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**Cullen Mooers' '65 Corsa  
Restoration Project**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)**

## Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had 9 SFBA members and no guests this evening. Notably absent was Carl who was still on vacation.

Convention parking. I have worked on the Volunteer's Schedule (see page 8). This has been adjusted after talking with those on my list at the last meeting. As you can see we still have need for more help, especially on Monday, but Tuesday as well needs help to reduce the burden placed on the volunteers. So, if you are going to the Convention and can help out, please let me know. Volunteers are needed to make the whole Convention run smoothly.

I received a call from John Muhlner informing me of a Classic Car Show and Wine Tasting event in St. Helena on June 15<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day). It's at the Rianda House on Adams Street and Library Lane. Classic cars from all decades (30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, etc.) are welcome. There is no cost to enter or attend. See flyer on page 8. On another note, John is looking for a Corvair he can drive to local events. He wants one that is already in showable condition (he is getting too old to work on cars anymore). See the Classifieds for more details.

Phil's Car Work Party. At the last meeting it was decided that April 26th would be the preferred date for us to work on Phil's car. We will start around 9:00 AM and should be finished by noon. Our goal this time is to get the interior cleaned out (front and rear seats, carpets removed, etc.) and ready for new or refurbished items. Don Burkard's House is at 1520 St. Claire Dr., Antioch, CA. An email was sent previously with more details and directions. Let me know if you need this again. I intend

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to bring coffee (donuts?) and work gloves. If you are planning on coming, please let Josh or myself know so we can plan this out.

(see **Letter** on page 10)

**On The Cover:** Broce Mooers picked up this '65 Corsa Convertible from someone in Oakland. It's an original LA car. Original paint, never been in an accident. What a wonderful project car! See page 6 more more info and pictures.

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# Minutes of the Last Meeting

April 3, 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, Chris, Don, Lane, Peter, Craig, and Christy. I hope I have included everyone. Notably absent was Carl who is still on vacation to Spain & France.

**Treasury Report:** The bank balance as reported in the last Newsletter was \$5129. Josh mentioned that the Club's web hosting outfit has increased their price by 250% (from \$11/month to \$24/month). Josh intends to switch to WordPress which at \$7/month is even a bit less than we are currently paying.

**Membership:** Josh did not report any new members this month. But there have been inquiries.

**Old Business:** Nothing mentioned this month.

**New Business:** Josh setup a Corvair Forum on the Club's web site. This will be for SFBA members to get help. Josh said that the CPF Scholarship Program was now open. They have a \$1000 scholarship available and Corvanatics also has a \$500 scholarship available. If you know anyone heading off to college (or even trade school), they can apply. Who knows, it may even pay for a book or two. Josh said Sarah Bruce is running this program this year. Contact Josh for more info, application forms, etc.

**2025 Convention:** Josh reported that CORSA had arranged more hotel

rooms but time is running out. Don't wait to make your reservations. It was reported that Central Coast Corsa had received \$8500 in donations from the various clubs to help offset the cost of the Convention. Clark brought up the proposed Parking Volunteer schedule. Lane and Don said they were okay with this but Peter said it was doubtful he would be able to attend. Clark will look for other volunteers to help fill the few gaps in the schedule. At the last Convention Planning meeting, it was suggested that people consider bringing a folding chair or two to help out the Corvair Car Show area. Josh said he had a few he could bring. Be sure to put your name on them! Bruce intends to bring one or two Corvairs but not the Yenka Stinger as he wasn't able to find a secure location to keep it in the evenings.

**Phil's Corvair Work Party:** The date Saturday, April 26 has been set for the next Work Party to work on Phil's Corvair. Starting around 9:00 AM, the goal this time is to get the interior cleaned up, remove seats, carpets, etc. in preparation for the new items. This is only expected to take a couple of hours. Josh reported that he tested the radio, and it works great even with a make-shift antenna in his garage. He also painted the kick panels (they came out great) plus he cleaned up the radio bezel. Don got the leaking tires fixed. Turns out they were leaking around the beads which just needed to be cleaned and the tires re-mounted.

