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**Herb With His '64 Cvrt
at Lake Tahoe - 1999**

**Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday, Aug 7th
@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. This was a bit low but considering that it's Summer time with vacations and all, probably not too bad.

We heard from our Treasurer and VP Harry Kypreos that he will be stepping down from his positions. He is downsizing and moving as we all must do eventually. Plus he has to take care of Carol as she is needing more help these days. He will keep helping out until we find a replacement. So we are currently looking for a volunteer to take over these duties. VP and Treasurer are separate positions and can be filled separately. It's a good time to remind our members that the Club runs on volunteers. By spreading the work among several individuals, there is a minimal burden on anyone and the Club becomes more vibrant and open to change. You will be involved in the Club's day-to-day activities and as well as future planning plus it's a great way to learn about Corvairs and help others. If you would like to help out, please see Ray, Josh, or myself.

As mentioned in the Minutes, Josh has revamped the Club's Web Site. And the address has changed to SFBACORSA.COM (it used to be .ORG). One of the new features are write-ups about various Corvair related themes. There isn't enough room in the Newsletter for all of these so I have included a list on page 7, go check it out. The articles are posted on the Web Site as well as being emailed to all SFBA members so you get the information timelier.

On pages 5 you will see the progress that has been made on Phil's Corsa. Our last Work Party was held on Sunday, July 20th at Don's house in Antioch. We had four SFBA members (Don, Ray, Josh, and myself). Our goal was to get the rear seat recovered, work on the Package Tray area, check the fit of the new carpets, and decide on how to

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approach recovering the front bucket seats. Should we try this ourselves or take it somewhere? Last month the new headliner was installed and The Cars and Cabernet event was held July 13th at Auto Vino in San Carlos. Several Corvairs showed up from SFBA

(see *Letter...* on page 6)

On The Cover: Herb sent in some pictures of his Corvair at the 1999 CORSA Convention in Lake Tahoe. What a wonderful spot for a Convention! See Herb's complete story on the SFBA Web Site at SFBACORSA.COM

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

July 3, 2025

Josh got the regular meeting started around 7:02 PM following a short Board meeting. When the room was opened, Josh, Harry, and I were quickly joined by Peter, Seth, Don, Jim, Vince, and Jeffrey. I hope I included everyone.

Treasury Report: Harry reported that he will be stepping down as Club Treasurer and VP. He is in the process of down-sizing and family obligations are taking precedence. The bank balance, as reported in the last newsletter, was \$3,590.53.

Membership: Josh reported that we had two new members. A lady from Livermore and someone from Mountain View. I didn't catch the names, but Welcome!

Old Business: Nothing reported.

New Business: Josh showed the Club's new web site. At the bottom there is a "Latest..." section where he posts items that didn't make it into the newsletter. This is still in progress.

2025 Convention: Jim and Vince reported that the 2025 Convention was a huge success. They actually made a profit! The large number of last minute walk-ins tipped the scales. CORSA was not prepared for the large number of late arrivals and ran out of Program Guides and Banquet tickets. Jim thought because the Convention was prior to school letting out, many didn't know until the last minute if they could attend. But this is a good problem to have! Jim said people came from all over the world, including Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Canada, and of course Australia. Jim said, in the end

the Radisson did us a big favor. San Luis Obispo was a much better venue than Santa Maria. Clark said he was hesitant because he was used to a one day event (like Vairfest). "What am I going to do for a full week?" But he thoroughly enjoyed himself! Josh said this puts to bed the idea "you can't hold a convention in California, it's too expensive and no one will come".

In the Autocross, notably Christy got 6th in his Ultravan! In the Concourse Bruce got Silver for his Yenke, Jeffrey got Bronze for his '61 Raffle car, Hal got Silver for his Rampside (missed Gold by less than a point), Jim said he missed Bronze by .02 pts for his '64 Cvrt.

CORSA sent out an evaluation form to all that attended asking for their feedback. Typically people don't respond unless they have complaints, but in this case the overwhelming response was positive. Especially for the host hotel (Embassy Suites). The large atrium area made it convenient to sit and talk with others as you were taking a break from the scheduled events. Not to mention the end of day happy hour. The concourse location at the near by Elks Club was also well received. Surprisingly, at least to me, the Autocross was very well attended. Having to put up with the TSA requirements was not a big deal. And the Corvette Club, which was in charge of timing the event, did a superb job. All in all about the only complaint was the wind although this did manage to keep everyone cool. Some were disappointed in the lack of having more vendors but there is not much CORSA can do about this.

Events: The annual SFBA/Valley picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 9th at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. Check for a map and directions in the newsletter. As usual, SFBA will provide burgers and hot dogs and Valley will bring tri-tip. For everyone else just bring something to share (chips, salads, desserts, etc.).

