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**Work Party #2**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, June 5<sup>th</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 12 SFBA members and no guests this evening.

I just got back from the 2025 Convention in San Luis Obispo, CA. The attendance was remarkable; there were about 300 people and maybe 125 Corvairs. 100 entered the Car Show, 42 entered the Concourse, and maybe 30 Corvairs in the Autocross. I didn't catch numbers for the Econo-Run or the Rally. I expect the next Communique will have more exact details as well as Award winners and Autocross times. For the most part the Convention ran smoothly with no major problems. There was one car who had their hubcaps stolen one evening. Bummer! By my count, we had 11 SFBA members (plus their wives) show up. Not bad. I have included some pictures on pages 7-8.

The Parking Task, which SFBA took on, went very well. I especially want to thank our volunteers Don, Lane, Buck, Carl, Arlette, and Josh for their tremendous help. Unfortunately, Ray and Chris had to cancel at the last minute due to family issues. But the others stepped up to cover! Vince provided us with safety vests so we could be seen. This was a big help. Originally, the organizers planned on a reserved parking area that would hold 85 cars. But as more and more Corvairs showed up, we squeezed the cars together and commandeered some extra space from the Outdoor Vendor area which was sparsely used. It's amazing how many showed up at the last minute without pre-registering. Yet, in the end everything worked out well.

Last month we had our second Work Day at Don's house to work on Phil's Corvair. The intent was to inventory all of the parts we had to see if there was anything else we

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needed and to get the interior cleaned out in preparation for new carpets, seat covers, etc. You will find some pictures on page 6. Josh has provided an update on the project. See page 5.

(see **Letter** on page 10)

**On The Cover:** At Work Party #2, several of us showed up to clean out the interior of Phil's Corvair and get it ready for new materials. Some of the bolts required Elbow Grease as they hadn't been touched in 60 years. Now that the Convention is over we can concentrate on getting this project finished.

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# Minutes of the Last Meeting

May 1, 2025

Josh got the regular meeting started around 6:58 PM following a short Board meeting. When the room was opened, Josh, Harry, Ray, and I were quickly joined by Lane, Peter, Seth, Carl, Randy Powers, Buck, Don, and Christy. I hope I included everyone.

**Treasury Report:** Harry reported that SFBA received an unexpected donation from Sandy Dalphorno along with a note indicating that it was Phil's and Her's intention to donate the '66 Corsa in sale-able condition. She and Phil have been more than generous and this is greatly appreciated! The bank balance, as reported in the last newsletter, was \$2,360.53

**Membership:** Josh reported on a new member, John Muhlner from St. Halena. Welcome! Josh will send this membership along with Pete's renewal to Harry.

**Old Business:** Nothing mentioned.

**New Business:** Seth asked when our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic was scheduled. The tentative date is Aug 9th at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont.

**2025 Convention:** Clark reported that a revised Parking Help time schedule was sent to the list of volunteers. Lane, Don, Carl, and Buck said the listed times were okay with them. There has been no Convention Planning Meeting since last month. These are on the first Wednesday of the month and, this month, that will be the Wednesday following the SFBA meeting. This year the Valve Cover races have been scrubbed as there were not enough entries, but other than that there have been no

major changes. The Autocross is still at the Santa Maria airport. As Seth said, if you want to see beautiful Corvairs, attend the Concourse on Wednesday. If you want to see fast Corvairs catch the Autocross on Thursday. Josh indicated he was not sure when he would be able to attend due to his work schedule.

**Events:** Clark said that he talked with John Muhlner and John is coordinating a Classic Car show in St. Halena on June 14th (Father's Day). They would like to have Corvairs show up.

Ray summarized the last Work Party event. Josh, Clark, Chris, and Ray showed up at Don's house in Antioch. The object was to inventory all of the car parts and get the interior cleaned out in preparation for the new items (carpets, seat covers, headliner, etc.). Clark showed the one door panel he straightened out which looked just fine. He took the others home to work on them. The bolts holding the seats and the seat belts were quite tight. Not unexpected for a 60 year old car. One stubborn part was the gas pedal. It finally came off after some persuasion. Looking at the splines, which seemed to be about gone, it was decided to pick up another one. Chris found that California Corvairs had one for \$40 or so. We may even find one at the Convention swap meet or in someone's garage.

Don said that his neighbor, Johnny will help with the headliner. Ray said he has done seat covers before and we just need to wait for a warm day. That should be no problem in Antioch. Josh said the exterior will clean up nicely as

the paint is in good shape. There is no rust in the usual places, since the car has been garaged, and the car has not been in any accidents.