**Events:** Peter mentioned a cars and coffee (actually a Cabernet and Pizza)

in San Carlos. They are having a special Corvair day. Probably the third Sunday in June, he will let us know. Seth felt that between SFBA and Valley Corsa we could have ten or so Corvairs show up.

**Tech:** Josh said Bruce got the Turbo engine back in Marc's '65 Corsa. He had Pallo go through the engine. One of the heads was warped but Pallo was able to fix it (or replace it?). Must not have been too bad. Bruce is delighted with how well it is now running!

Don said he had ordered the parts for Phil's car from Clark's and some have come in already. The seat covers and headliner were boxed and needed to be opened up and kept flat to prevent creases. Don will send the invoice to Harry. Parts total \$2090 but then there is tax and shipping.

Christy asked if anyone had heard from Carl? He was wondering what the issue was with his engine. He is keeping us in suspense! Christy said the Sacramento club (CCRC) has a new V.P. who is organizing monthly events. Last month they went to Sutter Creek. They had lunch in Gold Coast at Gold Dust Pizza. Boy was that good pizza! For fun the VP made up a rally sheet with pictures of features they were to identify along the way. Christy thought that was fun.

Peter said his Corvair was coming along. A lot slower than he had hoped. He now has the suspension installed. He used heavy duty springs from Clark's. Now he has the interior torn up preparing for some new parts. Pe-

(See *Minutes..* on page 7)

## *Coming Events in 2025...*

<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"</b>
<b>May 20-23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>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</b>
<b>Jun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"</b>
<b>Jun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rianda House Classic car Show and Wine Tasting, St. Helena, CA - Adams Street &amp; Library Lane. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. No charge.</b>
<b>Jul 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"</b>

## *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"



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# SFBA & Corvair Convention Updates

Hi Everyone,

With the spring weather finally here, we hope you are able to take your Corvair for a spin. If you do, please remember to take photos. If you are on instagram, you can tag the club account or you can send pictures to Clark or this email to be published in the newsletter and on social media. Don't be modest. We want to see your Corvairs... the public demands it!

Ok, with that out of the way, a couple of things of note to share...

- **Digital Assets**

We have been using wix as our website host since the refresh in 2019. Everything was great and the rates stayed fair. Out of the blue and right before renewal, they informed us that they were raising rates from \$11/mo to \$24/mo while decreasing our storage. Payment is in 2 year intervals, so that would come out to a \$576 bill.

At the last meeting, we all agreed that this was a no-go. Josh is currently looking for a more reasonable host that suits our needs, so the site either may be temporarily down or may look different the next time you visit. The domain name is paid for and will remain the same. If you know of a host that offers drag & drop for around \$10/mo, let Josh know.

It was asked if there will be any changes to zoom. The answer to that is no, for now. We believe that zoom and the website are essential benefits for the long term health of the club, so we will do everything in our power to keep costs as low as possible.

While the meta platforms are problematic in other areas, they are free and where the people are, so those will continue uninterrupted.

- **66 Corsa Update**

We are moving forward with Phil's donated 66 Corsa. With the club's approval, Don has purchased the necessary parts to fix up the interior. Some of the interior parts (door panels, kick panels, radio) have been repaired & cleaned and are ready for install. Don has also repaired the two tires that had slow leaks. We are going to do a work party at Don's in Antioch on April 26. If you want to attend, let us know.

- **CORSA Convention Update**

Have you registered for the convention yet? No?! We'll get on the good foot so we can see you at the CORSA Convention in San Luis Obispo. Let's get a big SFBA turnout!

SFBA is in charge of parking. The two major days are Monday and Tuesday and we could use some more volunteers to help, especially for Monday. If you are available to help, even for an hour, let Josh or Clark know so we can pencil you in. It's easy work and you'll get to see the cars as they roll in.