Gabe is still planning on having another Open House. But right now he is very busy and it's hard to find time. If and when a date is scheduled, Josh will be sending out an email with the details. Keep an eye out.

Josh reported the next West Coast convention was about the same time as the 50th Fan Belt Toss. Maybe a combined effort can be put together.

The next Vairfest is scheduled for June 27, 2026 at Heritage Park in Arroyo Grande again.

There is talk about another West Coast Convention and CORSA is becoming more flexible and will consider Spring and Fall dates.

Don setup another Work Party to recover the rear seat, work on the package tray area, and install new carpets. The weekend of the 19th or 20th. He will let us know.

Tech: Vince wrote an article in the Communiqué praising the job Jannett did in organizing the 2025 Convention. Both Jannett (sp?) and Larry Claypool put in a lot of time and energy in getting all of the events coordinated. Well Done!

(See *Minutes..* on page 7)

Coming Events in 2025...

Aug 7th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Aug 9th	SFBA/Valley Picnic. 12:00 noon until ?? Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. Date is tentative.
Sep 4th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Sep 7th	Corvair Cockpit Day at the Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252 Earhart Rd (by the airport).
Oct 2nd	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Oct 24-26th	Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet, host hotel is the Double Tree by Hilton Golf Resort Palm Springs, in Cathedral City, CA
Nov 6th	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"

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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"

Phil's Corvair Work Party # 3

- Photos by Clark



Here is a group before starting work. From left to right we have Johnny, Ray, Josh, and Don.



Here Don and Ray are working on the Package Tray area in preparation for new material.



Installing the new rear seat cover is a group effort. Here Don and Josh are holding the new covering material while Ray is applying the hog rings.



Here we see a comparison with the old cover (which wasn't too bad actually) with the new Clark's material.



Here is the finished rear seat. Looking pretty good!



Here the carpeting has been applied to new Package Tray cardboard from Clark's. Spray adhesive was been used. What you don't see is the deadening material that was added first to soften the engine noise.

Cars & Cabernet @ Auto Vino

Pictures by Seth and Peter



Letter...

and Valley. Peter set this up and it turned out very good. Thanks peter! See some pictures on page 6.

Don't forget our annual SFBA/Valley Picnic will be Saturday, Aug 9th at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. Burgers, dogs, and tri-tip will be provided, just bring a side dish to share (salad, chips, dessert, etc.) and by all means drive your Corvair! Joe has volunteered to get there early and secure a couple of tables for us to use. You might want to think of bringing a few chairs as the

cement benches can get hard after a while. The trees usually provide ample shade these days. See map and directions on page 8.

As a last minute add-on, Lane Davidson (long time SFBA member and United mechanic) informed us of a **Corvair Cockpit Day** at the Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252 Earhart Rd (by the airport). It's from 9AM to 4PM, drive your Corvair and get a free lunch! A great event for the whole family.

Remember, 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, Aug 7th starting at 7:00 PM. Remember our permanent meeting ID# is 243 888 8339. A reminder email will be sent containing a link to the meeting making it easy to join.

Minutes...

Josh said the newest issue of Hagerty's Drivers Club featured Bruce's Yenke Stinger

Pete said he put new wheels and tires on his '65 Corsa. He put on 14" Rally Wheels and BF Goodrich tires (235-60 on the rear and 215-60 on the front). Pete went to Andy's Tires in South SF). Vince said with 13" wheels you don't have many choices. Josh said Max's is back in production (they stopped for a while) and Coker makes some (very expensive)

After getting the new tires, Pete didn't make it a mile before his clutch cable broke and he had to be towed home. Don said when you replace the cable, also check the plastic pulleys, replace with Aluminum if cracked or broken. Clark's has them. Check the Tech Guides for installations tips. Don said this job is easy to do if you have a lift!

Jim said, according to Ray Segman, the wire being used today is too brittle. Paul said he bought one from Roger Parent that is very high quality. Not sure if these are still available.

Jeffrey said he had a 110 throttle linkage from Roger Parent that he does not need. It's still in the plastic. He is moving on to a 140 motor.

Jim asked what lube should be used when assembling rubber parts? He is replacing the rubber mounts on the sway bar and finds the new rubber parts to be very tight. Seth said to find something that doesn't attack rubber. Like silicon lube. But use just enough to get the parts assembled, you want them to stay in place once assembled. Seth that tire shops use something when mounting tires, maybe you can

get a bit from them? Also check the Tech Guides. Jim also asked if you could use a '69 clutch cable on '65 to '68 Corvairs? Seth said "yes". What he has done is fold back the stamped piece and bolted the cable at the bottom part of the U shaped bracket using a short bolt and washers.

Swap & Sell: Nothing specifically mentioned.