**Tech:** Carl said he has had his Corvair featured in the latest issue of "Unique Cars", and Australian classic cars magazine. He asked if anyone wanted a copy of the magazine? If so, he will bring a few copies to the Convention. Josh showed several pages from the magazine via the Share Screen feature of Zoom. On the cover, besides Carl's Corvair, there was a Red Australian Falcon GT, a rare performance version that sells for ~\$250k AUD! A couple of models later, the WGT is worth about 1 mil! Carl felt that his article wouldn't generate very much fan mail as most Aussies don't even know what a Corvair is. Carl was having engine problems and is planning on a full rebuild. He thinks he should have done this originally. Carl asked about engine cradles. Are they necessary? Seth said they were nice, especially if you are taking many engines in and out. But for one engine they are not necessary. Don said he used a Harbor Freight table jack, and it worked well with his lift. Carl has a 4-post lift and will look into this. Josh said the table jack was good as it allows you to move the engine around after removal. Seth said the only draw back was finding a place to store it when it is not being used. Carl said he was driving the Corvair to a local club meeting when he heard a horrible engine noise. Not seeing anything obvious, he had the car towed home. Seth asked if a compression check was done? Carl said no, but he was planning on rebuilding the engine anyway.

(See *Minutes..* on page 9)

## *Coming Events in 2025...*

<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>
<b>Aug 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"</b>
<b>Aug 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SFBA/Valley Picnic. 12:00 noon until ?? Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. Date is tentative.</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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# Update on the Dalforno '66 Corsa

## - Josh Deitcher

We had a great work party at Don's with Phil's '66 Corsa. Don, Ray, Clark, Josh and Chris Myers were all present to assist.

Structurally, the body, underbelly, rails and all panels are in fantastic condition. No rust found in the common areas, or anywhere, for that matter. We think with some cleaning and polishing that the paint will present nicely. Hank was on hand for donut inspection.

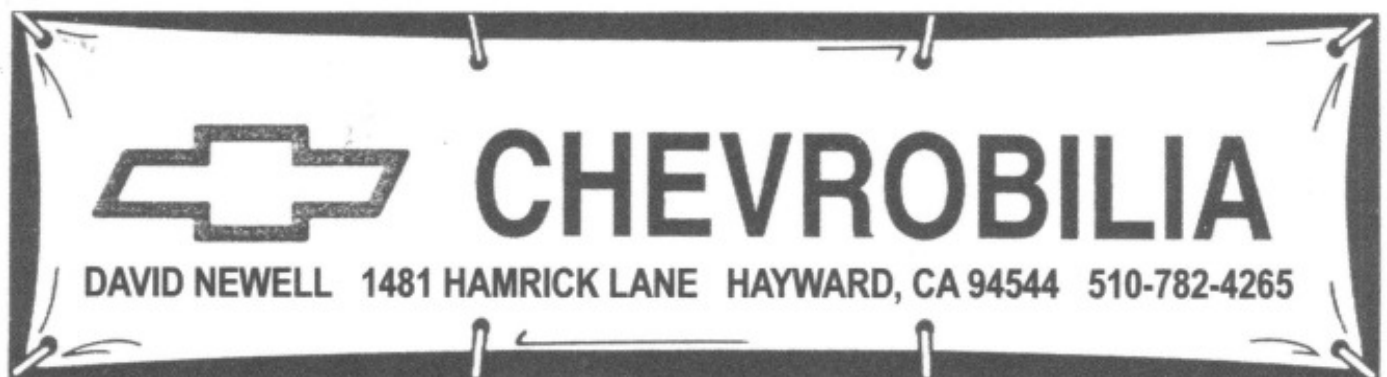
Don had the two tires that were leaking repaired locally. We will evaluate brakes and likely do a flush, at the very least, right before putting the car up for sale.

Mechanically, the engine starts right up and idles with a nice note coming from its center mount carb and Clark's trombone exhaust. The engine bay may need some cleaning and possible painting. TBD on that.

For this work party, the focus was to take an inventory of the parts that Sandy gave us along with the car as well as removing the interior seats, seatbelts, rear package tray, carpet and matting. All of this was done with care as to not damage any other interior parts or scratch any paint. Once the seats and carpet were removed, and floor vacuumed, it was agreed by all that the toe boards, front and rear pans and package tray area were all in excellent shape.

We did have to remove the gas pedal as Don and Josh had both noticed that it wouldn't always 'grab' when you applied pressure to it. Upon removal, Don, Ray and Clark all agreed that the splines in the pedal were stripped out. A replacement will be ordered soon.

Aside from the repairs, we also received a note and donation from Sandy Dalforno to help with associated costs on Phil's car. This can be referenced in the treasury report. The club greatly appreciates Sandy's kind donation and we will put it to good use toward refurbishing the car and to also honor the Dalforno's longtime support to CORSA and to SFBA. Thank you again, Sandy. The club owes you and Phil a debt of gratitude for your support and generosity. The May Spyder Web listed the latest financial details for this project.



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# Work Party #2 - April 26<sup>th</sup>



We are starting on removing the interior components. First off the seat belts.



Josh is removing the stubborn seat bolts. They haven't been touched in 60 years.



The package tray area with the rear speakers and sound deadening material removed.



Don is cleaning up the now empty package tray area.



