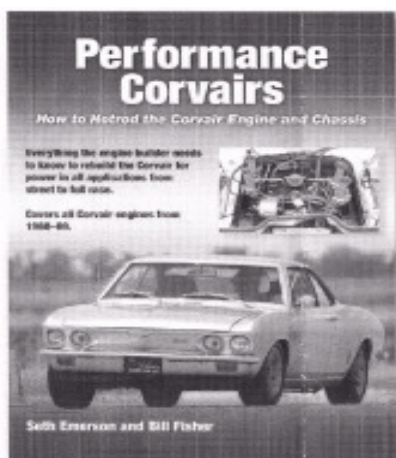
nuts when the engine was rebuilt. After repeated on and off cycles these can become loose. Josh had heard of these coming loose but not to the extent Carl reports. But Carl is confident that's all it is. He will put it on the lift this coming weekend. This will pin point the issue. When he pulled over, he was just outside of a university. With all of the kids walking by asking what kind of a car is that? It looks so cool! In the preceding weeks Carl took his Corvair in for a photo-shoot for a magazine (ed I forget which one). He thinks there's a good chance he will even make the cover! That would be terrific.

Swap & Sell: Nothing specifically mentioned.

Meeting adjourned about 8:24 PM.

Respectively submitted,

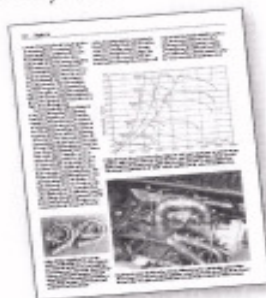
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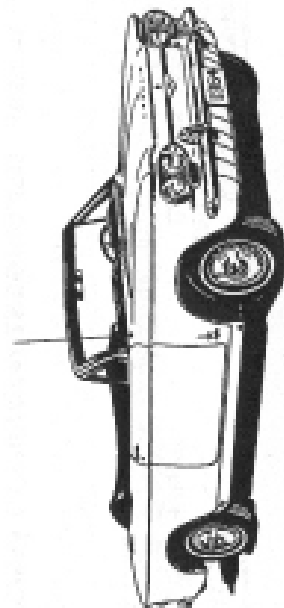
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Letter...

it up, just ask.

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, Mar 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 Update

Here is an update of dues received so far for 2025. We are off to a great start!. Those that are **bolded** just came in this month. Remember you can either pay by check or PayPal. If you choose PayPal, remember to select "Personal" to avoid the Commercial service charge. Thanks!

Joe Balderrama	\$25
Christy Barton	\$25
Scott Barton	\$25
Paul Beers	\$25
Clark Calkins	\$25
Roger Chang	\$25
Josh Deitcher	\$25
John Heiser	\$25

Claire Holmes	\$25
Don Houghton	\$25
Barney "Buck" Jones	\$25
Laurence Jones	\$25
Harry Kypreos	\$25
Roger Lamb	\$25
Robert Langdon	\$25
Rob Massari	\$75 (3 yrs)
Bruce Mooers	\$25
Tony Richards	\$25
Jeffery Ross	\$25
Steven Schnier	\$25
Greg Vargas	\$25
Herb Wimmer	\$75 (3 yrs)

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

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'62 Rampside - Runs, drives, lots of parts. \$4k Call Brad Santiresa 707-623-2302, Santa Rosa area. (3/25)

'66 Corsa 140 Runs excellent. Starts first try. New exhaust, electronic ignition, electric fuel pump. 4 carbs rebuilt.



I have a list of everything that has been done. Brakes need work, light rust at bottom of windshield. \$10k firm. SFBA member Jamie Torres jamie@gritsf.com. (3/25)

'66 Monza 140, AT, AC - running with a small list of fixes. Lots of extra parts.



\$6500 obo Benny Melchor benny@unitedsign.net 209-579-3221 Modesto. (3/25)

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

The Sacramento club is selling two turn key engines.

1962/1963 102 hp engine \$1500

1962/1963 80 hp engine \$1000

interested persons should email sfbacorsa@gmail.com

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

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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 (corvaiguru@gmail.com)

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

February 2025

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
02/01/2025	Beginning Balance				\$5,090.72	
01/26/2025	Feb newsletter			(54.49)	5,036.23	**
02/03/2025	SFBA Renewals		74.25		5,110.48	
02/05/2025	Clark's Ad		75.00		5,185.48	
02/09/2025	2025 Convention			(500.00)	4,685.48	
02/28/2025	Ending Balance		\$149.25	(\$554.49)	\$4,685.48	

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