Meeting adjourned about 8:23 PM.

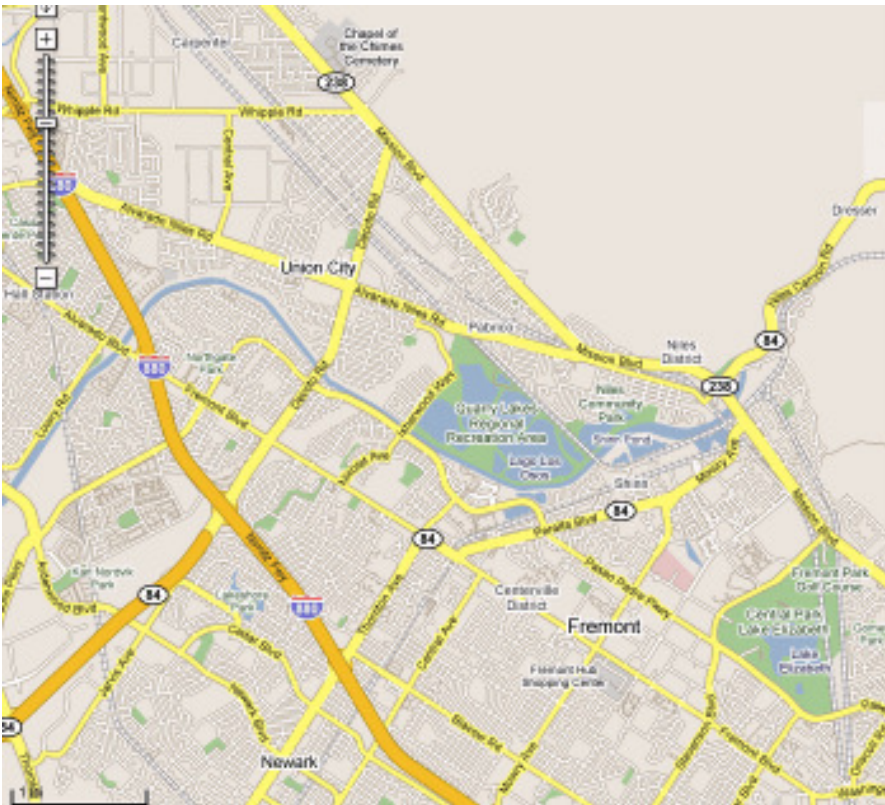
Respectively submitted,

Clark Calkins, secretary

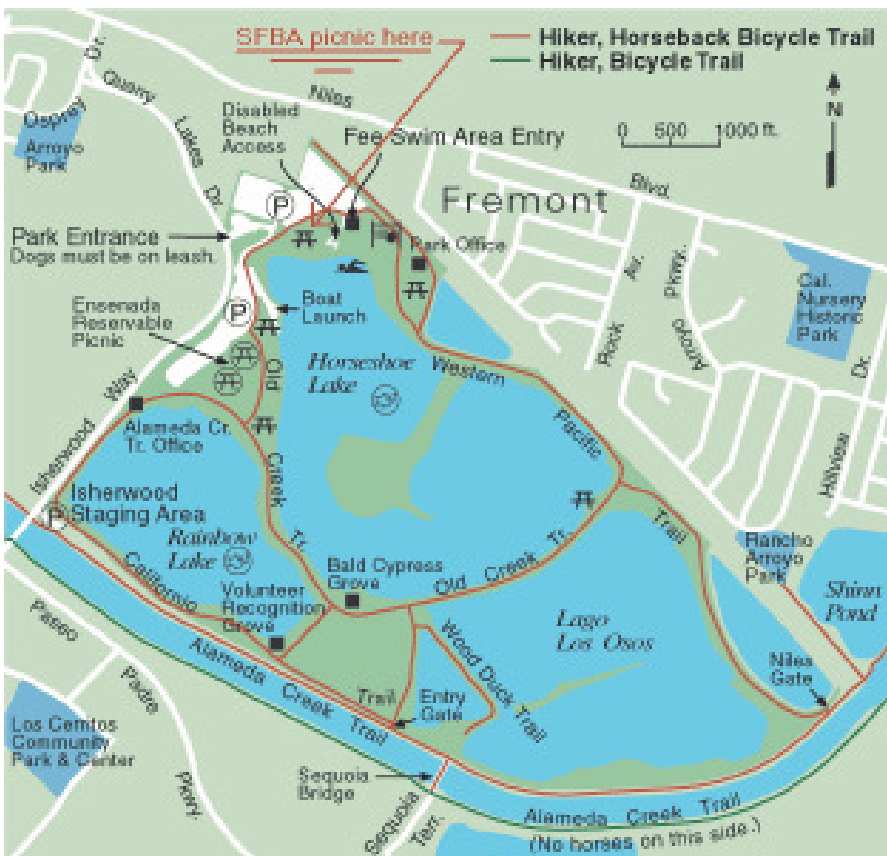
SFBA Web Site Tech Topics This Month

- 07/29/2025 Corvair Cockpit Day Sept 7 Oakland Aviation Museum
- 07/25/2025 Upcoming Weekend Events
- 07/24/2025 The Corvair Fan Belt
- 07/23/2025 Just for fun – What do you listen to while working on or road tripping in your Corvair?
- 07/22/2025 Did you know about the Corvair Super Spyder XP-785 Concept Car?
- 07/19/2025 An Old School Tune-Up
- 07/18/2025 A Perfectly Imperfect Yenke Stinger
- 07/16/2025 Tech Tips – Thermistor Upgrade
- 07/12/2025 Tech Tips – Clutch Chatter
- 07/07/2025 Tech Tips – Check Your Harmonic Balancer
- 07/05/2025 Weekend read from Down Under

Quarry Lakes Park Maps



Our Annual SFBA/Valley Picnic will be at Quarry Lakes Park in Fremont. If you haven't been there before this is a very nice park with plenty of green grass and lakes for fishing, swimming, etc. See the park's web site for current Covid restrictions. The city does charge a bit to drive into the park (about \$5 a car; a bit more for dogs) and swimming is also a little extra. If you choose, you can park outside the park and walk in. We won't be far from the entrance kiosk. There is plenty to do there for both kids and adults. Lots of hiking trails around the lakes. I will get there a bit early and try to reserve a suitable spot on the North side (see maps below). The BBQ should be ready to go by noon. The Club will provide the basics (burgers, dogs) so just bring a side dish to share (a salad of some sort, munchies, a dessert, sodas, or whatever) and your appetite. Help in managing the BBQs is always appreciated. This is usually a sunny park so sun screen and hats may be in order (we will try for a shady spot but no guarantees).



Getting There:

From I-80 in Fremont, take the Decoto Road (Hwy 84) exit East. Turn left on Paseo Padre Parkway, then right on Isherwood Way. Proceed to the park entrance on the right.