Not much left in the interior after the seats and carpets have been removed.



Here is the pesky gas pedal. We needed to remove it to get accurate measurements for the new carpet.



# 2025 Convention Photos



Hotel greeted us with a "Welcome CORSA" TV message



Corvairs starting to show up.



A beautiful '63 Monza being trailered.



Christy drove his UltraVan



Indoor vendor room being setup.



Concourse Corvairs being judged.



Ray's beautiful '61 Lakewood being scrutinized.



Typical outdoor swap meet vendor.



## Convention...



A pretty Stage II Yenko Stinger.



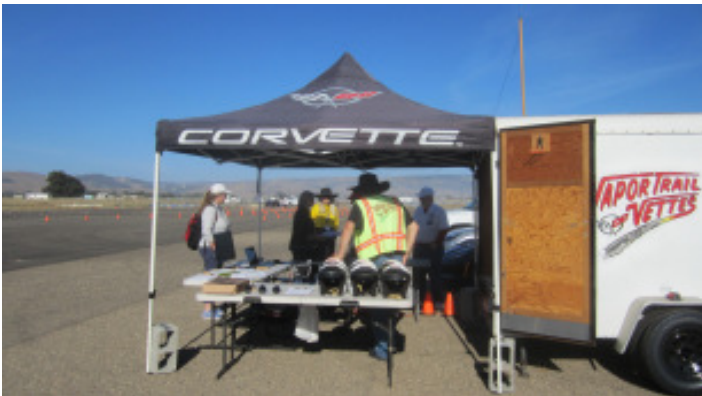
Tech inspection of Autocross cars.



Tech session on Starters and Generators.



Corvairs waiting for the Autocross to start.



The Corvette Club setup the timing booth.



Vance Piper taking one of his turns.



The Banquet - "Dinner is Served"



Following dinner was the Awards Presentations.



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## Minutes...

Seth said that a compression check would let you know where to look. Good point! Lane said you can use a bore scope to get a good idea of what is wrong.

Lane said he was planning on driving his Corvair to the Convention, but it just dropped a valve seat a week ago. He found a bore scope that worked with his iPhone and saw a smiley face on the piston and could see the seat hanging from the valve. So he won't be driving his Corvair to the Convention. Just bad timing.

Peter said his Corvair is leaking gas when parked on an incline. He suspects the rubber connection on the fill tube. This should be easy to resolve if that's the case.

Randy powers asked about a part for

his Corvair. Where did it go? It was the skid plate that covers the rear motor mount. Randy also asked what was the best day to attend the Convention? Seth said, it depends on what your interests are. Beautiful cars are in the Concourse on Wednesday, and fast cars are at the Autocross on Thursday.

Clark said he received a call from John Hafkenschiel who wanted to iron out some Convention details. In talking with John he said he had a couple of restored Corvairs he wanted to sell. Clark put him in touch with John Muhlnher who is looking for a Corvair. Josh said that's one of the benefits of joining a club such as ours. You get lots of exposure to people of similar interests. Josh said that's how he got the Yellow '64. Cameron saw the car and thought it might be for sale. He alerted

Josh and the rest of history. The car was never listed for sale anywhere. Another benefit is that you get access to expert help that we all take advantage of!

**Swap & Sell:** Nothing mentioned.

Meeting adjourned about 8:16 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

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## 2025 Rianda House Car Show



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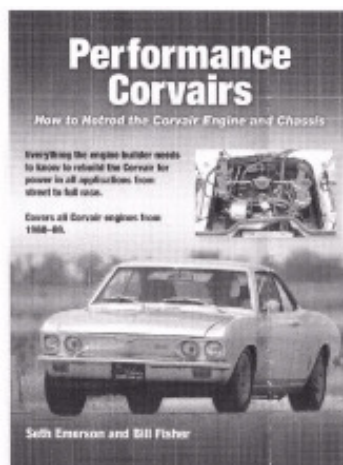


## Letter...

By the way, thanks to Josh the Club has a new URL for its web site. It is "https://www.sfbacorsa.com". This will be up and running shortly.

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!

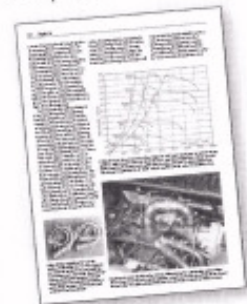
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'66 Corsa 140 Runs excellent. Starts first try. New exhaust, electronic ignition, electric fuel pump. 4 carbs rebuilt.



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

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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.*

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

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## CORVAIRS WANTED

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## Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

May 2025

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
05/01/2025	Beginning Balance				\$2,348.12	
05/02/2025	Donation		\$1,200.00		3,548.12	
05/23/2025	SFBA Dues		30.00		3,578.12	
05/26/2025	May newsletter			(12.41)	3,565.71	**
04/30/2025	Ending Balance		\$1,230.00	(\$12.41)	<b>\$3,565.71</b>	

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