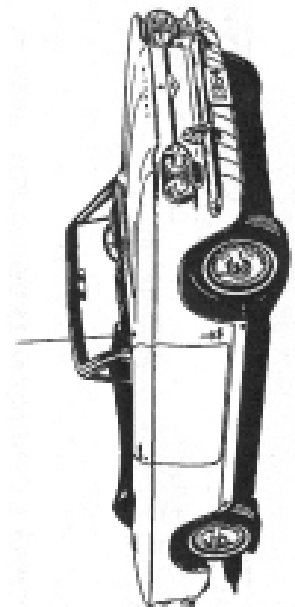
CORSA really needs to get folks to register as soon as possible as we are about 6 weeks out. Especially those who are planning to do the autocross, the Hearst Castle tour and attend the banquet.

More hotels in the area of the host are now offering discounted room rates, but there is a window on the special rate, so act fast!

Remember, you need to be a CORSA member to attend the convention. If you have questions, please email Josh who is also your CORSA western division director. To register for the convention, click [HERE](#)

Lots happening! Feel free to reach out with any questions, suggestions, praise or complaints. We are your club and are here for YOU!

Ray Welter, Harry Kypreos, Clark Calkins, Josh Deitcher  
SFBA CORSA, [sfbacorsa.org](http://sfbacorsa.org)



# A Corvair for Cullen! - Bruce Mooers

We purchased a 1965 Corvair Corsa 140/4sp Convertible- LA factory car Madeira Maroon over black. We bought the car from the family that had owned the car since 1965! The car was built the following weeks and 29 cars after the 1965 Turbo car I bought from Marc. Brodie and I picked up the car in Oakland and surprised my son Cullen with the car. He and I will set about restoring it in the near future. It has original paint - even has the original pin stripe. No rust or accidents





## Minutes...

ter picked up another radio



And bought a bezel from Wes Hicks in Illinois.



Seth suggested when he goes to install the radio, if possible bend the two mounting tabs that he won't be using out of the way. If he cuts them, it will make installing an original radio later much more difficult. Peter agreed. Peter picked up some speakers from Amazon. He decided against ordering new package tray cardboard from Clark's as the shipping alone was over \$100. He plans to use a wood platform to hold the rear speakers that will be covered with carpeting or some-

thing similar.

Peter has been surprised how little the car rattles, being a 60 year old car and all. But it does wander a bit. He will have it professionally aligned. Seth said that if there was any toe-out, the car will tend to wander as the tires are arguing over which one has control. So a little toe-in (maybe 1/8") is necessary. Lane said he just had his '67 Convertible aligned by Hayward Alignments. They didn't balk when he brought in a Corvair. The kid said he liked working on the older cars. They even gave him a before and after list of specs. Lane had both the front and rear aligned and used the specs that Seth mentioned last month (see Minutes in the April Spyder Web). Lane said it drives very well now. Peter said he will go with Andy's Tires in Colma.

After Peter gets the interior completed, he will start on the body. He is so looking forward to taking it to local cars and coffee events!

Lane said he is getting ready to retire! He has worked for United Airlines for many years. He said he has been watch-

ing some Corvair YouTube videos by Auto-Autonomy.



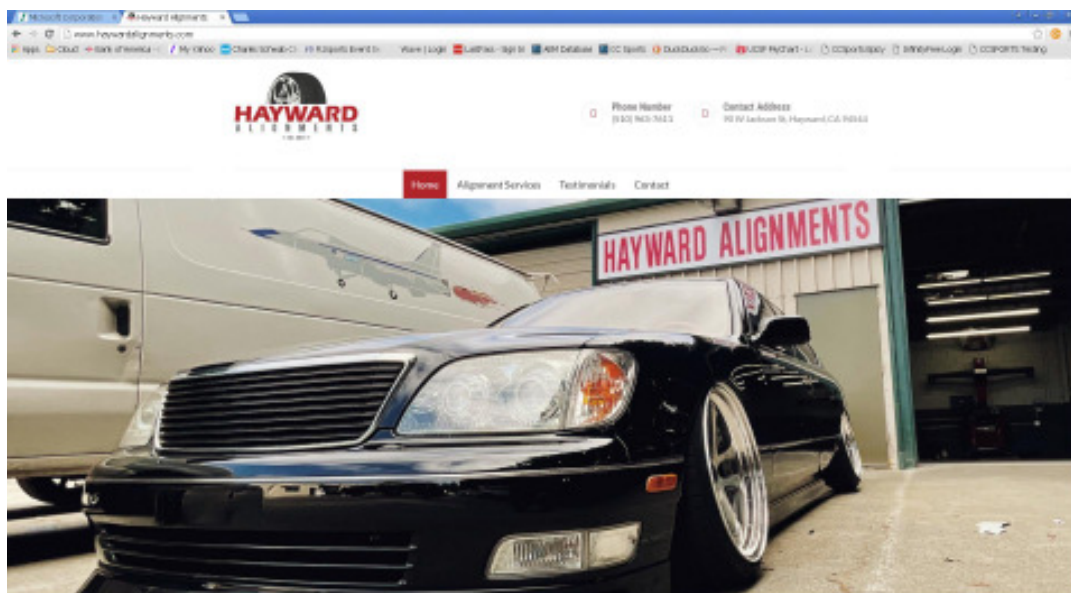
The person is working on a '65 Corvair rebuilding the suspension, adding fuel injection, rebuilt the engine, did some body work, etc. Now he is working on the interior. He just finished the headliner. We should check this out before attacking Phil's Corvair! Lane said the videos are very well done and broken down into 20 or 30-minute sessions.