From Mission Blvd (Hwy 238) in Fremont, turn South on Nursery Ave. (away from the hills) and right (West) on Niles Blvd. Turn left on Osprey Drive and left on Quarry Lakes Drive. Proceed to the park entrance on the left.

For more information check out their web site (http://www.ebparks.org/parks/quarry_lakes).



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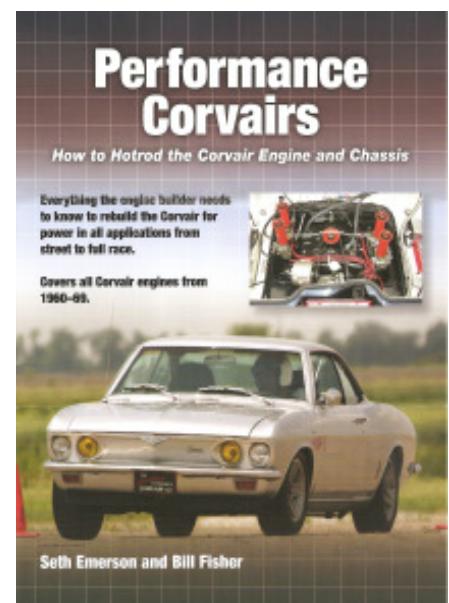
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Late Model convertible, preferably a Turbo. Must be driveable and in



Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIRS FOR SALE

'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



Located in Modesto, CA. (3/25)

'65 500 Sedan + Extras. This car is located near Fresno, CA and owned by Mike Stevens. The car and it is well sorted, ready to drive cross country. If you need shipping we've got a guy. \$7K includes everything Corvair that Mike owns. He needs to liquidate due to a pending move. \$7K OBO. Contact Mike at: av_geek@hotmail.com (08/25)

'62 Rampside, in process of being restored. Runs & drives but needs brakes. Pink in hand, registered non-op. Many

details on SFBACORSA.COM web site. Asking \$1,500 firm. If interested, send an email to sfbacorsa@gmail.com and we will give you the sellers contact info (08/25).

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.

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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

(See *Classifieds* on page 10)

Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

July 2025

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
07/01/2025	Beginning Balance				\$3,510.18	
06/26/2025	July newsletter (stamps)			(12.41)	3,522.59	**
07/10/2025	Club Web Site and Zoom 1030			(517.80)	3,004.79	
07/10/2025	SFBA Renewals via Paypal		74.25		3,079.04	
07/30/2025	Ending Balance		74.25	(\$530.21)	\$3,079.04	

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