**Swap & Sell:** Nothing specifically mentioned.

Meeting adjourned about 7:57PM.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary



# 2025 Rianda House Car Show



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**Father's Day**  
**June 15, 11:00-3:00**  
**Adams Street @ Library Lane**

[Register Car Fair Event](#)



## Convention Parking Volunteer Schedule

**Monday, May 19th (Busiest Times are expected to 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 are expected to be 8:00AM to 2:00PM)**

08:00-10:00	10:00-12:00	12:00-02:00	02:00-04:00	04:00-06:00
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( RW )	( CK )	( LD )	( CC )	( CK )
( CC )	( DB )	( JD )	( DB )	( JD )
( AK )	( JD )	( CC )		

### (Meaning of Symbols)

AK = Arlette Kelsen  
 BJ = Buck Jones  
 CC = Clark Calkins

CK = Carl Kelsen  
 CM = Chris Myers  
 DB = Don Burkard  
 XX = Unassigned

JD = Josh Deitcher  
 LD = Lane Davidson  
 RW = Ray Welter



# 2025 CORSA International Convention



## 2025 CORSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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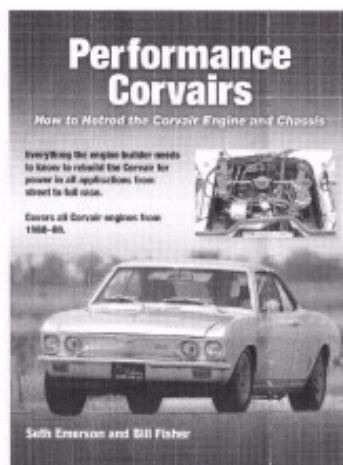
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## Letter...

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!

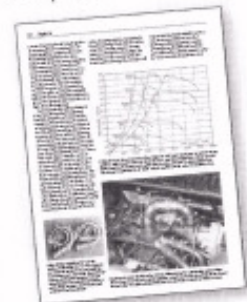
Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, May 1st starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339. A reminder email will be sent and hopefully it will contain a link to the meeting making it easy to join.



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# 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.

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## CORVAIR MECHANICS

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## CORVAIRS WANTED

Late Model convertible, preferably a Turbo. Must be driveable and in showable condition. Contact John Muhlner via email at jbmuhlner@earthlink.net. St. Helena area. (05/25)

## Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

April 2025

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
04/01/2025	Beginning Balance				\$5,129.81	
03/25/2025	Newsletters (Oct-Mar)	1027		(226.74)	4,903.07	
03/25/2025	SFBA Dues		25.00		4,928.07	
03/26/2025	April newsletter			(12.41)	4,915.66	**
04/14/2025	SFBA Renewals		25.00		4,940.66	
04/22/2025	Clark's Parts	1028		(2,544.84)	2,395.82	
04/22/2025	Web Site	1029		(47.70)	2,348.12	
04/30/2025	Ending Balance		\$50.00	(\$2,831.69)	\$2,348.12	

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